

Chorus to Be Heard in Christmas Chorale

Economy-Sized Snowstorm Hits

Traffic Grinds to Halt Here

An economy-sized snowstorm moved into the north-central Nebraska region Saturday and dumped eight inches of snow at O'Neill.

Elsewhere in the region the fall measured up to 15 inches.

Ol' Man Winter, jumping the gun some 2 1/2 weeks, buffeted the region with strong north winds that piled high the snow and choked communications.

Spencer, Atkinson, Butte and Newport reported 10 inches of snow; Chambers, 8; Ewing, 7; Jamison, Naper and Burton, 12 to 15 inches.

The Midway locality north of O'Neill received about a foot of snow.

By midafternoon most traffic on the three U.S. highways and O'Neill streets had drawn to a halt. Stores and shops were closed at 5:30 p.m., and residents dug in to weather the remainder of the snow and blow.

The winds continued unabated during most of the night. Visibility was nil during the height of the storm and snowplow equipment was pulled in off the highways.

By 10 o'clock Tuesday morning U.S. highway 20 had been opened eastward to Plainview and beyond and westward to Ainsworth and beyond. By noon U.S. highway 281 was opened north to Spencer and beyond and south to Grand Island.

U.S. highway 275 to Ewing, Neligh and Norfolk was the first to be opened. Ice conditions harassed motorists east of here.

State highway 12 was not opened to Jamison until 5 o'clock Sunday evening and it was 9 o'clock before the east-west highway was cleared as far as Burton.

Many activities were halted during the weekend and hotels and motels were filled with stranded motorists.

Telephone communications at the toll center here continued operative although two Omaha circuits were knocked out.

Saturday buses were annulled and mainline Chicago & North Western passenger-mail-express trains were operating behind schedule.

A "freeze-up" in the Pullman caused eastbound train 14, Chadron to Omaha, to be held at O'Neill five hours.

Official precipitation here from the snow amounted to .70. The moisture was welcomed by farmers and ranchers. Top soil had been so dry, many reasoned, the ground was not frozen and much of the moisture would work in.

Early Sunday the residents began to dig out from under the moisture-laden blanket.

Consumers Public Power district's 13-county headquarters here reported little difficulty except for a three-hour outage at Dakota City on the easternmost end of the system.

Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack said the county was free of accident during the ordeal.

By midweek most of the rural roads that had been blocked were opened only to one-way traffic and persons using those routes said additional snow and wind could easily block those roads again.

Week's weather summary based on 24-hour periods ending at 6 p.m., daily:

	HI	LO
December 1	35	18
December 2	30	15
December 3	20	12
December 4	15	8
December 5	25	3
December 6	34	10
December 7	19	5

Check Forger Gets Year in Reformatory

Tony Williams, 22, a Californian, Tuesday was sentenced to one-year in the men's reformatory at Lincoln on a check-forger charge. He admitted guilt in a preliminary hearing Friday and was bound over to the district court.

Meanwhile, his companion, Adolph Probst, 25, an Indian formerly of Gordon, changed his plea in connection with the same incident. Probst is being held in jail here.

Tomjack said he would take Williams to the reformatory on Saturday.

Fair Group Schedules Meeting

CHAMBERS—The annual meeting of Holt County Agricultural society will be held Saturday, December 10, at the Golden Gate theatre in Chambers. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m.

The annual report will be made. There will be an election of directors to the board to replace those whose terms have expired.

All those holding memberships are invited to attend, according to Edwin A. Wink, secretary.

To Make Extended Stay in Indiana—ATKINSON—Jake Siegler, who recently held a public sale of his personal property will leave today (Thursday) for Hammond, Ind., for an extended stay with his brothers.

Community Christmas Chorale

is being presented Sunday by the O'Neill Civic Chorus. Featured this year along with the chorus and soloists will be vocalists from Atkinson high school, St. Mary's academy and O'Neill public school with their respective instructors—Miss Leona Kilmurry, Miss Alvira Ramm and Mr. Richard C. Smithson.

