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INMAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Keyes attended the turkey dinner at the Golden hotel Tuesday evening.

Mr. M. H. Haskins made a business trip to Sioux City Monday.

Mrs. Clarence Hansen and son, Warren, and Marvin Rouse left for Omaha Sunday.

Mrs. Karl Keyes left for Omaha Sunday to visit at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Vidlak.

Carolyn Watson spent Saturday night with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, of O'Neill.

The following clubs had their Christmas parties this week: the LL club at the home of Mrs. Art Renner, Wednesday; the Arbutus Rebekah lodge at the lodge hall, Wednesday night; the pitch club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens, Saturday night.

The YM club met with Mrs. Chester Youngs Tuesday for an all-day meeting.

PRAIRIELAND ... TALK

By
ROMAINE SAUNDERS
Route 5
ATKINSON

Dad and mother humbly bow to whatever responsibility is theirs for the present day wave of cussedness of young America.

But don't get the idea that juvenile delinquency can all be traced to the parental doorstep. Never was there so much being done to make worthwhile citizens of the youngsters as at present, in the home, and out of the home, schools, 4-H and various culture clubs, youth movements among the churches, and in community life.

Yet many are going the way of lawlessness and still others, who have not reached that point, are becoming arrogant, selfish and disrespectful of their seniors.

Let's give dad and mother a break.

With the demand for more and better roads, more money for schools, increases in salaries around the official circle, subsidies for a never diminishing horde of beneficiaries, to say nothing of the maintenance of public buildings, grounds and works, some people are kidding themselves to think there can be any appreciable reduction in taxes. If we can hold the line against the pressure for additional expenditures it will be the most that can be hoped for.

Those who have not forgotten previous international agreements to scrap fighting

equipment can entertain but faint hopes of anything better coming of the latest arms cut proposals.

"Hick Town" Editor Tells New Yorker: While idling an hour in the transportation terminal I ran across this in a Denver paper:

"Dear Mrs. Hickfield:—What a hick town! I went into one of your so-called good hotels today to get some sort of a meal and I ordered a filet mignon (tenderloin to you), but of course they didn't have any. Then I ordered sword fish, but oh no, none of that either. And this is supposed to be a good hotel!

I told the waiter that no doubt he could find some hamburger if he looked hard enough and do you know he had the gall to bring me a hamburger sandwich. I certainly had not ordered seriously. A donkey should have known that.

I'm from New York, where the good hotels have GOOD FOOD, and some choice.

MR. B. R. C.

Dear Mr. B. R. C.:—Hurrah for that waiter. I can just imagine the kind of unpleasant customer you were with your feeble attempts at sarcasm. "No filet mignon! No sword fish! You poor, poor little man! And so the waiter brought you hamburger (ground steak to you)! It strikes me his wit is considerably keener than yours.

As for your GOOD HOTELS with their GOOD FOOD back in New York, ho ho! I was there recently and it was impossible to find any good red meat, beef or pork or lamb or veal, in any one of several large hotel diningrooms.

You may call Denver a hick town, but your attitude and manners show you're the hick—no matter where you come from.

M. M.

CHAMBERS NEWS
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walter entertained the following guests Friday evening in honor of their son, Duane: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Deirking, and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Robertson.

Frederick and Max DeHart are visiting relatives in this community. Max has recently returned from service overseas. He was stationed at Rome, Italy.

INMAN NEWS
Mrs. Carrie McMahon, Mrs. Jessie Smith and Mrs. F. E. Keyes attended Eastern Star meeting at O'Neill Thursday night where Mrs. Ruth Hansen and Miss Muri Keyes were initiated into the order.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Anderson and family and Mrs. Bertha Doherty, of Lexington, spent Sunday and Monday at the Arlo Hiatt residence.

More Taverns Win Community Approval

More Nebraska beer retailers now recognize that their license privilege obligates them to do everything possible to make their tavern a real asset to the community.

They know for instance that it pays in both business volume and public good will to make their taverns as clean and wholesome as possible. They know that adequate lighting and ventilation are important; also modern toilet facilities, hot and cold running water, and a generally clean and attractive atmosphere.

More and more retailers who they are not satisfied to meet the minimum requirements of the state's sanitary laws, but are anxious to own and operate the kind of place that is a credit to themselves and their town.

