

**THE WEATHER**

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Thur., Dec. 24	22	34	34
Fri., Dec. 25	29	54	25
Sat., Dec. 26	34	52	25
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O'Neill Street crews work overtime to remove the four or more inches of snow which fell over the weekend. The crews were still busy Wednesday night hauling the slippery stuff off the streets.

No serious accidents had been reported due to the snowfall at present time.—The Frontier photo and engraving

## 60 Tax Valuations Drop Almost 20%

### Winter's Worst Storm Hits This Area Sunday

Winter's worst blast caught many vacationers in its icy grip Sunday night as four inches of snow accompanied by heavy drifting hit North-Central and Eastern Nebraska.

Traffic in the area came to a virtual standstill late Sunday and early Monday and road crews fought the drifting snow to keep the major highways open.

Rain, followed by sleet and snow hit first in the eastern portion of the state halting traffic. Blowing snow blinded drivers and many vacationers gave up and spent the evenings in motels although many of them were only a short distance from home.

Highway 20 was generally open but blowing snow was a great hazard. Comparatively few accidents occurred due to the blizzard.

Snow crews in O'Neill worked well into Thursday removing the drifts which were piled in front of some business places as high as six feet.

A number of cars went into the ditch but only two accidents were recorded and those not close to O'Neill. A collision between the snowplow and a car driven by C. E. Clemens of three miles east of Orchard Monday afternoon. Extensive damage was done to the car and Clemens received a cut on his leg from broken glass.

Temperatures started to climb again Wednesday and the snow had begun to melt.

### Rites Conducted For Clyde Davis

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the First Methodist church in Atkinson for Clyde Davis, 71, longtime Atkinson barber.

Mr. Davis died in his Atkinson home December 23 at the age of 71, following a long illness.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Atkinson. Pallbearers were Oscar Fullerton, Neligh, Harold Seister, Long Pine, Grant Peacock, O'Neill, C. J. Brook, Don Mills and Claude Humphrey, all of Atkinson. All were barbers who had worked with Mr. Davis.

Clyde Davis was born in Atkinson, Nebraska, July 1, 1888, the son of the late Minor and Clarissa Davis. He began his career as a barber in Stuart at the age of 12 under the direction of the late Frank Bailey, his brother-in-law.

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He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. E. (Gladys) Sparks, Grand Island, Mrs. William (Shirley) Dvorak, Sun Valley, Calif., and Mrs. Kenneth (Arlene) Bridge, Orchard; two sons, Leonard, O'Neill, and Howard, Atkinson; 10 grandchildren, a brother and three sisters.

### Rudy Pospeshil Services Held In Verdigre

Funeral services for Rudolph Pospeshil, 68, were held December 21 at the Community Methodist church in Verdigre with the Rev. David T. Gustafson officiating. Burial was at the Grinton cemetery.

Rudolph (Rudy) Pospeshil was born at West Point on December 23, 1891, to the late John and Anna Pospeshil. He died at the Landberg Memorial hospital December 17.

In 1894 he moved with his parents from West Point to Sunny Brook Farm near Bloomfield where he resided until 1904 when the family moved into Verdigre.

In 1908 the family moved to Oak View Ranch in the Venus Community. For a time he lived on a ranch near Chadron, but moved back to Venus and farmed and helped his father at Oak View Park. Rudolph later settled in Verdigre and for many years was operating a trucking business. He was recently employed by the E. S. Pavlik service station in Verdigre.

Mr. Pospeshil was united in marriage to Viva Douglas in 1945 and one daughter, Rita Mae, was born to this union.

He was preceded in death by his wife, who died in 1954, and a brother, Albert, who died three weeks ago.

He is survived by his daughter; two sisters, Vlasta and Viola of Orchard; one step-son, Charles E. Douglas of Lafayette, Ind.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Howard (Eldine) Webster of Mason, Ill.; and a nephew, Harold L. Pospeshil of Sioux City. Many other relatives and friends survive.

Pallbearers at the funeral were Stanley Wastrel of Plainview, Rudolph Wastrel of Pierce, Clarence Finch of Page, Frank Dobry, Lawrence Sandoz and Albert Pavlik of Verdigre. Funeral music was sung by Mrs. Eldiva Jodicka Pavlik and Mrs. Joe Jacot, Jr., with Mrs. E. E. Sandoz accompanying.

There's good news for the taxpayer—and who isn't one this year. At least good news for the farmer and rancher.

