

Revenue Collectors Announce Schedules

The collector of internal revenue has posted the following schedule announcing the date and place where deputy collectors will be stationed during January and March, 1951, for assisting persons with filing 1950 income tax returns:

- January 8 and 9—Chambers.
- January 9—Atkinson.
- January 10—Orchard.
- January 10—Brunswick.
- January 11—Lynch.
- January 12—O'Neill.
- January 15 and 16—Creighton.
- January 17 and 18—Wausa.
- January 19—O'Neill.
- January 22—Niobrara.
- January 23—Butte.
- January 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, and 31—O'Neill.
- March 1—Chambers.
- March 1—Atkinson.
- March 2—O'Neill.
- March 5—Orchard.
- March 6 and 7—Creighton.
- March 8 and 9—Wausa.
- March 12, 13, 14, and 15—O'Neill.

The foregoing itinerary will be of interest to those filing returns

January 8 through January 31 for farmers, and March 1 through March 15 for all others, including farmers if they filed an estimate on or before January 15 and paid all the tax due on the estimate. There is no charge for this service.

G. W. O'Malley, collector, advises farmers to get the totals from your books and carry these totals to the proper place on form 1040F.

Fill out the depreciation schedule and compute the remaining cost and show the amount allowable in 1950.

The deputy collector will compute the tax for you, O'Malley explained.

To assure any benefits of split-income provisions, husband and wife must include all their income and both must sign, even though only one has income.

"If at least two-thirds of farmers' gross income is derived from farming, you may file a declaration on or before January 15, 1951 and then file your return on Form 1040 on or before March 15, 1951. If farmers file their final tax return on or before January 31, 1951, and pay the total tax at that time they need not file a declaration," the collector explained.

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Orchard Robbery Pair Given 3 Years

NELIGH — John Kociban, 20, and John Dion, 21, both of Casper, Wyo., pleaded guilty to charges of armed robbery and were sentenced to three years in the men's reformatory by District Judge Lyle Jackson.

The two men were arrested Saturday, December 16, by Patrolman Donovan Lacey an hour after they held up and robbed the John Friday liquor store at Orchard of \$71.90. With them was Dion's wife, Mary, 18.

Kociban and Dion were identified by Mr. Friday as the gunmen. The stolen money, found in Mrs. Dion's purse, was returned to Friday.

CELIA NEWS

Mrs. Allen Marquardt, of Norfolk, arrived Tuesday, December 19, to spend Christmas with relatives. Mrs. Marquardt is the former Lillian Frickel.

Celia Homemakers met at the home of Mrs. George Beck Wednesday, December 20, for the Christmas party. Mrs. Omer Poynts was elected a member of the club. Mrs. Allan Marquardt, of Norfolk, was a visitor. Twenty-five dollars was given to the Atkinson hospital, \$6 to children's memorial hospital in Omaha. Grab bag and mystery sister gifts were exchanged. Mystery sister names were disclosed.

Mrs. D. F. Scott visited the Delbert Scott family in Butte on Wednesday morning, December 20.

Paul Forsythe, former Celia resident now living in Dixon, Wyo., came Tuesday, December 19, for a visit with his uncle, Alex Forsythe. He left Thursday, December 21, to spend the holidays with his parents in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bausch were O'Neill visitors Tuesday, December 19.

Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg was a Bassett visitor Wednesday, December 20.

Legionnaires Hold Party

ATKINSON—Over 100 people were present at the Christmas party given in the American Legion club rooms Sunday afternoon, December 17.

Cooks Capture Reds by Baker's Dozens!

CHAMBERS — Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Smith, of Chambers, this week received a newspaper clipping concerning their son, Marine Pfc. Marvin B. Green, who is serving as a cook in headquarters company in the IX Marine corps in Korea.

The article that follows originally appeared in another newspaper:

"Three cooks from this headquarters substituted carbines for ladies and meat cleavers and captured 'a double baker's dozen' of enemy guerrillas.

In response to an appeal for volunteers by the MP's who were already deluged with PW's and captured weapons, Sgt. Charles E. Starks, of Beaver Dam, Wis.; Cpl. Norman D. Johnson, of Newark, N. J., and Pfc. Marvin B. Green, of Chambers, grabbed their carbines and took off for the mountains.

