

LYNCH—The Happy Hour extension club entertained the husbands at the annual Christmas 6 o'clock dinner at the Louise Christensen home.

**Other Lynch News**  
Mr. and Mrs. William Stouffer met Calvin D. Spencer at Crofton Saturday evening, December 20. Calvin is here for a furlough with relatives and friends.  
Glenn Davy met his son, Roger, at Norfolk Saturday morning. Roger will spend his furlough here with friends and relatives.  
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hammon and children were Saturday afternoon, December 19, callers at the Ed Johns home.  
Glen Heflin of O'Neill was a business visitor in Lynch Friday, December 18.

On Monday, December 14, the Boyd county extension service, soil conservation service and the agricultural stabilization and conservation committee held an explanatory meeting at the school here. On Thursday, December 17, a sign-up was held for farmers who wished to participate in the 1954 program.  
Mrs. Grace Edson was a business visitor in Creighton on Tuesday, December 15.  
Mrs. Frank Weeder and children were O'Neill visitors Saturday, December 12.  
Pauline Mulhair left for Miami, Fla., on Sunday, December 13, to spend the winter with her sister and brother-in-law.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moody, the Leland Moody family, the Beryl Moody family and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moody were entertained at an oyster stew supper at the Frederick King home Monday, December 14.

**Girl Scouts Hold Gift Exchange**  
STUART—Troop 3 of the girl scouts held a Christmas party Thursday evening, December 17, at the home of Mrs. M. J. Baack with all their mothers as guests. Games were played and a gift exchange was held. Each mother was presented with a handkerchief, decorated by their daughters, with a Christmas design.  
A lunch of cake, jello, cocoa and coffee was served.  
Mrs. Don DeCosta and Mrs. Baack are leaders of this troop.

State Capitol News

# Trade Groups Seek Valuation Help

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LINCOLN — The optimists at the statehouse this week could see some signs that Gov. Robert Crosby's campaign for honesty in tax reporting might work out after all.

"Operation Honesty" has met with a mixed reaction. On one hand organizations have written Crosby their support. County boards have passed resolutions promising to back the campaign. On the other hand the cynics have said, "You can't change human nature. There'll always be cheaters."

Here are some of the signs which cheered the Crosby administration.  
State Tax Commissioner George Peterson said he has been much impressed at the number of merchants associations which have asked for advice in carrying out their own version of the honesty campaign.

**Especially these associations want help on determining values of inventories and store fixtures, he said.**

"I find it encouraging because it shows that the associations will take the attitude that honest reporting must be done. In the past if a merchant had been cited for not making a full return of his property, his fellows would have defended him. Now perhaps they won't because he will be cheating his competitors as well as the state," Peterson explained.

Another was the determined response of the many of the county assessors who attended a special meeting at the statehouse to hear Crosby explain "Operation Honesty."  
For instance, Pierce County Assessor Henry Brees had this to say: "Sure this campaign ('Operation Honesty') will work. You know why? Well, 90 to 95 percent of the people are honest. They'll make full returns if they think their neighbors are. I'll tell you this is catching on out in the state."

**Straight Talk—**  
In his speech to the assessors

Crosby sketched the outlines of his "Operation Honesty" campaign during the next few months.

On January 15 he plans a mass meeting of statehouse employees to ask them to sign the pledge that they'll make full returns of their personal property.  
He suggested that assessors call meetings of county officials for the same purpose.

"You smile? But why in heaven's name should officials who've sworn to carry out the laws be willing to sign such a pledge?" asked the governor.

The governor said he had blocked out the entire month of March on his calendar. He will do nothing but work on assessments that month. March 10 is the state tax assessment date.

"I may drop in on you to see how you are doing. I may visit business houses to see what they are doing about turning in proper inventories. That'll be unusual—a governor visiting around for that purpose," Crosby said.

The governor promised the assessors to back them 100 percent. "I don't care who the taxpayer is, how big he is, how many millions he has. It won't make any difference," he asserted.

**This brought a burst of applause from the assessors. The governor got another round, rather surprisingly, when he warned the assessors:**

"If I hear that some county assessor is trying to make himself popular by telling people they can turn in less than full amounts, I'll be plenty enthusiastic about helping the state of Nebraska in dealing with that assessor."

Remarking that he knew that some county boards had "pulled the rug" out from under assessors this year, he promised to do all he could to "encourage" the boards either publicly or privately.

