

Speaker Says Today's Youth Important 'Crop'

Smith Lauds 4-H Club Leaders at Atkinson Banquet

ATKINSON—William Smith, of Lincoln, assistant state 4-H club leader, Monday told 120 Holt county 4-H leaders and members of the Atkinson Service club that "the important 'crop' is today's youth." He spoke at a banquet in Memorial hall honoring the county's agricultural youth leaders. The banquet was sponsored by the Atkinson Service club.

Smith pointed out that today's youth become tomorrow's leaders, and he praised the adult leaders for the investment they are making.

Ralph J. Kelly, editor of the Atkinson Graphic and president of the Service club, issued the welcome, and Mrs. J. B. Mellor, of O'Neill leader of the Eagle Creek 4-H club, delivered the response. Mrs. James Allyn, of Stuart, co-chairman of Holt's 4-H club committee, spoke briefly on "Leadership Appreciation," Frank J. Brady, of Atkinson, was toastmaster.

Mr. Smith concluded his talk by showing a film entitled "Road Turns Right."

Others heard on the program were: vocal solos by Donna Krotter, of Stuart, member of the Merry Mademoiselles club; Mary Lou Conrad, of Emmet, member of the Numbie Thimble club; and Mary Lucille Osborne, of Dorsey, member of the Lucky Clover club; three selections by a mixed quartette from the Cleveland Community club, of Stuart, (Valera Loquet, Vernon McClurg, Robert Deming and Elmer Allyn); community singing was led by Rev. Orin C. Graff and Bonnie Humphrey, both of Atkinson.

The county 4-H committee was introduced by County Agent A. Neil Davies. The members, besides Mrs. Allyn, are: James W. Rooney, of O'Neill; Mrs. Edgar Stauffer, and D. E. Bowen, both of Page; and Rev. Graff.

The 4-H theme was followed in the table decorations, and the banquet was served by the Catholic ladies of Atkinson.

Scott Quits Post as State Engineer

The resignation of State Highway Engineer Warden G. Scott, effective February 1, was announced Saturday by Gov. Val Peterson at Lincoln.

F. H. Kletsch, present chief highway engineer, was named to succeed Scott.

Mr. Scott quit to become vice-president and chief engineer of the W. A. Lynn Construction company, of Lincoln. He has had an interest in the firm for several years.

Preliminary Work on Sewer Project Begins

Preliminary work on the city's sewer extension program is to begin today (Thursday), Mayor F. J. Dishner said.

Sufficient eight- and 10-inch pipe has been received to make three railroad and four highway crossings in various sections of the city.

Further work, however, awaits the arrival of pipe, which has been on order for several months.

Council Further Study on Zoning

The city council in regular session Tuesday evening furthered its study of the proposed city-wide zoning ordinance that has been under consideration for several months.

No action, however, was taken and the matter is expected to be discussed again on Friday, December 12, at an adjourned meeting of the body.

Spencer Drug Store Sold to Iowa Man

SPENCER—Richard Barr, of Storm Lake, Ia., formerly of Spencer, recently purchased the Harper drug store here from Mrs. J. Earle Harper and took possession Monday.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Barr, of Spencer, he left here 17 years ago. Mr. Barr is married and has two children.

The late J. Earle Harper operated the drug firm for 34 years.

NEW FIRE HYDRANT

A new fire hydrant has been installed on Fourth street near St. Patrick's church and the O'Neill public school. The hydrant is located in the middle of the block on the east side of the street.

Visiting Visitors Here—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Richardson and son, of Sheridan, Wyo., and Mr. and Mrs. B. Eaton, of Buffalo, Wyo., departed Tuesday after a three-day visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bart Malloy.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle McCole, of Pittsburgh, Kans., arrived on Monday for a week's visit at the home of Mr. McCole's sister, Mrs. Wilbur Peters, and husband.

NO MOISTURE THIS WEEK

O'Neill's weather for the week from the precipitation angle can be summed up in a word: None. Government Observer Elmer Bowen reported that no moisture was recorded here during the past seven days, despite threatening rain and snow.

A livestock warning was issued Wednesday by the weather bureau as snow, falling in northwestern Nebraska, was expected to move into the central portion of the state. The temperature, however, is expected to rise.

