



Bruce and Nip . . . the tractor overturned on the boy and the dog streaked for help.—The Frontier Photo.

Obedient Dog Saves Boy from Exposure

Mother-in-Law Loses Six Teeth

Gibson Also Attacks His Wife

Albert Nelson Gibson, 34, Atkinson truck driver, Tuesday afternoon pleaded innocent to charges of assault with intent to inflict great bodily harm. He was charged in Holt county court in preliminary hearing.

Gibson, who has been in scrapes before, was bound over to district court. He did not post four-hundred-dollar appearance bond and is being held in Holt county jail.

Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin said Gibson is charged with attacking his mother-in-law, Mrs. Florence Scripser of Atkinson, on her premises and later turned on his wife, Marjorie, inflicting personal injury on both.

Mrs. Gibson last spring filed suit for divorce against her husband, Griffin said six of Mrs. Scripser's teeth were knocked out and her jaw bone was shattered, requiring the attention of a doctor for several hours. Mrs. Gibson received blackened eyes.

The alleged incident took place Saturday night, December 20, at Atkinson.

Gibson has served time in the state men's reformatory and has been a frequent guest at the Holt county jail.

Atkinson police arrested Gibson that night and Mrs. Scripser signed the complaint Monday. Holt Sheriff Leo Tomjacek immediately transferred Gibson to the Holt jail.

The Holt county courthouse will close at 3 o'clock Wednesday, and remain closed until 8:30 a.m. Friday.

Johnsons Quietly Note 54th

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Johnson quietly celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 21, at their home on West Hancock St. Eleven members of their immediate family were present for dinner.

Three weeks ago Mrs. Johnson, 72, stumbled on a rug in the home and suffered a compound fracture of the thumb on her left hand. She was hospitalized three days and carries the fractured members in casts.

Mr. Johnson, 77, was born November 26, 1882, in Pawnee county. He came from a family of four sons and three daughters. Two brothers and the three sisters are deceased. Only surviving members are L. O. (Left), also of O'Neill, and himself.

Mrs. Johnson's maiden name was May Hays. She was born August 28, 1886 at Table Rock, also in Pawnee county.

They were married at the courthouse in Pawnee City and went to Kansas by team and carriage on a two-weeks wedding trip. The couple established housekeeping on a farm north of Pawnee City. They spent two years in Kansas and in 1919 came to Holt county where they farmed near O'Neill two years.

Mr. Johnson gravitated into the carpentry trade—his first love—and the work took the family to Ansley. In 1938 they moved to Lincoln where they resided nine years. In the spring of 1947 they returned to O'Neill and have continued to reside here since.

About two years ago Mr. Johnson retired from active carpentry work.

Of four girls and one son in the Hays family, Mrs. Johnson and her sister, Mrs. Clara Johnson, also of O'Neill, are the only survivors.

The Johnsons' daughters are Mrs. M. L. (Mabel) Harmon of O'Neill, Mrs. Lowell (Leta) John-

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PAGE—Headwork of Bruce Bowen, 14, and obedience, footwork and headwork of a bobtailed shepherd dog averted tragedy near here Friday.

Bruce was released from an antiquated tractor sooner than he anticipated and a bruised leg will be a memento of a yuletide accident that could have been much more serious.

Friday Bruce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bowen, living northeast of town, appropriated his father's tractor to go to the shelterbelt in search of pine branches for use for Christmas decorations.

While cutting across the road through a ditch, the tractor overturned, pinning young Bowen underneath.

The tractor landed almost in the fence row. The pinned youth was able to wiggle off a piece of fence wire. He then tore off a piece of his coat and wrapped it around the thumb of his mitten. With wire, he tied the coat and mitten to the neck of Nip, his shepherd companion.

Mrs. Bowen promptly received the SOS message and summoned her husband. They rushed to the scene, convinced that something had happened.

The father lined up another tractor and loader and liberated his son. Bruce was alright except for a badly bruised leg. Had he fallen forward, the accident would have been more serious.

Bruce and Nip have been fast friends for years. Their association dates to Bruce's pre-school days. Bruce is an eighth grader in the nearby rural school, where he reported for classes on time Monday morning.

There will be no pine branches in the Bowen home this Christmas.

North-Holt Pioneer Is Dead at 88

John S. Gallagher Succumbs Following Eight - Day Illness

Funeral services for John S. Gallagher, 88, a longtime resident of Atkinson, were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, December 22, at St. Joseph's Catholic church. Burial was in the family plot in Calvary cemetery in O'Neill under direction of the Seger funeral home.

Mr. Gallagher died at Atkinson Memorial hospital last Thursday, December 18, after being a patient eight days.

