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Fifth Annual Christmas Shopping Edition

Do you want to make this coming Christmas the best and happiest that you have ever experienced? Then you'll take Santa's advice.

Don't lose a single moment. Don't be lulled into careless thinking by a glance at the calendar. We know Christmas is several weeks away yet.

Better start your Christmas shopping early! Start now.

Don't lose any time.

As a matter of fact you can start immediately, while you are holding this Christmas Shopping Edition of The Frontier in your hands.

To help you start your Christmas gift planning list without delay, is why this gift guide is being brought to you early by Santa with the cooperation of his enthusiastic corps of O'Neill aides. More than four thousand copies of this issue of The Frontier are being mailed this week and will reach virtually every rural home in Holt and Boyd counties as well as the usual city and town distribution in 20 towns in the area. This is The Frontier's fifth annual Christmas Shopping Edition.

Pore over its pages. Study the many fascinating gift suggestions you'll find in it, with thought of your friends and loved ones in mind.

Read the announcements of our leading stores as published in this edition. They are all ready with their preparations to help you start your Christmas shopping early.

We're all going to need more time this year to complete our Christmas gift giving lists, if we want to make sure that no one is forgotten.

Most families are bigger this year than ever before. Remember the bumper crops of babies, the greater number of marriages that have taken place during the past several years.

Many of the babies of yesterday are grown children now and you won't want to forget them. More marriages have expanded our circles of both relatives and warm friends.

We don't want to forget any of them.

And very, very important indeed, are the gifts we must choose for our men in the armed services.

Some are in foreign lands, some in combat, some closer home in camps, many are on ships and in the air.

No matter where they are we do not want them to be without a gift from us for Christmas. That means especially early shopping.

The expansion in our gift lists is going to put an extra heavy burden on our stores this year. The supply of some eagerly wanted gifts may be exhausted before the late shoppers can get around to them.

Those who shop early will find fresh, unbroken assortments of gifts from which to make their selections. O'Neill stores were never better stocked. A tour of the town will convince you that O'Neill today is a throbbing little city, and this Christmas shopping season it is prepared to serve you as well or better than many cities several times its size.

Those who shop early will find clerks less-hurried and less hurried and therefore better able to help them in choosing the gifts they want to buy.

Wise Christmas shoppers will make it a point to be in the stores soon to look over the wonderful collection of gifts Santa has brought to town. Remember, O'Neill stores will be open on Thursday evenings, December 7, 14 and 21, to accommodate those who come from a distance to the O'Neill livestock sale and those who find it impossible to get to O'Neill by day.

Wise Christmas shoppers will make it a point to select at least one gift a day—maybe more—and tuck them away for giving on Christmas day.

This is the way to make sure that for your friends and loved ones, that Christmas, 1950, will be bright and gay.

—THE PUBLISHER.

SECTION I — PAGES 1 - 8

Collect \$286,669 in November

The total of 1950 personal and auto taxes collected during the month of November was \$286,669.89, this amount being 45.6 percent of the 1950 personal and auto taxes levied.

The total collections for the month of November, including taxes, miscellaneous receipts, auto receipts, drivers' licenses and school land receipts, was \$338,788.49, according to County Treasurer J. Ed Hancock.

Two thousand two hundred and fifteen 1950 tax receipts were issued.

The total collections for November, 1949, were \$283,598.47.

Below is a break down of the 1950 tax collections for November as levied by each subdivision.