The week's weather summary, based on 24-hour periods ending at 8 a. m. daily, follows:

	Hi	Lo	Moist.
Nov. 27	46	32	T
Nov. 28	44	25	
Nov. 29	50	20	
Nov. 30	32	20	
Dec. 1	59	25	
Dec. 2	50	27	
Dec. 3	38	20	

FARM PLACEMENT CHANGE

The federal department of agriculture will turn over the Nebraska farm placement bureau to the state employment service January 1, 1943, according to State Agricultural Extension Service director W. H. Brokaw. He added that the extension service will continue to cooperate with the employment service.

ON DAKOTA AIR TOUR

LYNCH—Sidney Woolf entertained his boyhood friend, Edward Wurtz, on Friday with a ride in his airplane which took them over Pickstown and the Winner country in South Dakota. Ed returned to his home at Pine Ridge, S. D., Sunday, having been here since November 26.

CLYDE MURNAN FOUND DEAD

Ex-Scottville Farmer Succumbs in Omaha; Funeral Tuesday

Clyde Murnan, 59, a prominent Scottville farmer between 1906 and 1917, was found dead early Sunday at his home in Omaha. The discovery was made by a son, Charles B. Murnan, of Omaha.

Funeral services were held in Omaha Tuesday at 2 p. m. in the Healey and Healey South Side mortuary, and burial was in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Murnan was born at Lewis, Ia., in 1883, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Murnan, who came to Holt county from Iowa. On February 6, 1906 he was married to Miss Adeline Wrede, of O'Neill. They became the parents of three sons, Charles B., Harold C. and Leo R. Murnan, all of Omaha, and one daughter, Mrs. John A. Nied, also of Omaha.

Leaving O'Neill in 1917, the late Mr. Murnan was employed for a time by Wood Brothers

PHYSICIST GIVEN DOCTOR'S DEGREE

Donald Clark Moore Is Honored at Berkeley; On Nuclear Project

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore have received an announcement of the graduation of their oldest son, Donald Clark Moore, from the University of California at Berkeley on November 19.

He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Dr. Moore received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Nebraska in 1942, after which he served in the Merchant Marines during the war. He has been a teaching assistant in physics at the University of California while working toward his doctor's degree. At present he is working with the atomic energy commission in the radiation laboratory at Berkeley.

He is married and has a daughter.

Enroute to Chicago

Leaving Wednesday for Chicago, where she will meet friends, was Mrs. Frank Biglin. After spending a few days there she will depart for a trip to Mexico. Mrs. Biglin expects to return December 23.

Attends 65th Wedding

LYNCH—Mrs. Ralph Wurtz and Cheryl Faye attended the 65th wedding anniversary of her aged grandparents at Verdel Saturday.

Joseph Biglin returned Sunday to a radio technical school in Omaha after spending Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Biglin, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hansen and son, Joseph, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Corkle and family went to Battle Creek Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walz.

Frank Clements, who left Tuesday, is in Valentine on business for a few days.

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Date Not Yet Fixed; Will Be Laden with Treats

Santa Claus is coming to town! But Chamber of Commerce officials, who are making arrangements for the Grand Ol' Man's visit, have not as yet been advised of the exact date.

It's a cinch, however, that he'll be laden with treats for the kiddies, and plans are underway to provide St. Nick with a warm reception.

The Chamber committee in charge of arrangements is headed by Edward M. Gallagher, who will be assisted by Eugene Cantlon, John Havelka, William McIntosh, John H. McCarville, F. E. Parkins and Earl W. Ralya.

Beginning Monday, December 13, shoppers in O'Neill will hear Christmas music under the auspices of the Lions club. Paul ("Slats") Beha, chairman of the Lions committee in charge of arrangements, has announced the music will be broadcast over loudspeakers daily from 11:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 5:30 to 7 p. m. between December 13 and December 25.

The music will be provided by vocal and instrumental groups, mostly home talent. When the weather is unfavorable recorded music will be used.

Most O'Neill stores are brimming with Christmas merchandise. Although some items are still considered critical due to a war-born industrial dislocation, most stores are displaying an abundance of merchandise.

Most of the leading merchants have advertisements in this issue of The Frontier.

