

# SOCIETY

## Air Force Enlistee Feted Before Departure

Duane Lee Cavanaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cavanaugh, enlisted in the air force and left Wednesday, December 5, for San Antonio, Tex. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kuhfahl entertained in his honor on Tuesday night, December 4, and on Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cavanaugh entertained 12 guests in his honor.

## Big Turnout for Sunday Card Party

A large crowd attended the Friends of St. Mary card party on Sunday evening, December 9, at St. Mary's gymnasium. This party was sponsored by the parents of the freshman and sophomore classes.

## No-Host Dinner

A Christmas party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer C. Skulborst on Sunday, December 9. A no-host dinner was served in the evening and after dinner cards were played and gifts exchanged.

## Couples Club Meets

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doering entertained the Couples club on Sunday, December 9. The winners in bridge were Mr. D. A. Nelson and Verne Reynoldson. Refreshments were served.

## Honor Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rubeck entertained in honor of their daughter, Elaine, on Wednesday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Rubeck and family. Ice cream and cake were served.

## ROYAL THEATRE

**— O'NEILL —**  
Thursday, December 13  
Today You'll Be in the Grip of Love's Strangest Trip!  
Alfred Hitchcock's  
**STRANGERS ON A TRAIN**  
Starring Farley Granger, Ruth Roman, Robert Walker.  
Young America's idol—a good-looking stranger in search of sensation—and a girl in love. These are the people around whom Alfred Hitchcock spins his wonderful new web of suspense and surprise.  
Adm. 42c, plus tax 8c, Total 50c  
Children 10c, plus 2c tax, tot. 12c

Friday and Saturday  
December 14-15  
**WYOMING MAIL**  
Color by Technicolor  
Starring Stephen McNally, Alexis Smith and Howard da Silva.  
The great Wyoming train robbery! They went out to loot the West with dynamite, bullets and a woman's treachery! Danger and terror ride the rails... with a fortune in gold as the prize!  
Adm. 42c, plus tax 8c, Tot. 50c  
Children 10c, plus 2c tax, Tot. 12c  
Matinee Saturday 2:30

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
December 16-17-18  
**JIM THORPE-ALL AMERICAN**  
Starring Burt Lancaster and Charles Bickford, Steve Cochran, Phyllis Thaxter.  
Because he wore America's heart over his own... his story belongs to every kid who's ever dreamed of triumph... to every guy who's ever fought overwhelming odds... to every girl whose heart beats for her sweetheart... to every American who's ever wanted to see himself in a motion picture! It belongs to your list of all-time "greats!"  
Adm. 42c, plus tax 8c, Tot. 50c  
Children 10c, plus 2c tax, Tot. 12c  
Matinee Saturday 2:30

Wednesday and Thursday  
December 19-20  
**HIT PARADE OF 1951**  
Starring John Carroll, Marie McDonald, Estelita Rodriguez, "The Cuban Fireball."  
The joy show of the year! Song hits... sung by stars you love! Rhythm... played by bands that send you! With a wonderful background of girls—romance—comedy! The show of a lifetime!  
Adm. 42c, plus tax 8c, Tot. 50c  
Children 10c, plus 2c tax, Tot. 12c

## Hear Report from Missionary

The Women's association, of First Presbyterian church, met in the sanctuary on Thursday, December 6, at 8 p.m. Mrs. D. C. Schaffer had charge of devotionals and Mrs. C. E. Yantzi conducted the business meeting. Rev. Ralph Chamberlain, of Grand Island, who is the Nebraska Sunday school missionary, showed slides and presented an interesting account of his work. The hostesses were Mrs. Felix Hendrick, Miss LeVeta Lehn, Mrs. Earl Ralya, Mrs. Earl Hunt and Mrs. Mable McKenna. They had the church parlor and tables decorated in the Christmas theme.

## Visits Grandparents

Little Miss Kathy Sue Burgess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Burgess, of Lincoln, is visiting her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess. She arrived about 2 weeks ago and plans to remain until the Christmas holidays, when they will take her home and spend Christmas with her parents.