The cantata, "When the Christ Child Came" by Clokey, will present the chorus and soloists to the accompaniment of an instrumental group of winds, string bass and piano. The afternoon's highlight is expected to be the performance of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah". A 25-piece band will join the chorus for this final selection.

Soloists to be heard in the cantata are Marde Birmingham, Sybil Griffin, Rahe ("Bennie") Johnson, Julia Smithson and Richard C. Smithson. Appearing as soloist with the chorus for the first time is Miss Birmingham, a former student of Sister M. Flores at St. Mary's academy and of Mrs. Joseph Lang in Omaha.

She sang with the Duchesne college singers for three years. Also making her debut as a soloist, Mrs. Smithson has studied and performed in Lead, S.D., and Yankton (S.D.) college.

Performance time is 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 11, 1955 in the high school auditorium. The public is invited. There is to be no admission charge.

Van Buren Trial Delayed by Storm

BUTTE—The motor vehicle homicide trial of Willard Van Buren, 20, of Spencer, scheduled to have been heard by a jury starting Monday, December 5, was postponed. District Judge D. R. Mounts of O'Neill said a new date will be set.

Van Buren, a father, is defendant in the case brought by the state of Nebraska. Van Buren is charged in connection with the one-car auto accident in which Danny Kersch, 16, of Spencer, was fatally injured. Kersch was a passenger in Van Buren's car when the machine went out of control August 22 on U.S. highway 281 two miles west of Spencer.

For the first time in Boyd county history, women had been summoned for jury duty. Of the 36 jurors that had been called, 15 were women.

New Radio Station Now in Operation

Nebraska's newest radio station is on the air at O'Neill. The studio and transmitter are located across the street west from Ford's park in West O'Neill.

Station KVIHC, under the management of Robert D. LaRue, has started operation, with a daily schedule of broadcasts from 6 a.m., to 12 midnight. The station is rated at 250 watts at 1400 kc.

LaRue came here from Ft. Morgan, Colo. where he was associated with station KFTM. He is co-owner of the O'Neill station with Russell Stewart, who operates stations KNEB at Scottsbluff, and KOLR at Sterling, Colo.

Staff includes Mr. and Mrs. LaRue, Allan Martin, John Tenborg and Ray Clifton.

Saddle Club to Elect Officers

Annual turkey dinner for members of the O'Neill Saddle club, and their families will be held at 6:30 p.m., Sunday at the American Legion club here. The affair was originally scheduled for Sunday, December 4, but had to be postponed because of impassable road conditions.

Annual election of officers will be held. Present officers are: Roy Bowen, president; Buck Edmisten, vice president; William Murray, secretary, and James Donohoe, treasurer. Members of the board of directors are Virgil Laursen, C. E. McVay and Bernard Allen.

Officials Plan for State Meet

Members of the Holt county board of supervisors and a number of other elected county officials plan to attend the state convention of the Nebraska County Officers' association. The convention will be held in Omaha Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 14, 15 and 16.

Meanwhile, the board has scheduled a brief business session for Tuesday, December 20.

A county road petition, not yet completed, may be one of the items on the agenda, County Clerk Kenneth Waring said.

Makes Application for Drink License

Joyce Darling, proprietor of the Town House, Tuesday evening petitioned the city council for a liquor by the drink license. The council set January 2, 1956, as a date for hearing on the application.

About six weeks ago two similar applications, including one from the Town House, and one application for a beer license were rejected by the council.

MAYOR STRICKEN

NELIGH—The mayor of this city, Walter Bradley, was stricken this week with a heart attack.

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WJAG
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9:30-10 A.M. — 780 k.c.

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Perkins, 60, Expires in Hospital

Cerebral Hemorrhage Suffered While in Auto Enroute Home

EMMET—Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Friday, December 9, from the Church of the Epiphany here for Thomas James Perkins, 60, veteran clerk in the John Conard grocery store.