The stores will be open until 9 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23, a Chamber committee announced Wednesday. On Christmas eve—December 24—the firms will close as usual at 5:30 p. m.

Secretary James M. Rooney has announced that the next regular meeting of the Chamber will be held Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the Golden hotel dining room. It will not be a dinner meeting, he explained.

PAGE FARMER IN POLICE COURT

Ralph Prill, Page farmer, appeared before Justice of the Peace H. W. Tomlinson here Monday on a charge of disturbing peace brought by Assistant Police Chief Joe Wert. Prill was lodged in jail for 45 minutes on Thanksgiving day following an incident between Prill and Wert in West O'Neill.

The Page farmer has engaged Raymond S. Hill, of Sioux City, as his counsel. Prill said he was granted a change of venue in Justice Tomlinson's court and the matter will be heard in Grattan township justice court at 10 a. m. on Friday, December 12.

HOSPITAL NOTES

(O'Neill Hospital)

Admissions: November 27—Mrs. Bert Winchell, of O'Neill; 29—Bill Isley, of O'Neill, medical condition "good"; Mrs. Norma Medcalf, of O'Neill; December 1—Mrs. Don Angel, of Spencer; Mrs. Dale Waring, of Middlebranch, medical condition "good."

Dismissals: November 27—Mrs. Charles Yarnall and daughter, of O'Neill; 29—Mrs. Wayne Fox and son, of Emmet; 30—Elsie Peter, of O'Neill; December 1—Mrs. Guy Pinkerman and son, of Dorsey; 3—Mrs. Neil Ryan, of O'Neill; Mrs. Bert Winchell and daughter, of O'Neill.

In hospital: Mrs. Walter O'Malley, of O'Neill, medical condition "improved"; John Booth, of O'Neill, condition "improved"; Mrs. Cora Johnston, of O'Neill, condition "same."

Return from Grand Island

Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson returned Sunday evening from a visit in Grand Island with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Thomas and in Lincoln with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. P. Orth, and their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Robertson and family.

Ross Family Entertains

Guests at the Charles Ross home on Thanksgiving day were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wyant, and family, of Clay Center; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Miller and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ross, and family, of Spencer; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ross, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ross.

Porters Entertain

Among the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter on Thanksgiving day were: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hubbard, and Dr. and Mrs. Eason, all of Chambers.

Deer Herd Sighted from an Airplane

While enroute by air from O'Neill to Springview recently, Miss Veronica Coyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne, sighted a herd of deer in northwest Holt county.

The animals were frightened by the aircraft's motor.

Miss Coyne, who is a teacher in the Keya Paha county high school at Springview, frequently spends weekends here, traveling by plane.

Bad Roads Revive Team and Wagon

LYNCH—Almost impassable roads forced Fred and Marvin Svatos to resort to a team of horses and a wagon for transportation on Thanksgiving day.

The horse-drawn Svatos families, enroute to the James Svatos home, creaked into town on schedule, however, and the passengers doubted if the trip could have been made by automobile.

TAX PARLEY NEXT WEEK IN LINCOLN

2-Day Session to Be Held at Cornhusker Hotel

The 1947 convention of the Nebraska Federation of County Taxpayers leagues will be held in Lincoln at the Cornhusker hotel on Monday and Tuesday. Attendance is not restricted to members of the Federation, officials explained, and the program stresses the fact that "all citizens interested in good government are invited."

The main part of the program will be Monday. Among subjects to be discussed that day are: "The Farmer and His Government" by Chris Milius, Nebraska Farmers Union president, and "The Iniquities of the Federal Income Tax," by District Judge Frederick L. Spear. The new community property law and how it will affect the taxpayer is a Monday afternoon subject for a forum discussion. At the banquet Monday evening, Bert Howard and William Ritchie, chairmen, respectively, of the Republican and Democratic state central committees, will discuss taxation in its relation to government, and the banquet program will close with an address by Gov. Val Peterson.

Several Holt countyans are expected to be in attendance.

BETHANY CHURCH IS 60-YEARS-OLD

Mrs. Charlotte Honeywell, Only Living Charter Member, Honored

CHAMBERS—A large crowd was in attendance at the Bethany Presbyterian church Sunday in observance of the 60th anniversary of the church's founding.

