



Robert Gaylor of Atkinson (right) exhibits a buck deer brought into the O'Neill checking station Saturday afternoon. Tagging the deer is George Schildman of Lincoln, who staffed the O'Neill station during the four-day season.—The Frontier Photo.

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Pruden, 53, Is Fatally Injured

Former O'Neill Man Driver of Auto Which Hit Truck

CLEARWATER — Oscar Pruden, 53, village marshal here for the past two years and formerly a proprietor of the Moore hotel at O'Neill, died at 1:30 a.m., Monday, December 12, in Antelope Memorial hospital at Neligh.

He was injured about 11 o'clock Saturday morning when the westbound car he was driving slid on slippery U.S. highway 275 on the curve at the west edge of Oakdale. His machine struck the rear of a Clark Bros. truck being driven by Virgil David Klug, 25, of Norfolk.

Four other persons in Pruden's car were hurt, one seriously.

Mr. Pruden was conscious most of the time until death. Physicians doubted if surgery could have saved his life. He suffered severe chest injuries from the steering wheel.

Mr. Pruden had driven to Beemer to meet relatives. The passengers in his car were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steinbeck, sr., of Marsh, Mont., their sons, Fred Jerome, jr., and Kenneth Cornelius. The Steinbecks were enroute to Clearwater to visit relatives.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) from the Clearwater public school auditorium. Rev. Lee Bridgen, Methodist pastor at Ewing, will officiate.

The late Mr. Pruden was born in Iowa.

Survivors include: Widow — Mae; stepsons—Robert and Doyle Keller, both of Beemer; Mrs. Edward (Arlene) Kirkpatrick of O'Neill and Mrs. Jack (June) Van Ness of Omaha and Mrs. Floyd (Maxine) McManis of Beemer; sisters — Mrs. Benjamin Larson of Ewing and Mrs. Mary Malone of California; brothers — J. L. Pruden of Ewing and Henry Pruden of California.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry.

Mr. Pruden and his wife, the former Mae Keller, operated a hotel at O'Neill four years.

Funeral Today for Former Holt Resident—

CHAMBERS—Mrs. Z. W. Rothchild, 74, of Neligh, formerly of Chambers, died Monday, December 12, in the Antelope Memorial hospital in Neligh.

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m., from the Church of Christ in Neligh. Survivors include the widower and seven children.

Large Crowd Hears Christmas Chorale

Largest crowd yet to witness a presentation by the O'Neill Civic Chorus heard a three-part program Sunday afternoon at the O'Neill public school auditorium. The program was designated as a community Christmas chorale.

First portion included music from the cantata, "When the Christ Child Came." The second part featured the Atkinson high school girls' quartette and the St. Mary's academy girls' sextette. The final portion included excerpts from Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah," including the Hallelujah chorus.

An instrumental ensemble and band members from the public school and St. Mary's academy assisted. Charles B. Houser was director.

