

Santa Is Coming for Annual Visit

Jolly Ol' Fellow Is Bringing Treats for Kiddies

Once more Santa Claus will rely on jet-propulsion to bring him to O'Neill for his annual pre-Christmas visit with the kids in the area.

This year he will set down at the Municipal airport with a Buck Rogers type plane that will descend so fast it will not be easily visible to the naked eye. The plane will be laden with treats for the youngsters.

Ol' Santa once more has asked to be met at the airport by one of the O'Neill fire trucks. This has been arranged by the Chamber of Commerce.

The truck will convey Santa to the O'Neill public school where he'll be perched on a special stand and will talk with hundreds of starry-eyed admirers. His aides will distribute the goodies.

Santa has posted his arrival time as 2 p. m., Saturday, December 16, and he'll stay until every child (and some of the parents) has been seen.

Earl W. Ralya and Bud LaFrenz are Santa's No. 1 assistants in arranging for the goodies, while the distribution committee consists of D. R. Mounts, chairman; Ed Wilson, John R. Gallagher, William W. Griffin, Ira George, Keith Abart and Harry Petersen.

Biggest throng of kiddies ever to greet Santa is expected here Saturday.

The Chamber's December meeting scheduled for Tuesday noon was postponed.

Holiday merchandising business has been brisk, "about the same" as 1949 with most stores. Several firms, however, reported all-time sales records on Saturday.

The Frontier last week published its annual Christmas shopping edition—a 24-page paper that entered virtually every rural home in Holt and Boyd counties as well as hundreds of homes in the cities and towns in the O'Neill region.

Bank clearings indicate shoppers are coming from considerable distances.

Never have O'Neill stores been so well stocked as this year.

O'Neill stores will be open tonight (Thursday) and again next Thursday, December 21, for the convenience of those who have not completed their shopping during daylight store hours.

Fair Weather Speeds Hospital

Fair weather with temperatures above the freezing mark has speeded construction at St. Anthony's hospital here.

Olof Mathieson, foreman for Busboom & Rauh Construction company, said bricklaying is being speeded while the weather-man smiles.

During the bitter cold, work was carried on under a canvas tarpaulin.

Steer Calves Hit \$37.80 Top Here

Eleven hundred hogs were sold Thursday, December 7, at the O'Neill Livestock Market.

Top butchers, weighing 200 to 240 pounds, sold from \$18.00 to \$18.25; 240 to 270 pounders, \$17.75 to \$18.00.

There was a very limited showing of heavier kinds. Light sows were quoted from \$17.00 to \$17.40 and 300 to 400 pound sows, \$16.75 to \$17.00. Heavier kind moved from \$16.25 to \$16.75.

Thursday's market brought 350 head of cattle. Steer calves hit a top of \$37.80 and the bulk sold above \$34.00. Heifer calves were quoted from \$31.00 to \$32.50. Good yearling steers, \$29.00 to \$31.00, yearling heifers, \$27.50 to \$28.50. Fat sows sold from \$20.00 to \$23.00; cutters and canners, \$16.00 to \$19.00; bulls, \$19.00 to \$22.50, depending upon the quality.

Martex Club Holds Christmas Party

The Martex club had its annual Christmas party Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. J. Lohaus. Members exchanged gifts. Prizes were won in this order: Mrs. Lohaus, high; Mrs. Homer Mullen, Mrs. M. J. Golden, Mrs. Edward Campbell, Mrs. P. B. Harty, Mrs. Ira Moss, Evelyn Stannard and Mrs. F. N. Cronin.

Chambers School Holds Open-House

CHAMBERS—The open-house observance at the Chambers public school proved successful. The band played several selections and each faculty member spoke briefly.

Guais Wintermote, president of the board of education, gave a short talk.

G. W. Reising, former International Harvester block manager here, was an O'Neill visitor Tuesday. He now owns an implement business at Morrill.

Two O'Neill Men Hurt Felling Trees

Two O'Neill men were hurt Friday while felling trees with an REA construction crew working east of Inman.