Fullbearers were nephews—Francis, John and Clarence Murphy, all of O'Neill; Mike Bonenberger and Ray Pettinger, both of Atkinson, and Joseph Pongratz of Emmet.

The late Mr. Gallagher was born February 6, 1870, in Pennsylvania. He was the son of Thomas J. and Mary Swift Gallagher, and was among the early settlers in northern Holt county.

After farming north of O'Neill for many years, he retired about 20 years ago to an acreage at the east edge of Atkinson. After the death of his wife, Bridget, on July 5, 1943, he moved in the west part of Atkinson.

His wife's maiden name was Bridget Dixon.

Survivors include: Son—Steve of Omaha; daughter—Mrs. Harry (Margaret) Ford of White Salmon, Wash.; sisters—Mrs. Teresa Connelly of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Nellie O'Donnell of Atkinson; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Revells Plan 50th Wedding Event

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Revell of the Star community will hold open house on Sunday, December 28, from 1 until 4 p.m. in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Revell reside 12 miles east, 10 north, three east and 2 1/4 north of O'Neill.

Drive to Gordon—

INMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Geary and family and G. H. Geary drove to Gordon Sunday to visit relatives. Mr. Geary's grandmother had a leg, amputated above the knee a few weeks ago. She also met her new little granddaughter, whom she had never seen.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Fred R. Potts, 21, of Bartlett, and Carolyn Yvonne Senn, 18, of Bartlett, December 19.

Clarence Leon Sisson, 55, of Ewing and Geneva Elvera Johnson, 43, of Oakland, December 22.

Patrick V. Hickey and Mrs. Irene Martin, both of O'Neill, December 23.

Gerald Michael O'Connor, 23, of Farmers and Doris Elaine Boque, 23, of Atkinson, December 23.

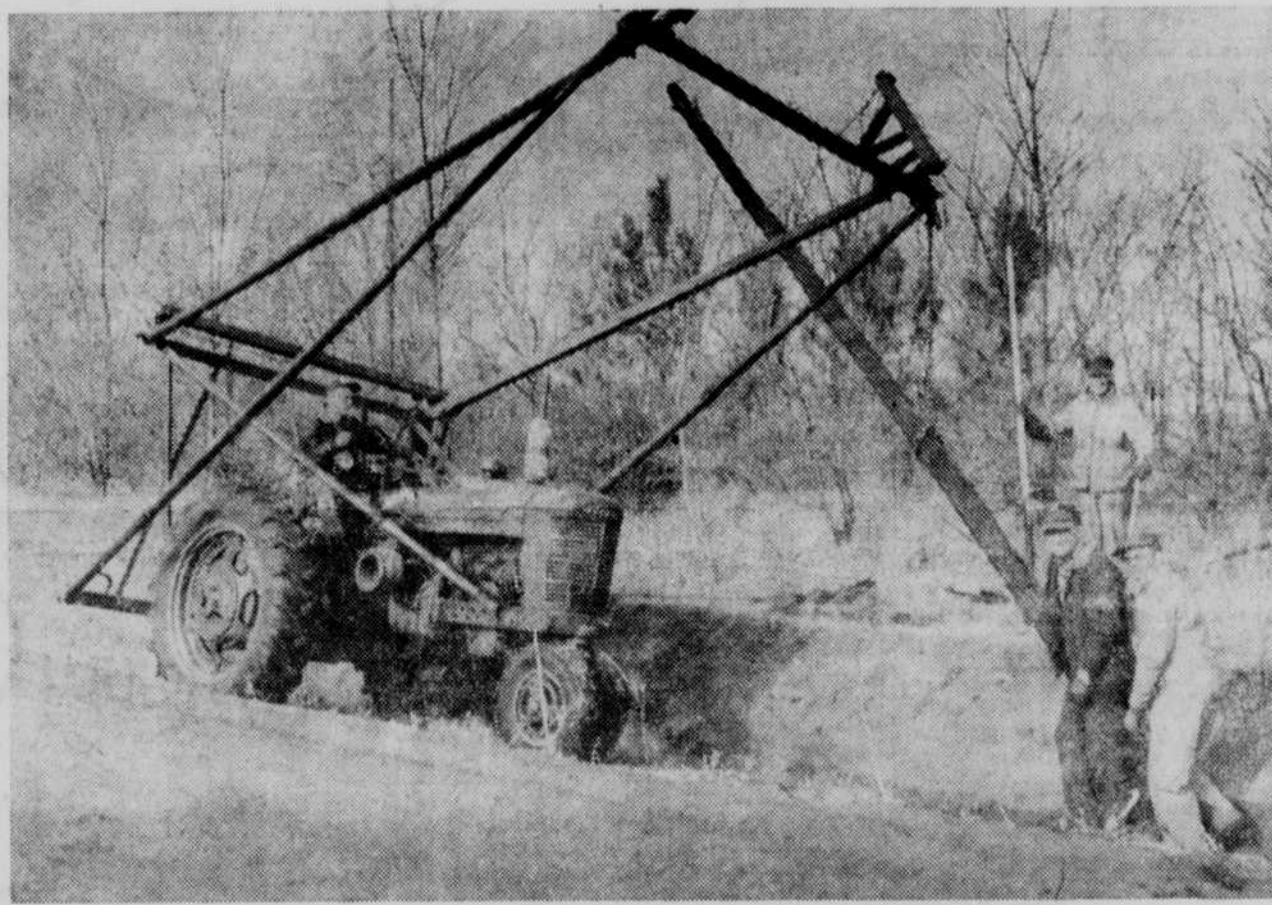
ALFRENT hour gift suggestion: A FRONTIER gift subscription.



