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Seven Cents

## Winners of Gobblers Announced

Local business streets were crowded Friday and Saturday when O'Neill merchants once again showed their appreciation to shoppers by presenting Turkey Days.

Forty-three turkey winners were announced this week by the Chamber of Commerce committee in charge. The winners earned their birds by coming closest to the correct number of persons registered at Chamber of Commerce stores during the two days.

Following is a list of the stores and their winners: Ben Franklin, Kathie Loukota of Bristow; Hamk Standard Service, Mrs. Lydia Grothe, of Emmet; Robertson Motors, Francis Matthews of O'Neill; O'Neill National Bank, George Peters of O'Neill; Independent, Mrs. James V. Karel of O'Neill; Coast to Coast, Minnie Stein of O'Neill; O'Neill Lockers, Mrs. Gilbert Winchell of O'Neill.

McCarville's, Ray Hoffman of Chambers, 4th Street Garage, Bill Jensen of O'Neill; McDonald's, Mrs. Frank Fritton of O'Neill; Lee's Store, Jeanne Hynes of O'Neill; Devoy Drug, Mrs. George Peterson Jr., of O'Neill; Wilson Texaco, Marge Stultfeger of O'Neill; Coyne Hardware, Mrs. Albert Reynolds of Inman; New Outlaw, Jeannie Jackson of O'Neill.

First National Bank, Sister Agnes of St. Mary's; Moore Noble Art Remiter of O'Neill; Virgil Laurson, Mrs. Otto Herre of O'Neill; 4th Street Market, Gene Wolfe of O'Neill; Johnson Jewelry, Jeanette Fricke of O'Neill; Graham's "66", Vern Eppenbaugh of O'Neill; Ely's Conoco, Allen H. Walters of O'Neill; A & M Shoe Store, Kenneth Wettlaufer of Page.

O'Neill Cleaners, Mrs. Sam Banks of O'Neill; Shelhamer Equipment, Paul Krugman of O'Neill; Johnson Drug, Minnie Higgins of O'Neill; Shelhamer Foods, Neil Daves of O'Neill; Thelander Auto, Joe Fritz of O'Neill; Fetrow's, William Vrooman of Orchard; O'Neill Photo, Mrs. Joe Raymond of O'Neill.

Central Finance, Floyd Osborne of Atkinson; Safeway, Mrs. Mike Burney of O'Neill; Apparel Shop, Mrs. Lora Olmstead of O'Neill; Style Shop, LaDonna McNulty of O'Neill; Frontier, Mrs. Lloyd Britnell of O'Neill; McIntosh Jewelry, Mrs. Leonard Davis of O'Neill; Gambles, Arthur E. Johnson of Bristow; M & M Bakery, Ora Robinson of O'Neill; Western Auto, Mrs. Frank Froelich of O'Neill; O'Neill Drug, Mrs. Lyle Vestist of O'Neill; Spotts Lumber, Mrs. Don Larsen of O'Neill; J. C. Penney, Albert Kopefka of Inman, and Meyers Midwest, Kathleen Warnke of O'Neill.

Cards have been sent to the winners, notifying them that the turkeys may be obtained at one of four grocery stores in this city.

## County Officials Attend State Meet

A state-wide meeting of county officials was held in Lincoln Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Those attending from Holt County were Alice French, J. Ed Hancock, Alvin Heese, Howard Manson and Kenneth Waring.

Two officers of the group are from Holt county and they are Frank Cronk, secretary and treasurer of the supervisor group, and Howard Manson, president of the district court division.

## A. J. Snyder Resigns Post

A. J. Snyder, Holt County Farm and Home Development agent the past fifteen months has resigned effective December 15.

A. J. Snyder will be replaced by the Farmers National Company of Omaha, as a farm manager in the Grand Island area. The Snyders will be moving to Grand Island January 2.

## VFW Auxiliary Holds Christmas Party

Members of the VFW Auxiliary No. 926 met in the courthouse assembly room Tuesday evening for a regular meeting and Christmas party. Mrs. Anna Brown, president, was in charge of the business session.

Mrs. Al Stoffer is a new member. Mrs. Margaret Scofield reported on the district meeting which was held November 27 at Naper. It was voted by the group to send \$10 to the fund for Christmas parties at veterans hospitals.

A letter was read from the Shell Oil company stating that an award would be presented at the next meeting, January 19, for the Auxiliary's participation in a recent bicycle safety campaign. A "white elephant" auction will also be held at the next meeting with the proceeds going to the cancer fund. Mrs. Corda Belmer of Ewing served refreshments following games and a gift exchange.

## Service Held Sunday for Mrs. Crosser

INMAN—Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday for Mrs. Elmer Crosser, 82, who died Friday at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill.

The Rev. R. D. Linder officiated at the services in the Methodist church at Inman. Burial was in the Inman cemetery.

