

## OLD MAN WINTER STRIKES REGION

### Storm Changes Course and City Escapes Brunt Of Attack

Old Man Winter cloaked the region with snow and dealt frigid temperatures this week as actual readings varied from a high of 35 on Saturday to a low reading of 1 below recorded early Wednesday.

The season's first snowfall came Thursday when O'Neill and surrounding area received moisture. Friday afternoon the sun broke through and by Saturday afternoon virtually all of the first snowfall had disappeared.

Warm rains fell most of Saturday night. Temperatures fell rapidly. At approximately 10:30 Sunday morning snow began to fall again. By mid-afternoon visibility was cut to a gray block and .18 of an inch snow was recorded.

The snow was borne by a strong wind from the Northwest. Gordon Harper, manager of the O'Neill airport, estimated velocity of gusts up to 45-miles-per-hour.

The snowfall in O'Neill was estimated at about three inches in places.

The fury of the Sunday storm was only mildly reminiscent of years ago. In other sections of the Midwest the storm was more severe and caused considerably more hardship.

Radio and newspapers had reported that a severe winter storm was heading this way out Wyoming and Montana, but the storm changed its course and headed Northeastly across North Dakota and Northern Minnesota.

The scare sent many Christmas shoppers scurrying from O'Neill—most folks playing it safe on the cautious side because of last winter's ordeal.

The early winter storm Sunday hit all parts of Holt county simultaneously.

Word from Deloit community says that the first real snow of the winter season hit Deloit about mid-morning. Farmers and ranchers are better prepared for the severe weather than a year ago.

Deloit from the Amelia community said the Sunday snow was accompanied by high winds and a light fall of snow. Sunday morning the sun broke through but the temperatures were close to zero.

The Celia community paralleled the high winds and light snow. Temperatures dipped below zero there Sunday. Report from the Amelia community and Monday it was clear and cold.

Meanwhile, the Saturday snow in addition to the Thursday snow, snowfall, aided the rye and wheat crops as they went into the winter.

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## Sentence, Fine for Norfolk Man

Clark H. Hood, 39, of Norfolk was fined \$50 and costs, and driver's license suspended a year and was sentenced to 30 days in jail by Justice of the Peace H. W. Tomlinson here Thursday. Hood pleaded guilty to a charge of "operating a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor."

A charge, filed by State Highway Patrolman Fay Robeson, grew out of an accident occurred Tuesday morning, December 5, on the curve of road 20 in West O'Neill.

A passenger in the Hood Clyde Landis, of Winner, D., was given a \$10 suspended fine by Tomlinson.

The accident involved a truck driven by Don Rossbach, 20, Norden. Rossbach was found into O'Neill with a load of cattle on the way to O'Neill.

On Reckless Driving Charge—The Gish, of Kansas City, Mo., was fined \$10 and costs Monday, by Justice of the Peace H. W. Tomlinson after pleading guilty to a reckless driving charge. The charge was filed by State Highway Patrolman Fay Robeson. Gish was taken into custody Saturday night after he was involved in a minor accident in Southwest O'Neill.



Death struck twice near here late Saturday. Two Holt county men, whose bodies are strewn on the highway, perished in a car-truck collision. At left is body of Clarence P. Stevens; right, body of Robert C. Heck. Upper left inset shows front view of demolished 1936 model car. (See story at right.)—The Frontier Photo.

## Chamber Sponsors Lighting Contest

### \$10 To Be Awarded for Best Residential Yule Dress

Many homes in the city are resplendent with gay yule decorations in competition for the honor of being O'Neill's best-dressed residence.

The Chamber of Commerce has posted a \$10 prize for first place winner, and \$5 to the runner-up.

Contest will remain open until December 23 and out-of-town judges will be used.

Details of the contest were announced Tuesday at a noon meeting of the Chamber.

Special store hours for member firms were adopted. Stores will remain open until 9 p. m. on Thursday and Friday, December 22 and 23, for convenience of 11th hour shoppers.

Doors will close at 5:30 p. m. on Christmas eve and New Year's eve in order that downtown workers will have an opportunity to spend those evenings with their families.

Hence, the stores will be closed on Saturday evenings, December 24 and December 31. In addition, the stores will remain closed all day Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2.

A. P. Jaskowski and M. J. Golden were appointed as a committee to investigate possibilities for an athletic banquet in the Spring to recognize prep athletes in the O'Neill schools and possibly a number of other nearby schools.

Ed Wilson gave a report on the yule lighting program. Workmen Saturday erected multi-colored lights at the Fourth and Douglas street intersection.

## Tractor Upset Kills Boyd Man

LYNCH — Emil Milacek was killed Saturday, December 10, when the tractor he was driving with a load of corn attached, overturned. The accident occurred on the William Muhair farm Northeast of Lynch.

When Mr. Milacek failed to return home from work, his son went to investigate. He was unable to free the body and was obliged to go for help.