'Merry Christmas, Everyone' Say First Graders

First graders of St. Mary's academy are saying "Merry Christmas" at the annual program held Monday evening in the school gym. Each class in the elementary school—from kindergarten to the eighth grade—participated. Pictured in front is Kristie Abart (left), as Mrs. Santa Claus. Charles Gonderinger is Santa. Kneeling in front are Peggy Hammond and Timmy Gray, the brownies. Behind them are the Jacks-in-the-boxes—Charles Artus, Charles Bosn,

Terry Hanciter, Charles Appleby and Jimmy DeWitt; dancing dolls in the next row are Jeanne McDonald, Constance Zastrow, Sally Stewart, Mary Kay McCarville, Teresa Templemeyer, Nancy Sindelar and Ellen Coker. A few of the Christmas fairies (peeking through) are Kathy Everitt, Janice Onohoe, Nan Kersenbrock, Linda Fuhrer, Debbie Hynes. The toy rabbit is Steven Harmon. A singing doll (extreme right) is Eugenia Gallagher.—The Frontier Photo.



Arlie Juracek (on tractor), Elmer Juracek and Frank Kopejka (foreground), Charles V. Cole (background) . . . the new telephone line is a community project.—The Frontier Photo.

Multiple Conversations Soon—

South Star Lines Going Up

SOUTH STAR — The new 60-odd mile South Star telephone company's line under construction is moving along according to schedule. Soon about 40 farms, now without telephone service, will be connected to the O'Neill exchange with a modern system that readily lends itself to conversion to dial phones when the time comes.

The South Star company was formed this fall to bring phone service to isolated farmers northeast of O'Neill. Previously the Star community enjoyed multiple switching through Page, Verdigris and Lynch. Exchanges in those towns switched over to the dial system, leaving Star high-and-dry. Farmers and ranchers south of Atkinson, raised funds for their own, solicited some and during recent weeks have been feverishly working on the community project, grubbing out trees where necessary, distributing poles, digging holes and erecting poles.

Monday was no exception in spite of the holiday season. Three crews were at work in the neighborhood of the Leonard special

barrow when The Frontier special events unit called.

A mechanical posthole digger is used to provide settings for the poles which vary in height (depending upon the situation) from 16 to 35 ft.

The new line will cost in the neighborhood of 20-thousand-dollars but much of the labor is volunteered.

Carrier stations and boosters are being installed to provide properly engineered volume and enable multiple conversations on the two-strand line. Northwestern Bell has assigned a foreman and professional engineering services. From Zell's standpoint the South Star line is a pilot.

Nonagenarian, Queen of Niobrara Fete, Leaves 184 Survivors

NIORRARA—Mrs. Martha Ann Mayberry, 93, who leaves 184 descendants, died at her home Saturday, December 20.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday, December 22, at Niobrara Lutheran church. Rev. John C. Heidbreder officiated.

The body lay in state at Jones' funeral home until the funeral hour. Burial was in L'Eau Qui Court cemetery at Niobrara.

She was born March 7, 1865, in Indiana, the daughter of William and Christiana Bloodhart.

Her husband, Grimes Mayberry, died July 28, 1942.

Mrs. Mayberry was crowned queen of the Niobrara centennial celebration several years ago. The king, Frank Lenger, died at the age of 99 on May 6, 1958.