Jennie Crosser was born in Sweden February 25, 1878. When a young girl she came with her parents to America, living in Keya Paha county, where her father had a homestead. After seven years the family moved on a ranch near Bassett and about 1894 she moved with her family to Inman where she resided to the time of her death.

She was married to Elmer Crossed February 16, 1901 and they established their home on an acreage at the northwest edge of Inman. Her husband preceded her in death December 25, 1939.

Survivors include several nieces and friends. Pallbearers were James Coventry, Kenneth Coventry, William Kelly, James Kelly, Dave Morsbach and Earl Watson.

## E. A. Robertson Services Held At Atkinson

ATKINSON—E. A. (Gus) Robertson, 67, a well-known woolen company representative in the Holt county area, died Thursday, Dec. 8, at Atkinson Memorial hospital.

Masonic funeral services were held Saturday at the Methodist church with the Rev. Charles Gates officiating. Burial was in the Woodlawn cemetery at Atkinson.

Edgar Augustus Robertson was born in Clinton, Mo., October 11, 1893 to John and Mary Robertson. He was married to Evangeline Lemmer at Neligh May 25, 1948.

Surviving are his wife, Evangeline; a son, William of Concord, Calif.; four grandchildren, and two brothers, Victor W. of Clinton, Mo., and James M. of Electric, Tex.

Pallbearers were Otto Gloor, E. H. Chase, F. J. Brady, Raymer Funk, Lawrence Dobrovoly and D. R. Davis.

## Two Car Mishap Does Minor Damage

A two-car accident occurred Sunday at Everett and South second streets when the autos of Bill Schroeder of O'Neill and Milton Lee-Ballard of Pender collided, causing \$150 to the Schroeder car and \$100 to the Ballard vehicle.

Mr. Schroeder was driving west on Everett and Mr. Ballard was north bound on Second street at the time of the accident. City policeman, Milford Coats, was the investigating officer.



## Judge Mounts Retiring After 19 Years on Bench

District Judge D. R. Mounts will retire from the bench January 1, after 19 years service in that capacity. He will be succeeded by William Smith of Ainsworth.

Following his retirement, Judge Mounts plans to return to private law practice and will retain his offices in the Harmon building.

A recognition dinner was held in honor of Judge Mounts and Judge Lyle Jackson of Neligh December 6 at Bassett, given by members of the 15th District Judicial Bar association. Desk pads were presented to the honored guests.

Judge Mounts received his bachelor of arts and bachelor of law degrees at the University of Kansas. At this time he was also

presented a scholarship to Yale university but was unable to use it. He was admitted to the bar in Oklahoma in 1912 and came to Nebraska in 1916, where he settled at Long Pine.

He was practicing in Atkinson when Gov. Dwight Griswold appointed him district judge following the death of Judge R. R. Dickson of O'Neill. His appointment was made July 14, 1941.

His wife, the former Marion Franz of Ponca, is an invalid and Judge Mounts spends as much time as possible at his wife's bedside in St. Anthony's hospital.

Judge Mounts is a member of the Masonic order, former worthy patron of the Order of Eastern Star and is a member of the First Presbyterian church.

## Bowens Honored For Service to Local Church

A fellowship dinner was held after Sunday morning services at the O'Neill Methodist church, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bowens. Recognition was made of Mr. Bowens' many years of service in the church, especially in the capacity of pianist and organist.

New pulpit chairs were dedicated as memorials to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Gillespie during the church service. The Rev. Glenn Kennicott made the dedication.

An open house was observed at the parsonage following the dinner.

## Answer Fire Alarm

O'Neill firemen responded to a call at the George Garhardt residence Tuesday afternoon to extinguish a fire caused by an overheated stove.

Damage was minor, confined to the stove chimney.

# Holt County Farmers Receive Awards for Forestry Practices

## Santa To Arrive Here By Airplane Saturday

Mothers—be prepared to drop everything Saturday afternoon because promptly at 2 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive at the public high school in the city fire truck with sirens going full force.

Santa will be brought to O'Neill by airplane and will be met by the O'Neill Fire Chief G. E. Miles. The famous guest will then be given a mighty fast ride to the schoolhouse, where he will greet the kiddies of this area with a candy treat and also a listening ear for private wishes for Christmas.

## Melcher Named Prexy Of Hereford Breeders

Harold Melcher of Page was re-elected president of the Holt County Hereford Breeders association at the annual business meeting and dinner held Saturday evening at the Town House.

Other officers include Van Robertson of Chambers, vice president, and Keith Abart of O'Neill, secretary and treasurer. The directors are Troxel Green of Amelia, replacing Harlan Larson of O'Neill; Henry Wood of Ewing, Vern Whitaker of Chambers and Vern Sageser of Amelia.