State general fund	\$ 29,598.80
State veterans aid	2,552.81
State care of insane patients	8,141.40
State care of feeble-minded patients	1,793.87
State special building fund	7,589.44
County general fund	13,798.97
County bridge fund	11,039.18
County road fund	551.96
County soldiers' and sailors' relief fund	137.99
County unemployment relief and assistance supplement	3,587.73
Total state and county funds	78,792.15
Labor tax, to townships and villages	1,861.50
Old age assistance fund (to state)	3,245.00
Precinct tax	19,277.42
Library tax	707.87
School tax (general and bond)	110,511.12
Village tax (general and bonds)	23,440.19
Free high school tuition	17,070.42
Intangible tax (to state, county, school and village)	10,714.00
Blanket school tax (new law 1949) to schools	21,046.51
Special bee tax	3.15
Noxious weed tax	.56
Total 1950 tax collections in November	\$286,669.89

Jungman Spends Most for Campaign

Fred J. Jungman, Atkinson livestock man and hay dealer, spent the most money of all candidates in the recent general election. He was unsuccessful in his second attempt to defeat Frank Nelson, O'Neill farmer, for the state legislature. Both waged campaigns in the four-county district — Holt, Rock, Boyd and Keya Paha.

Jungman spent \$265.20, according to his expense report filed with Holt County Clerk Ruth Hoffman. Nelson spent \$112.65, as previously announced.

Other candidates reported as follows:

- Joe Judge, of Atkinson, \$15.00;
- J. Ed Hancock, of O'Neill, \$22.50;
- Ruth Hoffman, of O'Neill, \$30.85;
- E. L. Watson, of Inman, \$97.04;
- Ira M. Moss, of O'Neill, none;
- Leo Tomjack, of O'Neill, \$103.00;
- William W. Griffin, of O'Neill, \$90.32.

NO MEETING

Due to lack of a quorum, no meeting of the O'Neill city council was held Tuesday night. It was to have been the regular monthly session.

MERCURY DROPS TO 14 - BELOW

Easily the severest cold wave of the year moved into the O'Neill region late Monday accompanied by snow borne by a strong northwest wind.

The icy temperatures gripped the region through Tuesday and Wednesday.

Early Wednesday morning the mercury stood at 14 degrees below zero, according to the official reading by Government Weather Observer Elmer Bowen.

Snow fell early Saturday amounting to .14 of an inch precipitation.

More snow fell Monday night but there was not enough to tie up traffic, although driving conditions became hazardous.

Returns from Sioux City—Miss Mary E. Carney returned Wednesday, November 29, after having visited her sister, Mrs. Marguerite Curtis, and daughter, Miss Marilyn Jean Curtis, of Sioux City. Miss Carney left O'Neill Saturday, November 25 for the Curtis home.

Give The Frontiered for Xmas!

NEIGHBORS HUSK CORN FOR YOUNG

Aid Pair Who Lost Son in Picker Accident

CELIA—The Good Samaritan story was reenacted in grand style in this community last Thursday and Friday.

Neighbors went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Young, who live 20 miles north of Atkinson, and finished the cornpicking for them.

It was their son, W. Walter Young, 29, who got his arm caught in a cornpicker on November 15 and died 30 minutes after reaching the Stuart hospital. Death was caused from shock.

On Thursday, 15 men went to the place and on Friday 12 were there. Edward Heiser, Milton McKathnie and Fred Tesch, jr., each brought their cornpickers, and John Schwandt took his tractor, which was used on the Young picker.

Others who helped with the corn were Alvin Heiser, Raymond Dobias, Stanley Johnson, Don Raymer, Bernard Sterns, Fritz Naber, Ed Bausch, Willard Ratliff, Fred Tesch, sr., Gerhardt Vanderhoe, Jim and Hans Lauridsen.

The women also helped. They brought food.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN MISSOURI

Word has been received by relatives of the death of Mrs. May Throckmorton, 77. She passed away November 27 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alvin Nelson, at Barnard, Mo. She was formerly of Dorsey.

Early last spring she suffered a stroke which left her partially paralyzed. After several months of suffering and helplessness, although still somewhat crippled, she was again up.

A fall in which she broke her hip proved fatal.

Survivors include: Daughter—Mrs. Edna Nelson, of Barnard, Mo.; son—Albert, of Inglewood, Calif.; two brothers, two sisters, 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren.