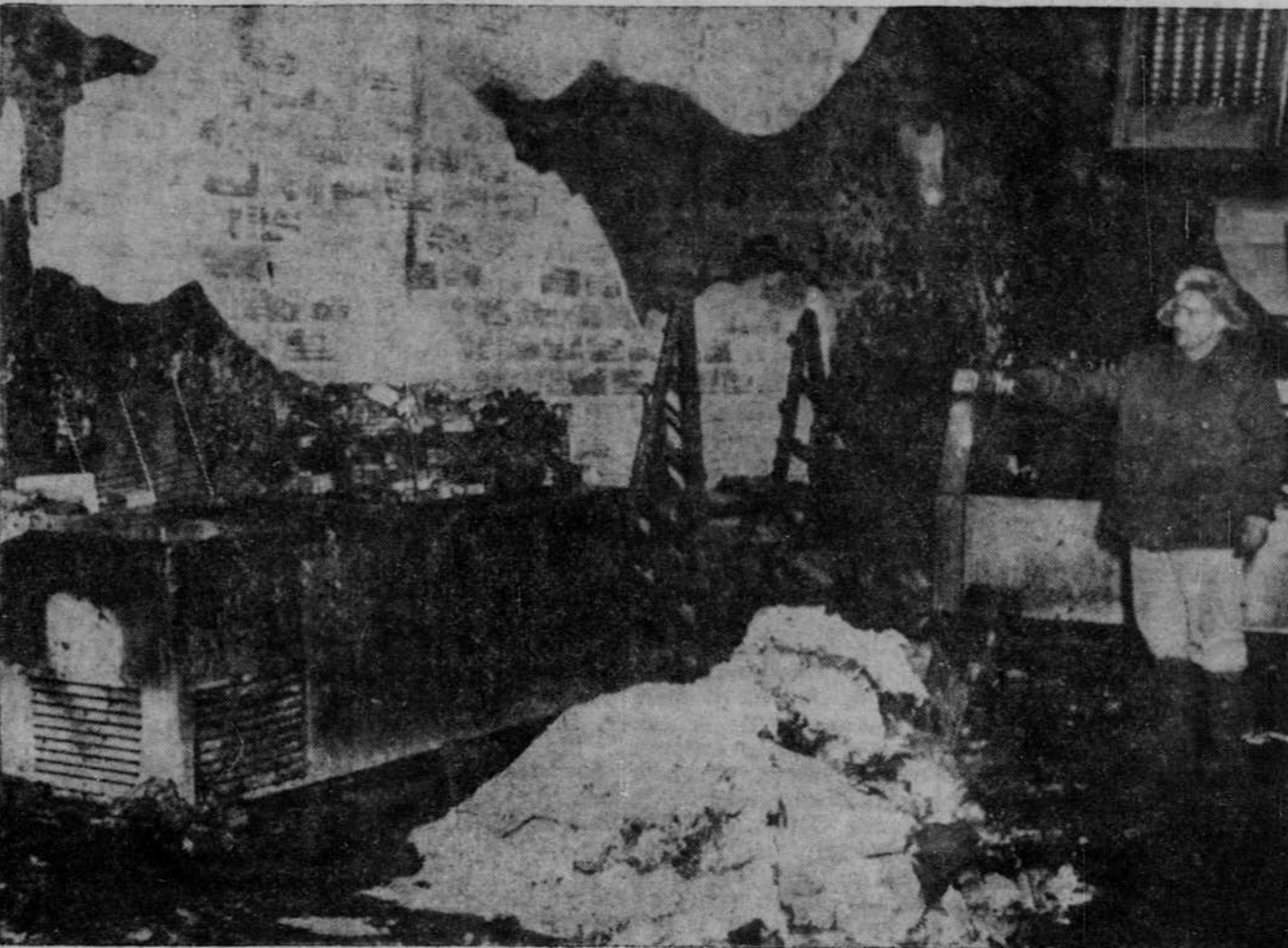
Filling Station Goes Up in Flame

SPENCER—A fire which broke out about 3 o'clock Friday morning destroyed the John Galbraith Phillips 66 service station here. H. McNulty, who lives near the station, noticed flames lapping from the roof. He aroused a neighbor, Marlowe Johnson, who phoned in the fire alarm.

Origin of the fire was not determined. Spencer volunteer firemen were successful in keeping the blaze from spreading.

PAROLE VIOLATOR

Nelson Gibson of Atkinson, formerly of O'Neill, who had been paroled to Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack, was taken into custody late Monday by Tomjack. Gibson is being held here.



John Hoffman, who had operated Johnnie's Meat Market, Grocery & Locker Plant at Clearwater for the past two years, surveys the charred ruin of his store. Loss was estimated at 20-thousand-dollars.—The Frontier Photo.



This is the wreckage in which Oscar Pruden, 53, of Clearwater was fatally injured. Pruden was driver of the car which crashed into the rear of a truck.—The Frontier Photo.

Former Stuart Man Expires at Fremont

STUART — Asberry Clayton Perry, about 68, died at 3 a.m., Tuesday, December 13, at Fremont. He left Stuart a number of years ago to work at the Mead ordnance plant near Fremont and had been employed the past several years as a night clerk in a Fremont hotel.

The body will arrive in Stuart Friday and funeral services are set for 2 p.m., Friday, December 16, at the Community church here. Burial will be at Stuart.

The late Mr. Perry reared his family at Stuart where he was employed for many years by the Coats firm.

Survivors include: Widow; son —Robert of Fremont; four daughters (three of whom are married).