Mr. Perkins, best-known as "Tom," died at 2:46 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, in St. Anthony's hospital.

He had entered his automobile near the Conard store Friday night and was enroute to his home in O'Neill when he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

He was unconscious when discovered in the car by Mr. Conard. Mr. Conard found the car with all four wheels on the sidewalk in front of the bank building.

Later, Mr. Perkins was transferred to the hospital at O'Neill where he died 3 1/2 days later. He was taken to the hospital by Gilbert Fox.

A rosary will be offered tonight (Thursday) at Biglin's chapel. Burial will be in Calvary cemetery. Pallbearers chosen are John Conard, Darcy Abart, Roland Wills and Edward Winkler.

Survivors include: Sisters—Mrs. James (Ida) O'Connor of O'Neill and Miss Mabel Perkins in Ainsworth; stepfather—Richard Heerten of Ainsworth; brother-in-law—James O'Connor of O'Neill; niece—Miss Marybelle O'Connor of Omaha.

When he was 14-years-old he accompanied his mother and two sisters to near Springview, in Keya Paha county, where they lived many years on a ranch.

Later, he went to Emmet to make his home with his sister, Mrs. O'Connor, who recently moved from Emmet to O'Neill. He assisted Mr. O'Connor in the tavern at Emmet between 1936 and 1941 and had been employed since that time by Mr. Conard.

He was a member of the Church of the Epiphany, and he was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother.

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Storm Brings Halt to Activity

EWING—The snowstorm, which moved into the Ewing vicinity Friday evening, brought business to a standstill. Many weekend trips were cancelled due to road conditions.

No church services were held at the Methodist and United Presbyterian churches. St. Peter's Catholic church held services as usual, but the attendance was small.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Leo Norman Woepfel, 21, of Ewing and Miss Jean Lavern Scholz, 19, of Inman on December 6.

Willard Eugene Fowler, 28, of Riverview and Donna Marie Ferris, 23, of Logn Pine, on December 6.

Miss Ella Rita Schmidt of Omaha spent last Thursday until Monday with her mother, Mrs. John Schmidt, and brother, Andrew.



This crowd of kids and teenagers Tuesday watched snow removal equipment clean the site of O'Neill's new ice skating rink.—The Frontier Photo.



Site of the new rink is five blocks north of Grattan township library on North Sixth street (immediately west of the old race track).—The Frontier Photo.

Auctioneer Dies in Plane Crash

Howard Schnell of Dickinson, N.D., well-known in Hereford sale circles in the midwest, was one of three persons killed last week when their chartered plane ran out of fuel and crashed near Hermosa, S.D. The plane was enroute from Broken Bow to Rapid City, S.D.

Schnell's death and the week-end blizzard obliged officers of the Niobrara Hereford association to postpone a sale which was scheduled to have been held Tuesday, December 6, at Butte. Schnell was to have been the auctioneer.

Sale Manager Walt Sire of Butte said the new date is Tuesday, December 13. Dewey Schaffer of O'Neill will be the auctioneer.

The show starts at 10 a.m.; the sale at 1 p.m. Twenty-six bulls and 12 females are entered. James Magnus of Miller, S.D., will be substitute judge.

Miss Marguerite Hoffman of Norfolk spent the weekend visiting her son, James.

Rink-Flooding Job Handed Reversals

O'Neill's ice skating rink bumped into obstacles this week and both involved Mother Nature.

Flooding of the rink last Thursday was abandoned when water refused to linger on the porous surface.

Special sealing material was ordered and arrived early Saturday. But then an eight-inch layer of snow fell.

Snow couldn't be removed until Tuesday.

Four firms—Shelhamer Equipment Co., Outlaw Implement Co., Harry R. Smith Implements and the Elkhorn Motel—volunteered snow-removal equipment and manpower to clear the area. The sealer is expected to be applied today (Thursday), and the rink will be ready for ice skating enthusiasts in just a few days.