The lower cattle prices which were general throughout the industry last year have brought about a lowering of actual livestock valuations it was announced this week by William Wetsco, county assessor.

Valuations will range from 10 to 20 percent cheaper on most livestock classes with only heifers in the 6 to 12 month age bracket showing any increase over 1959.

Grade steers from 12 to 18 months showed the biggest valuation drop—one that amounted to \$50. Registered heifers 18 to 30 months showed a \$40 drop and grade stock cows showed a \$25 drop.

The valuations followed the trend in the cattle market in that animals with any weight or age are selling lower than during 1958. Young animals seem to be holding fairly steady and the tax valuation in this instance has fluctuated the least. Registered calves show no decrease; grade calves have been devaluated by \$5.

January 1, 1960, is the new assessing date and the county assessor has warned that newcomers are responsible for their own assessing.

Taxes on intangible property this year are: Intangible A—\$2.50 per \$1,000. Intangible B—\$4.00 per \$1,000. (Intangible A property consists of cash and savings while intangible B consists of stocks and shares in corporations, royalties, etc.) Penalties for failure to report range from \$28 to \$93.

Here is a table showing the differences in livestock valuations from 1959 to 1960.

Registered Cattle		1959	1960
Calves to 6 months	\$60	\$60	\$60
Calves 6 to 12 months	150	135	135
Heifers 12 to 18 months	175	160	160
Heifers 18 to 30 months	210	170	170
Stock cows	210	170	170
Milk cows	215	180	180
Herd bulls (minimum)	700	700	700
Commercial bulls (min.)	350	300	300
Grade Cattle			
Calves to 6 months	50	45	45
Heifers 6 to 12 months	50	50	50
Heifers 12 to 18 months	110	110	110
Heifers 18 to 30 months	125	110	110
Stock cows	175	125	125
Heifers over 30 months	200	185	185
Stock cows	175	150	150
Milk cows	180	150	150
Bulls (minimum)	300	250	250
Horses			
Registered horses and race horses (min.)	200	200	200
Saddle horses and Shetlands (minimum)	150	150	150
Other horses and mules (minimum)	70	70	70
Hogs			
Butchers (per cwt.)	14	10	10
Sows (per cwt.)	12	8	8
Sheep			
Ewes and rams (per head)	9	6	6
Feeders (per head)	17	15	15
Hay, Grain			
Hay & Fodder (per ton)	5	6	6
Commercial baled hay (per ton)	8	10	10

In assessing personal property Mr. Wetsco states that assessors will follow the tax guide.

### Marion Mlinar Killed Last Week; Charges Filed

Marion J. Mlinar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mlinar, Atkinson, was killed last Wednesday night when the car in which he was riding left the road and overturned about 16 miles north of Stuart.

According to investigating officer Robert Gude, Mlinar was riding in a car driven by Edward Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Collins, Atkinson. Also riding in the car was Bernardette Ann Schaffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schaffer, Atkinson.

County Attorney William Griffin filed motor vehicle homicide charges against Collins yesterday and a hearing was continued until Saturday morning.

Gude said that the car was traveling north on the Stuart-Naper road. The car was traveling around a left curve when the vehicle went into the ditch on the left side, traveled down the ditch and then overturned.

Mlinar was thrown from the car which apparently passed over his body.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic church at 10 a.m. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery. Pallbearers were Ken Prussa, Dick Funk, Bob Pettinger, Dick Bogue, Jim Hansen and Fred Anderson.

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## 1959 In Review

### Do You Remember...

**January 1** . . . State Aeronautics Director Roland Harr said that Nebraskans must increase their use of air travel services or lose the facilities. Harr said that only Omaha is meeting the daily quota needed to keep the service.

**January 8** . . . Federal Communications Commission ruling threatened the O'Neill TV booster. Plans were made for UHF service in the area.

**January 15** . . . Frank Cronk was again named chairman of the Holt county supervisors. He has been on the board for 10 years and was chairman for six of these years.

**January 22** . . . The possibility of establishing a milk processing plant in O'Neill was discussed at the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting. Two Odeboit, Ia., men told the Chamber that they operate a milk route through O'Neill and would like to have a plant here.

**January 29** . . . Frank Leahy, great coach at the University of Notre Dame, came home to his birthplace and held an informal session of questions and answers at a banquet held in his honor at the Legion club.