Mr. Milacek has farmed near Lynch for several years. Survivors include: widow; daughters—Mrs. Rollin Hiatt, and Mrs. Dan Chambers; son—Glen Milacek, all of Lynch.

## PAGE COUPLE WED 56 YEARS

### Williamsons Say Vows December 6, 1893, at Platte, S. D.

PAGE—Mr. and Mrs. William Williamson observed their 56th wedding anniversary Tuesday, December 6, at their home in Page.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coover, Mr. and Mrs. Labee Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Munson Stewart.

William F. Williamson and Celestine Elizabeth Leedom were married December 6, 1893, near Platte, S. D. There they spent the first years of their married life. In 1912 they moved to California.

After three years there they came to Page and lived on a farm until a few years ago they moved to Page.

They have two daughters: Mrs. I. O. Wood, of Page, and Mrs. C. P. Leach, of Bellingham, Wash.; four sons—William L., of Sonoma, Calif.; Joe, of Hazelton, Ida.; Lynn, of La Grand, Ore., and Harold, of O'Neill.

## Santa Claus Is Coming to Town

Jolly Ol' Santa Claus will be in town with bells on come Saturday, December 17.

He has sent word via radio that he'll arrive at the O'Neill airport, probably via supersonic jet aircraft, shortly after 2 o'clock and will reach the O'Neill public school at 2:30 p. m.

The Chamber of Commerce is helping Santa with arrangements and there will be gifts of goodies for the youngsters. Santa said he hopes to see at least 1,200 children in O'Neill. He will be met at the airport by Fire Chief G. E. Miles and a big fire truck.

## District 8 and 67 To Hold Christmas Party

Holt county school districts 8 and 67 will present a Christmas program and box social Thursday, December 22. The program will begin at 8 p. m. at the district 8 schoolhouse. The program is under co-direction of Dorothy Culhans and Arllys Wayman. Both teachers invite parents and students to attend.

## DIES IN CHADRON

ORCHARD—Burial services were held here Saturday for Herman Link, 55, who died Wednesday, December 7, at Chadron. Survivors include: Widow; one daughter in California, and one son at home.

## Crash Victim



CLARENCE P. STEVENS (Photo of Robert C. Heck, other fatality, was not available.)

## RURAL INSTITUTE GETS UNDERWAY

### One-Day Event Is Being Held at Methodist Church Here

The rural life institute will convene today (Thursday) at 10 a. m., at the O'Neill Methodist church, according to Rev. V. R. Bell, host pastor.

Rev. E. E. Jackman, district superintendent of the Norfolk district, will deliver the worship message "The Bible in Rural Life."

In addition to church speakers, Robert Hill, of the Holt soil conservation service, A. Neil Dawes, Holt county agent, and F. J. Case, extension economist in farm management of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture, will address the group.

The highlight of the program will come in the form of a panel discussion on "What Is the Church Doing and What Can It Do to Establish Christian Family Life in Rural Communities."

Besides Chase and Dawes, Harvey Tompkins, an Inman farmer, Rev. Ralph Gerber, of the O'Neill Presbyterian church, Rev. Ray Magnuson, of Lincoln, and J. O. Walker, of O'Neill, will participate.

The rural life institute is jointly sponsored by the town and county commission of the Nebraska annual conference and the agriculture extension service of the University of Nebraska.

Reverend Bell urges both rural and town folks to attend the institute.

Give The Frontier for Xmas! Gift cards will be sent.

## Highway Crash Claims 2 Lives

### Robert C. Heck, 61, and Clarence P. Stevens, 41, Meet Instant Death Near Here

(By a Staff Writer)

Two men are dead as the result of an auto-truck collision about 9 p. m. Saturday at a point 6 miles East of here on highways 20-275.

Dead are: ROBERT C. HECK, 61, of Inman. CLARENCE P. STEVENS, 41, of Page.

Heck and Stevens were riding in a 1936 model sedan being driven by George Strong, 25, of Inman. Their machine collided with a truck being driven by Clarence Hansen, of Chambers. The truck was owned by Floyd Dye, of Ewing.

Heck and Stevens are believed to have died almost instantly. Stevens is believed to have been riding in the rear seat. At the time of the impact his body was sent through the windshield. His neck was almost severed. Heck's head was crushed and morticians said his nose was broken and he received a gash from beneath his nose up the left side of his face. His left leg and arm were fractured.

## JACKSON PRIEST COMES TO O'NEILL

### Very Rev. O'Sullivan Is Msgr. McNamara's Successor

Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, of Jackson, has been appointed successor to the late Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara, as pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill.

Appointment was announced in Omaha last Thursday by Archbishop Gerald T. Bergan, head of the Omaha diocese. Father O'Sullivan's change will become effective Saturday, December 17. He will arrive here about 1 p. m.

As St. Patrick's pastor he will also hold the title of dean of the O'Neill deanery. Rev. C. J. Werner will continue as assistant.