Three new members were voted into the association and they are George Gatzmeyer of O'Neill, Rex Carson of Lynch and Clyde Doolittle of Amelia.

February 21 was selected as the date for the annual spring sale.

## NSEA Names Delbert Nelson As President

Delbert F. (Speck) Nelson, former superintendent of the O'Neill public schools, has been elected president of the Nebraska State Education association.

Nelson, superintendent of schools at Schuyler, is presently



vice president of the 13,837-member NSEA organization.

The new president taught and coached at Eagle and Crawford prior to entering the service during World War II. He was discharged as a first lieutenant in 1946, then named superintendent of schools at Culbertson, O'Neill and Schuyler. He served here 1952 to 1954.

## Team Captains Announced for Church Drive

Dr. L. A. Burgess, Harry Clauson, Dwight Harder, Arlo Hiatt, Roy Humrich and Weston Whitwer have been named as team captains for the financial campaign of the Presbyterian church.

The appointments were made by Ted Kyster, personnel chairman, at a meeting Monday evening. Letters have been mailed to 30 other members of the congregation as campaigners and these members will attend training sessions during the week of January 8-14, under the direction of the Rev. J. George Senty of the Fund Raising Campaign Department of the Board of National Missions.

Sunday, January 15, will be campaign Sunday, beginning with a commissioning service followed by a dinner for the campaigners. The campaigners will then make their calls between the hours of 2 and 7 p.m.

Other committee members at work on various phases of the drive are Robert Forwood, promotion chairman; A. L. Patton, arrangements chairman; Melvin Ruzicka, preparations chairman; Wayne Spelts, staff chairman, and Joe Tennis, financial chairman.

## Henry F. Reimer Appointed Knox County Attorney

Henry F. Reimer, 39, of Niobrara, son of County Judge and Mrs. Louis Reimer sr., of O'Neill, was appointed county attorney for a two-year term at a Friday meeting of the Knox county supervisors.

Reimer replaces Merrit C. Warren, who resigned recently.

The new county attorney is a graduate of the Ewing high school. Shortly after graduating, he moved with his family to O'Neill and from here went to the University of Nebraska. After two and one-half years at the university he entered the armed services and following this, returned to Lincoln to complete the four-year term.

He studied law at the Kansas City Law school and was admitted to the bar in May, 1951. Reimer practiced law at Niobrara, later opening his law office at Center.

He is married to the former Marjorie Hendrickson of Loveland, Colo., and they have three children, Warren, 10, Janice, 8, and Rita Jean, 2.

## O'Neill High to Present Program Tuesday Evening

The Music Department of the O'Neill high school will present a combined vocal and instrumental Christmas program Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the O'Neill high school auditorium.

The vocal music department under the direction of Miss Alvera Ramm will have soloists, several small ensembles, the Girl's Glee club and the Mixed Chorus on the program. The instrumental numbers will be directed by Duane Miller.

## Stuart Legion To Present Concert Sunday

Songs of American holidays will be sung by a combined chorus of about 40 members from the Stuart American Legion and its Auxiliary in a concert at the Stuart auditorium on Sunday evening at 8 p.m.

The presentation by this special chorus will be "Holiday Montage," which was the basis of a TV spectacular produced by the famous Fred Waring orchestra and chorus last year. Songs for 13 holidays are included. The chorus, which has been in rehearsal for several weeks, is under the direction of Ben Jones, music instructor for the Stuart public schools.

In addition to the Legion and Auxiliary chorus, the Stuart high school band will play a number of Christmas songs, and the high school mixed chorus will sing several numbers. The program will conclude with the singing of Christmas carols in which the audience will be asked to participate.

This entertainment is for the benefit of the Stuart high school band fund.

## Whoops! Wrong Pair

"What a day!" moaned the office gal as she hurried to her desk. "I almost missed the stove when I set the tea kettle down and then I stumbled over the darn curb coming to work. Guess my eyes are going bad on me."

All morning she fussed over her glasses, adjusting them on her nose, sliding them down, polishing them. Late in the afternoon she tossed them on the desk in disgust.

That was when she noticed that she had on her husband's bifocals.

## Stuart Woman Killed In Gun Mishap

STUART—Mrs. Dennis Weber of Stuart, a 17-year-old farm wife, was accidentally shot and killed by her husband Saturday at 8 a.m. when a shell was accidentally discharged from a 16-gauge shotgun.

The accident occurred at the end of Mr. Weber's par-front yard of Mr. Weber's par-front yard. Edward Weber, who lives 10 miles north of Stuart, Dennis Weber, 19, and his wife had driven there from their house, one-half mile away, to assist with the morning chores.

The night before, young Weber had borrowed his father's gun for hunting and was returning it. Upon arriving at the house, the couple got out of the car and Dennis was walking around the vehicle, checking the gun as he carried it on his arm.

