



**THE EDITOR SPEAKS**

One cannot help but admire the courage and stamina of the residents of Charles City who suffered untold hardships in Wednesday's tornado.

We have personally observed many war-ravaged cities during our stint in the military, but none exceeded the havoc sustained by our neighbors to the north.

It seems certain that Charles City residents, once split over the issue of urban renewal, will unite in a spirit of cooperation and community bond that will take it out of the depths of destruction to a new and vital role in the development and progress of Iowa.

However, our help is needed now and will be needed for a long time to come. Good, staple food, and lots of it will be needed for weeks, so if you can help, see that it is placed in the proper hands for delivery. Contact Claire Curtis in Greene, and he will see that it reaches the proper authorities in Charles City.

KCHA will be broadcasting the other needs, so if you desire to help in other ways, instructions will be relayed via the radio. In the meantime, don't hamper the cleanup by sightseeing excursions.

**Parents of Son**

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tiernan of Waverly are the parents of a son born on Tuesday, May 14th, at the Schoitz Hospital in Waterloo. The baby weighed 7 pounds and has been named Chad William. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Tiernan of Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stubbe of Greene.

**Parents of Son**

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Potter of Minneapolis, Minnesota, are the parents of a son born on Tuesday, May 14th. The baby weighed 4 pounds 3 ounces and has been named Timothy William. He has a brother, Christopher, to welcome him home.

**To Conduct Local Housing Survey for Victims of Tornado**

W. J. Ramker, Mayor, has announced that a canvass will be started soon to determine the extent of semi-permanent housing available in Greene for victims of the Charles City tornado.

The mayor will be contacting various local groups to assist with the survey. Further details will be announced in next week's Recorder.

**List Activities At Country Club**

Ladies Day will be held at the Round Grove Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, May 29th.

Events at the Country Club on Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30th, include shot gun golf at 9:00 a. m. a holiday potluck at 12:30 p. m. and mixed 2-ball foursome at 2:00 p. m.

**Senior Bowlers Placed in Tournery**

Several senior bowlers from near Greene participated in the "Senior Bowling Tournament" at Marshalltown. The tournament ended on Sunday.

Walter Gabe won the Iowa State Senior Handicap singles in Class D with 685, Galen Maxwell placed second with 675 and Kenneth Jackson was 19th with 620.

In the Class D All Events, Galen Maxwell placed first with 1313 and Walter Gabe was 12th with 1250.

Leo Gabe placed seventh in Class C Handicap singles with 643.

**Jim Lawler Succumbed Friday**

Jim Lawler passed away at a hospital in Washington, D. C. on Friday, May 17th, following surgery. Mr. Lawler will be remembered in this community as the advance and publicity man for Tilton Comedians.

Funeral and burial services were held at Mount Sterling, Illinois.

## Tornado Levels Large Sections of Charles City - -



The devastating tornado which descended upon Charles City last Wednesday afternoon tore huge swaths through the residential and business districts, leaving shambles throughout the stricken area.

A killer tornado struck Charles City at 4:50 p. m. Wednesday, May 15th, destroying over twenty million dollars worth of property and taking at least 14 lives.

The tornado destroyed at least three square miles, taking residential and business property from the south end of town clear through Charles City in a north-easterly direction.

Cars, trucks and buildings were tossed about like playthings. Over 1,000 cars were completely destroyed and many, many more were damaged.

Between 400 and 500 persons were taken to the Floyd County Memorial Hospital for emergency treatment from injuries sustained in the twister. Many of the injured were transferred to hospitals in Mason City, Osage, Waterloo and Waverly and Rochester, Minnesota.

Among the injured was David Markle of Greene, who was pinned underneath the rubble at the Farm Tractor Company in the north part of Charles City. Mr. Markle sustained multiple fractures of both legs and was taken to the Mercy Hospital in Mason City where he will be a patient for some time.

Another Greene resident, Mrs. Myrtle Shapley, suffered a broken leg in Gibsons, one of the stores demolished in the tornado. She was admitted to the Floyd County Memorial Hospital for treatment.

The twister that hit Charles City demolished a couple of farms directly south of the hospital, lifted enough to spare the hospital from severe damage then lowered again and took everything in its path clear through town.

Of the 3,600 families in Charles City, 2,200 were affected by the twister. A total of 372 homes were completely destroyed, 188 got major damage and 356 received minor damage.

