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Christmas Party at Stewart Home
The Bar X project club Christmas party was held on Friday, December 14, at the home of Mickey and Betty Stewart with all members but one present. The husbands and children attended this party with us. There were games and children's records were played and Christmas carols were played on the piano. There was a grab bag and treats.

Ice cream and cake were served to the children with stick candy favors. The adults played cards and consumed plates of homemade candy. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served by the hostess before returning home. High score in cards went to Genevieve O'Neill and Ray Margart; low score to Agnes Stewart and "Swede" Wabs. There was a "mystery sister" gift exchange. Next meeting will be held January 15 with Mrs. Arthur O'Neill. By Leone Wabs, reporter.



Happy New Year
Our devout wish is that you may grow and prosper throughout the year
1952

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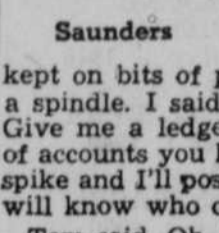
NEW YEAR TRIDINGS
Can you imagine the happiest New Year possible? That's what we're wishing for you today.
1952
O'NEILL NATIONAL BANK
MEMBER FDIC
— O'NEILL —

Prairieland Talk—

Tom Salem Never Refused Credit to Anyone; Could Supply What City Stores Couldn't

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—Tom Salem was perhaps the most widely-known of any who have lived in southwest Holt county. During his years behind the counter in his old-time country store in Amelia, where you could get anything from a spool of thread to a block of salt for the cattle. Tom never refused anyone credit and it was not unusual to run a bill with him of more than \$1000. He trusted everybody and everybody was a friend of Tom. How he did it was something of a mystery. The accounts were kept on bits of paper he kept on a spindle. I said to him one day, Give me a ledger and that stack of accounts you have on that wire spike and I'll post them up so you will know who owes you.



Saunders

Tom said, Oh, I'll do that some day. His stock of merchandise was unlimited and when an order was received at the Omaha wholesale houses from Salem at Amelia, the standing instruction was to get it out to him at once though the truck drivers had to miss others.

Mrs. Saunders at one time sent to Lincoln for a certain kind of garment. It could not be found in the big stores up and down O street. Then she sent to Kansas City and it was not found there. Then she went to Salem's in Amelia and found what she wanted among his amazing collection of merchandise.

Tom helped with hundreds of dollars his people in his native Syria, and had an open hand for needy at home and abroad. He cherished his American citizenship above that which many natives do.

Windows are coated with ice. A foot of snow lays in white purity across the earth. Mercury in the tube out on the post has dropped to 10 below. A few householders have ventured out to clear the sidewalks. A car here and there groans and chugs while the wheels spin and the impatient gent at the steering wheel feeds in more gas. An hour later he is still there. The pines an cedars are dusted with ermine. The winter of '51-'52 has taken us to its cold embrace in mid-December. Even though you may have reached that period of life when you have no more future than a snowman, there's something about the arctic season that holds an irresistible charm.

"I have loved the first keen kiss of the frost
That is wine and fire to the blood,
And the wheel that cuts through the frozen ruts,
And the roar of the mountain, flood,
And the mellow peace of the Sabbath morn
And the homeward turn in the lane,
And the lamplight glow and the falling snow
That beats so softly on the pane."

Any day, most any hour of the day they may be heard; just turn the button on that little box that sits on a shelf in every home. And if we don't know what "ought to be done" we are pretty dumb.

white Christmas had that pleasure in prairieland and could have 12 feet of it if they went up to Tripp county, S.D.

Anyway, the gent who puts on his act to win the favor of a fair miss knows that's the kind of a guy he ought to be.

20 Cases Smallpox In Dorsey Locality

50 Years Ago
T. N. J. Hynes, Mike and Will Fallon and Mike Sullivan are here from Park City, Utah, to spend the holidays. . . There are some 15 or 20 cases of small pox in the Dorsey community some 25 miles northeast of O'Neill. . . Miss Maggie Coffey, of Spencer, is spending the holidays with her parents here. . . Fred Gatz took advantage of the first cold snap and cut ice. . . Parnell Golden is home from Lincoln. . . J. P. Mann has been shaking hands with his many friends in O'Neill the past week. . . The cold wave has subsided. Snow is fast disappearing under the melting rays of a warm sun and the streets are sloppy as a day in April.

