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Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Porter . . . married 60 years . . . pictured in family album with great-granddaughter, Ella Porter. The snapshot was taken in March, 1944.

CHAMBERS PAIR WEDDED 60 YEARS

Ed. F. Porter and Wife to Mark Anniversary Christmas Day

CHAMBERS—Sixty years ago Christmas day in the little Butler county town of Brainard, Ed F. Porter and Miss Susie Henrietta Fleek became man and wife.

On Christmas day, 1947, the Porters will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in a quiet way in the presence of their immediate family.

Down through the years the yule season has held more than the usual significance for the Porters because of their wedding anniversary and because Mr. Porter's birthday anniversary is the day before Christmas—December 24. He is 83 and Mrs. Porter is nine weeks "younger."

Mr. Porter was born in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1864, and he came to Nebraska with his family in 1870, one of the truly pioneer settlers of the state. Mrs. Porter, who was born at Broadhead, Wis., on February 25, 1865, came to Nebraska in 1884. They met in Butler county and were married there.

Mr. Porter was a country school teacher during the winter months and farmed during the summer months. He was teaching in Butler county on the date of the historic blizzard of January 12, 1898. Sensing a storm in the offing, he dismissed his pupils at noon, went to a nearby rail station caught a train for Brainard. He was home with his bride of two weeks when the storm struck.

Mr. Porter came to Holt county in 1884, but did not stay, returning to Butler county. In 1898, however, he moved his family to the Chambers vicinity where he farmed for several years, after which he became a building contractor. In 1919 he was elected Holt county clerk, holding the position for 12 years.

Later, Mr. Porter constructed a service station five miles east of Chambers, which he operated until 11 years ago, when the couple entered retirement in Chambers.

Mr. Porter's health is "excellent" but Mrs. Porter's health "is not good" and her condition partially accounts for a quiet instead of elaborate anniversary celebration.

A family dinner will be held at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Hiram (Loa) Hubbard, in Chambers. Mrs. Hubbard is their only daughter and Chauncey W. Porter, of O'Neill, is their only son.

There are six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

NEW EXAM DATES

Drivers' license tests will be given by Nebraska safety patrolmen on the first and third Saturday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. The patrolmen will be at the Holt county courthouse assembly room.

SISTER ALEXIA DIES IN EAST

Sister Alexia McGovern, 78, died December 15 in St. Francis hospital at Buffalo, N. Y., according to word received here by the Sisters of St. Francis at St. Mary's academy.

Sister Alexia was one of the original teachers in the academy here between 1902 and 1904, and returned again to O'Neill in 1932 and served for 10 years. During her last stay she celebrated her golden jubilee in Roman Catholic religious work.

In 1942, the late Sister Alexia went to Egbertville, N. Y., where she prepared students for regents' examinations and for the ultimate finals.

She was active in teaching until the past year, when her health failed.

Sister Alexia was considered one of the pioneer teachers at St. Mary's, teaching the seventh and eighth grades during the 1902 to 1904 period. Upon her return in 1932, she taught social sciences.

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Come to Church on Christmas



—Sketches by John H. McCarville

Christ Child Birth to Be Retold

The story of the birth of the Christ child nearly two thousand years ago in the Bethlehem manger is again being retold in worship and song in Holt county's churches.

Plans for the Christmas observances in many of the churches follow:

Choir in Special Music at St. Patrick's

Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, church pastor, will celebrate high mass at 6 a.m. and will also officiate at the 8 a.m. mass. Rev. C. J. Werner, assistant pastor, will say the 10 a.m. mass.

The following music will be heard at the 6 a.m. high mass, sung by St. Patrick's choir, composed of high school voices:

Processional—"Little Town of Bethlehem," by Brooks; "Lo, How a Rose," a 16th century melody; "Silent Night," Gruber-Wetzel.

The mass—Prayers of the Mass, by Brogers; "Christmas Carol Mass," by A. J. Korman; offering anthem, "Adeste Fideles," a 17th century hymn.