## Patricia McKenzie Feted

Mrs. Clyde McKenzie entertained 12 guests at a theater party on Sunday, December 2, in honor of her daughter, Patricia, who was 7-years-old. After the show, refreshments were served at the home by Mrs. McKenzie. Patricia received many gifts.

## Exchange Gifts

The Janwa club met on Monday, December 10, with a 7 o'clock dinner at the M&M cafe and then went to the home of Mrs. John Stufbergen for the exchange of gifts and cards. Mrs. William Naprstek, of Plainview, a former member, was a guest.

## To State Meeting

Miss Ruth Hoffman, Holt county clerk, went to Omaha Tuesday afternoon to attend a county officials' convention which is being held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

## Vequists Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist entertained the pinocle club on Friday evening, December 7. High prizes were won by Mrs. Arthur O'Neill and Roy Margritz; low by Mrs. Roy Margritz and Arthur O'Neill.

## Extension Group Dines

The Elkhorn extension club held its Christmas party on Tuesday evening with a 7 o'clock dinner at the Town House. The group met at the home of Mrs. Florence Schultz.

## Charles Hill Is 5

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hill entertained at a Tuesday evening dinner in honor of their son, Charles, who was 5-years-old. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crook and family were the dinner guests.

## Jeudi in Session

The Jeudi club met on Wednesday, December 12, with a Christmas party and dinner at the Town House. Cards were played at the home of Mrs. Allan P. Jaskowski following the dinner.

## Pinocle Club Meets

The Pinocle club held a Christmas party at the Town House on Wednesday evening, December 12, with cards at the home of Mrs. Thomas J. Sullivan.

## Infant Is Honored

Russell Dean Strong was 2-years-old on Sunday, December 9. The birthday anniversary was celebrated with a family dinner in his honor.

## Mr. Bright Honored

Mrs. Archie Bright entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Bright and Ardell on Tuesday evening, December 11, in honor of her husband's birthday anniversary.

## Mrs. Sauer's Hostess

Merry Myx club held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. R. M. Sauer on Tuesday afternoon with a dessert luncheon at 1:30 o'clock.

## When You and I Were Young... St. John's Church Burns 10 Years Ago

### 50 Years Ago

J. M. Morgan, of Atkinson, will fill the unexpired term of county judge caused by the death of the late Judge Selah. . . One of the most pleasant social affairs of the season was the High 5 and dancing party at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Weekes given in honor of Miss Dickenson, of Tekamah, a sister of Mrs. Weekes. Six o'clock tea was served to the ladies and the gentlemen arrived at 9. P. L. Gallagher was awarded the gentlemen's high 5 prize—a cigar case—and Miss O'Donnell was awarded ladies prize—a china cup and saucer. . . Nora O'Malley was an O'Neill visitor. . . Jack Meals has returned from a business trip to Omaha. . . John Green, of Creighton, was in the city.

### 25 Years Ago

Miss Roberta Arbutnot, who is attending the state university, is expected home for the holidays. . . Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Scott drove to Norfolk. . . George Van Every received a severe blow on the jaw when the hoisting crank that works the dump box on the Ford truck at the Seth Noble lumber yard was released unexpectedly. . . A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grady December 14. . . Mrs. Lenna Jeffries was visiting in Atkinson. . . County Clerk E. F. Porter and all the county supervisors with the exception of Joe Stein are in Omaha attending a convention of county supervisors.

### 10 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parkins entertained the Dutch treat club. . . St. John's church at Deloit was destroyed by fire December 15. . . Mrs. Jack Davidson will entertain the DD club at a Christmas party. . . Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McElvain returned from Omaha after visiting friends there. . . Mrs. Georgia Rasley spent Monday in Sioux City. . . Mrs. C. J. Gatz entertained her bridge club at her home. . . Oakie Davidson and Art Jurgensmeier went to Norfolk to enlist in the naval reserve.