**February 5** . . . The annual meeting of people interested in the O'Neill Youth Center was held at the Knights hall. The future of the Center was to be determined at the meeting.

**February 12** . . . Dr. Nadene Coyne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne, was named coordinator of training for physicians in the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation of New York University Bellevue Medical Center.

**February 19** . . . St. Mary's academy received a certificate of affiliation this week from the Catholic University. The affiliation, a coveted set of scholastic standards in Catholic schools, is awarded to schools whose minimum standards set down by the Catholic University.

**February 26** . . . Larry Ruegge, Nick Hammerlund and Ted Jareske, all O'Neill FFA youths won first place in the district four contest this week.

**March 5** . . . Tragedy struck when six month old Teresa Joan Pofahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pofahl, Ewing, died as a result of injuries she incurred in a two-car automobile crash near O'Neill.

**March 12** . . . The city council obtained a fiscal agent and consulting engineering firm from Omaha this week in another step towards the proposed 33 blocks of paving.

**March 19** . . . Elizabeth Schneider, St. Mary's Academy junior, was elected to attend Nebraska Girls State and Dennis Cork, Page high junior was chosen to attend Boys State.

**March 26** . . . The editorial and advertising offices of the Frontier were moved two doors south of the original building. The machines and production will continue in the old building.

**April 2** . . . Mrs. and Mrs. J. H. Davis celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary Easter Sunday with all of their children and grandchildren present for the occasion.

**April 9** . . . The O'Neill city council turned down an application by the

House for a license to sell mixed drinks. Petitions with 500 names objecting to the granting of more liquor licenses were presented to the council.

**April 16** . . . Marvin Miller, O'Neill coach, was named principal and athletic director of O'Neill high for the coming year to replace Willard Soffers.

**April 23** . . . Larry Tomlinson, St. Mary's Academy senior, broke two Holt county records and scored nearly half his team's points to lead St. Mary's to victory over eight teams in the Holt County track tournament in Stuart.

**April 30** . . . Joe Tennis and George Hammond announced plans to remodel their present location to be only a mortuary. Meyer's Midwest Furniture have bought out the furniture stock and Biglin's will retain the floor covering department at a new location.

The congregation of Center Union church, northwest of O'Neill, observed the church's 54th anniversary Sunday with Rev. C. P. Turner in charge of the program.

**May 14** . . . Mother M. Francis, hospital administrator, announced plans for a tentative disaster organization for St. Anthony's hospital. The announcement was made at national hospital week was observed here.

**May 21** . . . Jacquie Arbutnot, St. Mary's Academy, and Connie Kurtz, O'Neill high school, were named valedictorians of their classes as graduation exercises opened.

**May 28** . . . Francis A. Kutish, Iowa State agricultural economist, was a featured speaker at a meeting of the 26th annual Sandhills Cattle Association Convention in O'Neill this week.

**June 4** . . . O'Neill television viewers were without a station this week, as a result of a storm that brought lightning, hail and at least one tornado to this area.

**June 11** . . . Robert Devoy announced his new ownership and management of one of Holt County's established businesses, Gilligan Rexall Drug store. The store will now be the Devoy Rexall Drug store.

**June 18** . . . The city council declared a state of emergency this week due to a water shortage and took steps to speed installation of a water booster pump and the digging of a new city well.

**June 25** . . . The Skills Extension club took first place with their float in the Rodeo parade this week. A record attendance was set at the 3 day rodeo as about 6,000 persons attended.

**July 2** . . . Mrs. Sadie Dickerson and Nyal Franch pleaded not guilty to charges of first degree murder in the death of their son and half-brother, Frank Vanderlinde in an overflowing Butte county court room.

**July 9** . . . Joe Stutz was named president of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night, replacing Ray Eby in that office.

**July 15** . . . Mrs. Paul Bourne and Kim Binkerd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Binkerd, were awaiting final rabies tests from Lincoln. Both had been bitten by a cat believed to be rabid.

**July 23** . . . Charges of false entries were

filed Tuesday against C. I. Bishop and R. M. Martin, Bartlett bankers, in connection with a \$173,000 shortage in the bank funds.

**July 30** . . . Ranchers and producers reported a smaller hay yield than last year as hay cutting reached the halfway point this week. The quality of the hay is better than last year.

**August 6** . . . Sister M. Fides, a well known nun and teacher of St. Mary's Academy, died Saturday in Omaha while attending refresher courses in mathematics and philosophy at Creighton University.

