

# CROP Campaign Extended 10 Days

### Canvassing Is Two-Thirds Completed as Finish Date Is Extended

## Trains Being Held Up

Rev. E. G. Ihrig, of Atkinson, chairman of the Holt county Christian Rural Overseas Program, Wednesday announced that the current relief drive is being extended 10 days "due to circumstances beyond our control."

Originally, the CROP drive was to have finished by Friday, December 10, when the relief trains were to have rolled through Nebraska enroute to the port of New Orleans, La.

Because of freight congestion at the port, the railroads instructed that the shipments be held up about 10 days.

New dates will be set for all dedicatory events throughout the state.

Besides being Holt chairman, Reverend Ihrig also heads the district II movement in Nebraska. District II embraces Holt, Brown, Rock, Keya Paha and Cherry counties.

The drive in Holt county to date has netted in excess of \$3,100, Reverend Ihrig said. The goal is \$5,000. About one-third of the county has not been solicited.

Meanwhile, incomplete returns from all but 27 Nebraska counties makes the tally board read like this: 27 cars of corn, 22 cars of wheat, one car of flour, two cars of horses and 53 thousands dollars in cash.

Gifts will be converted into commodities desirable for overseas shipping, the Atkinson minister explained.

Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, of St. Patrick's Catholic church, and Rev. V. R. Bell, of the Methodist church, head the CROP campaign in the O'Neill community.

## Hundreds of Letters Into Santa's Letterbox

Hundreds of Santa's young admirers have already mailed letters to Santa Claus Land in a special letterbox at the J. M. McDonald Co. store in O'Neill, according to Manager Joe Stutz. "There's plenty of room for more," Mr. Stutz says.

Through special arrangement, children mail letters at the store with a special stamp. Each letter will be answered directly from Santa Claus Land and the letter will reach the child through the regular mail.

## Special Legion Meet Scheduled Tonight

A special meeting of American Legion post 93 will be held tonight (Thursday) at the clubrooms.

Important matters concerning future club management will be aired and settled. A free dutch lunch will be served.

Commander John R. Gallagher said the meeting was originally scheduled two weeks ago, but was postponed because of weather and road conditions.

## African Pen-Pal Early with Christmas Gift

EMMET—Leah Serck has received a Christmas present from her pen pal, Edet Ituen, who lives in Nigeria, Africa. Edet believes in mailing early—in September.

The gift package consists of a wooden tray, a raffia table runner, a raffia shopping bag, a wall mat, an ivory bracelet and an ebony letter opener.

## ON RADIO BROADCAST

Paul Moseman and John Berigan are playing in the University of Nebraska band concert Sunday at 12:30 p. m. on the Nebraska network, including radio station WJAG, Norfolk. Both are veteran musicians in the O'Neill Municipal band.

## BODIES OF WAR DEAD ARRIVE

### Gallagher and Newton Remains Reach U. S. from Pacific Area

The remains of two Holt county soldiers arrived in the U. S. last week from the Pacific area aboard the Army transport Dalton Victory.

The bodies are those of:

**SGT. JOHN M. GALLAGHER.**

**SGT. DEWEY C. NEWTON.**

The war dead aboard the Dalton Victory had been temporarily interred in military cemeteries on Saipan, in Japan, and on the Philippine Islands.

Sergeant Gallagher was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gallagher, of near Inman. Sergeant Newton's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Newton, of Emmet.

The Gallagher body will be sent to Biglin Brothers funeral home on a date not yet known, and the Newton body will go to Coleridge for burial there.

Miss Marie Schneider, 19, O'Neill rural school teacher, will be interviewed on "The Voice of the Frontier" program Saturday at 9:30 a. m. on radio station WJAG. For a portion of the program, County Agent A. Neil Dawes will question her regarding her experiences at the National 4-H club congress in Chicago, Ill., last week.

Miss Schneider was one of eight 4-H youths in the nation winning an all-expense trip.

On Monday's program the Atkinson male chorus and ladies' chorus will be heard. The choruses presented a program in O'Neill recently and selections were recorded by means of the new tape method.

