

College Set Here for Yule Holidays

Among students home from colleges and universities for Christmas vacation are:

From the University of Nebraska—Jack Gatz, Robert Carroll, Robert Beckenhauer, Edward Tomlinson, Warren Seger, Duane Booth, Elizabeth Schaffer and Marilyn Johnson.

Duchesne college, Omaha—Lorraine Simonson, Mary Lou Wilson, Marde Birmingham.

Wayne State Teachers college—Donna Crabb, Mary Lou Conrad, David Eby, Patricia DeBolt, Richard Graham and Duane Weier.

Hastings college—Lyle Fox and Lois Harder.

St. Mary college, Xavier, Kans.—Bernadette Hynes and Rosemary Corkle.

St. Scholastica college, Atchison, Kans.—Shirley Mullen and Lou Moss.

Creighton university, Omaha—John O'Neill and Mary Lu Head.

St. Mary's college, Omaha—Helen Hart.

Minnesota Bible college, Minneapolis, Minn.—Barbara Bennett.

Catholic university, Washington, D.C.—Barbara Birmingham.

Georgetown university, Washington, D.C.—William J. Froelich, jr.

University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.—Larry Chace.

Providence hospital, Kansas City, Kans.—Barbara Becker.

Omaha Business college—Marilyn Fetrow, Paul Shelhamer and Louis Schultz.

Mrs. Miller Again Lutheran Aid Head

The Ladies Aid of the Christ Lutheran church of O'Neill met last Thursday. The session was called to order by the president, Mrs. Robert Miller. Rev. E. G. Smith officiated.

Mrs. William Kraft made the sunshine report.

New officers were elected: Mrs. Robert Miller, reelected president; Mrs. Durven Kipple, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Frerichs, treasurer; Mrs. E. G. Smith, secretary; Mrs. William Kraft, reelected sunshine chairman, and Mrs. Fred Salak, news reporter.

Secret sisters were revealed by exchange of gifts. Christmas carols were sung. Mrs. Palmer Skulborstad played the organ. A no-host lunch was served.

Brownies Wrap Gifts—

Brownie Scout troop I met on Monday and will meet again on Monday, December 27.

We wrapped our presents for our mothers and friends in home. Mrs. Benze gave each Brownie cookies and a small wreath that can be worn as a pin, for Christmas.

Sally McCage treated us with candy bars. —By Patsy Bazelman, troop reporter.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Edwin W. Wabs, 26, of Spencer and Lois Ann Peterson, 22, of O'Neill, December 20. The couple was married Monday, December 20, by County Judge Louis W. Reimer. The witnesses were Rudolph Wabs of Spencer and Mrs. Helen Wabs of Spencer.

Too Late to Classify

CARD OF THANKS

WORDS CANNOT express our sincerest thanks to all our relatives, neighbors and friends for the messages of sympathy, the beautiful floral offerings and the many other acts of kindness which helped to lighten our burden of sorrow in the death of our loved one—Mrs. J. A. Shellhammer, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shellhammer and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shellhammer and family, Mrs. Alvin Houska and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shellhammer and family.

CARD OF THANKS

I WISH to thank all my relatives and friends for the cards and gifts sent me while I was in the hospital and a special thanks to those who donated blood.

MRS. WILLIAM KELLY

I STILL have 10 choice quality Duroc boars, from Nebr. state champion blood lines. Reasonably priced. Will deliver. —Bruce Fletcher, 3 1/2 miles west of Orchard on No. 20. 34-35p60

Appreciation Dinner—

EMMET—Rev. Francis R. Price of Emmet entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Dusatko, Mr. and Mrs. Al Havranek, Mrs. Joe Ramold and Hubert Ramold, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tenborg, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler and Mrs. Henry Martin at an appreciation dinner last Thursday evening at the Town House. Following dinner the group returned to the rectory and played cards for the remainder of the evening.

Spade, Shingle Are Tree-Planting Tools

Burtwistle Has Set 19,000

R. M. Burtwistle, who operates on the Holt-Wheeler county line, was in the county agent's office recently and made his yearly tree order. In the past 10 years, Mr. Burtwistle has ordered and planted more than 19,000 Clarke-McNary trees. Most of these trees are red cedars. All of these trees have been planted by hand.