**August 13** . . . August 15 and 16 were the dates set for the presentation of the "Tender Trap," the first production of the O'Neill players, organized by Jim Johnson and Sharlene Shoemaker.

**August 20** . . . Cora Lee Schmisser, Ewing, took top honors for her grand champion baby beef at the Holt County Fair.

**August 27** . . . The O'Neill Lion's Club are sponsoring a fish day for kids Sunday at a pond one mile east and one mile south of the Spencer dam.

**September 3** . . . John Conard, Emmy club added to the O'Neill Country Club history books Sunday as he fired a hole-in-one on the seventh hole.

**September 10** . . . O'Neill has been named the site of the South Dakota - Nebraska state amateur rodeo championship finals October 3 and 4.

**September 17** . . . Lois Schaaf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaaf of Stuart died this week as a result of an automobile accident near Ewing.

**September 24** . . . High winds and golf-ball size hail stones did considerable damage to homes in the Inman, Page and Creighton areas early this week.

**October 1** . . . The Community Concert Association will begin their membership drive Sunday with a kick-off tea at the country club for the workers.

**October 8** . . . The Stuart city council approved a plan to purchase a diesel engine to solve the potential shortage of electrical power.

**October 15** . . . Monsignor Timothy O'Sullivan, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church here in O'Neill, was raised to the office of domestic prelate. The office is considered to be in the second grade of honorary prelacies.

**October 22** . . . The Presbyterian church here in O'Neill installed an automatic prayer answering machine. By calling 800, anyone may hear the device read a prayer or offer inspirational advice.

**October 29** . . . The Bristow Lions club held a surprise banquet honoring a long time Bristow business man, Elmer Bostrom. Mr. Bostrom had spent 55 years in business in Bristow.

**November 5** . . . Bureau of Reclamation men spent four hours explaining the proposed irrigation project to the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting. They said that an interest must be shown before too much is accomplished.

**November 12** . . . The cranberry "scare" hit the country and many O'Neill grocery stores cancelled cranberry orders. The cranberry industry suffered as the scare carried right into the Christmas season.

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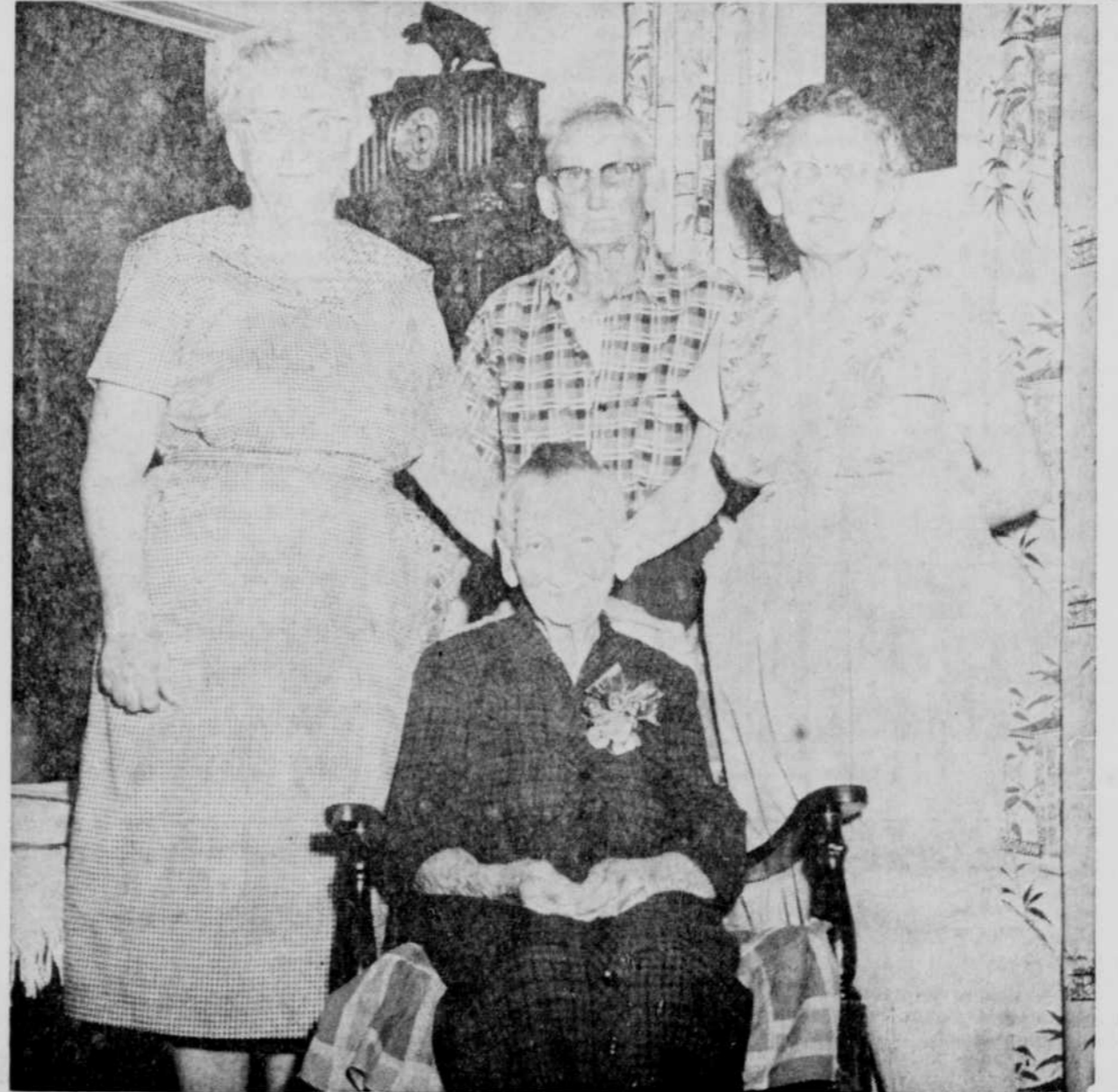
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### TO CELEBRATE 60th

