

Jens Peter Hansen Dies Following Stroke

Jens Peter Hansen, who was born September 6, 1865, in Copenhagen, Denmark, and who came to Holt county in 1915 from Ida Grove, Iowa, died at a local hospital last Saturday evening after being seriously ill a short time.

Mr. Hansen had farmed in several sections of Holt county and the home at this time is six miles southeast of O'Neill, on the Elk-horn river.

Surviving Mr. Hansen are his widow and the following children: Mrs. Clara Paterson, Norfolk; Mrs. Esther Smith, Luella, Cora, Andrew, Oscar, Richard and Arnold all of O'Neill. Mr. Hansen leaves one sister, Mrs. Ellen Knudsen, of Battle Creek, Iowa.

Rev. May read the funeral service at the Methodist church here Monday afternoon. A large number of friends followed the remains to Prospect Hill cemetery. Mr. Hansen was a man of sterling character.

NEBRASKA NEWS OF STATE AFFAIRS

By James R. Lowell

Four major state department heads and one important chief of bureau appointed last week by Governor-elect Cochran, while a number of department heads to whom the new chief executive has not gotten around as yet, are wearing their crowns uneasily.

Ben N. Saunders, cashier of the Plainview state bank and a resident of Nebraska since he was six months old, is the new superintendent of banks succeeding E. H. Luikart. Saunders has been in the banking business 25 years and is 68 years old.

Conn W. Moose, Omaha insurance man for 25 years, is the new director of insurance succeeding Lee Herdman who has been incapacitated by illness much of the time since he took office under Governor Bryan in 1931.

A. C. Tilley, maintenance engineer in the state highway department, has been elevated to state engineer and head of the department of roads and irrigation, succeeding Cochran in the post he held for 12 years. A. T. Lohdel, chief of the bureau of roads and bridges under State Engineer Cochran, and named acting state engineer by Governor Bryan when Cochran resigned to run for governor, has been retained in his old position by Cochran.

Dwight Felton, director of the department of agriculture and inspection, is the first hold-over appointee to be announced. He will serve in the same capacity under Cochran as he did under Bryan.

Department heads now wondering what the near future holds in store for them include State Labor Commissioner Cecil Matthews, who many political observers believe is destined to get the gate; State Health Director P. H. Bartholomew, who is said to hold an even chance of staying; State Purchasing Agent J. R. Farris, also a 50-50 shot; and Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith, who probably can stay if he wants to. There is some talk too that State Game Warden Frank B. O'Connell, now holding over in his position because Governor Bryan has made no appointment since his regular term ran out last spring, probably will be retained by Cochran.

Attorney-general W. H. Wright will retain all of his present fellow assistants when he takes office the first of the year, and has named Milton C. Murphy of North Platte to fill the vacancy in the assistant attorney general's office created by Wright's election to the head of the department.

Various groups and legislators are busy working up material to be tossed into the legislative hopper within the next few weeks. Western Nebraska ranchers want a law to make highway patrolmen deputy sheriffs, to enforce rules requiring stock truckers to carry a bill of lading showing ownership and history of cattle they carry. They intend to put across several other measures pertaining to similar procedures.

County officials meeting in their annual convention at Omaha passed resolutions which, among other things, asked the state legislature to apportion funds for relief, and oppose diversion of highway funds.

Governor Bryan has revived his old plan to widen 15th street for three blocks north of the capitol in order to provide a more impressive vista of the building. He will recommend to the legislature that provision be made for using part of the cash balance still on hand in the capitol fund to buy frontage on the street.

Ak-Sar-Ben at Omaha has prepared a bill providing that no individual can profit from horse racing ventures under the new pari-mutuel betting law. The bill, as it will be submitted to legislators, provides a commission of three to be appointed by the governor and serve without pay. They would supervise the licensing and regulating of the entire pari-mutuel system of the state.

Other legislative proposals of recent origin include providing a caretaker and room for a museum at Fort Kearney state park, an appropriation of \$80,000 for support of the university college of dentistry during the next two years, and a liquor control plan whereby an absolute monopoly would be created on sales, control to be vested in a commission of three men to be appointed by the governor. State stores would be located in towns at local option.

