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.

# \$20,000 Fire Destroys Clearwater Grocery Mr. Pruden had driven to Beemer to meet relatives. The passenger in his ear were Mr. and

er Plant, which were virtually

Fixtures and merchandise

were damaged beyond recogni-

tion. Townspeople Monday and

Tuesday went to the aid of

young Hoffman by helping clear

two buildings remained, and they

the water-logged debris.

connected by a passageway.

after midnight.

to have been defective.

below near the heater.

smoke damage in the tavern.

are in University hospital, Om-

aha. His mother is gravely ill

The young merchant says he

hopes to reopen the firm some-

time in the future. Contents of

mated he would have to butcher

SPENCER-A fire which broke

out about 3 o'clock Friday morn-

ing destroyed the John Galbraith

Fhillips 66 service station here.

H. McNulty, who lives near the

station, noticed flames lapping

Origin of the fire was not de-

Spencer volunteer firemen were

successful in keeping the blaze

Louis Scheinost is owner of the

PAROLE VIOLATOR

Nelson Gibson of Atkinson,

about 8:30 p.m., Sunday.

## St. Anthony's Not **Included** in Windfall

# Half-Billion Grant Is

St. Anthony's hospital-a half- thousand-dollars. He said the loss million-dollar health center here was partially covered by insurwas not included in the one- ance. \*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 universitied total 210 - million - dollars and were given to 615 regionally accredited privately supported institutions in the country. Twohundred-million-dollars was divided among 3,500 privately op- windows and asked a party in the erated hospitals and 90-million- tavern to sound the alarm. Firedollars 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. flame near the ceiling. The store the Church of Christ in Neligh. She said St. Anthony's will immediately investigate possibilities heater, which Hoffman believed and seven children. 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 sur-

Other hospitals in the area with

Ford grants earmarked are: Community Memorial, Burwell Sacred Heart, Lynch Antelope Memorial.

Clearwater in recent years. Neligh Lutheran Community, .\$27,700 Norfolk Hoffman's mother and father

Our Lady of Lourdes, Norfolk Plainview General, Plainview .....\$10,000 and his father, formerly the town marshal, is seriously ill.

## Frank Ulrich, 65, Expires at Kearney time in the future. Contents of the locker boxes were destroyed as well as the insulation. He esti-

as well as the insulation. He esti-ATKNSON-Frank Ulrich, 65, over 250 beeves to refill the lockwho was a serum pig buyer at ers even after the store is re-Stuart for many years and a res- opened. ident of Kearney the past four Late Tuesday he trudged homeyears, died Tuesday, December 13, ward, tired and dejected, ponderat Kearney. He had been ill sev- ing the titanic job ahead of geteral months. The remains are be- | ting back into business. ing forwarded to Atkinson today

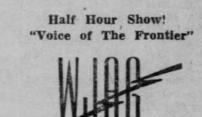
A rosary will be offered at 8 Filling Station o'clock tonight at the Seger funeral chapel. Funeral services Goes Up in Flame will be conducted Friday morning, December 16, from St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkin-

son. Burial will be here. The late Mr. Ulrich was the youngest son of the late Leopold and Mary Ulrich.

from the roof. He aroused a He married the former Pearl neighbor, Marlowe Johnson, who McLain at Fremont. phoned in the fire alarm. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers-Henry and Fred, and two sisters -Mrs. H. F. (Clara) Nightengale and Sr. M. Lepooldina of Columfrom spreading.

vivors include: Widow damaged building. Pearl; brothers-William of Atkinson, who had been near him at Kearney for several months; Doctor Charles of Kenosha, Wisc., formerly of O'Neill, who had been

and George of Scranton, Pa. Nephews include two priests- paroled to Holt County Sheriff Rev. Carl Ulrich of Scranton, Pa., Leo Tomjack, was taken into and Rev. Francis Nightengale of custody late Monday by Tomjack. LaMessa, Calif. Gibson is being held here.



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O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, Thursday, December 15, 1955.