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stoltenberg of Naper will hold open house from 2 until 5 on January 9 at their home to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.



Grandma Bowden is shown as she celebrated her 97th birthday. With her are her three remaining children, from left Mrs. Andrew Wettlaufer, Clyde Bowden, and Mrs. Awalt Spangler. Grandma Bowden lives at her home on 603 E. John Street with her son, Clyde. She is in good health and enjoys playing cards and watching television. She also does a lot of fancy needle-work. She was the mother of 10 children — 8 sons and 4 daughters. Her husband, the late George Bowden, passed away 21 years ago.—The Frontier photo and engraving

## 13th Baby Contest Set; 20 Stores Participate

The Frontier's annual First Baby Contest will again be held this year with 20 O'Neill merchants participating in the baby derby. Contest rules stipulate that the baby must be born in Holt county after midnight, December 31, 1959. An entry blank is published on an inside page of today's Frontier and the parents should fill in the blank and mail it to the Frontier.

Exact time of birth should be noted by the attending physician and both he and the parents should sign the entry blank.

Merchants participating in the 13th annual contest are: Meyer's Midwest Furniture and Appliance, New Outlook, Shelmer's Jack & Jill, McCurville's Gambles, McDonalds, Coyne Hardware, M and M Cafe and Bakery, Devoy Rexall Drug, O'Neill Photo Co., Scoville's Western Auto, Patton's Ben Franklin, Harding Creamery, McIntosh Jewelry, Safeway Store, Johnson Drug, A and M Shoe Store, Gillespie, Merri Dr. Pepper Bottling Co. and Dankert's Appliance.

See inside pages for a list of the prizes offered in the baby derby.

### Whitcomb's Car Rolls; He Escapes Serious Injury

Harold Whitcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Whitcomb, Amelia, escaped serious injury on the evening of December 19 when his car was driving overturned.

The accident occurred as he was returning from Burwell. Whitcomb said that he came over a sharp hill to find another car stalled in the center of the road.

Whitcomb took to the ditch, recovered control and drove back onto the road only to have the car overturn when it hit the gravel.

He laid down on the seat as the car turned over and held on to the bottom of the seat. He sustained cuts and bruises requiring many stitches.

The car, belonging to his parents, was a total wreck.

### Sale Dates Claimed

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th — Hereford sale of 35 coming 2-year-old bulls. Sale to be held at the Atkinson Sale barn beginning at 1 p.m. Charles Corde, auctioneer, Vernon Hixson, Neligh, sale manager.

### Alien Address Report Program Under Way

The office of immigration and naturalization service in Omaha advised today that the annual Alien Address Report Program is again under way.

Forms with which to make the report are available at all post offices and immigration officials pointed out that willful failure to comply with these requirements may lead to serious consequences.