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NO SNOW BLANKET THIS CHRISTMAS

Proverbial White Yule An Exception; Mercury Rises to 56

BUYING IS HEAVY

That traditional "blanket of snow" which proverbially covers the Christmas scene was an exception this yuletide in the O'Neill area. The countryside bathed in a sun that sent the mercury into the 50s with no snow in sight.

But snow or no snow, Christmas was in the air and the day was solemnly observed in the city. Most Holt county churches sponsored the usual Christmas services in commemoration of Christ's birth nearly two thousand years ago.

Schools Dismiss
The O'Neill public school and St. Mary's academy dismissed pupils Friday for the annual Christmas vacation. The buses and trains were filled with pupils leaving to spend the holidays elsewhere and college students, teachers, and others returned to spend the yuletide in their homes here. Innumerable family reunions were held.

On the commercial scene, Christmas buying was heavy and possibly hit an all-time high. Shortages, however, restrained considerable buying and some stores reported a leveling-off of yule sales a fortnight before Christmas.

Higher prices contributed to the increased volume, but some stores reported more sales resistance this year than in 1945. Shoppers generally found a greater variety of items this year and were prone not to take the first item they saw.

Postal Record Seen
Postal workers have been too busy to compute this year's totals and compare with previous years, but they are certain that the volume is heavier than in 1945, despite the embargo that was brought about early in the month due to the coal strike.

Postmaster Agnes E. Sullivan said today (Thursday) that the 1946 Christmas volume would probably establish an all-time high at the postoffice here.

The week's weather summary, based on daily readings at 8 a.m. follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Moist.
December 20	41	16	T
December 21	40	23	
December 22	41	24	
December 23	57	21	T
December 24	40	20	
December 25	45	28	
December 26	56	20	

Balmy, Warm Yule Week Here

Christmas week, 1946, will be remembered as one of the balmy and warmest on record.

The temperatures were so mild that overcoats were frequently discarded during the daytime.

ELDERLY PAIR IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Saxton, 80 and 78, respectively, suffered mostly from shock in an automobile mishap west of here early Monday. The Ainsworth couple was enroute to Denison, Ia., to spend the holidays when their machine, driven by their daughter, went off the highway.

They were immediately taken to the O'Neill hospital and were dismissed today (Thursday).

Kick from Cow Results in Fractured Leg

CHAMBERS — Mrs. E. H. Russell suffered a leg fracture recently when a cow she was milking kicked her. She was knocked-over and trampled by the animal.

Mrs. Russell is being treated at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Glen Grimes, north of here.

WHOLESALE FIRM OPENS

The Jerry D. Kusy company, of Norfolk, has opened a branch wholesale firm in O'Neill with James Donlin in charge. The Kusy firm jobs fountain flavors, candies, cigars, and cigarettes. According to Mr. Kusy, the O'Neill branch will serve from O'Neill west to Ainsworth, north to Bristow and south to Clearwater.

FATHER DIES

William Ristow, 81, of Foster, father of Fred Ristow, of O'Neill, died at 2 a.m. Sunday at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Stark Valley Lutheran church. The late Mr. Ristow was born at Doelitz, Germany, coming to Nebraska at the age of 16. He originally settled at Schuyler.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Ressel, 23, of Chambers, and Miss Virgie Hartland, 17, of O'Neill, December 23.

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Holt's First 1947 Baby to Be Showered with Gifts

The first baby to be born within the confines of Holt county in 1947 will be a lucky tot, because a group of O'Neill business firms are a self-appointed reception committee.

Brown-McDonald's will give a baby Chatham blanket to the first-comer of the new year; the O'Neill Photo company will present an 8x10 enlargement in a gold frame; McCarville's have

a baby sweater (pink for a girl, blue for a boy); the Lindberg Home & Auto Supply will give a slumberide; McIntosh Jewelry has reserved a gold infant's ring; Gambles is offering a clothesbasket; the Ralya IGA store will set aside two quarts of homogenized milk; the Union store has packed an assortment of Heinz baby foods; Penney's will present a baby book; and, for good measure, The Frontier will issue the doting parents a free one-year subscription.

On page three of this issue of The Frontier may be found the details of the contest.