Monsignor McNamara died last month. He had been in O'Neill since 1934.

Father O'Sullivan, now in his sixties, was born in the village of Sneem, County Carey, Ireland. After completing his elementary education in Ireland he entered the University of Innsbruck at Innsbruck, Austria.

World War I broke out in Europe while he was on leave in Ireland, and he was unable to resume at Innsbruck. He completed his theological training in Ireland and was ordained there in June, 1915.

In October of the same year he came to America and was assigned as an assistant priest at St. Cecilia's cathedral in Omaha. After three years there he went to North Bend on a temporary six-months basis, and in October, 1918, he was given his first full pastorate when he was assigned to Tilden where he remained until March, 1935.

On March 23, 1945, he began his work at Jackson, which included being dean of the Jackson deanery and one of the assistants to the archbishop.

Since coming to America Father O'Sullivan has made three trips to Europe. In 1920 he was visiting his native land and was stranded because of the Anglo-Irish difficulties.

In 1930 he made an extended tour of Europe and gained an audience with Pope Pius XI in Vatican City. Two years ago he went to Ireland and for his third visit in 34 years.

Father O'Sullivan has two brothers living in Chicago, Ill.

## L. G. Gillespie's Sister Expires

Mrs. John Dullahan, 60, a native O'Neillite will be buried at 2 p. m. Friday at Casper, Wyo. She died early this week in Casper.

The late Mrs. Dullahan is the former Ruth Gillespie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gillespie, a pioneer Holt county couple. She went through the eighth grade in the O'Neill schools and graduated from Rushville high school. The family had moved to Rushville in 1905.

Survivors include: Widower; son—Jack; brothers—L. G. Gillespie, of O'Neill, and Frank, of California; sisters—Mrs. George Whitney, of Ainsworth, and Mrs. H. O. Jackson, of Los Angeles, Calif.

L. G. Gillespie left O'Neill early today (Thursday) to attend the funeral rites.

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The driver of the ill-fated car, Strong, was taken to the O'Neill hospital in a Biglin Bros. ambulance. He suffered a badly fractured leg, chin lacerations and bruises.

The accident occurred during a freakish winter rain. Visibility may have been somewhat reduced due to the cold rain which preceded snow.

These fatalities boosted Holt county's highway death toll to eight for 1949. Holt now has had three times as many fatalities on the highways as any other county in the 19-county Northeastern Nebraska safety patrol district.

Monday afternoon a coroner's jury found that the car in which Heck and Stevens met their death was being "operated unlawfully," according to Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin. Griffin said the driver of the truck was exonerated.

Griffin indicated at the close of the inquest Monday that he would file charges against the driver of the passenger vehicle involved in the accident.

However, up until late Wednesday afternoon charges had not been filed. The driver of the passenger vehicle, Strong, was transferred from the O'Neill hospital to a Lincoln hospital Monday.

In an interview with investigating authorities shortly after the accident, it was termed a partial head-on collision. The passenger car was eastbound and the truck was westbound.

Here is how State Highway Patrolman Fay Robeson reconstructed the accident:

"Mr. Stevens was sitting in the back seat of the passenger car between the driver and Heck, the other passenger. When the two vehicles met Stevens was hurled through the windshield headfirst, killing him instantly. The car swerved three-quarters of the way around and struck Heck out onto the pavement."

The Strong car ended up in the middle of the road. The truck was off in the North ditch part way into a field about 25 to 30 yards from where the car finally stopped."

The motor of the car was torn out and the front end demolished. Damage to the truck was negligible.

## Heck Rites Held at Inman

Military funeral rites for Mr. Heck were held in the Methodist church at Inman. He was a veteran of World War I. Rev. Roy M. Wingate officiated and burial was in the Inman cemetery.

Members of Simonson post 93 of the American Legion, of O'Neill, served as pallbearers. They formed a firing squad and a color guard.

Pallbearers were A. B. Hubbard, Ira H. Moss, Tim Harrington, Matthew Hynes, Archie Bowen and Al Strube. Taps were sounded by Bugler Roy D. Johnson. Post members forming the firing squad, under the command of Emmet Carr, were: Dorrance Crabb, Hugh Benson, Percy Abart, Richard Cole, Robert Lowery, Ben Oeter, Clinton Wolf and James Lyons.

Colorbearers were Gordon O. Harper and John Grutsch and Edward Flood and Virgil Barger served as color guards.

The late Mr. Heck was born in Clearwater April 24, 1888, and he had lived here most of his life. He came to Holt county in September. For a time he lived at Neligh.

Following his discharge from the armed forces after WWI, he married Martha Kuckku, of Stanton, and to them five children were born.

Mr. Heck was a member of Simonson post 93 of the American Legion at O'Neill.

Survivors include: Widow; sons—Kenneth, of West Warwick, R. I.; Raymond, of Inman, and Delmont, serving in the

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