He pumped the gun, and a shell discharged. The shot struck Mrs. Weber in the right eye, causing instantaneous death.

Sheriff Leo Tomjack was the investigating officer. County Attorney William Griffin was out of town at the time of the accident. He stated Wednesday morning that the investigation had not yet been completed and he was unable to say whether or not there would be an inquest.

The young husband is under a doctor's care, suffering from shock.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning for Mrs. Weber at St. Boniface church in Stuart. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery at Stuart.

Norma Jean Weber was born November 6, 1943 at Gregory, S. D., to John T. and Elizabeth Schrader. Her father preceded her in death in April 2, 1959.

She was married to Dennis Weber July 6, 1960.

Survivors are her husband; her mother, Mrs. John Schrader; five sisters, Mrs. Dean Dixon of Gregory, Mrs. Woodrow Rezac of Dallas, S. D., Mrs. Terry Johnson of Grant, N. M., Lois and Karen Schrader at home, and three brothers, Melvin at Mills and Marvin and William at home.

## School Bond Issue Fails Second Time

Voters of School District No. 7 went to the polls Friday to cast their ballots on a \$485,000 school bond issue to build a new high school—defeating the proposal.

This was the second attempt to get approval of the school bond. A total of 1,391 votes were cast, 622 for the issue and 724 against. Five votes were rejected due to non-eligibility.

Three Holt county persons will receive Tree Farm Awards at the Annual Extension Service meeting Thursday, (today) according to Richard Gavitt, District Extension Forester of Pender.

Alfred Drayton of O'Neill, Harry White of Amelia and P. W. Summerer of Ewing will receive awards for their interest in forestry. The tree farm award is a nationwide program sponsored by the American Forest Products Industries to promote better forestry practices and to recognize persons that have an interest in forestry.

Alfred Drayton, whose ranch is located eight and one-half miles north of O'Neill, started planting trees in 1936 and has planted trees every year. His plantings are for livestock protection and farmstead windbreaks. Mr. Drayton plans additional plantings and also forestry improvement work in the present plantings. The management work will consist of thinning the trees in some locations and removal of some of the undesirable species.

P. W. Summerer, who lives near Ewing, has continued an interest for trees on the ranch started by his father. The first trees were planted on the ranch about 1890 during the timber claim days by his father, P. W. Summerer. He has continued planting trees thru the years and his son, Duane Summerer, is planning forestry improvement work at the present time. Mr. Summerer states that red cedar is his favorite tree for use in the windbreak because it is hardy and dense for wind protection.

Mr. Harry White, of near Amelia, is one of the older residents of the county. His interest in forestry and trees started about 60 years ago when he homesteaded in the Amelia area. There were no trees in the area then and tree cuttings were made at O'Neill and then planted on the farm. He also made trips to Long Pine to secure seedlings for planting on the area. He knows the value of trees in Holt county. He has seen the county change from practically no trees to trees and shelterbelts on practically every ranch and farm in the county. Mr. White loves trees and has a fine Jack pine grove that he planted on a high sandy area and stopped the sand from blowing. He has planted many different kinds of trees including fruit trees and enjoys taking care of them.

## Wild Life Club Ask Support In Legislation

Dr. Harry Gildersleeve, secretary of the North-Central Nebraska Game Conservation association, has received a letter from the Lincoln County Wild Life club asking for support on two bills which will be introduced in 1961 Nebraska legislature.

The first bill will ask the legislature to prohibit the issuing of non-resident hunting licenses for the hunting of prairie chicken and grouse. The second bill will ask the legislature to provide that non-resident hunting licenses for all game birds except chicken and grouse, be limited to the average of the number of non-residents hunting licenses during the past 10 years.

All sportsmen's clubs in Nebraska are being asked to lobby with state senators of their districts and to prepare petitions for forwarding at the proper time.

Sportsmen in this area interested in backing these bills may contact Dr. Gildersleeve.



Highlighting the campaign of the Presbyterian church this week was the appointment of campaigners. Team captains selected by personnel chairman Ted Kyster are: Dr. L. A. Burgess, Harry Clauson, Dwight Harder, Arlo Hiatt, Roy Humrich and Weston Whitwer. Other committee members are: Robert Forwood, A. L. Patton, Melvin Ruzicka, Wayne Spelts, Joe Tennis, D. R. Mounts, Mrs. J. P. Brown.



The annual Christmas party for Junior and Senior Auxiliary was held last Wednesday evening. Shown here are members of the Junior Auxiliary who provided the evening's entertainment in the form of a style show, sang Christmas carols and presented several short skits. A gift exchange was held and Santa was on hand to distribute the presents. Sponsor of the Junior Auxiliary is Mrs. Dean Streeter.