The rules are simple. Parents whose infant can qualify must write a letter to the First Baby Contest Editor, The Frontier, O'Neill, noting the parents' full names and addresses, name and sex of the baby, name and address of the attending physician, and date and hour of birth.

The contest editor assumes that the first baby will arrive during the first six days of the new year, and therefore all entries must be postmarked not later than 6 p.m., Monday, January 6.

400 Vets Off Rolls for Failure to Comply

Nearly 400 Nebraska World War II veterans taking training or educational courses under the GI bill of rights remain off the subsistence payrolls because they have failed to report their earnings as required by law, according to Ira M. DeWalt, a contact representative for the Veterans administration.

He explained that the wage reports were due November 5, that the subsistence allowance of 1,500 Nebraska veterans were originally suspended for failure to comply.

"About 75 percent of those suspended," DeWalt said, "have been reinstated by reporting their incomes in response to followup letters sent out by the VA's regional office."

Comes from Ohio

Charles Shatto, of Delaware, O., spent Christmas here with his wife and daughter. Mrs. Shatta was the former Loretta Carr.

Joy and Sadness Mingled in Uncovering \$3,440

ATKINSON — How would you like to find a ward of dirty old U. S. greenbacks (or currency, if you prefer the term)? And how would you like to be almost certain that it's a case of "finders-keepers"?

Mrs. John Zahradnick, who lives northwest of Atkinson, uncovered \$3,440 recently, but her reaction was not the usual. It was a mingled feeling of joy and sadness. The joy is easily explained, but the sadness is brought about because the money belonged to her aged mother, who might well have used it for her own welfare before she died in 1939 at the age of 89.

While moving an old reed organ, which had stood in a storage room of her family home for many years, Mrs. Zahradnick discovered the roll which her mother, the late Mrs. Cecelia Voigt, had hidden away, presumably because of a mistrust in banks.

Mrs. Voigt had made her home with Mrs. Zahradnick after a disastrous bank failure had taken her son's savings and had caused him to be despondent, Mrs. Zahradnick recounts.

The money, all in large-sized bills, was taken to a bank for safekeeping.

INMAN PAIR WED HALF-CENTURY

Coventrys Hold Open-House Sunday for Family, Friends

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. George A. Coventry, longtime residents of the Inman vicinity, have been married a half-century. Nearly 100 guests gathered Sunday at their home to help them commemorate their wedding day. Open-house was held between 2 and 5 p.m.

The Coventrys were married December 23, 1896 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, at Olds, Alberta, Canada. They began housekeeping on a homestead near Olds, and in 1904 they moved to a farm six miles south of Inman. In 1914 they moved into Inman where they have continued to reside. Mr. Coventry was a partner in the Watson & Coventry store until the partnership was dissolved in 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Coventry are the parents of three daughters and two sons. They are: Mrs. Sherman (Louise) Grazer, of Jefferson City, Mo.; Mrs. James (Carrie) McMahan, Mrs. Kenneth (Hessie) Smith, James Coventry and Kenneth Coventry, all of Inman.

Mrs. Elwin Smith, of Inman, was in charge of the guest book during Sunday's open-house. Numerous gifts, flowers and cards were received.

3-Tiered Cake

The table for the bride of a half-century ago was laid with a lace cloth. A three-tiered white wedding cake, topped with a swinging golden bell, was the centerpiece. Guests were served a tray lunch which was carried out in gold-and-white colors. Refreshment hostesses were Mrs. James Coventry, Mrs. Kenneth Coventry, Mrs. James McMahan, Mrs. Sherman Grazer and Mrs. Kenneth Smith.

Members of the couple's immediate family present included Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Grazer and George, Jerry, James and Sharon Sue, all of Jefferson City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. James McMahan and Patricia, of Inman; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith and Deritha, Yvonne, Beverly and Bert, of Inman; Mr. and Mrs. James Coventry and Kpan, Kay and William, of Inman; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coventry and Ronald, Richard and Robert, of Inman. Also present were John J. Smith, of Three Hills, Alberta, Canada, a brother of Mrs. Coventry, the only guest who was also present at the wedding in 1896; Mrs. L. S. Mapes, of Fremont, a sister of Mrs. Coventry; Millie Munroe, a cousin of Mrs. Coventry; Lilly Bruner, Mrs. King and Miss Almy, all of West Point.