James Boyle, 44, is in O'Neill hospital being treated for an injured right leg. A falling tree struck him. He also suffered head injuries.

James Snyder, 23, injured his foot when an ax glanced off a tree he was chopping and struck him in the foot. Dr. J. P. Brown, attending physician, said the ax slashed the top of Snyder's foot, severing tendons. Snyder was dismissed Monday.

Both men were employed by the J. R. Foree Construction company, of Topeka, Kans.

Friends of St. Mary's Hold Card Party

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham were chairmen, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Greene, at the Sunday evening card party held by the Friends of St. Mary's.

2 HURT WHEN AUTOS COLLIDE

Escape Serious Injury in Headon Accident Friday Night

Two Holt county women were hospitalized following a headon auto collision about 7:45 p. m. Friday night on a county highway 11 miles northeast of O'Neill.

Mrs. Clyde Streeter, of O'Neill, was taken to O'Neill hospital suffering from bruises and shock, and Miss Patricia Bowring, of Chambers, was taken to Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch to receive treatment for a broken arm.

According to State Highway Patrolman Frank Dineen, who investigated, the injuries might have been more serious because the two automobiles in which the women were passengers collided with considerable impact.

Mr. Streeter, Mrs. Streeter and their daughter, Barbara, were traveling north in a 1949 sedan to spend the evening with friends.

Charles L. ("Buck") Watson, of Chambers, was driver of the 1950 model car in which Miss Bowring was a passenger. The Watson car was headed south.

The impact badly damaged both machines.

Mrs. Streeter was released Wednesday night from O'Neill hospital. Miss Bowring was released Sunday from the Lynch hospital. She is carrying her arm in splints.

Mr. Streeter complained of chest injuries and Barbara suffered a cut on her forehead.

Council Probes Signal Costs

O'Neill city council met in monthly session Tuesday night and the principal item on the agenda concerned traffic signals.

The city's main intersection—Fourth and Douglas—has been without an automatic signal for more than a month because the guidewire moorings yielded under a strong wind.

Stationary stop signs now halt north and south traffic at the corner but the lack of an automatic signal creates a hazardous situation for pedestrians—particularly school children—as well as motorists.

The council originally planned to abandon the overhead signal and install the post type. But cost has become a factor and the council is inviting a salesman to discuss the problem with them.

Several civic groups have requested that the council post school stop signs at Douglas street crossings east and west of the Fourth street intersection.

City Engineer Donald Price's preliminary report on drainage was presented. It outlined proposed action and estimated costs to city and to railroad companies.

The council authorized City Supt. L. C. Anderson to purchase materials for improving the heating plant and providing insulation inside the hangar at the Municipal airport. Cost is to be "less than one thousand dollars."

Miss Asher Is 8—

Donna Rae Asher entertained a group of girls at a theater party Saturday afternoon to celebrate her 8th birthday anniversary. The girls gathered at her home for games and refreshments before going to the theater.

Hold Turkey Dinner—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Appleby held a no-host turkey dinner on Sunday evening at their home. There were 21 guests present.

During the evening they called Bill Kelly, of Los Angeles, Calif., a former resident. They also played cards.

INMAN WOMAN, 46, ILL 3 YEARS, DIES

Mrs. George Haddon Geary Iowa Native, Leaves 6 Children

INMAN—Mrs. George Haddon Geary, 46, Inman farm woman, died at 6:15 p. m. Friday, December 8, at her home south of Inman. She had been ill three years.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. in the Inman Methodist church with Rev. C. C. Chappell, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Inman cemetery, directed by Biglin Bros.

Wilma Gladys Turnbull was born at Clarinda, Ia., September 5, 1904. She moved to a farm near Nelson in Nuckols county in 1905 and moved near Stafford, in Holt county, in 1917 with her parents. She became a Christian in 1924 and was baptized and joined the Inman Methodist church in 1929.

She was united in marriage with George Haddon Geary September 2, 1924, at Council Bluffs, Ia.