"They returned with 26 of the enemy who were turned over to the MP's.

"Leaning over a field stove preparing the evening chow, Sergeant Starks discounted the feat. "All you have to do is point a rifle at them and they give up," he commented.

"As simple as opening up a can of tomatoes," Corporal Johnson agreed."

Out of Old Nebraska—

Whiteman's First Christmas in Nebraska — 1812—'Deprecating, Wretched Situation'

So far as is known, the first Christmas spent by white men in Nebraska was in 1812. The record indicates that there wasn't much of a celebration.

The men were Robert Stuart and a half-dozen companions, enroute from Astoria, John Jacob Astor's fur-trading post at the mouth of the Columbia river, to St. Louis, Mo., and New York City. Their journey was an epochal one. They probably were the first white men to cross South Pass and traverse the Platte river road that within a generation could become a heavily-traveled highway of Western expansion.

On November 1, after having traveled since June 29, the party encamped on the right bank of the North Platte river, near the mouth of Poison Spider creek, not far west of the present city of Casper, Wyo. The location seemed favorable and the weary travelers decided to spend the winter there.

Winter quarters hardly had been constructed, however, when the men decided they would have to move on because of danger from the Indians. Hence, on December 13 they set out again, determined to move further down the Platte in the hope of reaching a safer camping ground. Christmas day saw them in the vicinity of Scottsbluff. Stuart wrote in his journal that the hills south of the river were, "bluffy and possess a few cedars—buffaloes (very) few in number and mostly bulls."

The bitter cold made it impossible for the men to keep warm in camp, so they started early the next morning, pushing about 22 miles down the river, and making camp about five miles from Chimney Rock. Here, as they scanned the barren, snow-swept horizon to the east, it seemed impossible to go on.

Stuart's journal dramatically describes their decision, reached the morning of the 27th:

"The night was cold in the extreme, and getting up with the dawn we took into consideration that having last evening seen at least 50 miles to the eastward without any indications of timber, and deprecating the wretchedness of our situation should we be overtaken in these boundless plains by a snowstorm, particu-

larly as we have reason to expect it daily, and the country before us such an inhospitable waste as even to be deserted by every kind of quadruped, we at once concluded, five votes to two, that our best plan was to return up the river to where we shall find buffalo for our support and timber for canoes, there to await the opening of the navigation."

So they turned around, and headed back up the river to a spot approximately two miles below the present town of Torrington, Wyo., there to dig in for the winter. On March 8, 1813, they set out again. After an unsuccessful attempt to navigate the Platte, they followed that stream on foot to the Missouri.

Hull Home Scene of Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Hull came from Crookston Sunday, December 10, to spend the day at the home of his mother, Mrs. Ella Hull. With them were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Merritt, and their three sons, Jerry, Manson and Bruce, of Perris, Calif.

Other relatives who came to have dinner with them were: Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Hull and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mellor and Deloris, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Louk and family, of Anoka; Clyde Hull, of Atkinson; and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Jones and Merle.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaczor, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Devoall and girls called in the afternoon.

Attend Funeral at Butte

ATKINSON—Relatives from Atkinson who attended funeral services for Mrs. Joseph Reiser, of Butte, on Tuesday, December 19, were: Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kubart, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kramer, Mrs. Polly Davis, Mrs. Cora Tasler and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cearn; also Rev. and Mrs. Kubart, of Norfolk, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coufal, of Stuart. Mrs. Rieser was a sister of Mrs. Polly Davis and an aunt of Mrs. Kubart. Services were held in the Catholic church in Butte.

"Voice of The Frontier," Mon., Wed., Sat., 9:45 a. m., WJAG

Fire Petitions Are Being Circulated

ATKINSON—Work is going forward on the organization of Atkinson's rural fire district.

An interested group of men from the townships to be served are circulating petitions asking farmers and ranchers for consent to levy a small tax as means of raising money for needed equipment.

Those close to town appear to be more willing to take on this extra tax burden than those living some distance out.

Some of the objections to the proposal are that in the 30 minutes or so that would be required before the truck could reach a fire 20 miles or more away it would be too late. Then there is the question of some paying a much heavier tax than others, for the same protection, because of personal and property value.