### 1 Year Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ressel were surprised December 7 by their children, Mrs. Edward McManus and children, Mrs. Clarence Sullivan, and children and Boyd Ressel, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

### SICK & INJURED

O'NEILL—Jackie Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. William White, has been "quite ill" and under a doctor's care. . . Mrs. Pat Hynes was taken to Our Lady of Lourdes hospital, Norfolk, Saturday evening, December 8. She is "improving" and is expected home the middle of this week. . . Mrs. Della Eby entered Our Lady of Lourdes hospital, Norfolk, Monday, December 10. She expects to remain for about a week. . . Mrs. I. R. Ridgeway returned on Sunday from an Omaha hospital where she had been for the past 2 months. . . James W. Rooney is still confined to his home with a back ailment.

EWING—Floyd Lee, who is on crutches due to a badly sprained ankle, is "improved." . . On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gibson and Marcia, accompanied by Mary Alys Dierks, Joelyn Eacker and Patricia Rotherham, went to Tilden to visit with Joan Binkerd, student of the Ewing high school, and Gerald Chapula, the music instructor in the Ewing public school, who are patients at the Tilden hospital. Joan was operated on Friday for appendicitis and Mr. Chapula on Saturday for the same. Both are "doing nicely."

CHAMBERS—Marlene Rasmussen underwent an operation at the Lutheran hospital in Norfolk last week. . . Mrs. Merle Fagon returned Friday from the O'Neill hospital where she had been a patient for several days following an injury received in a fall at her home. . . Mrs. Bert Whiting had the misfortune to fall at her home about 2 weeks ago and break her right arm. She is still suffering pain and discomfort.

PAGE—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sterner and Mrs. Glen Stewart spent Monday in Norfolk where Mr. Stewart and Mr. Sterner went for medical care. . . Miss Blanche Graves is spending a few days at her home in Page while recovering from a foot operation. Miss Graves has been employed at the Baber's cafe in Plainview and will return to her work as soon as she is able.

DELOIT—Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bartak went to Omaha where Adolph received his weekly medical treatment. . . Jim Bartak suffered an eye injury while trapping and has been a patient in a Norfolk hospital. He returned home last week. . . Zoe Ann Huffman was ill at her home this week. . . Almost every household has been visited by influenza recently.

AMELIA—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Waldo returned Sunday from Omaha where Mrs. Waldo had been a patient in the Methodist hospital. . . Little Sharon Watson was a victim of chickenpox last week.

INMAN—Kenneth Coventry returned to Rochester, Minn., Wed-

nesday, December 5, after visiting a few days here. Mrs. Coventry is still under a doctor's care at Rochester.

ATKINSON—James Nightingale was released Monday evening from Methodist hospital in Sioux City, where he had been a surgical patient 7 days.

SOUTH OF STUART—Mrs. Keuter, mother of Mrs. John Kramer, is "recovering nicely" after suffering a heart attack Monday, December 3.

### Out of Old Nebraska . . .

#### Little Commercial Food Production

In marked contrast to conditions today, when food processing accounts for a large portion of Nebraska's industrial activity, there appears to have been relatively little commercial food processing in territorial Nebraska. The answer, of course, is not hard to find—almost all food was processed at home. The dearth of food processing establishments in the territory—aside from flour and grist mills—is evident in the census returns, which in both 1860 and 1870 report only a few bakeries, confectionaries, molasses plants, meat packing plants, and cheese factories. The census recorded only those

establishments which produced goods in the value of \$500 annually. Hence, a rather considerable number of small home establishments, which may have produced for sale as well as for home consumption, were omitted from the returns.

This appears to have been particularly true of sorghum mills. A sorghum mill could be established for a capital outlay of \$250, and a rather large number of them appear to have been in existence in Nebraska in the late 1860's.

They normally were in operation only a month or 2 in the fall of the year to use up the annual harvest of cane and sorghum.

Likewise, there were quite a few local cheese factories, some of which turned out rather large quantities of cheese. Cheese was manufactured in Nebraska City in 1859, and in Brownville as early as 1860.