LIBRARY BUSINESS BRISK . . . Even under-school-age children are making regular trips to Grattan township library nowadays—evidence of mounting interest in the Carnegie foundation institution. Typical of these children is Christine Herley, 4½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Herley. Miss Bernadette Brennan, librarian, takes time to enlist Christine's interest in a new book. Other youngsters who rank high for frequency of visits are: Mary Lou, Beth, Charlotte and Nancy Yarnall, Michael Hammond, Sue and Mary Gonderinger, Suzanne Lee Stewart, Danny Saunto and Michael Gallagher. They usually visit between 4 and 5:30 p. m. Their favorite subjects: Animal and adventure books.—The Frontier Photo.

VAN DYKE BEING HELD IN JAIL

May Be Charged in Connection with Robberies

Charles W. Van Dyke, 28, who has been working as a laborer for a construction firm at Neleigh, was arrested Sunday by Deputy Holt Sheriff Al Sipes.

Van Dyke is being held in the Holt county jail awaiting charges.

A friend of Elmer Lee Payton, the man who was arrested last week in Charleston, W. Va., in connection with a series of North-Nebraska robberies, Van Dyke may be linked with Payton in charges.

County Attorney William W. Griffin was out of the city Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and was not available for comment.

Cherry County Sheriff Art Jones and Sipes went to Charleston last week to return Payton to Nebraska. They reached O'Neill at 4:30 p. m. Saturday but Jones took Payton on to Valentine where Payton is now in jail.

Sipes said Payton admitted a series of robberies at Valentine. Van Dyke has admitted to Sipes participation in Valentine robberies and one at Stuart.

Authorities may charge both in connection with the New Outlaw grocery robbery here March 27, but both have denied this.

Payton used the alias Jim Smith while headquartering in O'Neill during the summer when the robberies were perpetrated. Merchandise stolen from several stores was found later to have been in his possession.

Ronald Janzing, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Janzing: "Oh, a train, electric."

Richard Brinkman, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brinkman: "A truck and a caterpillar and books."

Bobby Dean, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dean: "I want a gun and a car. I want a truck for a train and a truck. I want to racer and a little fire-truck. I don't have any."

Richard ("Rickey") Hill, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Hill: "A drum with a big stick, a little ferris wheel and a little telephone."

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Atkinson Hospital Already Enclosed

ATKINSON—Adverse weather conditions Saturday, December 2, delayed the running of the roof preparation for Atkinson Memorial hospital. Work will be resumed as soon as weather conditions permit.

The first story is completely enclosed and ready for interior work. The heating, plumbing and wiring jobs have been finished.

Part of the original acreage purchased by the committee has been sold to Walt Ries and construction of the Ries home has begun. Mr. Ries bought three acres.

John Osenbaugh Joins Gilligans

John Osenbaugh, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Osenbaugh, sr., of O'Neill, is now working for Gilligan & Stout drug store.

John graduated from the University of Nebraska school of pharmacy last June.

McManus Home Goes On Auction Block

The fine two-story frame home belonging to the late P. J. McManus will be sold at auction on Saturday, December 16. The home, one of O'Neill's finest, is located at the corner of Fifth and Everett streets.

E. C. Weller, of Atkinson, will be the auctioneer. (See advertisement on page 24.)

Also on The Frontier's sale calendar is the public sale of personal property belonging to Wayne Petersen and C. F. Dallegge, both of Chambers. They will sell farm machinery, cattle and household goods on Saturday, December 9. Col. Ed Thorin, of Chambers, will be auctioneer. (See advertisement on page 6.)

NEW ST. PAUL'S PASTOR ARRIVES

Rev. Ankeny Served in Ohio and Indiana

CHAMBERS—The new pastor for St. Paul's Lutheran church arrived Sunday from Hamlet, Ind. He is Rev. Claude D. Ankeny.

