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Walum News Notes

Andrew Nelson went to Fargo Wednesday to see his wife who is at a hospital.

Geo. J. Jacobson returned Wednesday from Minneapolis where he had been with his wife who underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Jacobson reports her condition as being much improved.

About 5:30 Thursday morning our little town and the surrounding country was visited by one of the most severe storms known of in this community. The storm was unlooked for at this time of the year and during such cold weather. It came from the southwest and in its fury tore down the church, several barns, sheds and numerous other buildings. Several places the windows were blown in and occupants became somewhat frantic, thinking that the house would go with the storm. It seems the wind took mostly the best buildings in its path as it destroyed the Walum church, the church and some schoolhouses west of town, and took mostly the largest and best barns in the country. Among those who lost or partially lost their barns were Arne Hovland, H. G. Rohlwing, E. W. Everson, John Miklethun, Ole Magunson, Jacob Miklethun, H. P. Brown, Geo. Rasmussen, and several others. Some of the farmers carried tornado insurance and the loss will not be so heavy for them. It seems Walum was unfortunate inasmuch as we were right in the center of the storm and it struck us the worst. Damages are reported north to a little beyond Hannaford and south to about Dazey, but neither of these place suffered as heavy a loss as Walum.

Chester Wunderlich and his sister Lilly were out on the farm staying in his cook car when the storm came up and Chester was just getting up and said to his sister, "We had better get out of here." No more had the words been spoken than the car was taken off the trucks and rolled over several times finally breaking and the pieces scattered for eighty rods. Chester and Lilly became separated in the mix-up but finally found each other and wrapped up in what bedding they could carry with them they made for the barn, where they stayed for several hours in the rain. Chester did not realize he was hurt until quite a while after they got in the barn. Fearing that something had happened to them Chester Wallum went down there on horseback and when he got to the barn did not see anyone but hollered and Lilly answered, "We are alright."

At this he rode on and went home, got some clothes and a team and wagon and returned to take them home. Upon reaching the place the second time he found that Chester was hurt and could not walk. He was taken to Walum and Dr. Benson called. Several deep gashes were found cut in his back, and some other bruises. However, they are not considered serious and we look for a rapid recovery.

Arvie Wunderlich came down from McHenry Thursday to see his brother and sister after their experience in the storm.

F. M. Bacon returned from Montana where he has taken up a homestead. He will stay here about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric O. Wallin and Miss Laura Fogderud went to Moorhead Thursday evening to take in the graduation of Hilding Wallin at Concordia College.

Miss Christie Rasmussen was at Hannaford between trains Friday.

Eric Heyerdahl and his son Carl were passengers for Cooperstown Friday.

The Northwestern Telephone Co. had a large crew of men here Friday and Saturday fixing up their lines after the storm.

Many spectators are visiting our town viewing the wrecked buildings.

Carl F. Werner went to Cooperstown Saturday in connection with the Heyerdahl-Evenson case.

Mrs. Hans Sonju has been visiting at the Everson home the past few days and left for Hannaford where she will visit with friends.

E. W. Everson and son Edwin were business passengers for Cooperstown Saturday.

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