Mrs. Mayberry's survivors include: Daughters—Mrs. Clyde (Inez) McGlade of Niobrara; Mrs. Clayton (Velma) Tripp of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Mrs. Myrtle Nitz, Mrs. Katie Magdeira and Mrs. William (Mary) Pease, all of Niobrara; Mrs. Tom (Ruby) Carr of Hillsboro, Ore.; and Mrs. Cameron (Anna) Coones of Spotted Horse, Wyo.; 43 grandchildren; 116 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

Price Infant Dies in Omaha—

Funeral service for Loretta Ann Price, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Price of 412 Lincoln Blvd., Omaha, were held at 9 a.m. at John A. Gentleman mortuary. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Survivors include: Parents; brothers—Melvin, Lawrence, Lester and Leo; grandparents—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest P. Price of O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cuny of Buffalo Gap, S.D.

Pack Christmas Boxes for Home

INMAN—Mrs. James M. McMahon attended Past Matron's club at the home of Mrs. John Osenbaugh in O'Neill Thursday afternoon when the members packed two boxes of gifts for the Masonic Eastern Star children's home at Fremont.

Mrs. Osenbaugh served refreshments at the close of the afternoon.

ARCHER HITS

STUART — Linden Mulford of Stuart last week bagged a deer near the Niobrara river, north of Stuart. He got the 130-pound doe with a bow-and-arrow.

Sunday-Schools in Christmas Programs

The Christmas program at the Methodist church Sunday consisted of songs, recitations and special selections by the junior choir. Donald Maw, Sunday-school superintendent, was director, assisted by Mrs. Glenn Kennicott and Konnie Kurtz, organist.

First Presbyterian church used colored slides to tell the Christmas story. Costumed Sunday-school children dramatized Christ's birth with Sonita Wilson as narrator. Miss Ann Johnson accompanied the children as they sang carols.

The Frontier Goes to Press Early

This week's issue of The Frontier went to press 24 hours earlier than usual in order that most subscribers would have their paper ahead of the Christmas holiday.

Some newsmatter and pictures have been omitted because time did not permit developing extra pages.

Since October 1 The Frontier has published 20 pages MORE than any other newspaper in the area.

The publishers and staff extend warmest Christmas greetings to Frontier friends everywhere!

Pauline Poesnecker Expires in Hospital

Resident of County Since 1920

ATKINSON — Funeral services for Mrs. Pauline Poesnecker, 82, were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, at St. John's Lutheran church here.

Rev. Emil Kuehn officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery under direction of the Seger funeral home.

Mrs. Poesnecker died Sunday, December 21, in Atkinson Memorial hospital.

She was born July 20, 1876, in Grossinger Scheim, Germany, the daughter of Wilhelm and Christine Blattert Happold. She came to the United States May 1, 1898, and settled at Stanton. She was united in marriage to William Poesnecker June 4, 1898, at Stanton.

In 1920 the family moved to Inman and in 1927 moved to Atkinson where she continued to reside. Mr. Poesnecker died October 4, 1931.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. Oswald (Erma) Gollfuss of Page; sons—Ottmar, Rudolf, Eugene, Thilo and Werner, all of Atkinson; 19 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Inman Lodge Stages 3d Degree, O'Neill

INMAN—Seven members of the Inman IOOF lodge drove to O'Neill Wednesday evening, December 17, where they were guests of the O'Neill IOOF lodge.

The Inman lodge put on the third degree.

Low-Grade Fuel Blamed for Fires

O'Neill firemen were harassed Saturday afternoon by a series of fires along the Chicago & North Western railroad tracks between Inman and O'Neill.

One break out, five miles east of Inman, burned off a strip nearly a mile long.

Fire, started by a diesel locomotive burning low-grade fuel, broke out in about five different places.

Firemen were also summoned to the Norbert Uhl property, south of the tracks. There was no damage. But Fred Snowdard nosed his truck into a ditch. Here's what happened:

One of the O'Neill fire trucks sped around the southbound Snowdard truck in the city limits, pulling ahead of the city limits, within a short distance, pulled to a stop. Brakes failed on Snowdard's truck and he took the ditch in order to avoid crashing into the rear of the fire truck.

In other words, Snowdard wasn't following the fire truck, then he was, then he wasn't.

Purviance Burned in Denver Explosion

LYNCH—Leroy Purviance, jr., of Denver, Colo., formerly of Lynch, was severely burned Saturday evening while working at a Denver gas station. He suffered second and third degree burns about the face, neck, hands, arms and legs.

Purviance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Purviance, sr., of Lynch.

Firemen theorized young Purviance was hurt when a heating stove caused fumes from nearby cleaning fluid to explode.

Commercial Club Provides Treats

INMAN—The grade school put on the annual Christmas program in the school auditorium Thursday evening. After the program Santa made his annual appearance with treats for all the children present. The Inman Commercial club sponsored the treats.



The Johnsons . . . they always returned to O'Neill. — The Frontier Photo.