41 Deer Checked at Station Here

Lynus Howard Bags 205-Pounder

Thirty percent of the holders of deer hunting permits were successful during the deer season in area four. The hunt opened Saturday and closed Tuesday night.

Area four included Holt, Knox, Dakota, Cedar, Boyd and Dixon counties. Forty-seven percent were successful last year.

Seven hundred fifty permits were issued in area three, which included Brown, Cherry, Hooker, Rock and Keya Paha counties.

Forty-one deer were weighed in at the O'Neill station: Butte, 41; Bassett, 65; Almsworth, 102; Center, 32; Hartington, 11, and Springfield, 32.

First buck weighed at O'Neill was brought in by Mrs. Agnes Stevens of O'Neill. Lynus Howard of O'Neill accounted for the biggest — a 103-pound mule deer bagged near Eristov.

Shooting of females was not authorized in either area, according to Game Conservationist Fred Salak of O'Neill, although either sex was permissible in northwest Nebraska.

Thirty-five mule deer were turned in and six whitetails.

Checking in deer included: Donald Eugene Beckwith of O'Neill, Roy Donald Buschart of O'Neill, Edgar Ivan Bulau of Atkinson, Neal Davis of Atkinson, Harold Freemeyer of Page, James Frost of Arcadia, John R. Gallagher of O'Neill, Robert Gaylor of Atkinson, Shirley Hamik of Stuart, Arthur Hinricksen of Ewing, Garry Howard of O'Neill, Lynus Howard of O'Neill.

Agnes Krobot of Stuart, Harold Melcher of Page, Amy Mellor of Spencer, Jessie Melton of O'Neill, Earl Parks of Page, Louis Prange of Stuart, Mary Revell of O'Neill, Raymond Revell of O'Neill, Larry Root of Atkinson.

Lawrence Rouse of O'Neill, Charles Small of Atkinson, Albert Starnes of O'Neill, Agnes Stevens of O'Neill, Leslie Strong of Omaha, Ludwig Pagel of Ewing, Charles Tasler of Atkinson, Donna Mae and Richard Trowbridge of Page, Fred Uhlir of Verdigris.

Guessing Winners Are Announced

Mrs. George McCarthy of O'Neill was declared winner in the annual yule window unveiling contest which was held a fortnight ago. She correctly guessed the non-related item in 30 out of the 36 contest windows, according to G. C. DeBacker, who was in charge of contest arrangements.

Second place honors went to Mrs. John Donohoe of O'Neill, who correctly picked 27 correct. Mrs. McCarthy's prize will be \$25. Second place will be awarded \$15 and third place, \$10.

Meanwhile, Santa Claus will buzz into town Saturday, December 17, with his annual bag of treats for all. Santa's arrival by jet plane is scheduled for 3 p.m. He will be met at the airport in the customary manner — by the fire truck.

Checks to the window guessers will be presented by Santa at the school.

Meanwhile, the bogus dollar days event was acclaimed a huge success. (Photos on pages 3 and 4.)

Arrives from Abroad, Visits Joe Daas

CHAMBERS — George Otte of Bell Lahlia, Lebanon, Asia Minor, arrived in Chambers Friday on business. He is a cousin of Joe Daas and is a guest in the Daas home. Other relatives in the United States are his cousins, Jim Salem of Omaha and Abdou Salem of Lexington. His stay here is indefinite.

Army Nurse Receives Promotion—

First Lt. Donna Shellhase, an army nurse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Shellhase of O'Neill, was promoted from second to first lieutenant on November 23. An Atkinson high graduate she served in the WAVES during World War II.

Lieutenant Shellhase has been stationed in Sendai, Japan since May. Her address is: 11th Evacuation Hospital, APO 547, Sana Francisco, Calif.

CONCERT SCHEDULED

SPENCER—The annual winter concert by the Spencer public school band will be played Friday night at the Community Hall in Spencer, starting at 8 o'clock.

OFFICE TO BE CLOSED

The draft office will be closed from Monday, December 19, until Thursday, December 22, according to Mrs. W. H. Hartly, chief clerk.

TO HOSPITAL

Ralph Van Buren of O'Neill was admitted to the Methodist hospital in Sioux City Monday.