**Tax Evaders—**  
The governor then remarked that although he was optimistic that the honesty of most people would make the campaign a success he had enough cynicism to know some would cheat.

"I will instruct the tax commissioner's office to look for flagrant violators. This year I don't want the little fellows; I want some substantial property owner whose percentage of return is way low."  
"We'll expect the county attorney to commence action. If he is reluctant, I'll talk with him. If he still won't file, I will," declared Crosby.

**School Land Appraisals—**  
The Crosby administration went forward with another program which probably would make enemies in some quarters and friends in others. The State

Board of Educational Lands and Funds okayed 100 percent appraisals of school land leases in 10 counties scattered over the state. This gave the green light to full value appraisals of school lands in all counties.

Since rental of these leases is fixed by law at 6 percent of appraisal, this will probably mean an increased rental in many cases. Yet officials estimate that the average appraisal is about 65 percent of value. The law, backed by a Supreme Court opinion in 1947, has called for full value but nobody has done anything about it for years.

**Youthful Officials—**  
The board appointed a new secretary, replacing Henry Bartling who is resigning effective February 1. The new man is Robert Hiatt, a 27-year-old Lincoln man.

The board considered 11 applicants and chose Hiatt within a half hour. Weighing heavily in his favor was his tactical conduct of school land lease sales in some Sandhills counties where state officials were decidedly unpopular during the legal squabbles of the past few years.

Hiatt joins the ranks of several other youthful state officials. Both Secretary of State Frank Marsh and State Real Estate Director William Swanson are under 35. State Insurance Director Tom Pansing has just turned 36.

**Relocation Progress—**  
Cheered by the success of Wakefield citizens in blocking the relocation of a highway in their area, five Weeping Water businessmen have filed suits to block the state highway department from taking state highway 50 out of their town. The supreme court immediately turned down their first application for not conforming with the rules. A second "proper" application was filed. The Weeping Water men also filed a case in Lancaster county district court. Their suits claim the department to relocate roads is unconstitutional.

But State Engineer L. N. Ress had the department go right ahead with setting the Weeping Water project for early construction. He said the Weeping Water city council and county board of commissioners had made an agreement with the department. The department agreed to rebuild a \$166,000 bridge in Weeping Water, washed out by a 1950 flood, if these governmental subdivisions would consent not to fight against relocating state highway 50 two miles west. The department also agreed to build an access road from the town out to the new highway.

**Reports to Club on Recent Trip Abroad**  
CELIA—The Celia Homemakers extension club had its Christmas party last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Milton McKathnie with 18 members present.

Mrs. Lee Terwilliger gave a talk about her recent trip abroad. Grab bag and mystery sister gifts were distributed and mystery sister names divulged. Also new names were drawn for the coming year. The next meeting will be with Mrs. George Beck Tuesday, January 19.

**Other Celia News**  
Several from this community attended the Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist Christmas programs at those churches Sunday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks and Markita and Arlin were Friday supper guests at the Paul Nelson home and brought their son, Leon Hendricks, home with them for the Christmas holidays.  
Perry Terwilliger went Lincoln Sunday, December 13, and returned Tuesday, December 15.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winings and son, Jaryl, were Sunday dinner guests at the Lee Terwilliger home.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith and family to the Bible study and Christmas party which were held in Hillside chapel on Friday evening. Mrs. Smith is pastor at Hillside chapel.

Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg attended a Christmas party of the WSCS in the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon, December 16. The worship service was in

**MILLER THEATER**  
Atkinson  
Merry Christmas!  
Fri.-Sat. Dec. 25-26  
Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Dec. 27-28-29  
Wed.-Thurs. Dec. 30-31

Shell Steal Your Heart!  
**Scandal Scourie**  
GREEN GARSON - WALTER PIDGEON  
Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Dec. 27-28-29  
CRAWFORD BENTON  
**TORCH SONG**  
WILSON  
Wed.-Thurs. Dec. 30-31  
Lump Girl  
**CRY OF THE HUNTED**  
VITTORIO GASTMAN  
BARRY SULLIVAN  
POLLY BAKER

charge of Mrs. George Frohardt and the lesson was in charge of Mrs. Raymer Funk. Gifts were presented. Reports of the annual supper and bazaar, also circle reports for the year were given. Lunch was served by all circles.

Mrs. Robert Hendricks and daughter, Rebecca, accompanied her uncle, Paul Nelson of O'Neill, to Miltonvale, Kans., last Thursday where she will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson brought his daughter, Miss Naomi Nelson, and nephew, Leon Hendricks, home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Poynts were Sunday dinner guests at the Mark Hendricks home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Disterhauft and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Perry Terwilliger home.