Enjoy Excellent Health

Unable to be present were two grandchildren, Mrs. Betty Wright, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Miss Donna Grazer, of Jefferson City, and the only great-grandchild, Vicky Lou Wright, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Both Mr. Coventry, 75, and Mrs. Coventry, 71, enjoy excellent health.

CHAMBERS SICK & INJURED

CHAMBERS — Howard Bee submitted to an appendectomy at a Norfolk hospital Friday. Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Gill are both patients at St. Elizabeth's hospital at Lincoln. Glen Grimes, recently treated at the O'Neill hospital, is now at his home north of Chambers.

3 LODGES PICK 1947 OFFICERS

Three O'Neill lodges recently elected officers for 1947. Masons (Garfield lodge 95, AF & AM) — Paul Shirek, master; Larry Johnson, senior warden; Jack Davis, junior warden; John Harbottle, secretary; H. L. Lindberg, treasurer.

Eastern Star — Esther Harris, worthy matron; Mrs. Paul Shirek, associate matron; H. J. Kruse, worthy patron; H. L. Lindberg, associate patron; Mrs. Ella Porter, conductress; Mrs. Edna Kruse, associate conductress; Mrs. Bright, secretary; Mrs. Lorenz Bredemeier, treasurer.

Odd Fellows (Elkhorn Valley lodge 57) — Emmet Crab, noble grand; C. H. Sweitzer, vice-grand; Elmer Bowen, secretary; L. G. Gillespie, treasurer.

Neligh Voters Okay

Airport Proposal

NELIGH—The city of Neligh Tuesday voted a \$10,000 bond issue to purchase approximately 100-acres of land one mile south of the city for a municipal airport. The land, owned by Louis Pafahl, an extensive landholder, would cost \$100 per acre.

The count was 376-64 in favor of the proposal. The movement was actively backed by the Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Rotary club.

Neligh has plans for a class 2 airport which will be built with state and federal funds.

RALYA RETURNS

Clayton Wayne Ralya, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Ralya, arrived here Christmas to spend two days with his family. Mr. Ralya works for the Standard Oil company in Charleston, W. Va.

AUTO TABS GO ON SALE JANUARY 2

State Reverts to War Policy to Save on Metal

The sale of 1947 tabs to be attached to 1946 license plates will begin Thursday, January 2, it was announced today (Thursday) by County Treasurer J. E. Hancock, whose office in the Holt county courthouse issues the automobile licenses.

Mr. Hancock points out, however, that the supplies have not yet been received, but are expected this week.

The use of the tabs for 1947 is a conservation measure, he explains. It is the same practice that was employed during the war years. Complete plates were issued for 1946.

All motor vehicle owners must turn in their 1946 registration certificates when they apply, the treasurer points out, and they must also pay their automobile tax for 1946 and any delinquent tax against the vehicle, according to state law.

Vehicle owners have the month of January only in which to secure their 1947 tabs. After January 31 the owners will be subject to arrest by peace officers if their vehicle is found in use on the highways.

Mr. Hancock expects the usual last-minute rush for new registration certificates and tabs, but he urges motorists to do their license buying early and avoid queues and delays. During January the office will not open until 9 a.m., enabling Mr. Hancock and his assistants to spend an uninterrupted hour with routine office work and thereby clear the way for the 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. rush for tabs.

CHURCH NOTES

METHODIST (O'Neill)

Church school, 9:55 a.m. Classes for all the family, Lorenz Bredemeier, general superintendent. Worship, 11 a.m. Year's closing communion service. Methodist Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Dale K. Westadt, pastor of the Tilden Methodist church, will speak. All young people are cordially invited.

METHODIST (Inman)

Herbert L. Rouse, lay pastor. Worship, 9:45 a.m. Year's closing communion service. Church school, 10:45 a.m. Harvey Tompkins, general superintendent, classes for all the family. Everyone welcome.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD (O'Neill)

Rev. J. M. Cummings, pastor. Sunday-school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; evangelistic service, 8 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, 8 p.m.

METHODIST (Page)

Rev. Carl B. Rayburn, pastor. Sunday-school, 10 a.m., Edgar Stauffer, superintendent. Worship, 11 a.m.

GOES TO UTAH

Miss Genevieve Biglin departed for Salt Lake City, Utah, today (Thursday).