The program from the O'Neill studios of WJAG are aired each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9:30 a. m. The studios are in The Frontier building.

"The Harmonairs"—Johnnie and Jeannie Mullen—will also be heard on the Saturday and Wednesday programs.

## Holt Is Out of Debt; Bonds Are Paid Off

Holt county is out of debt. When the new courthouse was constructed in 1936, bonds in the amount of 61 thousand dollars were issued. The building itself cost about 112 thousand dollars, but the balance was a grant from the Public Works Administration.

Bonds in the amount of \$15,858 were the last of the original issue, J. Ed Matousek, chairman of the board of supervisors explained. This represented the county's only bonded indebtedness.

Although the bonds were not due for several years, the holders—an Omaha firm—agreed to accept the money with interest paid to the date of maturity.

Because an ample balance was on hand, Matousek said the board decided to pay off the bonds and clear the county of debt.

## James E. Urlaub Enters Air Force

James E. Urlaub, nephew of Mrs. Tim Harrington, last Thursday enlisted in the Air Forces for two years. Formerly of Omaha, he has been employed here by Mr. Harrington for the past year.

Sgt. James R. Lyons, who is in charge of the Army-Air Force recruiting office, handed the enlistment.

# Gift Shoppers Guide

## 14 Shopping Days Till Xmas!

(See Editorial, "Christmas Gift Buying," on page 2, section 2).

This issue of The Frontier is the second annual Gift Shoppers Guide for O'Neill—North-Nebraska's Christmas city.

Gift shopping this week is expected to gain full momentum as this issue goes to readers throughout the O'Neill territory. Over 3,600 copies of The Frontier will enter most rural homes in Holt and Boyd counties and many homes in Knox, Rock and Antelope counties, in Nebraska, and Charles Mix and Gregory counties, in South Dakota.

Most of O'Neill's leading merchants have cooperated to make this Gift Shoppers Guide possible. These live merchants are displaying large stocks of new Christmas merchandise and are offering many

special values for gift shoppers. Many of these specials are listed in advertisements on the pages that follow.

Having helped plan and prepare scores of these advertisements, The Frontier's publishers feel that, frankly, shoppers need only come to O'Neill to find a wide variety of Christmas merchandise. To be specific, The Frontier feels that if the gifts you're hunting for are available anywhere they can be found here. The attractive advertisements in the pages that follow substantiate that fact.

O'Neillites need not go out-of-town to do their shopping and folks in neighboring towns and in this city's wide territory will find the stocks of O'Neill merchants unsurpassed.

Plans are underway for a rousing welcome for Santa Claus when he comes to make his annual visit. He has advised Chamber of Commerce officials that the date will be Saturday, December 18, and he is expected to buzz into the O'Neill airport in either a jet-propelled plane, like last year, or perhaps a new rocket ship. He probably will be met with a fire truck, as has been the usual custom. Details will be announced next week.

Most of the O'Neill stores are highly-decorated and a warm Yuletide atmosphere prevails throughout the city. Churches and schools are planning special worship and events. Lots of snow, most of which lingers from the historic November 18-19 blizzard, completes the Christmas picture.

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## PATRICK M'GINNIS DIES TUESDAY

### Emmet Resident Came to Holt in 1878 at Age of 2

## Ill for Six Weeks

EMMET—Death early Tuesday claimed the life of Patrick W. McGinnis, 72, longtime resident of Holt county. He had been ill about six weeks.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a. m. at Church of the Epiphany at Emmet with Rev. Anthony Urbanski officiating. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery at O'Neill.

Palbearers selected are: Walter O'Malley, Hugh E. Coyne, H. J. Hammond, M. H. Horiskey, Andy Clark, Harry Werner, Thomas Zranski, and Joseph Pongratz.

The late Mr. McGinnis was born on February 5, at Scranton, Pa., a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McGinnis, who were Irish immigrants.

He came to Holt county with his parents at the age of 2. They were among the earliest settlers.