Mr. Burtwistle outlined his planting method. He plows a single furrow and throws the ridge over to the south side (or west). His planting equipment is a spade and shingle. The trees are planted "two big steps apart." The spade is used to make a pie shaped slit in the soil, the seedling is dropped in and the shingle is used to push the roots to the bottom of the crevice. Then with a couple firm steps on each side of the seedling he moves to the next. The rows are spaced "three big steps apart."

Mr. Burtwistle maintains the seedlings by mowing the grass and weeds until they are strong enough to fend for themselves. The following season he takes a spade and slopes the back furrow around the young tree. This process prevents overhanging of weeds and grass on the young cedars.

If you ask him, he will tell you that he thinks that cedars are the finest tree for this country. He feels they are "hardy, long-lived and beautiful." In fact, Mr. Burtwistle likes nothing better than to dress up an old eyesore (blow out) with green living trees.

This is how he proceeds on blowout planting: First, he "hays down" the blowout. Next, he uses a team and walking plow to plow the furrows. He feels he can get in to the hard to reach places and not expose himself to safety hazards otherwise encountered with use of a tractor.

Next, the trees are planted and the area is fenced to keep livestock out. To do a good job several rows of trees must be used. In a few years a detrimental eye-sore is changed to a beautiful asset.

Several Holt county ranchers and farmers have ordered and planted at least one thousand Clarke-McNary trees each year. Trees are a regular crop to some of these men, like corn and cattle. Records show that in the past 10 years 417,000 Clarke-McNary trees have been planted in Holt county.

"Now is the time to be seeing about your Clarke-McNary seedling tree orders," County Agent A. Neil Dawes explains. These trees, both broadleaf and evergreen, can be ordered here at the extension office. Tall broadleaf species offered are Chinese Elm, American Elm, Honeylocust, Green Ash, Black Locust and Cottonwood. Each of these species are recommended for this part of the state. Medium to short trees offered are Russian olive, Russian mulberry, boxelder and wild plum. Prices for broadleaves are \$2.75 per hundred. Evergreen transplants offered are red cedar, ponderosa (yellow) pine and Austrian pine. All of these species are recommended for Holt county. The price on evergreens is \$3.25 per hundred.

As well as offering evergreen and broadleaf trees, the Clarke-McNary act offers a small selection of woody shrubs. These shrubs are Nanking Cherry, Cottoncreeper and Tartarian honeysuckle.

Woody shrubs can be used for the low growing plants on the north or west sides of a shelterbelt. A planting of any of these woody shrubs provides a haven for pheasants, grouse, quail and other wild life. They also make very attractive course borders for the barn yard, lane or orchard. Prices on shrubs are \$4.50 per hundred.

Cpl. Paul W. Moseman, jr., of Ft. Monmouth, N.J., will arrive Friday to spend a holiday leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Moseman, sr.



Santa Is Besieged at KC Party
O' Santa Claus was surrounded by dozens of kids Sunday evening at the annual Knights of Columbus Christmas party for kids. Many of the children performed songs and recitations.

Former Lumberman Here Dies at 49

W. T. Spelts Rites at North Platte

W. T. ("Bill") Spelts, 49, a member of a prominent Nebraska lumber family and a former resident of O'Neill, died Thursday night, December 16, while en route from North Platte to a Lincoln hospital.

Spelts, who had been ill for several months, entered a North Platte hospital the day before his death. He died in an ambulance between Gothenburg and Cozad.

He was one of six brothers and six nephews who followed in the footsteps of their father and grandfather in the lumber business.

Mr. Spelts moved from O'Neill in 1946, lived in Grand Island several years and moved to North Platte last May.

He spent about four years at O'Neill. His first wife, Emma, died a year after leaving here. The Spelts family owns lumber yards in Chadron, Cody, Valentine, O'Neill, Niobrara, Burwell, Grand Island, Kearney, Shelton, St. Libory, Elm Creek, Gothenburg and North Platte. He was auditor and secretary-treasurer

for the company. Survivors include: Widow—Frances; son—Soren; daughter—Linda; brothers—George of Shelton, Jay of Chadron, R. Erritt of Grand Island, Jerry of Niobrara, Chester of Gregory, S.D., and John of Burwell; sisters—Mrs. Nellie Simmons and Mrs. Fern Warren, both of Atkinson. Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, December 18, from the North Platte Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Ray of O'Neill were among those from a distance attending the rites.

