

When You & I Were Young . . .

Rubber-Wheel Skates for Rink

40-hp Engine in '27 Model Ford

50 Years Ago
The grand opening of the roller skating rink will be December 16, according to Dr. J. W. McLeran and Ralph Evans. New rubber-wheeled skates have been ordered . . . A new year present of \$100 in gold will be given by P. J. McManus. Each purchase of \$5 or the same amount or account, will give the customer an opportunity to receive it . . . Michael Lyons, a land man from Emmet, was in O'Neill taking care of clients . . . The Royal Highlanders will hold their initiation of new members Monday evening.

25 Years Ago
Santa Claus will visit O'Neill December 17 . . . A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Babl . . . A marriage license was issued December 5 to Connie Calloway and Miss Margaret Bruns . . . A truck belonging to A. W. Spangler burned Tuesday . . . Grocery prices are as follows: 14 pounds of sugar, \$1; three pounds of coffee, \$1; one pound seedless raisins, 10c; a box of matches, 4c; one gallon of coal oil, 15c; one can carnation milk, 7c; two large size Post Toasties, 25c; large size baking powder, 30c . . . Dan Desdune and his company of colored players performed at the Royal theatre Thursday and Friday night . . . The new Ford car will be here December 10-11. Some of its features are 55 to 65 miles per hour, 40 horsepower engine and 20 to 30 miles per gallon of gasoline.

10 Years Ago
Miss Eileen Kelly and Pfc. Jerome Spittler were married at St. Patrick's church, Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara officiating . . . Judge D. R. Mounts held court in Butte . . . "The Legend of the Snow Man," an operetta, was given by the grade school at the O'Neill high school . . . The Arctic exhibition will be in O'Neill December 18 . . . Football

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season closed with only one loss on the record. Harold Calkins and Gene Wolfe were chosen captains . . . O'Neill high school starts basketball season with six lettermen—Gene Wolfe, Warren Burgess, Francis Yantzi, John Osenbaugh, Gene McKenna and Harold Calkins.

One Year Ago
Rev. Samuel Lee recently returned from six years in an Alaskan outpost to become the new pastor of the First Presbyterian church here . . . Duane Cavanaugh enlisted in the air force and left December 5 for San Antonio, Texas . . . Miss Ruth Hoffman, Holt county clerk, attended the county officials convention in Omaha . . . Cpl. James Uralub was discharged December 1 from the army at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Two Contests Offered to State's Failures—
Two Christmas holiday contests are being offered Nebraska farmers this year. The contests are open to all users of electricity served by the rural electric systems.
They are a Christmas farm and home lighting contest for either inside or outside displays and a "Letter to Santa" contest. Rural people are to tell Santa in 50 words or less what electric appliance or equipment they would like to receive for Christmas and why? The lighting display contest will be judged from photographs received.
Worthwhile electrical prizes are being awarded in both contests. The contests are being sponsored by the Electrical Farmer magazine and the rural electric systems in the state.

Page People—
Attend Reunion—
PAGE — Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stauffer of Page were among those attending the reunion of WOW-WO-TV's farm study tour to Mexico and Texas. The reunion was held Saturday, November 22, at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.
During the day long get-together, four members saw motion pictures, colored slides, photos and heard recordings that were made on the September trip.
Prizes were awarded for the best report on the tour, the best colored slide photo and the best black and white photo.

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— O'NEILL —

'Night Before' Author Was Ashamed of It

Everyone knows and loves the poem which begins—

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse—

but the man who wrote it, Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, was ashamed of it and would not allow it to be published under his name for more than 20 years.

Dr. Moore, an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal seminary in New York, wrote the poem on Christmas eve, 1822, and read it to his seven children.
He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.

Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

Ironically, the professor's serious works are forgotten today. He is mentioned in encyclopedias because he wrote the celebrated Christmas verses.

Wax from Candles Calls for Caution

With so many candles placed about the home to give a festive air during the holiday season, candle wax drippings on rugs, tablecloths, and mantels are almost inevitable.

Wax spots on rugs can usually be removed successfully by first scraping off as much wax as possible with a dull knife and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

When you scrape up the wax, be careful not to injure the yarns. If the candle was colored and a stain remains, try sponging it lightly with a liquid made of two parts of water and one part of denatured (rubbing) alcohol.