The Nebraska Committee's self-regulation program has helped inspire this new and better attitude. Beer retailers in Nebraska are now learning it pays handsome dividends to operate in such a way that all the public can approve.

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Advices Fireproofing Yule Tree to Be Safe

"I'm dreaming of a safe Christmas" should be the slogan of every homemaker with the arrival of that beautiful Christmas tree that graces the living room for the holidays.

Every year many fatal fires result from tender dry trees, which are ignited in a variety of careless ways, according to County Agent A. Neil Dawes.

To avoid such tragedies a simple but effective method of fireproofing trees can be used at home. This must be done before the needles are dry. Either one of two inexpensive chemicals may be used, calcium chloride or ammonium sulphate, Dawes says. Ammonium sulphate is preferable because it can be purchased in small quantities.

Weigh the tree and buy ammonium sulphate equal to one-

fourth the weight of the tree. Dissolve this in one and one-half parts of water for each pound. Put in a narrow mouthed container to avoid evaporation. Saw the tree trunk off about one inch from the end in a V-shaped cut so the solution will have contact with as much fresh wood as possible. Set the tree in the solution in a cool spot away from direct sunlight until most of the liquid has been absorbed. This method of fireproofing will prevent fires being touched off by an electric spark or a cigarette.

The saturation method is recommended and effective, but flameproofing mixtures to be sprayed on and pails of water or sand near the tree are better than nothing. Use of flameproof cotton and other tree decorations is an inexpensive investment. Dispose of trees before they become too dry and never leave a lighted Christmas tree alone, Dawes warned in conclusion.

Little Yule Festivity in State in 1854, Historian Writes

It may be that there was little Christmas celebration in Nebraska's oldest community in 1854, James C. Olson, of Lincoln, superintendent of the Nebraska State Historical society, said this week in a press release entitled, "Out of Old Nebraska."

The first official recognition of Christmas in the Nebraska country occurred at Cantonment Council Bluffs (later Fort Atkinson) in 1820. It took the form of a brigade order, signed by Col. T. Chambers, the commanding officer, on Christmas eve, which read as follows: "Tomorrow being Christmas consequently all fatigue will cease for the day and the men be permitted to amuse themselves, but it is confidently expected that their conduct will not be marked by an impropriety of conduct on the occasion."

Unfortunately, there is no specific statement in the cantonment records as to how well the men complied with the order. A hint that some of them might have become a little too exuberant in honor of the sea-

son is to be found in an order issued by a garrison courtmartial on December 27. One of the men was tried on charges of "unsoldierly conduct," and, being found guilty, was given a sentence in which was included, "to have his rations of whiskey stopped . . . for a period of 30 days."

And for the next 40 years, during which thousands of emigrants rumbled across Nebraska in long wagon trains, there is little record of the celebration of Christmas. The diaries and letters left by these early pioneers—the best and almost only source of information concerning them—contain virtually no references to the holiday season.

This is not surprising. All of the energy of these early whites in Nebraska was expended in providing the bare necessities of life, and in making provision against that ever-present possibility, an Indian attack. The occasional trader's hut along the way, their only source of "store-bought" goods, could hardly boast a

"toyland."

Even the opening of the territory to settlement and the establishment of newspapers provides no record of a Christmas celebration. As was mentioned in this column last month, the Bellevue Palladium, Nebraska's first newspaper, covered our first Thanksgiving in considerable detail. It failed to do the same for Christmas.

It may be that an 1854 celebration occurred and the editor failed to notice it. The month of December found him so excited over the capitol question—there was a movement afoot to locate it at Omaha—that he could find space for little else in the columns of the Palladium.

Teachers Entertain—INMAN—The Methodist church school teachers Saturday afternoon entertained their classes at a Christmas party. The teachers are Mrs. Karl Keyes, Mrs. Rose Kivett, Miss Mildred Keyes and Miss Muri Keyes.

Go to Omaha—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter departed Tuesday for Omaha where they will spend several days.