The state received bids on 44 road and bridge projects last Friday. Low bids announced on 43 of the projects totaled \$1,319,812. The remaining project is a viaduct at Beatrice, and plans are being studied in view of possible revision before the project is let.

Accidents coming under the state bureau of labor compensation this year totaled 13,268 compared with 12,087 last year and 14,081 in 1932. Compensation allowed amounted to \$124,122 compared with \$374,940 a year ago and \$471,975 in 1932. Hospital and medical fees allowed totaled \$136,864 this year.

Dr. W. E. Lamb, state manager of the Townsend Old Age Pension plan, gave a talk on this plan to a small gathering in the District Court room last Friday evening. Plans were laid for the organization of a local Townsend pension club.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sweitzer and son, Jay, of Milford, Nebr., came to O'Neill and spent Christmas with Mrs. Margaret Allen, mother of Mrs. Sweitzer. The Sweitzer family left here about 20 years ago. He operated a blacksmith shop near Meek.

Stella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every has qualified for and accepted a position with the Northwestern Bell Telephone company here as a switchboard operator. Miss Van Every had been teacher of several northern Holt county rural schools.

Bobbie Burke, who is stationed at the Naval Base at San Pedro, Calif., arrived home Saturday night to spend Christmas with his mother, Laura Burke. After his return to San Pedro he is to be stationed for two years at the Hawaiian naval base.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Morris Johnson went to Lyons and Sunday returned accompanied by Mrs. Nellie Hoar, a relative. Sunday the Johnsons, Mrs. Hoar and Mrs. Cora Kirkpatrick and children, Edward, Lurline and Morris, went to St. Charles, S. D., and partook of Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Link Sawyer.

The Busy Hour Club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clyde Hershiser. All members were present this month. Part of the afternoon was spent piecing quilt blocks for Mrs. Hershiser. They also made plans for a program and party later on. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Hershiser. The next meeting will be held January 31, at the home of Mrs. Ralph Ernst.

Last Saturday afternoon a Christmas party was held by Phyllis, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell. Those attending were Vincent Cunningham, Jack Dempsey, Jean Calkins, Donna and Willa Vanderlinden, Leah Bruegman, Lois Lee Olson, Marion Boyle, Geraldine Allen, Virginia Daly, Maxine Wilkinson, Jacqueline, Vernon and Eldon Abbott, and Betty and Zanaga Kenifun.

BRIEFLY STATED

Leo Ryan, of Omaha, arrived Saturday night to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson spent Christmas with relatives at Wayne.

J. B. Ryan left Saturday for Chicago to spend the holidays with his children.

Clarence Ryan, of Sioux City, arrived Friday night to spend the holidays here.

Hugh McManus, who has been in a hospital at Omaha, returned Saturday night.

Larry Phalin, arrived Sunday from Denver, where he is attending St. Regis college.

Miss Mae Hammond arrived Saturday night to spend Christmas with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heitman spent Christmas with relatives at Madison, South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mullen spent Christmas with relatives at Creighton, Nebraska.

Mrs. Mayme Bohme went to Fremont where she spent Christmas with friends and relatives.

Gus Krepla of Kimball, S. D., came down Tuesday to spend the day with Caryle Washchek.

Levi Fuller, Jr., spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fuller, Sr., near Meek.

Bob Biglin arrived home from Omaha where he is attending Creighton University, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ott spent Christmas with Mr. Ott's mother, residing two miles south of Omaha.

Miss Gladys Ryan came up from Omaha Monday evening to spend Christmas with her father, Art Ryan.

Marvin Van Every is spending Christmas vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, near Emmet.

Miss Mabel Erskine went to Norfolk Saturday night to spend Christmas at home, returning Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norb Uhl left Sunday for Anthon, Iowa, to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hudgel.

George Van Every spent Sunday here with his family and returned to his highway work near Bartlett Monday.

Bill Hammond, who is attending the University of Nebraska, arrived home Friday night to spend the holidays.

Ralph Oppen, who is attending the University of Nebraska arrived home Saturday night for the holidays.