Patrick McGinnis spent a number of years away from Holt, working with a construction firm. On August 5, 1919, he married Georgianna Conard at Miami, O.

Survivors include: Widow; stepson—John Conard, of Emmet; sisters—Miss Bea McGinnis, of Omaha, and Mrs. P. D. Mullen, of Lincoln.

## Snowstorm Misses; Mercury Dips to 10

Holt countians were prepared for another snowstorm of the memorable variety early Sunday. A strong wind swept across the county, but the brunt of the wave missed this region.

Temperatures dropped to 13 degrees—a new low for the season. But early Tuesday and Wednesday the mercury dipped still lower—to 10 degrees. Late Wednesday a fresh storm and cold wave moved into this region.

Weeks' summary:

| Date       | Hi | Lo | Moist |
|------------|----|----|-------|
| December 2 | 39 | 20 |       |
| December 3 | 40 | 22 |       |
| December 4 | 54 | 25 |       |
| December 5 | 34 | 17 | .03   |
| December 6 | 29 | 13 |       |
| December 7 | 34 | 10 |       |
| December 8 | 31 | 10 |       |

## Time Wants Name of Frustrated Salesman

Time magazine's news-hawks this week wired The Frontier for the identity of the frustrated traveling salesman who ordered several youths to remove a mountain of snow around his automobile following the big November 18 blizzard, paid the laborers \$10, discovered it was somebody else's car.

The story first appeared in The Frontier and was subsequently reproduced in many newspapers throughout the country.

The Frontier blushed, however, when it was unable to provide the salesman's name. But it advised Time that the anecdote originated with Perry Reed, of Omaha, a shirt salesman who was a guest of the Golden hotel that night.

Whether the squib will be used in Time's "Miscellaneous" column this week is not known.

As a postscript it might be stated that the salesman eventually found his own car.



The O'Neill Cornet Band of yesteryear (above). Can you identify these musicians? This is the first in a series of old photographs that will be published prior to O'Neill's 75th anniversary next year. In a diamond jubilee edition next Spring, The Frontier will again reproduce the picture with the proper identifications.

## Saunders to Edit Jubilee Edition

Next year the city of O'Neill will be 75-years-old. To commemorate the anniversary, The Frontier will publish a Diamond Jubilee Edition which will be filled with many stories of pioneer life, biographies, character sketches and many pictures.

Romaine Saunders, 78, author of "Prairie Land Talk" and former associate editor of The Frontier, will be editor-in-chief of the Diamond Jubilee Edition.

## Rev. Joseph Lane Goes to Phoenix

EMMET—Rev. Joseph Lane, pastor of Church of the Epiphany at Emmet, last week departed for Phoenix, Ariz., to spend the winter on sick leave. Later he expects to be transferred to a Denver, Colo., parish.

Rev. Anthony Urbanski, formerly of St. John's parish at Deloit, is the new pastor at Emmet and Amelia.

## Snow Removal Costs City \$1,050

Snow removal following the November 18-19 blizzard cost the city approximately \$1,050, Mayor H. E. Coyne said Tuesday following a regular monthly meeting of the city council.

## INFANT TWIN DIES

Linda Mae Kirkpatrick, twin daughter born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Kirkpatrick, died early Wednesday. Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 4 p. m.

## Santa's Helpers Interview Small Fry

This week Santa's helpers at The Frontier have conducted interviews with the small fry of O'Neill with a view towards easing the Jolly Old Fellow's work during his busy Christmas season.

All of the answers in these interviews were spontaneous and entirely un rehearsed. Reactions ranged from shyness to uninhibited conversation.

One little boy wanted Santa to relieve him of many of his toys he no longer uses and pass them along to another child. A two-year-old girl had played with last year's top until it "went to pieces." Now she wants a "whole top."

But read on and learn many and varied answers to the traditional question "what do you want from Santa?"

CLAUDELL WILDES, 27, months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wildes, "a dah-wie" (dolly).