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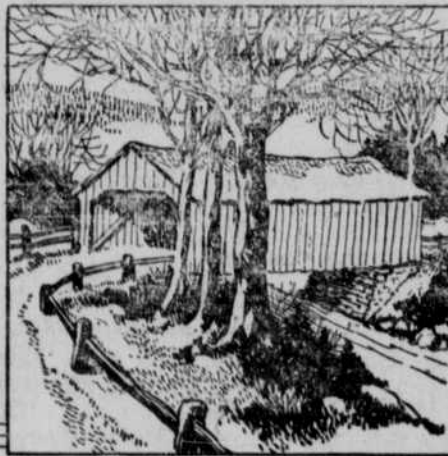
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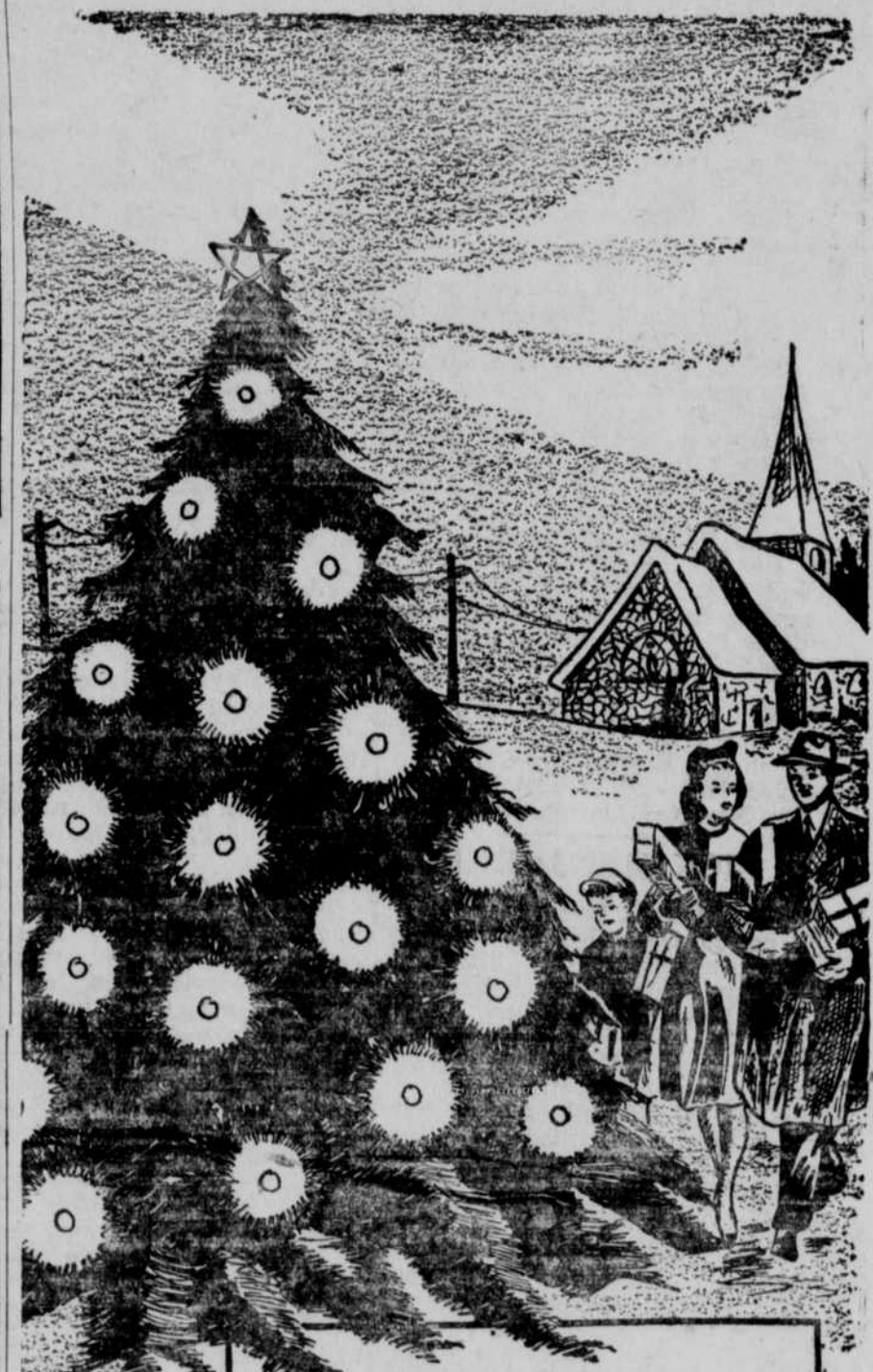
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