Other Atkinson News

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Shellhase left Sunday, December 24, to spend Christmas at the home of their son, Keith, and family at Avoca. They stopped in Omaha enroute and were accompanied from there by their daughter, Donna, who is in training at the Methodist school of nursing.

Herman Schrader, sr., left Thursday, December 21, for Minneapolis, Minn., to spend a week or so with his brother, Fred.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Matousek, of North Platte, are spending the holidays with Victor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matousek, of Atkinson, and Mrs. Matousek's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Paxton, at Stuart. Vic is with the state game department at North Platte.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brau and son, Danny Lee, of Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. Jay DeGross, of O'Neill, spent Sunday, December 24, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bonnenberger.

Darlene Burgess was a weekend guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Upton at Meadow Grove. Darlene and Gerald spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Burgess, and then drove to Meadow Grove to spend Christmas with his parents, the Uptons.

Mrs. L. E. Knoe and daughters, Sharree, Joyce and Paula, of Waterloo, Ia., came Thursday, December 21, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Frohardt. Sunday Mr. Knoe arrived with the good news that he had received his

discharge from the army service. Mr. Knoe was in radar work.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Havranek and daughter, Bette, of Hamburg, Ia., came early Monday morning, December 25, to spend the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Havranek, sr., of Atkinson.

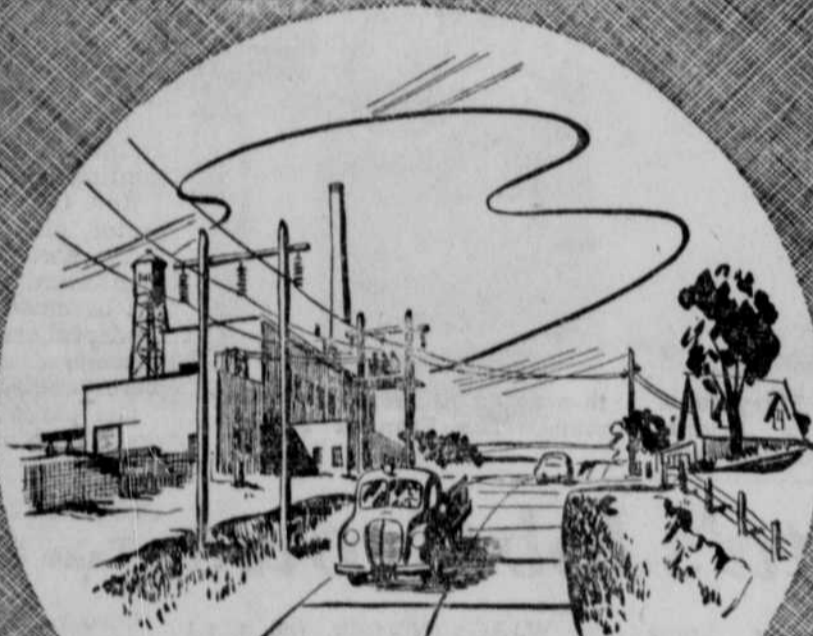
Mrs. Carl Ohde has received word from her father, Luther Larson, that Luther, jr., who was wounded sometime ago in Korea, has recovered sufficiently to be returned to active duty.

Members of Atkinson high school and several alumni held a Christmas party at the auditorium Thursday evening, December 21. Following a program of music furnished by the Atkinson chorus and the high school glee club, members of the home economics class served the group a light lunch. Dancing provided entertainment for the rest of the evening.

Little folks from St. Joseph's hall gave their Christmas program at the public school auditorium Friday evening, December 22. A large crowd attended.

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A Look to the FUTURE



"On Sight" for '51

Our aim for 1951—to continue to give the highest standard of service at the lowest possible cost—to deal fairly and openly without discrimination—to conduct the operation of your electric system in an efficient, businesslike manner, with courtesy and dispatch—to strive at all times to keep pace with electrical needs that we may bring constantly increasing benefits and advantages to our customers and the communities we serve.

Wishing Everyone a Wonderful '51

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Annual Clearance

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Reductions of

One-Fourth

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One-Half

AND MORE

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