There were seven children born to this union, six of whom are still living.

Survivors include: Widower; daughters—Mrs. George (Lillian Marie) Morey, of Conrad, Mont.; and Marlene Laurette, of Inman; sons—Robert Earl, George Haddon, jr., Lavern Ned and Charles Norman, all of Inman; parents—Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Turnbull, of Gordon; brothers—Maurice Turnbull, Kenneth Turnbull and Wayne Turnbull, all of Gordon; sisters—Mrs. Hise (Vera) Martin, of Gordon, and Mrs. William (Maxine) Cobb, of Merriman. There are 11 nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were Harvey Tompkins, Clarence Hansen, Donald Keyes, Louis Kopecky, jr., Donald Luben, Fred Moore and Marvin Rouse.

Mrs. Elwin Smith, Mrs. Donald Luben, M. M. Crosser and K. F. Smith sang two of Mrs. Geary's favorite hymns while the ladies also sang a duet, "Whispering Hope." Mrs. Harvey Tompkins accompanied at the piano. Mrs. Fred Moore and Mrs. E. E. Clark had charge of the flowers.

No New Quotas for Draft Announced

Mrs. W. M. Hart, chief clerk for the Holt county selective service board, said Wednesday that no new draft quotas for December had been received.

She said the state manpower chiefs are prepared for heavy calls that are certain to be forthcoming.

Mrs. Hart speculated that the calls are being held up until after President Truman presents an emergency radio appeal to the nation to speed up armament and mobilization.

Great-Grandson Is 2-Years-Old—

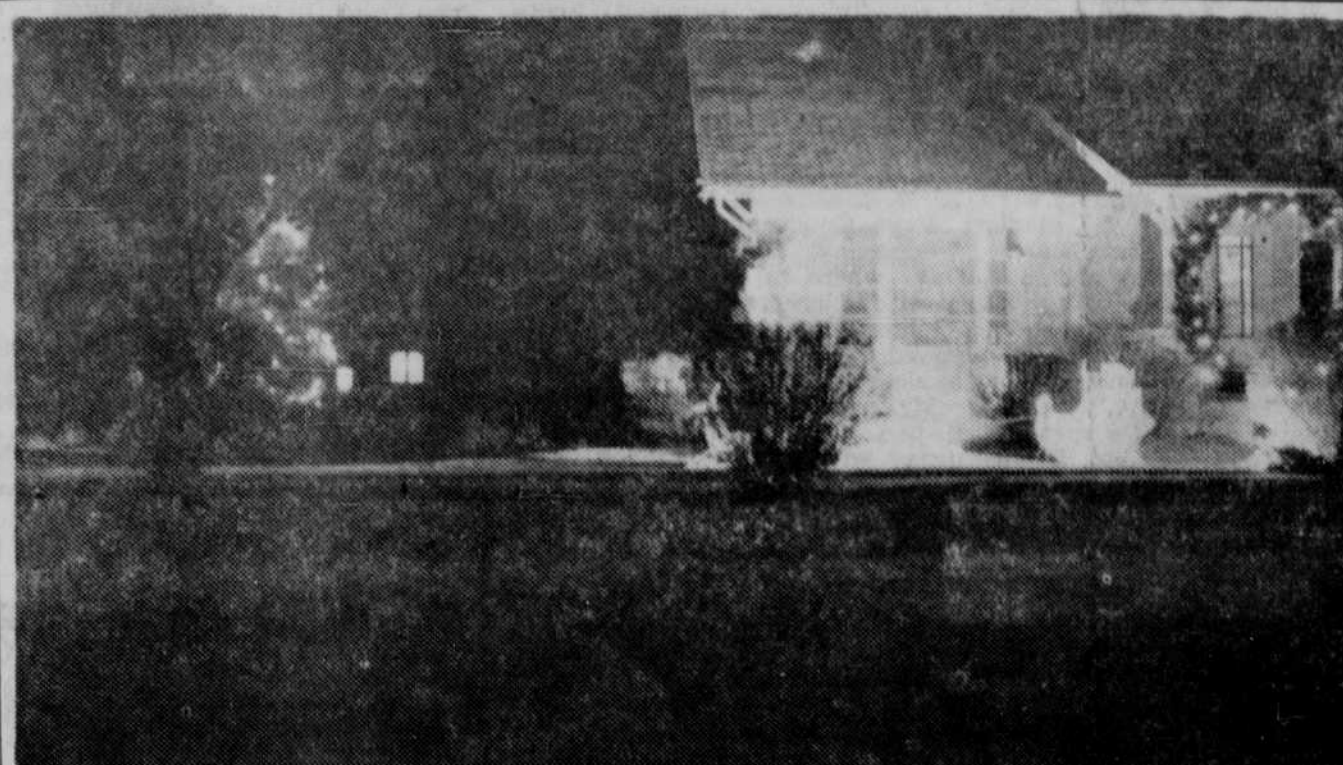
Mrs. Bertha Prescott attended a birthday anniversary party on Sunday, December 3, for her great-grandson, Corby Steven O'Hare, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O'Hare, of Johnstown. Corby was 2-years-old.