As a precaution against fading, test this mixture first on an inconspicuous part of the rug.

Wax that has run down from candleholders onto your best linen tablecloth can be removed by the same method of first scraping—being very careful not to injure the fiber or thread—and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride. If the stain is colored, use the solution suggested for a colored spot on a rug, after you've used carbon tetrachloride. Again you are urged to test an inconspicuous spot for possible fading from use of the solution.

GOOD DEEDS
After picking 100 acres of corn at the Ed Isley farm near Geneva friends and neighbors picked 25 acres of corn at the Walt Isley farm the same day.

Make It a Safe Xmas at Your Home

(State of Nebr., Dept. of Health)
Regardless of how much joy is anticipated at Christmas, this joy may be destroyed quickly by sorrow when an accident occurs in the home.

Home accident mortality and morbidity rates today present a serious national problem, one calling for planned and organized preventive action.

Someone is killed by a home accident in this country every 16 minutes, and someone is permanently disabled by a home accident every four minutes. In 1950 alone, more than 4.5 million Americans were either injured or killed in preventable accidents occurring in the home. These figures given by the national safety council indicate the number of lives lost in the homes in the United States each year is far greater than the number of people killed in action in Korea. It is far greater than the large number of people slaughtered on public highways each year. Of this total, 120,000 persons were permanently disabled and 31,000 were killed. In terms of wages lost, medical expenses, and higher insurance premiums, we paid an estimated 800 million dollars for home accidents in 1950.
The underlying causes of home accidents can usually be traced to environmental hazards or unsafe actions, or both.

St. Francis Made First Crib in Cave

St. Francis of Assisi is believed to have originated the custom of displaying the Christ Child in a crib at Christmas time.

He is reported once to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the infant Saviour became to us."

So at midnight, in the small Italian village of Garcia, in the year 1200, St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

CROSBY ON DUTY
Governor-elect Robert Crosby was in Lincoln to participate in the budget hearings. He said he hopes to be able to announce most of his appointments by December 15.

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Tune in! Voice of The Frontier . . . Mon., Wed., Sat., 9:45 a.m., 780 kc., WJAG.

Make Covering Gay When Wrapping Gifts

Half of the gift is the wrapping—let's make the covering as gay as the gift inside.

For the girl who likes to sew, material for a dress in a fabric wrapped box, rick-rack for the ribbon and spools of thread with big buttons for the decoration create an unusual package. If you give yarn for a sweater, use one skein for the big bow.

Disguise a flat box of letter paper as a desk pad. Use a real blotter on top with corners of metallic paper.

Why not use a necktie knot in decorating the box containing a tie? Fasten the ends of the ribbon under the lid about one-fourth of the way down; bring to center; tie the knot and shape the ends tie fashion. Use a dark blue, wine or green ribbon about one and one-half inches wide. These are attractive used on a striped or plaid paper.

Or the package might resemble a tiny suitcase wrapped in paper with the ends bound in decorative tape. Add a handle and identification tag.

ROYAL THEATRE — O'NEILL —

THURS. DEC. 11
Family Night
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How to Pour Molasses Out of a Cup

The first woman who greased the cup before measuring molasses deserves a small but appropriate medal for ingenuity. Likewise, the first man who thought to tape an emergency key under his car hood. Or whoever first sprinkled salt on an icy sidewalk. Or whoever first tried warming a knife before cutting fruitcake.

In case you think all pesky problems center around the home, try soldering the connections on a radio. Or assembling the bits and pieces of an automatic toaster.

If you did it for a living, you'd be on the lookout for better ways of working. That's for sure. In our family, a General Electric man or woman who finds an easier way to work a tool, to tighten a belt, or pack a parcel may win the price of a new hat, or a suit, or maybe even win the price of a new car.

Our sugar bowl marked "Cash for Suggestions" has been hit for over \$4,000,000 by employees in past years. Last year, over 25,000 suggestions were accepted and rewarded. This has been going on since way back in 1922.

As we write this, a machinist in our Schenectady plant has just made himself a tidy \$5,000. His suggestion led to an improvement in the bearing that supports a giant generator. By the way, we asked him how he planned to spend the money. Turns out to be a down payment on a brand-new home.

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