At communion—"Jesu Bambino," by Pietro Yon; "Dearest Infant," traditional.

Recessional—"The First Noel," an 18th century French carol; "Angels We Have Heard on High," French Noel.

At the late mass on Christmas morn children of the St. Mary's academy grades will sing Christmas hymns.

Busy Yule Schedule at St. John's Church

The Christmas eve program, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, will climax a full yule schedule at St. John's Lutheran church at Atkinson (affiliated with the American Lutheran church).

A world action collection was taken Sunday morning.

A candle-light carol service was held Sunday evening featuring a dramatization of the Christmas story by: Donald Roth, Betty Braun, Deloris Tassler, Eileen Prange, Charles Tassler and Ramon Schiffer.

The Christmas eve program will consist of songs, recitations and exercises by Sunday-school pupils.

The service was well-attended.

The 21-voice choir was under the direction of Mrs. Herman Schrader, jr., with Mrs. Rudolph Possnecker as piano accompanist.

Gifts were collected to be sent to the Lutheran Children's home at Waverly, Ia.

Emmet Methodists in Sunday Eve Program

A Sunday-school program was presented Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Methodist church at Emmet.

Carol, Candle-Light Service at Christ Lutheran

At Christ Lutheran church on Christmas morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, there will be a combination carol and worship service with candlelight, according to Rev. Clyde O. Cress, church pastor.

The Christmas program was held Sunday evening, attended by more than a hundred persons.

The assembly sang carols, children gave recitations and a mixed quartette, composed of Rev. and Mrs. Cress and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Snyder, sang several selections.

The church interior was highly decorated with Christmas trees and twinkling stars.

Christmas Sermon Friday at Assembly of God

Rev. J. W. Clapper, Assembly of God church pastor, has announced that Rev. Herman Rhode, of Bassett, will deliver a special Christmas sermon at his church at 8 p.m. Friday.

This service will follow the regular Friday junior church service, which begins at 7 p.m.

There will be treats for all the children, special music, recitations and a dollar will be given to the winner of a youth attendance contest.

Carols, Pictures at St. Paul's Lutheran

St. Paul's Lutheran church at Chambers will present a program entitled "Christmas Blessing" on Christmas eve. The program will feature the story of the Christ child in 40 colored pictures on a screen and the singing of carols. The program will be at the Golden Gate theater.

A 10 a.m. worship on Christmas day is also scheduled.

Candle-Lighting Service for Atkinson Presbyterians

A candle-lighting service will feature the Christmas eve program at the Presbyterian church in Atkinson. This will be midway in the annual Christmas program, which will close with a presentation of white gifts, according to Rev. Orin Graff, the pastor.

Jeanne Butterfield will sing "Wondrous Night" during the candle ceremony.

Christmas Eve Program in Atkinson Church

The entire Sunday-school of the Methodist church in Atkinson will participate in a Christmas eve program, beginning at 8 o'clock, according to Rev. W. C. Birmingham, church pastor.

Song soloists include: Leone Kavda, "Away in a Manger"; Holly Smith, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"; and Dale Jarvis "Immanuel."

200 Attend Sunday Eve Service at Inman

About 200 persons attended the Sunday evening program at the Inman Methodist church presented by the church school, according to Rev. Edgar T. Baldwin, church pastor. There was a Santa Claus and the program consisted of carols, recitations, dialogues and music.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship is pointing towards a watch night service in the church parlors on New Year's eve.

Chambers Baptists in Christmas Eve Program

The Chambers Baptist church will present a Christmas program at the church on Christmas eve. The program will consist of recitations, songs, and dialogues by the children of the Sunday-school, and also special numbers by members of the congregation.

There will be treats for everyone and later a group will sing carols about town for those unable to attend.

Methodists Held Sunday Eve Program

The annual Christmas program, presented by the Sunday-school, was held Sunday evening at the Methodist church.