Hospital Push Is Moving to Country

Hospital Helpers

The tentative list of township, village and town committees and committeewomen follows:

Antelope: Lyndey J. Crumly, chairman, Luvern VanConett, both of Page.

Atkinson: J. W. Rocke, chairman, Mrs. Lulu Dunn, Mrs. Eli McConnell, Thomas Slattery, Elvin S. White, all of Atkinson.

Atkinson Village: Mrs. James Berrigan, Frank J. Brady, C. N. Gonderinger, Ralph J. Kelly, Mrs. A. G. Miller, Mrs. E. C. Weller, all of Atkinson.

Chambers Village: Leo T. Adams, chairman, Louis C. Harley, Mrs. Gladys Oxford, Mrs. C. E. Tibbetts, J. W. Walter, all of Chambers.

Chambers: Mrs. G. H. Grimes, Herman Held, H. R. Holcomb, C. V. Robertson, all of Chambers.

Cleveland: Calvin Allyn, chairman, Charles M. Mulford, Mahlon Shearer, all of Stuart.

Coleman: Carroll C. O'Neill, of O'Neill, chairman; Wm. D. Langgan, Mrs. A. M. Reed, John F. Storjoh, all of Spencer.

Conley: Joseph E. Koci, chairman; John Albers, Adelbert Fauquier, all of Chambers.

Deloit: F. M. Hupp, chairman; R. A. Bartak, Carl Holz, Ewald Spahn, all of Ewing.

Dustin: Edwin Engler, chairman, Charles L. Lofquest, both of Stuart.

Emmet Village & Emmet: Guy Cole, chairman; W. P. Dailey, Jess Wills, all of Emmet.

Ewing: Joseph Thoendel, jr., chairman, Casper Larson, both of Ewing.

Ewing Village: J. Q. Archer, chairman; S. W. Brion, Lyle P. Dierks, R. G. Rockey, all of Ewing.

Fairview: D. C. Schaffer, of O'Neill, chairman; Arthur Hiatt, Lee Sammons, both of Amelia.

Francis: Robert H. Clifford, chairman; Mrs. Frank Dobrovolsky, Mrs. Will A. Sitz, all of Atkinson.

Golden: Harry A. VanHorn, of Page, chairman; D. D. Wiseman, of Orchard; Geo. Wright, of Inman.

Grattan: Clarence Ernst, chairman; Hugo Holz, Joe F. Peter, Russell Shoemaker, all of O'Neill.

O'Neill City: Leo Moore, chairman; Tony Asimus, F. E. Parkins, L. D. Putnam, R. H. Shriner, Willis T. Speltz, all of O'Neill.

Green Valley: Mrs. M. A. Karo, chairman; S. A. Bouska, E. O. Slaymaker, all of Stuart.

Holt Creek: Mrs. Fred E. Boettcher, chairman; Ray Gotschall, both of Atkinson.

Inman Village: I. L. Watson, chairman; Lewis Kopecky, both of Inman.

Inman: George L. Colman, chairman; R. M. Gannon, both of Inman.

Iowa: Roger Bowen, of Page; Grace Huston, of Middlebranch.

Lake: Carl Lambert, chairman; Magnus Goranson, Leo Lyndon, P. W. Summerer, all of Ewing.

McClure: Lloyd Gibson, chairman; Ralph Hoffman, Kenneth LaRue, Helen Hhoendel, all of Ewing.

Rock Falls: William Grutsch, chairman; Mrs. James Curran, Henry Vequist, all of O'Neill.

Sand Creek: P. W. Kilmurry, chairman; Mrs. O. A. Hammerburg, Mrs. R. L. Pease, all of Atkinson.

Saratoga: Dollie Reiser, chairman, of Butte; Ralph S. Coburn, of O'Neill; Mrs. H. V. Kirkland, of Atkinson; George Syffe, of O'Neill.

Scott: Mrs. Herman Schollmeier, chairman, of Dorsey; Mrs. Albert Carson, of Redbird; Leo Farber and E. W. Richter, of Dorsey.

Shamrock: Cyril Peter, chairman; Ray Hoffman, C. L. Kiltz, all of Chambers.

Sheridan: Mrs. Robert Martens, chairman; J. A. Beck, Joseph R. Matousek, George Meals, Charles Prussa, all of Atkinson.