25 Years Ago
Miss Irenia Biglin went to Sioux City for a short visit with friends. . . Miss Loretta Ryan expects to leave soon for Chicago, Ill. . . Mr. and Mrs. Vern Sageser and Mrs. M. L. Sageser were shopping in O'Neill. . . The farm residence of C. M. Ernst, 2 miles north and 2 1/2 miles west of O'Neill burned to the ground. . . Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mains, of Stuart, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Arbutnot. . . The WCTU will meet with Mrs. H. M. Uttley. . . Miss Mariam Golden came home from Columbus.

10 Years Ago
Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Crabb went to Wagner, S.D., to visit their son, Verie, and family. . . Mr. and Mrs. James Rooney went to Tecumseh, being called there by the illness of Mr. Rooney's father. . . Miss Mary Brophy came home from Grand Island. . . Mrs. Henry Bauman spent the weekend in Atkinson. . . Howard Graves, Junior Harris and Robert Lowery arrived from Baltimore, Md., to spend the holidays with relatives. . . Miss Martha Switzer entertained 12 guests at her home at a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Jane Jeffrey. . . Mrs. C. J. Gatz entertained the Delta-Dek club.

1 Year Ago
Santa brought 2 babies for Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Layh, a son, Rickey Lee and Rev.

Prairieland was wet with 5 feet of rain in 1951, the weatherman says. . . The deer population has been reduced by over 700 killed by the hunters this season. . . Allen Kennedy, living near Four Corners down toward Bartlett, is charged with motor vehicle homicide in Antelope county court, a 10-year-old boy living west of Elgin reported killed in the traffic accident. . . In 43 years of motoring, 1,000,000 traffic deaths have gotten into the statistics. . . Among the half-million from many lands were 10,000 Americans who visited the Fatima shrine near Lisbon, Portugal, as 1951 holy year drew to a close.

A Nebraska editor, Mr. Lawrence, of the Lincoln Star, thinks maybe Judge Thomas F. Murphy of the federal court in a New York district can do the job, but believes Gov. Tom Dewey is the one to put on the trail for a clean-up in Washington. Dewey certainly did a job of that kind in New York. Whether the Truman move for a clean-up at this late date as another election draws on is for political effect or otherwise is everybody's guess.

In the 6 years functioning Alcoholics Anonymous has taken 120,000 folks out of the ranks of firewater consumers.

A woman selected a suit in a New York swank establishment but her check in payment would not be accepted unless the lady could identify herself. "Have you a new one dollar bill?" she asked the manager. It was produced and she pointed to the signature in the lower left hand corner, Georgia Neese Clark, treasurer of the United States. She got the suit.

Mr. Seaton hopped from the editorial scantun down at Hastings to a seat in the U. S. senate and it is now Senator Seaton, a new face in official circles of the community where it is said he was born. Nebraskans have two strangers in the congressional group at the nation's seat of authority.

The cheerful soul who loves a

HAROLD'S BOWLING ALLEY
— O'NEILL —

and Mrs. Robert W. Olson, a son, John Robert. . . Two new Holt county officers will assume their duties. Leo Tomjack, sheriff, and William E. Wefso, assessor.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
QCD—Martin Hamik et al to Mary Hamik 5-11-48 \$1- Lots 2 & 3 Blk 16- Atkinson
GRD DEED — Edward L. Schneider Grd to Mary Hamik 12-12-51 \$200- 2/21st Int in Lots 2 & 3 Blk 16- Atkinson.
WD—Morris L Harmon to Wm J Froelich 3-3-51 \$3600- E 1/2 NW 1/4 19-29-11
WD — Theodore W Strong to Andrew Wettlaufer & wife 12-12-51 \$3500- Lots 13-14-15 Blk G- O'Neil

Neill & Hagerty's Add- O'Neill
WD—Kenneth Werner to Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation 11-28-51 \$25- W 1/2 lot 9 Blk F- Perkins Annex- Chambers
WD—Howard M Perkins to Hazel I Nielsen-Richard E Perkins & DeWight D Perkins 9-29-51 \$1- NE 1/4 7-25-11
WD — State of Nebraska to Charles Clauseen 12-10-51 \$1280- SW 1/4 36-30- Range 13
Howard Friedrich arrived home Saturday, December 22, from Chicago, Ill., where he attends an electrical school. He is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Friedrich.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Here's hoping the young year finds you equally young in heart.
1952
JOHN CONARD STORE
— Emmet —

A Very Happy New Year
Our most sincere wishes for your continued health, happiness and success
WM. KROTTER CO.
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Jacobson's
Across from the Golden
We wish you prosperity -- a wealth of love and peace of mind
1952
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EVERY MONDAY, starting at 12 o'clock noon — WE SELL CALVES AND YEARLINGS. This is the day to bring in your calves and light yearlings.
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