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HOLT WOMAN, 93, EXPIRES AT INMAN

Born into Mormon Colony at Salt Lake City in 1854

INMAN — Mrs. Sarah Jane Robinson, 93, one of the original members of the Mormon colony at Salt Lake City, Ut., died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Conger, at Inman, with whom she had made her home for the past nine years.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Church of the Latter Day Saints at Inman, and the body was shipped to Independence, Mo., for burial. Elder Joseph Coon, of Inman, church pastor, officiated.

Born at Salt Lake City, on November 16, 1854, her parents had migrated westward earlier with a colony of Mormons. In 1866 she moved with her parents to Stockton, Calif., where she was baptized into the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints on August 22, 1867.

She was married on December 1, 1874, to Elder Samuel B. Robinson, of San Jose, Calif. They became the parents of four sons and two daughters. Mr. Robinson and four of the children preceded Mrs. Robinson in death.

In 1909 Mrs. Robinson moved with her husband and two youngest children to Independence, Mo., where Mr. Robinson died eight years later. She continued to live at Independence until the fall of 1938, when she came to Inman.

Survivors include: Daughter — Mrs. Lee (Sadie) Conger, of Inman; son — Joseph Robinson, of Albany, N. Y.; 30 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren, and one niece, Mrs. L. W. Crabtree, of Modesto, Calif.

The body was shipped early Tuesday to Independence for interment beside the grave of her husband in Mound Grove cemetery there.

CHAMBER GETS IOOF ENCAMPMENT

CHAMBERS—A new IOOF encampment was instituted last Thursday night at Chambers. It was the second encampment instituted this week in Nebraska by state Odd Fellow officials.

The other was at Minutaria. Seventeen members were admitted as charter members of the Chambers organization.

New officers for the encampment are: Lloyd Glead, grand patriarch; Edwin Trennepohl, senior warden; Elwyn Robertson, junior warden; Oscar Peterson, high priest; Clair Grimes, grand scribe; and Guy Blake, grand treasurer.

Marriage Licenses

Vern C. Wrede, 21, of O'Neill, and Emma L. Stevens, 22, of Page, December 20, 1947.

Samuel L. Leonard, 21, of Wakefield, and Barbara Ruth Shales, 19, of Inman, December 20, 1947.

Oliver Dewayne Anson, 22, of Stuart, and Wilma Lorraine Nelson, 18, of O'Neill, December 20, 1947.

Clarence F. Cunningham, 20, of Belden, and Neva A. Miller, 21, of O'Neill, December 22, 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Matthews, and daughter, Madge, of Lincoln, arrived Tuesday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Streeter, Mr. and Mrs. John Osenga and son, of Lincoln, expected to accompany the Matthews and visit their respective parents, the J. D. Osenga and the Earl W. Ralys.

Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Sutcliffe, of Rapid City, S. D., arrived Monday to spend Christmas with Mrs. John Carr. They went to Vermillion Sunday, but will return to O'Neill on Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene VanEvery and son, Jimmy, and Mrs. Van Every's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kruse left Wednesday to be guests in Swea City, Ia. They expect to return Friday.

A Christmas party for members of the American Legion and ladies auxiliary will be held on Christmas day at the club. A New Year's eve party is also being planned.

Miss Jean Biglin returned on Tuesday from a three-weeks' trip which took her to Mexico City, Mexico.

FRONTIER IS EARLY This issue of The Frontier went to press late Tuesday instead of Wednesday in order that most subscribers would receive their paper before Christmas.

MR. STORJAHNN DIES AT LYNCH

Holt Farmer, 60, to Be Buried Friday; Ill 3 Months

August J. Storjahn, 60, of Spencer, a prominent north-Holt county farmer, died at 9:30 p.m. Monday in Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch where he had been receiving treatment. He had been ill about three months.

Funeral services will be held at the Pleasant Valley church at 2 p.m. Friday, and burial will be in the Phoenix cemetery. Clair Utterbach will officiate in the rites and the pal bearers will be: J. C. Stein, Roman Rohde, Jake Sengelmann, Ralph Ernst, E. W. Reed and Arthur J. Doty.