Attend Funeral—

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Reynolds were in Albion over the weekend to attend the funeral of Mrs. Reynolds's grandmother, Mrs. Frank Gross, of Albion.

Returns to Idaho—

Mervyn Asher left Saturday for Sun Valley, Ida., after spending Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Asher.



LIGHTING COMPETITION KEEN . . . A half-dozen Atkinson homeowners went "all-out" in the residential Christmas lighting contest this year and judges had difficulty selecting the winners. The Fred J. Jungman residence (above) and the C. C. Raymer residence (below) share first place honors. Third place went to the George Frohardt residence. The Jungman display featured Santa in a reindeer-drawn sleigh

in the foreground with floodlights against the house, a colored light wreath effect over the front doorway and an illuminated tree in the background (at left). The Raymer entry featured lighted trees at the front and lighted holly framing picture windows in which there was a highly decorated tree. (Not shown in picture was Santa at the picket fence in rear.) — The Frontier Photos.



PAYTON, VAN DYKE ARE SENTENCED

Two men who have clashed with the law in North-Nebraska have been sentenced and have already begun serving imprisonment.

Elmer Lee Payton, 35, the man who was arrested a fortnight ago in Charleston, W. Va., Saturday was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary. He admitted burglaries at Valentine and one at Stuart earlier this year and admitted being an accomplice in the New Outlaw grocery robbery at O'Neill on March 27.

Meanwhile, before District Judge D. R. Mounts on Tuesday afternoon, Charles Van Dyke, 27, was sentenced to one year in the state men's reformatory. He was charged by Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin for participating in the IGA store robbery at Stuart. Van Dyke also pleaded guilty.

Van Dyke was taken to Lincoln Wednesday to begin serving his sentence.

Holt county did not bring charges against Payton who, Griffin said, was also wanted by Montana.

Griffin said a man by the name of Omar Pinton, 35, now serving a life sentence in the federal penitentiary at Walla Walla, Wash., was the "inside man" on the New Outlaw job. Pinton was arrested in August at Pierre, S. D., by the FBI.

Eggs Hit 49c Then Decline Rapidly

O'Neill egg prices Tuesday continued skidding downward after reaching 49 cents per dozen at last week's end.

Buyers quoted 49 cents for farm run eggs on Saturday and Monday the market had dropped 9 cents. Tuesday buyers were quoting 35 cents.

O'Neill store owners said they hardly know what to charge customers for eggs because of the uncertainty of the market. Stores Monday were getting from 52 to 60 cents a dozen for top grade eggs, the best on the market, but Tuesday cut their prices 8 to 10 cents a dozen.

Consumer price resistance was a major factor in the price break, the New York dealers said. Egg receipts were not appreciably larger than on previous days, but orders from retailers were cut down noticeably from normal levels.