The project had the personal supervision of Mayor Alva Marscellus and Chairman A. P. Jaskowiak of the city parks board. The rink is located on O'Neill public school property in the extreme northeast section of the city.

A hot drink stand is contemplated for the rink by the Jaycees.

Donald Rohde Files for Unicam

Donald E. Rohde of Lynch, a student at the University of Nebraska, filed last week for the 28th legislative district's seat in the unicameral Rohde was an unsuccessful candidate in the 1954 election. He was defeated by Frank Nelson of O'Neill, a veteran in the legislature.

Rohde will graduate next spring from the university.

Senator Nelson has not announced his plans regarding the 1956 election.

Auction Calendar

Saturday, December 10: Osborne's Appliance Store, complete and final close-out auction of electric and gas appliances; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer. (Details on page 9.)

Wednesday, December 14: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beed of Chambers; 32 head of cattle, machinery, feed, grain, some household goods; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; Chambers State bank, clerk. (Details on page 12.)

Friday, December 16: Real estate and personal property belonging to the late J. A. O and Victoria Woods, in Chambers; Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; Chambers State bank, clerk. (Details on page 11.)

Wednesday, January 4: William Clausen farm closeout north of O'Neill. (Details in subsequent issues.)

Mrs. Vernon Lorenz New Noble Grand

Officers were elected by Eden Rebekah lodge Friday. Mrs. Vernon Lorenz was elected noble grand, replacing Mrs. Donald Loy. Other officers elected were Mrs. Dwayne Philbrick, vice-grand; Mrs. Darrell Baker, secretary; Winnie Barger, treasurer, re-elected; Mrs. DeWayne Landis is retiring vice-grand and Mrs. Esther Harris was secretary.

The members discussed plans for a Christmas party.

BRUNSWICK—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Swan of Brunswick celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, despite the snowstorm.

The Swans were joined at the reception table by their attendants at the 1995 wedding—Mrs. Alex Lichty.

Nuptials Delayed Because of Storm

BUTTE—Miss Joyce Fay Holm of Butte formerly of Royal, and Gerry Sedlacek of Spencer were to have been married at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Butte Community church.

The principals in the wedding party had to contend with snow and more snow to show up for the wedding. They finally managed to assemble by 7 o'clock in the evening.

The couple left on a wedding trip—pressing closely behind snowplows.

COMPLETES BASIC
ATKINSON—Pvt. Dale Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunn, is spending a 13-day leave with his parents. Private Dunn recently completed his basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark. He will return to that base for further assignment.

20-Year Service Award to Young

Harold Young, member of the Holt County Soil Conservation Service staff, was honored at a dinner held Thursday evening. Members and families of the soil conservation district board, SCS staff and extension staff attended.

Mr. Young has been employed by the soil conservation service for over 20 years. He was awarded a certificate and lapel pin by C. L. Hill, unit conservator.

Following the dinner, Elmer Juracek showed slides of his trip to Arizona as representative of the supervisors in the Goodyear award. Neil Dawes showed slides of his summer college experience in Wisconsin. Some of the ladies toured the downtown streets for the window unveiling.

Mr. Young began his career in November, 1934, as senior foreman of laborers in the CCC camp at Humboldt. At that time the camp was under the direction of the forest service. In April, 1935, it was taken over by the newly-developed soil conservation service. Following that he was stationed at camps at Hebron, Wayne, Franklin and Pawnee City.

In March, 1943, he was transferred to the soil conservation district staff at Madison. In February, 1948, he joined the staff at O'Neill.

CHAMBERS—Rev. Howard Fanchet, director of the Board of Christian Education, Pastor Claycombe will represent the younger clergy in planning for the church. The entire emphasis of the conference will be centered on the theme of "Prayer".

The midweek Bible study and prayer fellowship of St. Paul's in Chambers will be used as a basis for discussion and possible adoption for all 5,300 congregations throughout the synod.