Seven Cents

# 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 proprieter of the Moore hotel at O'Neill, died at 1:30 a.m., Mon-day, 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,

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

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

engers in his car were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steinbeck, sr., of Marsh, Mont., their sons, Fred Jerome, jr., and Kenneth Cornelius. The adjusters Tuesday were studying the ruin and rubble at Johnnie's Grocery, Meat Market and Lock-Steinbecks were enroute to Clear-

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., today (Thursestroyed by fire which started day) from the Clearwater public school auditorium. Rev. Lee Brig-John Hoffman, youthful owner den, Methodist pastor at Ewing, of the establishment for the past | Will officiat

The late Mr. Pruden was born two years, roughly estimated the loss in the neighborhood of 20- 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) McManigal of Beemer; sisters - Mrs. Benjamin Larson of Ewing and Mrs. Mary Malone of California; broth-Only the walls and fronts of the ers — J. L. Pruden of Ewing and Henry Pruden of California. He was preceeded in death by were damaged. The buildings are

Mr. Pruden and his wife, the Clarence Potter of O'Neill saw former Mae Keller, operated a smoke pouring from the front hotel at O'Neill four years.

nen were hampered because of Funeral Today for delay in getting equipment to the Former Holt Resident-

scene and because of several CHAMBERS-Mrs. Z. W. Rothbreaks of the water hose in the child, 74, of Neligh, formerly of cold weather. Firemen from Chambers, died Monday, Decem-Clearwater, Ewing, Orchard and ber 12, in the Antelope Memorial Neligh battled the flames until hospital in Neligh. Funeral services will be held

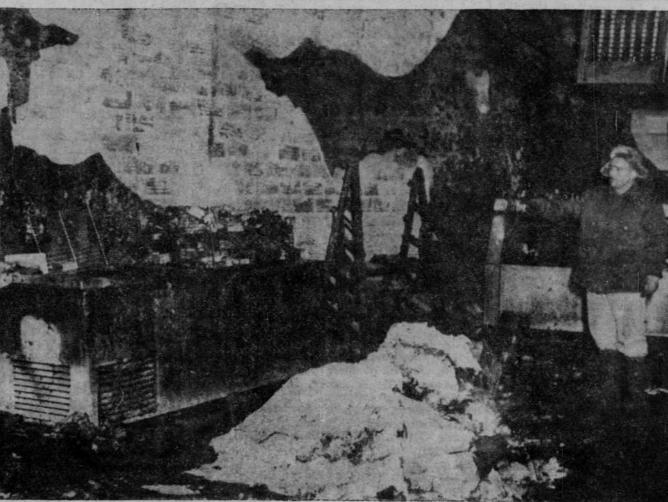
Potter said he saw bolts of today (Thursday) at 2 p.m., from was heated by a ceiling-type gas Survivors include the widower

#### Investigation showed a hole Large Crowd Hears in the ceiling above the heater Christmas Chorale and flame damage to the floor

Largest crowd yet to witness a Mr. Hoffman purchased the presentation by the O'Neill Civic store from Miller Brothers about Chorus heard a three-part protwo years ago. The burned build- gram Sunday afternoon at the O'ing is located on the east side of Neill public school auditorium. main street next door to Reese's The program was designated as tavern. Adjoining buildings were a community Christmas chorale. saved, although there was some First portion included music from the cantata, "When the

The fire was the costliest in Christ Child Came." The second part featured the Atkinson high Hoffman was attending a show school girls' quartette and the St. in Neligh when the fire broke 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.



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.

## Dislikes Winter Travel Pioneer Resident PAGE- Mrs. Raymond Heiss into a Neligh residence. The

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 sur-

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

The bus was following closeberserk on the ice and ploughed in charge of the meeting.

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

Annual Party Planned-

The annual children's Christmas party for pre-school children tor, officiated at the funeral rites will be given Sunday, December and burial was in Woodlawn 18, at the Knight's of Columbus cemetery. hall. Movies will be shown and a candy to the youngsters.