\$20,000 Fire Destroys Clearwater Grocery

St. Anthony's Not Included in Windfall

Half-Billion Grant Is Shared by Others

St. Anthony's hospital—a half-million-dollar health center here—was not included in the one-half-billion-dollar grant for United States hospitals and universities announced Tuesday by the Ford Foundation.

The move by the Ford trustees is the largest single grant in the history of philanthropy.

Gifts to colleges and universities total 210-million dollars and were given to 615 regionally accredited privately supported institutions in the country. Two-hundred-million-dollars was divided among 8,500 privately operated hospitals and 90-million-dollars was set aside for privately supported medical schools.

Mother M. Coronata, who has been chief administrative officer at three-year-old St. Anthony's, said the grants came as a "complete surprise" to her.

Mother Coronata has been in charge here only a few months. She said St. Anthony's will immediately investigate possibilities of being included in the windfall.

The superior said: "I can think of lots of uses for such a grant."

At Atkinson Memorial hospital, which is to receive 10-thousand-dollars according to the initial announcement, officials Tuesday were "pleasantly surprised."

Other hospitals in the area with Ford grants earmarked are:

- Community Memorial, Burwell, \$10,000
- Sacred Heart, Lynch, \$10,000
- Antelope Memorial, Neligh, \$10,000
- Lutheran Community, Norfolk, \$27,700
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Norfolk, \$33,400
- Plainview General, Plainview, \$10,000

Frank Ulrich, 65, Expires at Kearney

ATKINSON—Frank Ulrich, 65, who was a serum pig buyer at Stuart for many years and a resident of Kearney the past four years, died Tuesday, December 13, at Kearney. He had been ill several months. The remains are being forwarded to Atkinson today (Thursday).

A rosary will be offered at 8 o'clock tonight at the Seger funeral chapel. Funeral services will be conducted Friday morning, December 16, from St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson. Burial will be here.

The late Mr. Ulrich was the youngest son of the late Leopold and Mary Ulrich.

He married the former Pearl McLain at Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers—Henry and Fred, and two sisters—Mrs. H. F. (Clara) Nightengale and Sr. M. Lepoldina of Columbus.

Survivors include: Widow — Pearl; brothers—William of Atkinson, who had been near him at Kearney for several months; Doctor Charles of Kenosha, Wis., and George of Scranton, Pa.

Nephews include two priests—Rev. Carl Ulrich of Scranton, Pa., and Rev. Francis Nightengale of LaMessa, Calif.

Dislikes Winter Travel Pioneer Resident of Atkinson Dies

PAGE—Mrs. Raymond Heiss is convinced that arrangements can go sour when it comes to traveling in winter.

Early Monday, December 5, she expected to leave Inman by train about 12:35 a.m., to go to Lincoln. That night the plumbing on the Pullman of the eastbound Chicago & North Western froze up and the train was held in the O'Neill station five hours. She sat in the Inman station that cold night waiting for the tardy train to arrive.

The train was loaded with passengers and all Pullman berths had been sold out.

Mrs. Heiss was called to Lincoln to help care for the family of her son, Don, while his wife was in a hospital for surgery.

She decided to return home this week by bus. Roads had been made slippery and treacherous by ice and snow.

The bus was following closely behind a big truck that ran berserk on the ice and ploughed

into a Neligh residence. The dwelling was moved off its foundation by the impact and the front porch was sheared off. Mrs. Heiss got an eyeful of that commotion.

"Winter traveling is not to my liking," explains Mrs. Heiss. Her daughter-in-law was released from the hospital Sunday and is recuperating at home.

Annual Party Planned—

The annual children's Christmas party for pre-school children will be given Sunday, December 18, at the Knights of Columbus hall. Movies will be shown and a program will be presented. Santa will visit and present gifts and candy to the youngsters.

Auxiliary Meets—

St. Anthony's Hospital auxiliary held a meeting at the hospital Monday evening. The new ceiling-hung drapes are being made. Mother M. Coronata was in charge of the meeting.



O'Neill Civic Chorus soloists . . . Richard Smithson, baritone; Mrs. Lane Griffin, soprano; Miss Marde Birmingham, soprano; Rahe Johnson, tenor, and Mrs. Smithson, contralto.—Frontier Photo.