JAMES ("JIMMY") WILSON, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Wilson: "Toys, a big tractor, a big wagon, a Christmas tree and lights."

YVONNE STEELE, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yvonne Steele: "A doll's trunk, a table, a tricycle, a wagon, candy and nuts and something for baby brother."

THEODORE ("TEDDY") STRONG, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Strong: "A construction set (one with an engine), a banjo, and a cash register. I have some toys I don't play with anymore and I'd like Santa to give them to another little boy."

MARILYN CARROLL, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carroll: "I'd like a bicycle, but I don't think I'll get one this year. I have a hobby of making shell jewelry. I collect old jewelry and just put different designs on them. I'd like some money to order some more shells."

JOLENE STUTZ, 2 1/2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stutz: "Toys, a crib, table and chairs, a set of dishes and bring my little sister some toys."

J. SUE PETERS, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur D. Peters: "I want a baby doll. Asked what else, she said, 'That's all!'"

RONALD J. ("RONNIE") ROSS, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ross: "Boxing gloves, bow and arrows, a tool chest, a truck with a dirt digger in it and a basket and basketball."

LINDA L. STUIFBERGEN, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Stuijbergen: "I just want toys—whole toys." (Her mother said some of her toys have a year's wear on them and are broken.)

JUDY SULLIVAN, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Sullivan: "I've got to get a shovel and a dollie. I want Santa to bring Jackie a shovel, too. I want chairs for my tea party, one for one side and one for the other side."

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## MRS. L.A. SIMONSON DIES IN HOSPITAL

### Funeral Services Today for Holt Resident Since 1895

## Gold Star Mother

Mrs. L. A. Simonson, 79, mother of seven and a Holt county resident for 53 years, died at 10:30 a. m. Monday in St. Vincent's hospital in Sioux City. She had been in the hospital since November 14, and prior to that had been ill about two months.

On Saturday afternoon a blood clot formed on her heart, her condition became critical, and on Monday she died.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p. m. at First Presbyterian church with Rev. Ralph Gerber, church pastor officiating. Interment will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Members of Simonson post of the American Legion will serve as pallbearers. Those selected are: John Grutsch, Edward N. Flood, Robert Miles, Carl Wittfeldt, John Lansworth, Glea H. Wade, Ira H. Moss and R. M. Sauer.

Anna C. Gulleckson was born July 25, 1869, in Dane county, Wisconsin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gulleck Gulleckson. She was reared and educated there and in 1894 she married Loren A. Simonson, a former schoolmate.

In 1895 they moved to Mr. Simonson's Holt county homestead, 14 miles northeast of O'Neill.

They resided on the farm until 1919 when they moved into O'Neill.

The Simonsons became the parents of seven children, all of whom survive with the exception of one son, Gaylor Thomas, who was killed in action at Chateau Thierry, France, on September 1, 1918.

Simonson post of the American Legion here was named for him and Mrs. Simonson became one of the first gold star mothers in Holt county.

The late Mrs. Simonson was a member of the First Presbyterian church here and was active in American Legion auxiliary affairs.

Survivors include: Widower, Daughters—Mrs. Roy G. (Ruth) Goree, of Long Pine; Mrs. Lorena Duffy, of Casper, Wyo.; Mrs. Ralph (Sylvia) McElvain, Mrs. George M. (Lillian) McCarthy, Mrs. Ralph W. (Edna) Walker, all of O'Neill; Son—McKinley C. Simonson, of O'Neill; Sister—Mrs. W. O. Mitchell, of Billings, Mont.

Brother—Thomas Gulleckson, of Mt. Vernon, Wis. There are 19 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

## Santa Coming to Gambles Saturday

Santa Claus will make two visits at Gambles store here Saturday, Manager Gene Cantlon announced this week. Santa is scheduled to be there at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and again at 7 o'clock in the evening.

He will distribute free balloons.

## Sauers to Go South

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Sauer will depart next week for the South where they will spend the winter. Initially they will go to Florida and then drive West through the Gulf states and spend the balance of the winter at Long Beach.

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