Reverend Ankeny will be installed in a special service Sunday, December 10, at 7:15 p. m. Rev. Walter Hartman, of Ainsworth, will be the installing officer, assisted by pastors of circuits 6 and 7.

The new pastor succeeds Rev. L. A. Dale, who left September 1 for Pratt, Kans., to accept a call from Zion Lutheran church there. During the interim the Chambers pulpit has been filled by Rev. R. W. Olson, of Christ Lutheran church at O'Neill.

Reverend Ankeny, who is married and is the father of a son and a daughter, graduated from Concordia seminary at St. Louis, Mo., in 1944. He served Mt. Hope parish in Cleveland, O., from 1944 to 1948, and St. Matthews at Hamlet from 1948 to 1950.

A reception will be held in the St. Paul's church basement following the installation service.

BIDS SOUGHT FOR 281 RELOCATION

Drainage System Will Be Installed on Hill Near Spencer

Bids for the reconstruction and relocation of more than 7 miles of U. S. highway 281 between Spencer and O'Neill will be taken at a letting December 21, according to an announcement by the state highway department.

The work will extend from state highway 2, east of Spencer, south 7.3 miles. The northern part of the highway will be relocated about three-quarters of a mile east of the present route but the southern-most 2½ miles of the project will follow the existing alignment.

A new bridge will be built across the Niobrara river, east and downstream from the present structure.

The new river crossing will be of steel girder construction and will be 384 feet 6 inches long. The bridge will have a concrete roadway 26 feet wide. About 20 tons of steel will be required for the construction of the structure.

In cutting down the hills and filling in the draws so that all inclines on the new route will be no steeper than about five percent, 526 thousand cubic yards of earth will be excavated.

In tests made before the plans for the new highway were drawn, soils engineers of the highway department found one very difficult drainage problem. The engineers discovered that a hill which is to be cut through has a top layer of sand which holds pockets of water and beneath the sand is shale which does not drain the water. To keep the water from collecting on the road at the point where the highway crosses downhill from the sand to the shale, a sub-drainage system will be installed beneath the highway. Beneath the roadbed at this point, 6-inch perforated pipes will be imbedded.

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Small Fry Yule Wants Vary

One of Santa's helpers took a telephone tour of the town the other day.

She talked with scores of O'Neill's small fry with a view toward easing Santa's problems come Christmas eve.

Wants ranged from the usual dolls and bicycles to trains and road graders (real ones).

Santa's helper came up with these Christmas wants straight from the youngsters themselves:

Mary Susan Harbottle, 2½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harbottle: "Toys, doll, doll buggy, other toys."

Patrick Grutsch, almost 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grutsch: "A tractor."

Orin Spry, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Spry: "I don't know. Just a minute, I'll ask Mom." (Pause.) "A - a - Happy Jack knife and a Happy electric train."

Sue Ellen Tomlinson, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tomlinson: "Cowboy and girl doll, skates, color book and colors and I want something for

my baby brother, Casey — some toys."

Mary Jo Walker, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Walker: "I don't know — a book and a phonograph."

Donna Asher, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Asher: "A cowgirl suit and a little roller coaster."

Richard Hill, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hill: "A gas station, a holster. I want a barn, too."

John P. Miller, 2½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller: "A toy, a book, a fire truck, a choo choo train and poker chips."

Roberta Becker, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Becker: "I don't know. A big buggy, a doll, doll clothes and a suitcase."

Larry Wayne Bourne, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bourne: "A train. Sister wants a dolly."

Charles Hill, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hill: "A airplane and a ditch digger. I want Santa Claus, too."

Clarence Hill, "6-going on 7".

O'NEILL STORES Will Be Open THURSDAY EVENINGS

Dec. 7 - 14 - 21 Until 9



Mrs. F. N. Brennan (left) and Mrs. Merle Hickey . . . brought Girl Scouts to O'Neill. — The Frontier Photo.