Auxiliary Meets-

St. Anthony's Hospital auxiliary held a meeting at the hospit-Monday evening. The new ceiling-hung drapes are being y behind a big truck that ran | made. Mother M. Coronata was

day, December 12, from the na Mae and Richard Trowbridge Methodist church here for Mrs. of Page, Fred Uhlir of Verdigre Anna M. Dickover, 81, who died Saturday, December 10, in Atkinson Memorial hospital. She had been hospitalized about three Guessing Winners weeks. Mrs. Dickover was a pio-

community. Rev. E. G. Hughes, church pas-

neer resident of the Atkinson

Mrs. William Schorn and Mrs. program will be presented. Santa Dean Fleming sang hymns. Pallwill visit and present gifts and bearers were J. J. Carroll, Lewis Humphrey, C. C. Raymer, Peter

> The late Mrs. Dickover had been a Methodist continuously for 70 years and she taught Sunday-school in Atkinson 47 years. On Easter Sunday, 1954, she was presented a lily in recognition of her work.

years-old.

She was married to G. E. Dickover at Hot Springs, S.D., in 1888. They lived at Hot Springs, Atkinson and in the western states, returning to Atkinson 35 years ago.

Mr. Dickover and one child preceded her in death.

Survivors include: Sons- Lephreys of Atkinson, Mrs. Thomas Col. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auc-(Alta) Campbell of Atkinson, tioneer; Chambers State Bank, Mrs. Venice English of Omaha: clerk. sisters-Mrs. Fay Scripter of At- Tuesday, December 20: Mr. and concert by the Spencer publicliving in South Dakota; nine cattle; ranch and having equipgrandchildren and 20 great- ment; some household goods; Col. grandchildren.

had been called to Atkinson last tails on page 11.) week to be near their mother. wo weeks ago in Florida.

#### Former Stuart Man Expires at Fremont

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

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 French, sr., Raymond Heiss, Harold Heiss, and Cordes Walker, all 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 ncluded Brown, Cherry, Hcoker, Rock and Keya Paha counties. Forty-one deer were weighed in district and later took a business

at the O'Neill station; Butte, 41; course at the Fremont Normall Bassett, 65; Ainsworth, 102; Cen-school. ter, 32; Hartington, 11, and Springview, 32. First buck weighed at O'Neill | 1907. was brought in by Mrs. Agnes

Stevens of O'Neill. Lynus Howard gest — a 105-pound mule deer agged near Bristow. Shooting of females was not authorized in either area, accord-

ng to Game Conservationist Fred Salak of O'Neill, although either sex was permissive 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. Galla-Atkinson, Shirley Hamik of Stuart, Arthur Hinricksen of Ewing, Garry Howard of O'Neill, Lynus Howard of O'Neill.

Agnes Krobot of Stuart, Harold Earl Parks of Page, Louis Prange of Stuart, Mary Revell of O'Neill, Raymond Revell of O'Neill, Larry

State Board Wants Root of Atkinson.

of Atkinson Dies | Lawrence Rouse of O'Neill, Charles Small of Atkinson, Albert Sterns of O'Nenll, Agnes Stevens

# Are Announced

Neill was declared winner in the 1 percent, and the bonds come annual yule window unveiling due January 1. The town has contest which was held a fortnight sought to refinance at the same ago. She correctly guessed the rate and continue to whittle away non-related item in 30 out of the at the 35-year-old obligation. Ramold, Daniel O'Connell and Z. G. C. DeBacker, who was in charge of contest arrangements. Second place honors went to Mrs. John Donohoe of O'Neill, who correctly picked 29. Miss Jackie Norman of O'Neill had 27 correct. Mrs. McCarthy's prize will be \$25. Second place will be awarded \$15 and third place, \$10.

Meanwhile, Santa Claus will She was born August 15, 1870, buzz into town Saturday, Decemat Naperville, Ill., and her maid- ber 17, with his annual bag of United States are his cousins, Jim en name was Anna Bruder, treats for all. Santa's arrival by daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. jet plane is scheduled for 3 p.m. Joseph Bruder. Her family mov- He will be met at the airport in ed to Milford when she was three- 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

AUCTION CALENDAR

Friday, December 16: Real esroy of Ashland, G. L. of Miami, tate and personal property be-Fla., and Lloyd of Omaha; daugh- longing to the late J. A. O and ation Hospital, APO 547, Sara ters-Mrs. Claude (Vera) Hum- Victoria Woods, in Chambers; Francisco, Calif.

kinson and Mrs. Grace of Val- Mrs. George Oetter, 23 miles school band will be played Frientine; brother-William Bruder south of O'Neill and two miles day night at the Community hall of Atkinson, and two brothers east; ranch closeout; 95 head of in Spencer, starting at 8 o'clock. Ed Thorin of O'Neill, auctioneer; Roy, G. L. and Mrs. English Chambers State Bank, clerk. (De- from Monday, December 19, un-

week to be near their mother.