Surprise Held—

A group of friends entertained at a surprise party Wednesday evening, December 15, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Otto Retke, who left Sunday for Los Angeles, Calif., and Seattle, Wash., where they will spend the winter. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kopecky, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brunkhorst, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Spath, Mr. and Mrs. Casper Pribil, George Coleman, Mark Harkins and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gruhn.

To California—Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Gildersleeve and three children departed on Wednesday, December 15, for Los Angeles, Calif., where they are spending the holidays. They expect to return around a new year's.

Holiday Travellers Using New Coaches

Marked increase in the use of rail facilities has been noted since introduction of streamlined passenger coaches and Pullmans on the Omaha-to-Chadron line of the Chicago & North Western.

Passenger mail-express train number 14 was filled to capacity leaving Omaha Friday and Saturday nights. Sixty were aboard the daycoach Saturday morning when the westbound train passed through O'Neill.

A second passenger coach was added Monday and will be in use through the holiday period. C. C. Shannon of Omaha, Western district superintendent for C&NW, said it was impossible to add a second streamlined coach at this time, but assured users the second coach would be "clean and comfortable."

Pvt. Robert Mullen arrived Saturday from Ft. Lee, Va., to spend a 15-day leave visiting his mother, Mrs. Henry Mullen, and other relatives.

A/3c Jimmy Ryan of Keesler air force base, Blox, Miss., arrived Sunday to spend a Christmas leave visiting his father, Neil B. Ryan, and family.



Christmas Dinner is a traditional part of the Yuletide season and a meal which everyone looks forward to many weeks in advance! This year make your Christmas dinner extra special! Buy our top-quality foods now at our special December prices! You'll find that you can afford the very best of everything you need to make your dinner a huge success!

- 100% PURE GROUND **BEEF 4 Lbs. 99¢**
 - PORK or BEEF HEARTS 2 lbs. 39c
 - SLICED BACON
 - ENDS 2 Lbs. 49¢**
 - SPARE RIBS Lb. 45c
 - PORK CENTER CUTS Lb. 59c
 - CHOPS Lb. 39¢**
 - CUDAHY'S PICNIC HAMS Lb. 37c
 - OYSTERS 79¢** PINT
- WE HAVE A FULL SELECTION OF HOLIDAY FOWL

- HOLLAND DUTCH **ICE CREAM** Half Gal. 55c
- BEEF **SUGAR 10 Lbs. 89c**
- JERSEY CREAM **FLOUR 50-Lb. Sack 3.39**
- BUTTER-NUT **COFFEE Lb. 98c**
- SEEDLESS **RAISINS 2 Lbs. 35c**
- BROWN or POWDERED **SUGAR Lb. Pkg. 10c**
- SPRING VALLEY **OLEO 4 Lbs. 79c**
- DEL MONTE TOMATO or PINEAPPLE **JUICE 3 46-Oz. Cans 89c**
- STOKELY'S CRUSHED **PINEAPPLE 4 No. 2 Cans 99c**
- BAKERITE **SHORTENING 3 Lbs. 75c**
- GENUINE **JELL-O 3 Pkgs. 19c**
- SWANSDOWN **CAKE MIX 3 Pkgs. 99c**

- JUMBO **PEANUTS or 3 Lbs. \$1**
- BABY WALNUTS
- ALL POPULAR BRANDS **CIGARETTES Carton 1.99**
- FANCY **Sweet POTATOES No. 2 1/2 cn. 25c**
- VELVET or PRINCE ALBERT **TOBACCO 1-lb. tin 89c**
- FIRESIDE 14-OZ. PKG. **MARSHMALLOWS 29c**

- LIBBY'S FROZEN FOODS**
- STRAWBERRIES, 14-oz. pkg. 29c**
- ORANGE JUICE 2 for 35c**



Please accept this expression of our appreciation together with our best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!
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BETTY — BOB — ROGER — FLOYD — LARRY
TOM — KENNETH — JIM — DEAN and PHIL
We Will Be CLOSED ALL DAY Christmas