Alex Forsythe was a last Thursday morning visitor at the O. A. Hammerberg home.  
Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg attended the Christmas party for Circle III which was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Chace on Tuesday, December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schlotfeld and family were last Thursday evening visitors at the Milton McKathnie home.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Kilmurry were Sunday dinner guests at the Frank Kilmurry home.

Frank Kilmurry, Buddy, Bill, Paul and Doyle Focken and Dan Phipps attended the basketball game at O'Neill Friday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Lange and family were Tuesday evening, December 15, visitors at the Hans Lauridsen home.

Hans Lauridsen visited at the Ira Lange home Wednesday evening, December 16.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith and family visited the Lee Terwilliger family Friday afternoon.

Frank Kilmurry vaccinated calves for O. A. Hammerberg last Thursday morning.  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schlotfeld were Friday evening visitors at the Ed Bausch home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lauridsen and family were Butte visitors Saturday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith and family were O'Neill visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Spann were Sunday dinner guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ray Pease, and family. The occasion was the celebrating of Mrs. Spann's birthday anniversary.

Connie and Victor Frickel and son, Glen, were Monday morning, December 14, visitors at the Ray Pease home.  
Emil Colfack was a Monday and Tuesday, December 14 and 15, visitor at the Duane Beck home. They were making a bulldozer for Emil Colfack's tractor.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck were Saturday supper guests at the George Beck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Focken and family were O'Neill visitors Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Livingston were last Thursday evening visitors at the Frank Kilmurry home.

Victor Frickel and sons, Harold and Harold, David and Glen, visited the William Coleman home Sunday afternoon.

Most of the children of the community met Santa Claus in Atkinson on Saturday afternoon when he gave them a treat.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hansen were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fuhrer.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FROM

Pat & Bob Hornby

AT

DAIRY QUEEN



We hail the season with hymns of praise  
and love on our Saviour's birthday



HENRY LOFFLIN  
Manager

Our Greetings carry these thoughts to you... may all your Yuletide wishes come true.

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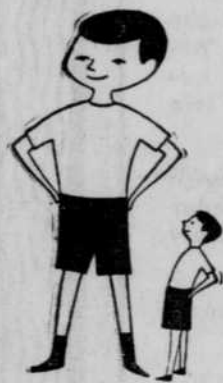
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## Giant boy



Recently, a group of scientists and engineers was asked to predict what's next.

Now that we have electrified farms, factories and homes, is that the end? The answer appears to be no, that the electrical industry is a "giant boy" with its great growth still ahead. Here are some of the predictions.

Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.

You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.

Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

You can put your confidence in—

GENERAL ELECTRIC

# PENNEY'S YEAR-END CLEARANCE

WOMEN'S WINTER COATS, — NOW	\$18 - \$21 - \$24
GIRLS' WINTER COATS — NOW	\$8 - \$10 - \$12
CHILDREN'S SNOW SUITS — NOW	5.00 - 8.00
WOMEN'S WASH DRESSES — NOW	2.00
MEN'S CORDUROY SHIRTS — NOW	3.88
BOYS' LINED DENIM JACKETS, Zip Front — NOW	2.65
WOMEN'S NYLON HOSE, 60 Gauge, 15 Denier — NOW	58c
BOYS' WINTER JACKETS — NOW	\$6 - \$8 - \$9
CHILDREN'S LONG COTTON STOCKINGS, Tan — NOW	25c
JUNIOR BOYS' CORDUROY SUITS, Jacket and Pants — NOW	4.00
MEN'S WINTER SURCOAT, Self-Collar — NOW	8.00
TEEN - AGE COATS — NOW	12.00

Boys' Corduroy Trousers - Now	4.00	Men's Corduroy Trousers - Now	5.00
Boys' Dress Overcoats - Now	9.00	Men's Better Storm Coats - Now	30.00
Women's Corduroy Skirts - Now	2.00	Teen Age Blouses - Now	1.00
Men's Felt Shoes - Now	5.00	Fall Millinery - Now	\$1, \$2
Women's Fabric Gloves - Now	65c	Toddler's Dresses - Now	1.00
Women's Flannel Gowns - Now	1.79	Better Towel Sets, Boxed - Now	2.00
Red Rider Boys' Jeans, Size 4-Now	1.00	Men's Down-Filled Surcoats-Now	20.00