No Classes Monday Because of Roads

CHAMBERS—The Chambers town school and many of the country schools were cancelled Monday, December 5, because of the snow.

Sunday services at the Chambers Methodist church were also cancelled.

Edwin Wink reported that the weather gauge showed a snowfall of 8 inches. High wind Sunday piled it up.

Snow equipment was out Monday opening streets and roads. The rural mail carrier made only a portion of his route Saturday.

Tune in . . . "Voice of The Frontier" . . . Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 9:30, WJAG.

Bogus \$\$\$ to Be Given Three Days

Valuable Premiums to 'Sell' at Auction on Saturday Night

This is the weekend for the widely-heralded bogus dollar days.

Starting today (Thursday) and continuing through Friday and Saturday, many O'Neill merchants will issue a bogus (or phoney) dollar for each dollar spent in the various stores.

At 10 p.m., Saturday in the O'Neill public school auditorium, scores of premiums will be "sold" at auction and the make-believe money is to be used to "purchase" the premiums.

Cooperating stores and other business firms have filled the display windows at the Ponton Insurance and Dr. H. D. Gilder-sleeve offices (Golden hotel building, Fourth and Douglas).

Premiums range from small appliances and gift items to a sack of feed.

Store and shop windows were unveiled last Thursday evening and the color spectacle brought hundreds of visitors onto the streets. Non-related items in the display windows added special interest to the yule window unveiling. Persons who picked out the most non-related items will be announced Saturday, December 17, when Santa Claus makes his annual trip to O'Neill with a sleigh laden with treats for the kids.

These events are sponsored by the retail trade committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Secretary William S. Matforn said Wednesday no meeting of the Chamber will be held during December.

8 Seniors Listed on 2d Honor Roll

Principal Willard Solfersmoe of O'Neill high school has announced the honor roll for the second six weeks as follows:

Seniors—Mary Fetrow, Carolyn Lindberg, Marilyn Carroll, Kay Hibbs, Roger Neimeyer, Nina Burival, Robert Burival, Eddie Krugman.

Juniors—Linda Serek, Dennis Lindberg, Marlene Enner, Ver-netta Krogh, Gary Holcomb.

Sophomores—Michael Liddy, Judy Johnson, Jane Petersen, Lynda Haynes.

Freshmen—Konnie Kurtz, Betty Rodman, Jeannette Fricke, Jo-anna Booth, Elaine Krugman, Velma Ernst.

Supt. Milton J. Baack said the board of education of district 7 will meet Monday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Parent-Teachers' association will meet Friday, December 9, 9:30 a.m. The meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, December 5, but was postponed because of the snow.

Jaycees Planning Turkey Dinner

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, their wives and lady friends will participate in a turkey dinner at 6:30 p.m., Sunday at Slat's Supper club. This will be the first annual affair.

A social hour will precede the serving. Plans for a special speaker for the event have been dropped.

Meanwhile, the state Jaycee organization is actively scanning the field for prospective candidates for the annual young man of the year award.

Pie-Baking Contest Planned in January

The annual 4-H cherry pie baking contest will be held early in January. It was announced at the agricultural extension office this week.

The contest, to be held on January 1, is open to both girls and boys, who are between 14 and 21.

The contestants must have completed the required projects in food preparation. Additional information concerning the contest can be secured at the county agent's office. Specific announcements of the place and date for the contest will be made at a later date.

Dexter, Benash Are Inductees

The following Holt county selective service registrants were inducted into the army Thursday, December 1: Donald R. Dexter of Amelia and Delbert R. Benash of O'Neill.

MASONS ELECT
STUART—At a regular meeting of the Masonic lodge, Charles Mulford was elected worshipful master. Robert Warden is the new junior warden and Donald Krotter was reelected treasurer.



Eagles retain city cage crown . . . Bob Porter, Frank Fetrow, Jim Johnson, Bob Young. (Story on page 12).—The Frontier Photo.