Edward O'Donnell arrived Saturday night to spend Christmas at the home of his mother, Ellen O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, of Hampton, Iowa, arrived Monday night to spend Christmas with relatives here.

E. D. Leach and family left by automobile for Forest City, Mo., early Sunday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Edwards and children spent Sunday at the home of Bill Edwards near Venus, in Knox county.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, of Sioux City, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Robertson, of Joy.

Matthew Beha, who is attending Creighton University in Omaha, arrived Friday to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davies and children, Doris and Miles, of Deer Trail, Colo., arrived Saturday to spend a week with Mrs. Davies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter spent Christmas at the home of his mother, Mrs. S. E. Streeter, at Brunswick, Nebr.

Charles Manson slipped on oil at the oil pump plant and injured a knee previously hurt. He will be laid up several days.

Frank Gallagher came up Sunday from St. Louis, Mo., to spend the Yuletide holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. P. Gallagher.

Mrs. Gaius Cadwell and children went to Broken Bow to spend Christmas vacation visiting with Mrs. Cadwell's parents.

Members of the O'Neill volunteer fire department offer the public their eighth annual ball on New Year's eve at Danceland.

Frank O'Donnell, of Dallas Texas, arrived Sunday night to spend Christmas at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell.

Miss Adel Calvin went to Wahoo Saturday to visit with her folks over Christmas. She returned to this city Tuesday night.

Mrs. Roy Johnson visited relatives at Sioux City Saturday and returned home on the Burlington passenger train Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beha, of Sioux City, arrived here Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. Beha's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Beha.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter and children partook of Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hubbard at Chambers.

Small grain prices have been sagging daily but those who know say a startling upshoot may occur any day and hold for years.

Bill Wehl, local agent for the Texas Oil Company left Monday morning for Beloit, Kans., to spend Christmas with his parents.

Dr. Merle Hunt, of Battle Creek, arrived here Sunday and spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hunt.

Mrs. Mary McLeod and daughter, Mrs. Bessie Baker, of Omaha, arrived Saturday night to spend the holidays at the Clinton Gatz home.

Mary Joan Finley, who is attending the holiday season at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Biglin. She expects to remain here until the 7th of January.

Helen Nymals, who is attending the Helen Nymals school, arrived home Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Toy.

Wayne Morrison, who is attending Mary Morrison, who is attending to spend the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison.

Kimball, S. D., came to this city Tuesday and spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Snell.

Hugh O'Donnell drove up from Omaha last Saturday to spend Christmas with his parents. He returned to Omaha Christmas afternoon.

George Van Every, state highway foreman, was called to Bartlett last week on business connected with the highway department.

John McCarthy, employed by the federal government at Omaha, is home for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCarthy.

Coach Elmer Stolte, spending Christmas with relatives at Atkinson, plans, according to a student, to go to Denver to vacation with relatives.

The Burlington railway has been using a steam locomotive in place of the gas-electric fuss-lizzard the last week, much to the delight of children along the line.

Chet Calkins assisted a relative from Grand Island in rounding-up mules near Bassett last week. The mules were destined for the great-st horse and mule market in the world—Grand Island.

Bill Griffin, of Lincoln, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays visiting friends and relatives here and in Atkinson.

District Judge R. R. Dickson and J. D. Cronin left Thursday morning for Omaha to attend the state bar meeting at Omaha.

Mary Lois Hammond, who is attending Wayne Teachers college, arrived home Friday night to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hammond.

The first several feet of ground surface here is saturated with water frozen so it cannot escape and spring planting seems certain to be made under ideal conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Credle and daughter, Judith, came up from Omaha Saturday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Credle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell.

Mrs. Martin Blomberg, of White Wood, S. D., arrived in the city Monday evening and will spend two weeks visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Egger and daughter, Sharon Kay, returned to their home at Columbus Thursday morning. They spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Goldie Liddy.

Miss Roberta Arbutnot arrived Saturday from St. Paul Minn., to spend the holidays with her parents in this city. She is taking post graduate work at the University of Minnesota.