Born near O'Neill on October 6, 1887, the late Mr. Storjahn was a lifelong resident of Holt county. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Claus Storjahn, both immigrants from Germany.

On June 25, 1922, he was married to Nellie Goeke, the ceremony taking place in O'Neill.

The Storjahns became the parents of two sons, Louis A. and Earl C., both north-Holt residents.

Survivors include the two sons; two brothers—Henry and William; four sisters—Mrs. Emma Diehl, Mrs. Mary DeVall, Mrs. Martha Johring, and Mrs. Rose Goeke, all of Holt county.

Milder Weather Christmas Forecast

The weather forecast, issued late Tuesday by the government weather bureau, points to warmer temperatures Wednesday and a mild Christmas.

Lowest temperature for the past six days was 20 degrees. The summary follows:

Date	Hi	Lo
December 18	42	25
December 19	40	20
December 20	42	20
December 21	44	23
December 22	34	26
December 23	22	23

RECOVERING FROM INJURY

INMAN—Harold Miller, 40, of Council Bluffs, Ia., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller, of Inman, is recovering "nicely" in a Council Bluffs hospital from injuries received December 15 when an object fell on his head in an accident. He suffered a skull fracture. The parents returned on Monday from Council Bluffs.

DELAY ON MOTORS

The city water department is experiencing a slight delay putting the new water wells and pumps into operation. The electric motors for powering the units have been enroute from Oakland, Calif., for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hoerger and family, of Martin, S. D., arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Storey.



YOUTH DELEGATE

James Bridges (above), son of Mrs. Alice E. Bridges, has been named a delegate from the O'Neill Methodist church to an international Methodist youth conference to be held next week in Cleveland, O. O'Neill Photo Co.

TOWNSENDS IN GOLDEN WEDDING

Open-House Sunday for Page Pair; Married on Christmas

PAGE—Christmas day is the 50th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Clinton A. Townsend, well-known Page residents.

They will hold open-house for their family and friends on Sunday afternoon to formally mark the occasion.

Mr. Townsend and Miss Carrie A. Gallagher were married on Christmas day, 1897, in the home of Rev. Bartley Blain, a pioneer Methodist circuit-riding minister, who lived east of Page. Mr. Gallagher was the son of the late W. C. Townsend and Mrs. Ida Townsend (the latter of whom is still living and is 93-years-old). The bride was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gallagher.

Mr. Townsend was born at Vernon, Wis., in 1873, and came to Holt county with his parents in 1879. Mrs. Townsend was born in Illinois, arriving in Nebraska in 1882.

The Townsends farmed for a time. Mr. Townsend having spent 20 years on a farm, but for the past 49 years they have resided in Page where Mr. Townsend operates a hardware business.

They are the parents of one son, Alva, of Omaha, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank (Helen) Chmeler, of Norfolk. There are five grandchildren.

Both have been prominent in church and civic affairs and are well-known through this territory.

Gift Shower for First 1948 Baby

The first baby to be born within the confines of Holt county in 1948 will be a lucky kid, because a group of O'Neill business firms in cooperation with The Frontier are a self-appointed reception committee.

For example Brown-McDonald's will give to the first-come a Chatham blanket, McCarvilles' have a pair of shoes, Gambles will present two dozen diapers, Bowen's Ben Franklin store has stored away two latex baby pants and a surprise package in addition.

The McIntosh Jewelry will present to the lucky baby a 10-karat gold ring, the Midwest Furniture & Appliance company is presenting baby a jumper-swing, the Jonas Furniture Exchange is giving an enameled bath tub, and Gillespie's has already packed-away an electric bottle warmer and vaporizer.

Just for good measure, The Frontier is issuing the parents a year's subscription.

Winner of last year's contest was Kathleen Wanser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max

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SANTA PLEASES

Here's the Jolly Ol' Fellow who made the kiddies happy in O'Neill Saturday. Trapping in his superionic jet-propelled Blitzen plane, he was met outside the city by Fire Chief G. E. Miles. Treats were distributed to hundreds of starry-eyed admirers. — The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.