The river towns also became interested rather early in meat packing—it was really "packing" then, with the product put down in brine and shipped out in barrels. Brownville and Nebraska City were early pork packing centers. The winter of 1866-67 saw a rather ambitious temporary pork packing plant established at Arago. During the winter, hogs were slaughtered and packed in dry salt in the hope that the meat could be shipped down the river

before hot weather set in. There appears to be no record of the success of the venture. The territorial pioneers, it hardly needs to be stated, relied very little on meat packing establishments for their meat. Most meat processing was done at home, with the neighbors frequently pitching in to help.

## XMAS TREES

Priced 80c and Up

Come Early and Pick a Good Tree

Across from K&M Cafe

AMERICAN LEGION

Simonson Post 93

"DUESERDUE FOR '52"

# PUBLIC SALE

HAVING DECIDED to quit farming, I will offer at public auction the following described personal property at the farm, located 17 miles northeast of O'Neill, or 1 mile south and 2 miles east of Opportunity, on —

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Sale Starts at 1 P.M.

Lunch on Grounds

### 31 - Head of Cattle - 31

- 11—Milk COWS, 7 giving milk now, others to freshen by spring.
- 2—Stock COWS.
- 1—Registered Hereford BULL, coming 2-yrs.-old in April.
- 1—HORSE, smooth mouth, weight 1,100, ride or work.
- 5—HEIFERS, coming 2-years-old.
- 11—CALVES.
- 1—Registered Hereford BULL CALF, born April 17, 1951.
- 1—HORSE, 10-yrs.-old, broke to ride or work.

## Farm Machinery

- 1—IHC 2-Row Horse Eli
- 1—John Deere 1-Row Lister
- 1—3-Section Harrow
- 1—7-Ft. Disc
- 1—IHC 6-Ft Mower
- 1—Janesville 1-Row Cultivator
- 1—Sulky Plow
- 2—Hay Rakes, 10 and 12 ft.
- 1—4-Wheel Trailer
- 1—15-Ft. John Deere Tractor Disc, good
- 1—IHC Tractor Eli, used 1 yr.
- 1—Farmall Tractor Sweep, good
- 1—Buick Power Sweep
- 1—"A" Haystacker
- 1—W-W Feed Grinder
- 1—Wagon Box
- 1—Grindstone
- 2—Sets Harness
- 2—Saddles, stock and Shetland Hog Troughs
- 1—8-Ft. Deering Binder, with power take-off attachment
- 1—IHC No. 3 Cream Separator
- 1—IHC No. 9 Trail Mower, 2 yrs. old
- 1—Wagon
- 1—John Deere 2-Row Pull-Type Lister
- 1—Manure Spreader, Bradley
- 1—Briggs - Stratton Washing Machine Motor
- 50 Ft. Garden Hose
- Fuel Barrels and Barrel Pump
- 3 Dozen Hens
- 14—Muscovy Ducks
- 1—Jamesway Brooder Stove
- Chicken Feeders
- 1—Vice 1—Anvil
- Other Tools
- 2—3-Section Harrows
- 1—1-Horse Drill
- 2—1-Row Horse Cultivators
- 1—1-Row Lister
- 1—2-Horse Eli

Some open pollinated yellow seed corn; some brome seed.

## Household Goods

- 1—Kitchen Cabinet
- 1—Chairs and Table
- 1—Cupboard
- 1—Wash Stand
- 1—Dining Table and Buffet
- 1—Rocking Chair
- 1—Clothes Closet
- 1—Dresser
- Cooking Utensils Dishes
- 1—Daisy Churn
- Stone Jars Fruit Jars
- Some Canned Fruit
- 1—Comfort Cook Stove
- Many Other Articles Too Numerous to Mention

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK, O'Neill, Clerk

## ST. MARY'S ALUMNI

### ANNUAL BENEFIT BALL

American Legion Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

From 9 P.M. to 1 A.M.

ADMISSION: \$1.00

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BOBBY MILLS and HIS ORCHESTRA

Everybody Welcome!