To Sing with St. Louis Symphony—

Miss Joan Frenking, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frenking, of Omaha, will sing with the St. Louis, Mo., symphony orchestra on February 26.

The former St. Mary's academy freshman tired out with the orchestra last week. She studied music under Sister M. Flores here during the 1946-47 school term.

Mrs. Frenking is the former Florence McCafferty.

EWING VOTERS FAVOR PROPOSAL

EWING—Fewer than half of the eligible voters in Ewing's school district 29 went to the polls Tuesday to vote on a bond proposal.

Fifty-seven voted "for" and 34 "against" a plan to take up 20-thousand-dollar in registered warrants and in turn contract bonds with a bonding firm. There are an estimated 250 voters in the district.

The Ewing public school has registered warrants outstanding in the amount of 20-thousand, drawing 5 percent interest. The issue was whether or not the district should reduce the interest rate on 15-thousand from 5 to 2½-percent by making a term of years bond issue.

Lyle P. Dierks, board president, estimated the change would amount to \$1,200 per year savings and enable the district to soon retire the \$6,500 indebtedness on the present building.

Six years ago the district was in debt 18-thousand-dollars on the building alone.

The registered warrants were issued because of an operational loss over a period of years, attributed to non-tax payments and to increased operational costs.

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WIDE INTEREST IN PROPOSED LAKE

Orchard Group Host to 231 in Sunday Meeting

ORCHARD—Two hundred thirty-one sportsmen from 15 northeast and northcentral Nebraska communities attended an invitational banquet meeting at Orchard Sunday night, December 10, to back the proposed Groves lake project, 9½ miles northeast of Orchard.

Proposed lake would be the result of an earthen dam built on the south branch of Verdigre creek and would inundate 69 acres at depths up to 45 feet.

The project was conceived by the North Antelope Rod & Gun club. Officers are: M. C. ("Mac") Simonson, of O'Neill, president; Gordon Drayton, of Orchard, vice-president; Louis Rabass, of Orchard, secretary-treasurer.

Delegates were present from Ainsworth, Atkinson, Emmet, O'Neill, Ewing, Clearwater, Neligh, Osmond, Plainview, Brunswick, Royal, Creighton, Niobrara, Verdel and Orchard. Simonson presided.

Two members of the state game commission—Lynn Hutton, of Norfolk, and Frank J. Brady, of Atkinson—were present and told the audience they would support the development. Other speakers were: Clyde Burdick, of Ainsworth, area engineer for the bureau of reclamation; Ralph Kryger, of Neligh, and Jack Mendenhall, of Valentine.

Site of the proposed lake is now a valley up to a half-mile in width. Land is owned by Mrs. Ella Groves. It is in the northwest corner of Antelope county, almost due east of O'Neill.

The North Antelope club engaged an engineer to make surveys and compile data before the matter was presented to the state forestation and parks commission.

The earthen dam would require 88-thousand cubic yards to fill and the plan calls for a concrete and steel spillway.

The south branch of the Verdigre heads only three miles from the damsite.

Simonson said the club would like to stock the proposed lake with walleyes, trout, bass, croppies and bluegills.

Four thousand trees would have to be removed if the project gets the go-ahead and also several buildings.

Wives of the Rod & Gun club members served a roast buffalo dinner with scalloped potatoes, buttered corn, combination salad and apple pie.

Twenty-three were present from O'Neill.

Leg Broken in Team Runaway

LYNCH—Steven Vlean, young farmer living east of here, is in Sacred Heart hospital suffering with a broken leg above the knee.

His team of horses ran away with a load of corn, a wagon wheel running over young Vlean. He and his brother, Eddie, were picking corn at the time.

Mr. Vlean lay in the field about two hours while his brother went after the ambulance.

His condition is reported as "fair."

RESIDENTIAL FIRE

O'Neill volunteer firemen were summoned at 10 a. m. Monday to the Jack Wallen residence where an oil burner had originated a small fire. The residence is in the southeast section of the city. There was slight smoke damage.