Thirteen farm houses were devastated, 13 were damaged badly and 8 more received minor damage.

**Damage At Aredale**

The Aredale community was also hit by a tornado about 4:10 p. m. The tornado touched down along a path which started three miles south of Aredale and a mile west along the West Fork and continued to the northeast of Aredale.

Among the farms hit was that of Harry Brocka, 2 miles south and a half mile west of Aredale. There the house was severely damaged and other outbuildings were demolished or heavily damaged.

The Lawrence McKinney farm at the east edge of Aredale was hit next where a barn that contained 125 hogs was destroyed and the house damaged.

At the Hattie Boyd farm operated by Roger Landers, a barn, chicken house and cattle shed were demolished, a corn crib was heavily damaged and the house was badly damaged.

All the buildings except the house on the Robert Schafer farm in the Dougherty community were demolished.

**Damage At Marble Rock**

The Tornado struck twice in the Marble Rock area last Wednesday afternoon. In Scott Township west of town the storm followed a northward path taking the Roger Hansen, Dennis Hinrichsen, Peter Lauterbach and Clarence Reinhart farms. Damage was extensive on all these places where barns and other farm buildings were damaged if not blown down,

## H. G. MacLeod Rites Are Today

Dr. Hugh Gordon MacLeod, 73, passed away Sunday, May 19th, at the Chautauqua Guest Home in Charles City. He had been a patient at the Chautauqua Eleventh Street Home for five months.

Hugh Gordon MacLeod was born July 10, 1894, at Pictou, Nova Scotia, the son of Robert and Margaret, nee Creighton, MacLeod. He graduated from the Pictou Academy in 1911 and received his MD degree from Dalhousie University at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1922.

He enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force on November 5, 1915, and served overseas in France. For two years he was attached to the 4th Division, 12th Brigade, Signal Corps Infantry and on November 28, 1918, was discharged.

Dr. MacLeod practiced medicine at Musquodoboit, Nova Scotia, from 1922 to 1925 and from then to 1926 was an interne at St. Vincent's Charity Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1926 Dr. MacLeod came to Greene where he practiced medicine for 41 years.

On October 10th, 1928, he married Margaret Clark of Pictou, Nova Scotia.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Jeanette) Watson, of Parkersburg, Mrs. William (Margaret) Barnett, of Ames and Mrs. Raymond (Emily) Willis, of Plainfield; seven grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Janet MacLeod, of San Francisco, California.

Funeral services are being held this afternoon, Wednesday, at 2:00 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Donald Welsh, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery. Reid's Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

The family has announced that memorial contributions will be used for medical scholarships.

## New Resident

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Debnor are the parents of a daughter born on Monday, May 13th, at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Waverly. The baby weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and has been named Susan Kay. She was welcomed home by a sister, Margaret, and a brother, Marvin. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Debnor of Greene and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mathes of Shell Rock.

trees were uprooted, and windows were blown out of houses. Debris was scattered over fields and along roadsides. The cleaning up of the broken glass in the houses is a major problem.

Northeast of town a twister set down on the Max Wedeking farm where it took down a large machine shed as well as doing other damage. It went on north and among the places damaged was that of the Milton Staudts.

A hail storm preceded the twisters. Many golf size stones were found as well as some that measured from 10 to 14 inches in circumference.

Many lives were spared in the disaster areas as residents were amply warned of the approaching tornado and took cover in basements or under heavy objects.

## Two Long Blasts Warns of Tornado

Lowell Maxson, local fire chief, has announced that the warning of an approaching tornado will be designated by two long blasts from the town whistle. Through an error last Wednesday, the fire whistle was blown instead.

He also requested that any individual sighting a tornado should call the Greene Fire Department immediately so the warning whistle of two long blasts can be blown to alert the residents of the approaching danger.

## Rites Held for Lou Franke, 79

Lou H. Franke, the son of Herman and Henrietta, nee Pahnisch, Franke, was born in Floyd County November 28, 1888, and passed away at the Floyd County Memorial Hospital on Friday, May 17th, at the age of 79 years, 5 months and 19 days.

He married Jessie Meek on March 8, 1915, and the couple farmed in the Powersville community until 1964 when he retired and they moved to Greene. On March 7, 1965, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie; two sons, Ray and Robert, both of Charles City; one daughter, Mrs. Ed (Inez) Marzen, of Greene; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers, William, of Salem, Oregon, Walter, of Bentley, Michigan, and George, of Greene; one sister, Mrs. Ella Howe, of Nashua.