A dinner was served at the Martha school at noon.

Rev. J. E. Jorgenson delivered the sermon at the afternoon services. Earl Cappoc, of Seward, was present and gave a short talk. Mr. Coppoc is a former Sunday-school superintendent at Bethany. Special music was furnished by a choir, and a quartette, composed of Phyllis Wood, Carol Summerer, Marjorie Summerer and Tom Lambert. There was also a duet by Mrs. Ralph Hoffman and Laprence Chippis.

Mrs. Charlotte Honeywell was the only charter member present. She was presented with a corsage.

A history of the church was read by Carl Lambert.

Annual Sale of Christmas Seals Underway in County

The annual sale of Christmas seals, sponsored by the Nebraska Tuberculosis association, is underway following Gov. Val Peterson's proclamation issued last week.

County School Superintendent Elia McCullough heads the sale of the seals by school children in the Holt county rural schools, and the town, city and parochial schools report their sales directly to the association headquarters.

The governor's proclamation: "As in previous years, the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association is raising funds to combat tuberculosis through the sale of Christmas Seals.

"Each year tuberculosis takes 53,000 lives in our country and kills more people between the ages of 15 and 45 than any other disease.

MANY BACK TAXES ARE BEING PAID

Holt Treasurer's Office Issues 2459 Receipts During November

The office of Holt County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock was a busy place during November. And December has earmarks of being equally as busy.

Two thousand and five receipts for 1947 taxes were issued during November, plus the following record of payments of back taxes:

1946	132	1938	25
1945	27	1937	24
1944	15	1936	23
1943	10	1935	21
1942	12	1934	24
1941	21	1933	22
1940	21	1932	24
1939	22	1931	17
Prior to '31			14

November's collections swelled the county's coffers to the tune of \$219,031.45. The 1947 personal tax payments represented \$173,159.65, and the collections on taxes prior to 1947 totaled \$14,558.97. All other collections during the month totaled \$31,302.83.

Hancock attributed the upswing in collections to the fact that the amount of delinquent taxes are pointed out to the taxpayers when they pay their current taxes.

Personal taxes for the first-half of 1947 became delinquent December 1.

Hancock said that business during November was so brisk that the office frequently was operating several days behind schedule.

Thanksgiving Day Reunion Held at Ericson

A family reunion at Thanksgiving, held at the home of one of the daughters, Mrs. Arthur Semm, of Ericson, was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. DeGroff.

Among the 25 guests, besides Mr. and Mrs. DeGroff and Mrs. Semm, were: Miss Cleora DeGroff and brothers, Donald, Bert and Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Crutz and family, all of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kelly and two children, of Burwell; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DeGroff and family, William Dierks, the Misses Jean Bomberger and Betty Waldorf and Edro Henry, all of Atkinson.

Teacher-Parent-Pupil Meeting at Chambers

CHAMBERS—A Sunday school teacher-parent-pupil meeting was held Friday evening at the Lutheran church. A program was presented consisting of a devotion by the Sunday-school superintendent, Joe Serck; a demonstration of Sunday-school handwork by Mrs. H. C. Walter; Sunday-school picture charts, by Norman Walter; a discussion on conducting regular classes, by Mrs. Joe Serck; a graph-demonstration, by Mrs. J. W. Walter; a discussion, "What is meant by Family Devotion," by the junior Bible class and Rev. L. A. Dale; an open forum, by the parents.

Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

Holiday in Sioux City

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carroll and family were guests on Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Carroll's sister, Mrs. J. E. McFadden, of Sioux City. Mrs. Carroll's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac DeHamer, of Shelton, were also guests.

Sister to Wed

Mrs. Virgil Laursen will go to Allen on Sunday to attend a party in honor of her sister, Miss Norma Ellis, who will be a bride in late December.

Weekends Here

Miss Donna Rae Clements returned to Lincoln Sunday after spending Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clements.

Legion Club Looted; Loss Fixed at \$2,000

CANDIDATE FOR POWER JOB VISITS

Wisconsin Man Seeks Job of Coordinator for REA

W. D. Dallman, of Greenwood, Wis., a candidate for the post of coordinator for the newly-formed Niobrara Valley Electric Membership corporation—a rural electrification unit—has appeared twice before the board of directors in session here.