Bar Group Talks Social Security—

ATKINSON—Members of the Fifteenth judicial district bar association convened Monday night at the Atkinson Livestock market.

Clinic portion of the program concerned social security laws and present school laws.

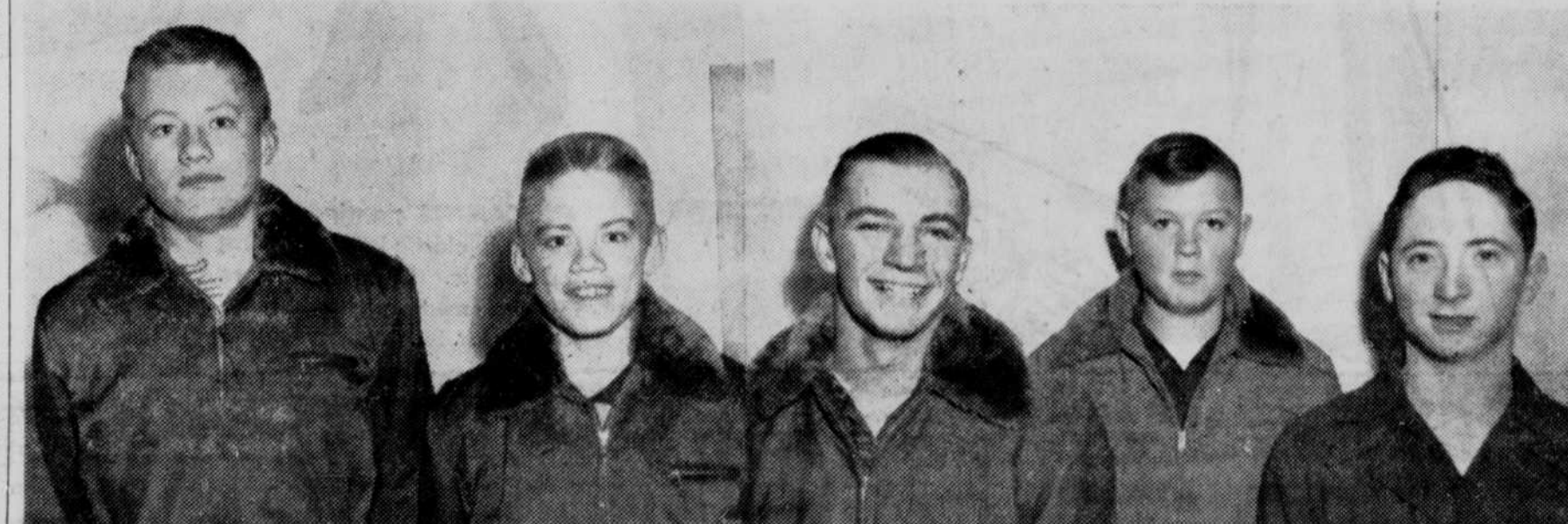
Attends Funeral—

F. J. Biglin went to Columbus Wednesday to attend funeral rites for Dr. Frank Morrow, 70, a Columbus surgeon for 40 years. He died Saturday of a heart attack.

Starts Vacation—

State Patrolman Frank Dineen today (Thursday) begins a two-weeks vacation. He will go to Omaha.

Miss Genevieve Biglin, who had been in Sioux City for two weeks, returned Wednesday.



5 BECOME EAGLE SCOUTS . . . In a ceremony Wednesday night, December 13, at the American Legion auditorium, five O'Neill public school youths were simultaneously elevated to the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout. They are (left-to-right): Paul Fetrow, jr., and Fred ("Orey") Fetrow, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fetrow, sr.; Edward Tomlinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tom-

linson; Dale Strong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Strong, and Bill Malloy, son of Mrs. Ruby Malloy. Field Executive Ernest C. Endsworth, of Stuart, administered the ceremony. Tomlinson is 17 and Fred Fetrow is 13—the latter unusually young to attain the highest rank in scouting.—The Frontier Photo.