Funeral services were held at the St. John's United Church of Christ at Pleasant Hill on Monday, May 20th, at 2:00 o'clock with Rev. A. Krutzmann, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Greene. Reid's Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

## Commencement At School Tonight

Commencement exercises will be held this evening, Wednesday, at 8:00 o'clock at the high school auditorium. The class of 75 seniors is the largest to graduate from the Greene Community High School to date.

Ronald Matthias, associate professor of history at Wartburg College, will speak on "The Case for Confidence".

Baccalaureate services were held Sunday evening with Rev. Wayne Gjerde, pastor of the United Methodist Church, speaking on "To Struggle With All".

## Two Local Scouts Received Eagle Awards at Ceremonies Monday Eve.



GREGORY DRALLE



JEFFREY DRALLE

## Memorial Day Services Set For Thursday, May 30

Memorial Day services will be held Thursday, May 30th. The service at the bridge will be held at 9:30 a.m. and the program will start at approximately 10:00 o'clock at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Ralph F. McCartney of Charles City, state representative from Floyd County, will be guest speaker at the service at the cemetery. He will talk on "The Price That Was Paid".

The complete program will be printed in next week's issue of the Recorder.

In a continued effort to eliminate unnecessary traffic jams and to facilitate the free flow of cars through the cemetery on Memorial Day, the Cemetery Board is following the same plan which has been used for the past several years and are designating the north and south gates for incoming traffic and the center gate for all outgoing traffic.

The public is requested not to park their cars in the drive during the rush hours from 8:00 to 11:00 a. m. on Memorial Day and to follow the one-way traffic only, in all drives.

## Fire Call

The Greene Fire Department was called to the Carroll Frerichs home near Packard at noon on Saturday when an oil burner overheated. There was no damage.

## - - And Makes Rubble of Hundreds of Residences



Even those houses still standing were so badly damaged that literally scores of them are being tagged as unsafe and will have to be torn down completely before rebuilding operations can get under way.

## Summer Activities Planned For Children

The Community Service Committee of the Greene Woman's Club has set up the plans for the summer recreational youth program. This project will be in operation for six weeks, beginning June 17th and ending July 26th.

The following activities will be available for designated age

groups: bowling for children who were in grades 3, 4 and 5 during the 1967-1968 school year; golf for children in grades 5 through 12; and archery, the grades for which will be announced later.

A program of varied activities will be available for children that were in grades 1 through 4, which will be under the direction of the Cadet Girl Scouts.

Sam Sneed will be in charge of golf, Dexter Alexander will teach

archery and Elmer Stock will teach bowling. There must be at least 10 in any one of these activities in order to establish a class.

If there are any questions concerning these projects, persons should contact Mrs. Donald McBurney, the program chairman, or one of the committee members: Mrs. David Markle, Mrs. Loren McRoberts, Mrs. Keith Dralle, Mrs. B. V. Andersen or Mrs. James Graven.

## John Williams To Speak at Dinner Honoring H. R. Gross

Leading the parade of distinguished Republicans who will be on hand for the June 1st "Salute to H. R. Gross" at Electric Park Ballroom in Waterloo will be Senator John J. Williams of Delaware.

"We are fortunate in having Senator Williams as our principal speaker," said James Sulentic, chairman of the event. "A long-time friend of Congressman Gross, Senator Williams is known for his tireless work in fighting corruption in government. He has been called 'The Senate's One-man FBI' and 'The Man Who Broke the Tax Scandal.'" His investigations did much to correct abuses in the Federal Housing Administration, Internal Revenue Bureau and the Commodity Credit Corporation. He is well known for his work on the Bobby Baker case. Washington correspondents have selected him as one of the top ten most effective members of Congress."

Joining the 4-term Delaware Senator at the testimonial dinner will be Iowa Senator Jack Miller and at least two Republican Congressmen, John Kyl of Iowa's Fourth District and William Scherle of the Seventh District. Most of the Iowa Republican candidates for major offices will be on hand as well as many national and state GOP officials.

## Little League Practice Begins Fri.

The Little League practice for boys who are presently in grades 5, 6 and 7 will begin on Friday, May 24th, at 4:30 p.m. The rest of the Little Leaguers will not begin practice until summer vacation begins. All the boys should watch the paper for notification.