A friend of Raymond and Alvin Bausch, pupils attending the public school here, reports that the boys were to start for Wyoming astride a motorcycle to visit relatives in the "cow country."

Patrick Boyle, rancher living 10 miles south of Chambers, visited here Monday with his sons, Patrick and James, and left that afternoon to spend Christmas with relatives at Atkinson.

William J. Hammond, Jr., who is attending the Nebraska University at Lincoln, accompanied his father, W. J., Sr., home Friday. W. J. senior had been on a business trip to the capitol city.

Marie Biglin, of Salt Lake City, Utah, came Sunday night to spend the holiday season at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Biglin. She expects to remain here until the 7th of January.

Reports from upper Eagh's creek valley indicate several night hunts after racoon have been planned for mid-winter. Those who have participated say there is nothing as exciting as coon hunting.

George Barnett, of South Sioux City, well known here, conductor on a Burlington passenger run to O'Neill a few years ago, visited here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell last week.

A. M. Turner, manager of the Armour poultry plant in this city, went to South Dakota Sunday to visit at Eton, Salem and Mitchell and to spend Christmas at home. He returned to O'Neill Tuesday.

Margaret, Phyllis, Merle and Donald, sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell left here on the Burlington passenger train last Saturday morning for a brief visit with friends at Sioux City.

Coyotes are heard yowling near midnight here and it is presumed they have increased or moved in from drouth areas to partake of the abundant rabbit crop here. A community wolf hunt might prove entertaining and profitable.

Last Friday night Marvin Van Every and William Maxwell, boys, skating on Carlon's lake, ran into a thin-iced water hole used by the Lawrence family in watering livestock. Besides a free ice-cold bath no serious results were suffered.

An old fashioned blizzard forecast for last Saturday for this section turned tail and roared across from Colorado, Wyoming and Montana north of us to the Great Lakes, leaving two and three feet of snow for Santa Claus' sleigh.

Cronk-Riley

Last Wednesday morning, December 26, the wedding of Miss Thelma Riley, daughter of Mrs. Ella Riley of this city, and Mr. James H. Cronk, of Page, was solemnized at eight o'clock at St. Patrick's Catholic church here by V. Rev. John G. McNamara.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Cronk, of Orchard, cousins to the groom. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cronk, the newlyweds, are teaching school and honeymoon plans are held in abeyance until after the close of the schools in the spring. Tentatively, a honeymoon may include visiting the cities of Omaha and Kansas City with the rest of the itinerary indefinite at this time.

Residence of this couple is to be on a farm four and one-half miles southwest of Inman and there they will be at home on or near May 15. The couple start on married life with the hearty well wishes of The Frontier as well as those of all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

Order Blanks For Seed Are Available

Supplemental seed stocks of adapted and superior varieties of grain held by the AAA as a seed conservation measure will be distributed to Holt county farmers at flat prices based on actual cost of the seed as grain, plus handling, cleaning and storage charges.

P. H. Stewart, extension agronomist at the Nebraska college of agriculture and member of the federal seed stocks committee, this week, informed Agricultural Agent, F. M. Reece, of the prices. Spring wheat of the Marquis and Ceres varieties will sell for \$1.35 per bu., feed barley of the Trebi variety will sell for \$1.10 per bu., melting barley for \$1.35 per bu., and oats for 75 cents per bu.

The Holt county drouth committee composed of F. M. Reece, Roy Worden and Dave Bowen, will have charge of the distribution of the seed here. Seed now largely held in elevators in primary country distributing points will start moving as soon as allocations to drouth counties have been made on the basis of needs as determined by recent surveys. Farmers wanting seed should place their orders with the county committee.

The total amount of seed held by the AAA is small in comparison to the total requirements probably not accounting to more than 50 per cent of the defect. However, the primary purposes of the program is to protect superior varieties that have been developed over a period of years, from extinction thru feeding, or mixing or processing. Local elevators and seed houses approved by the county committee will distribute the government held seed to producers who will handle the receipts from sales.