Shields: Alfred Drayton, chairman; James T. Early, Mrs. Wm. J. McDonough, John Schmidt, all of O'Neill.

Steel Creek: Ray Siders, chairman, of O'Neill; T. J. Graham, of Dorsey; H. H. Miles, of Dorsey; E. J. Revell, of Star.

Paddock: Mrs. George E. Rector, chairman; Mrs. A. L. Borg, Paul Nelson, S. R. Robertson, Howard Rouse, all of O'Neill.

Pleasant View: Casper Winkler, chairman; Louis Goeke, William Troshynski, all of Atkinson.

Swan: L. W. Barthel, chairman; Raymond Garwood, Roy Worden, all of Amelia.

Verdigris: R. L. Heiss, chairman, of Page; L. G. Bernholtz, of Page; Joe Gallagher, of Inman; Edgar Stauffer, of Page.

Stuart: George Wallinger, chairman; Joseph Kaplan, Joe Kaup, jr., Bea L. Morgan, John Shald, all of Stuart.

Stuart Village: John J. Ramm, Arthur J. Rannels, both of Stuart.

Page Village: A. G. Braddock,

Assistance Sought from Township, Village Committees

CITY DRIVE ENDING

The year-end drive for funds for O'Neill's new 200 thousand dollar nonprofit hospital will be moved to the country Friday when solicitors will depart from the M & M cafe at 8 a.m., following an early-morning group breakfast.

The rural drive will be conducted through township committeemen and committeewomen, who have been asked by the general committee to assist with the canvass.

Meanwhile, the solicitors in the city are finishing their door-to-door canvass, but reports are incomplete and no up-to-date figures are available this week.

The renewed hospital push was begun three weeks ago following the general committee announcement that contributions to the nonprofit hospital plan were "deductible" from "taxable net income." A specific ruling in this case was made by the deputy commissioner for internal revenue, Treasury department, Washington, D. C.

The rural drive will also include visits to nearby villages and towns, where local representatives have also been asked to assist with the canvass.

ROBERT CHILDERS, WIFE WED 40 YEARS

CHAMBERS — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Childers Sunday celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at their home west of here.

Present for the occasion were the following members of their immediate family: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Childers and family, of Elgin; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Childers and son, Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Childers and daughter, Jean Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Childers and Miss Helen Childers, all of Genoa; and Lyle Childers, at home.

Other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clouse, of Bartlett; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Jarman, Mr. and Mrs. Evert Jarman and family, Miss Margaret Green and Mr. John Alderson, all of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Childers were presented with many gifts, including a chest of silverware from their children, a blanket, a bouquet of roses and a gift of money from other guests.

W. E. Williams Buried at Atkinson

ATKINSON—W. E. Williams, 61, a former resident of Atkinson, was buried here Sunday following funeral services in the Presbyterian church in which Rev. W. C. Birmingham, Methodist pastor, officiated.

Mr. Williams died suddenly at Corpus Christi, Tex., where he had been residing for two years with a daughter, Phyllis.

Members of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges attended the rites in a body and Masonic services were conducted at the cemetery.

Protivinsky Family in Christmas Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Protivinsky entertained Christmas day at a family gettogether the first in eight years. Their guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Bud Thomas, of Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson, and family, of Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. John Grutsch and son, of O'Neill; and Mr. and Mrs. John Protivinsky. The latter is on terminal leave from the Navy.

Wyoming Visitors Here

Mrs. Lorena Duffy and daughter Mary Lou, of Casper, Wyo., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Garee, of Long Pine, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Simonson.

Future Subscribers

HYNES — Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hynes, of O'Neill, a daughter, weighing six and one-fourth pounds, born Thursday, December 26, in O'Neill hospital.

E. E. Allen, David E. Bowen, P. E. Nissen, W. E. Wanser, all of Page.

Willowdale: Elmer Juracek, chairman; N. A. Linquist, Ben Miller, E. C. Wertz, all of Star.

Wyoming: Vern Sager, of Amelia; Mrs. Edgar Jungman, of Amelia; Neal Sloan, of Chambers; Glenn E. White, of Amelia.

Stuart: George Wallinger, chairman; Joseph Kaplan, Joe Kaup, jr.,