On both occasions he flew here from Wisconsin.

John T. Murray, of Spencer, attorney for the organization, said that no action had been taken and that the hiring of a coordinator or manager was subject to REA approval in Washington.

The board will hold a regular meeting in O'Neill today (Thursday). W. A. Richardson, of the Henningson Engineering company, of Omaha, will meet with the board.

The Niobrara group contemplates 2,500 miles of rural power distribution in a four-county area. Some funds have already been allocated, and actual construction largely awaits availability of materials.

KRUSE UPPED BY CONSUMERS

Succeeds R. L. Bode as Ops Superintendent; Bodé to Ogallala

Manager L. C. Walling of the 1-county O'Neill Consumers Public Power district headquarters here Wednesday announced the transfer of R. L. Bode, O'Neill district operating superintendent, to Ogallala, effective Saturday, December 6, and the elevation of H. G. Kruse to Bode's former post.

At Ogallala Bode will hold the post of district superintendent. He came here from Albion in 1944. Kruse has been in the utility field here since 1927, having previously been employed by the Interstate Power company.

The Bode's have two children, Barbara Sue and John. Mrs. Bode has been a teacher in the opportunity room at the O'Neill public school.

ELKHORN FLOOD PLAN PRESENTED

Army Engineers Would Spend 2½ Million in Lower River

Big Gen. Lewis A. Pick, of Omaha, Missouri river division Army engineer, said Tuesday in Omaha that a 2½ million dollar flood control program for the Elkhorn river has been recommended to congress following hearings at Fremont and Norfolk.

General Pick said the report recommends aid for flood prevention by means of levees, channel improvements and appurtenant structures at Norfolk, West Point and Waterloo on the river itself, and on tributaries at Pierce, Tilden and Battle Creek.

All of the flood control facilities in the current recommendations are intended downstream from Holt county points.

Visit Kansas Points

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Crook and family returned Sunday after a 10-day's visit in Kansas. In Manhattan, they visited Mr. Crook's mother, Mrs. R. N. Crook. In Pratt, they visited Mr. Crook's sister, Mrs. E. L. Stadel, and Mr. Stadel. On Thanksgiving they went to Bluff City, where they were guests of Mrs. Crook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Allen.

Visits at Kearney

Mrs. L. A. Carter returned from Kearney Friday after having spent a week with her daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Bechtol. Mrs. Carter also visited with her niece, Miss Charlotte Blum, a student at the University of Nebraska. Miss Blum's home is in Sheridan, Wyo.

Return from Kansas City

Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Abart, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Abart, returned Monday from a week's visit in Kansas City, Mo.

Thugs Haul Fixtures Out Side Door; Clues Probed

The American Legion club, operated by Simonson post 93, suffered a loss estimated at "about two thousand dollars" early Friday when robbers gained entrance into the new building and made off with the cash register and several game machines.

Commander Glea H. Wade said that the financial loss was severe on the club, which opened recently.

The thugs gained entrance through a side door in the rear of the building by "jimmying." The fixtures were quickly loaded into nearby vehicles and none of the nearby residents or passersby were aware that a robbery was in progress.

Edward N. Flood, custodian of the building, had closed the club shortly after midnight. There was no cash in the register.

The incident is one in a series of bold crimes that has swept the north-Nebraska region in recent weeks.

Authorities said that several clues were being investigated.

Stuart Bar Target for Looters

STUART—Pettijohn's Bar at Stuart was entered early November 25 by forcing a door. The cash register and a small amount of cash was taken. It was the fourth robbery in Stuart in a month's time.

Clinic for Crippled Children Here Saturday

The regular extension clinic for crippled children will be held at the O'Neill high school in O'Neill Saturday. Clinic registration begins at 7:30 a. m. and all registrations are to be completed by noon.

The clinic will be conducted by Dr. W. R. Hamsa, an orthopedist.

The clinic is for diagnosis and recommendation on orthopedic conditions. There will not be a pediatrician in attendance, officials explained, and new patients having conditions other than orthopedic conditions will not be examined.

The Elks lodge is furnishing without cost a noon lunch to all children, who are registered for clinic examination, and their parents.

Mrs. Ruth Watson New Rebekah Head