OPPORTUNITY

District No. 127 gave a Christmas entertainment consisting of music, a play entitled "Christmas at the Stebins," a tree and old Santa himself. Mary Van Avery is the teacher.

Leslie Van Every is home for the Christmas vacation.

Those who are away attending school and are home for the holidays are, Ella Isert, O'Neill, Helen Cleveland, Plainview, Harold Young, Wayne, and Loretta Landman, O'Neill.

Christmas day one of Holt county's largest and undoubtedly healthiest and brightest families took dinner here at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Bellar. The family is that of Mr. and Mrs. John Bellar of near Emmet. The children are: Clayton, 17, Evelyn, 16, Floyd, 15, Ruth, 14, Doris, 12, Mary, 10, John and James, twins, 9, Francis, 8, Millie, 6, and Ralph, 4. All of the Bellar children are living. The Bellar farm is six miles west of O'Neill and three east of Emmet.

Santa Claus delivered a sample of actual artie circle weather here Christmas morning at about 5:30 a. m. Those who went to the Catholic church before that time, to attend 6 o'clock Mass, experienced very mild December weather. On taking the air again about 8 o'clock it was found a zero temperature prevailed with a strong north wind spitting snow and promising a blizzard that did not materialize.

O'Neill Basket Ball Teams Victorious

Last Thursday evening on the local public school gym floor the basketball team of that institution won over the St. Joseph's Hall team of Atkinson 38 to 9. Second teams of the same schools played a game and again O'Neill won, the score reading 17 to 2.

Friday evening on the academy floor here the St. Mary's basketball team won over Orchard, Nebr., 24 to 12. A game between eighth grade teams of the school was won by St. Mary's 18 to 7.

Public School Band Gives First Concert

The first public appearance here last Thursday afternoon of the public school band under direction of Lyle M. Durham was a revelation of what the right man in the right place can accomplish. It seems impossible children with practically no knowledge of music last September 1, should be capable of furnishing music that would be a credit to an adult band having years of practice.

Those who heard the band frankly said they were astonished. It is evident now that within a few months this band is to become one that the rest of Nebraska and southern South Dakota shall marvel at and make every effort to hear.

O'Neill has found that Durham, besides meaning something good to smoke, means the best to be had in the way of good music.

Award Contract For Paving of 4th Street

Last Saturday Mayor John Kersenbrock announced that the bid of the Roberts construction company of Lincoln for \$27,992 for the paving of one-half mile from the center of town south to the Chicago & Northwestern railway tracks had been accepted.

Work on this job, the mayor said, should get under way by January 15 and the north end block would be full width with the balance 20 feet wide.

A job of paving here last summer, one mile east-west, was done by the Roberts company for \$48,029.

The new paving will connect with that laid last summer. No facts regarding the number of local men to be employed could be obtained at this time.

Chevrolet Agency Here Changes Hands

C. M. Miller and C. F. Lundgren of Valentine, will next week enter the Chevrolet business in this city, under the name of the Miller Chevrolet company. Negotiations for the purchase of the Chevrolet agency were concluded last week.

Mr. Lundgren will move here and take over the management of the business. The Frontier welcomes him to the business life of O'Neill.

Skating Pond Ready

Mayor John Kersenbrock said Thursday that the skating pond, located three blocks east from the center of town, on Douglas street, is flooded and in readiness for use. Two lights with reflectors will be placed, one at each end, so the rink may be used at night.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

A. J. May, Pastor
10 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., Worship service, special music by the choir. Sermon—"A New Year Opportunity."

6:30, Epworth League program.
7:30, Song service, special music by Junior choir. Sermon—"Another Chance."

The Epworth League will hold a New Year Watch party next Monday evening at the church basement.

THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Rev. Albert P. Swanson
Dec. 30 service at 3 p. m. Sermon "The Comfort of the Holy Ghost."

Prayer Service Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilsey, 407 E. John.
Welcome.

Last Wednesday morning, Judge R. L. Dickson sentenced Alex Holt Green, 32, to three years in the penitentiary on a recent jury conviction here of cattle stealing. The case had its inception about last June 5, when C. N. Thompson, 90, rancher near Amelia, missed two yearling calves.