Wednesday, January 4: John cording to Mrs. W. H. Harty, chief and Cora Claussen, farm closeout clerk. north of O'Neill; Cols. Wallace O'-Connell of O'Neill and Max Wanser of Ewing, auctioneers; O'Neill tier", Mon., Wed., Sat., 9:30 a.m. subsequent issues.)

## Longtime **HoltRealtor** Dies Here

TWELVE

**PAGES** 

### The body will arrive in Stuart Mark D. Howard, 74 Ill Several Years: Rites Here Monday

Mark O. Howard, 74, a retired O'Neill realtor and a pioneer resident of the Page community, died at 12:15 p.m., Saturday, December 10, in St. Anthony's hospital. He had been in failing health for more than two years Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, December 12, from the First Presbyterian church with Rev. Olen Kennell, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery under the direction of Biglin's. Pallbearers were Merwyn

of Page, and Loren Nelson and L. M. Merriman, both of O'Neill. Miss Nancy Kennell was organ-The late Mr. Howard was

born May 30, 1881, at Aurora,

Hamilton county, a son of Henry Clay Howard and Rhoda Wagers Howard. At the age of three he accompanied his parents to Holt county. The family settled on a homestead northeast of Page. He attended rural school in the Dorr

He married Mary Josephine Soukup at Page on October 16.

For many years Mr. Howard was a real estate dealer at Page. About 20 years ago the couple moved to O'Neill where Mr. Howard continued to be active in real estate affairs until about seven years ago, when he re-

He formerly was a member of the Royal Highlander lodge

Survivors includé: Widow Mary; daughter - Mary Dawn Howard of New York City; sisters-Mrs. Laura Walker of Fremont and Mrs. William Tucker of Central City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, who are buried at Page; also by one sister who dies gher of O'Neill, Robert Gaylor of in infancy and another sisten Mrs. Charles Anderson of Oregon

who died in 1948. Among those from a distance attending the funeral were Mir. and Mrs. Elmer Reddick of Wood! Melcher of Page, Amy Mellor of Lake and Mrs. Howard Miller of Spencer, Jesse Mellor of Atkinson, North Platte. North Platte.

# to Hike Interest

SPENCER-Members of the auof O'Neill, Leslie Strong of Om- tive Commercial club here land ATKINSON—Funeral services aha, Ludwig Pagel of Ewing. Thursday evennig were brought were conducted at 2 p.m., Mon- Charles Tasler of Atkinson, Don- up-to-date on the village of Spencer's efforts to refinance III thousand-dollars worth of outstanding bonds.

Dr. Donald David reported that the Nebraska board of educationsal lands and funds, longtime holder of the town's paving-waterpower bonds, has offered to refinance the paper for another 26 years at an interest rate of 21/2 percent. For years the state has Mrs. George McCarthy of O'- been receiving pay at the rate of

## Arrives from Abroad. Visits Joe Daas

CHAMBERS - George Otte of Beit Lahia, Lebanon, Asia Minor arrived in Chambers Friday or business. He is a cousin of Joe Daas and is a guest in the Daas home. Other relatives in the Salem of Omaha and Abdou Salem of Lexington. His stay here

Army Nurse Receives

First Lt. Donna Shellhase. 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 Evacu-

CONCERT SCHEDULED SPENCER-The annual winter

OFFICE TO BE CLOSED The draft office will be closed til Thursday, December 29, ac-

TO HOSPITAL Tune in "Voice of The Fron- National Bank, clerk. (Details in was admitted to the Methodist. hospital in Sioux City Monday.



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.