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Bruce and Nip . . . the tractor overturned the dog streaked for help.—The Frontier Photo. the tractor overturned

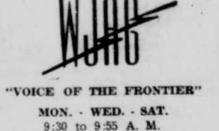
Obedient Dog Saves Boy from Exposure

Mother-in-Law Loses Six Teeth

Gibson Also Attacks **His Wife**

Albert Nelson Gibson, 34, Atkinson truck driver. Tuesday afternoon pleaded innocent to charges of assault with intent to inflict great bodily harm. He was charged in Holt county court in preliminary hearing.

Gibson, who has been in scrapes before, was bound over to district court. He did not post four-hund-





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O'Neill, Holt County, Nebraska, Thursday, December 25, 1958

Seven Cents

SantaWon't The Christmas program at the Methodist church Sunday consisted of songs recitations and spec-

Not Enough Snow to

Accomodate Steel;

Likely to Use Plane

It's not definite but prospects

He'd have to search to find

Best guess is the Jolly OF

Meanwhile, yuletide shopping

Wednesday was being wrapped

up with a flourish. O'Neill mer-

chants, with record inventories

at the start of the Christmas

shopping season, report unprec-

Six-day weather summary

snow. The glistening steel run-

ners simply won't crunch on

Fellow will make extensive use

cement, gravel and dirt.

are that Santa will be arriving in Frontier Land minus his rein-

deer and sled.

of air transport.

edented sales.

TEN PAGES

In This Issue

John S. Gallagher Succumbs Following Eight - Day Illness

Pioneer Is

Dead at 88

ATKINSON — Funeral services for John S. Gallagher, 88, a longtime resident of Atkinson, were conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, December 22, at St. Joseph's Catholic church. Burial was in the famly plot in Calvary cemetery in O'Neill under direction of the Seger funeral home. Mr. Gallagher died at Atkinson

Memorial hospital last Thursday, December 18, after being a patient eight days. Pallbearers were nephews -Francis, John and Clarence Mur-

phy, all of O'Neill; Mike Bonenerger and Ray Pettinger, both of Atkinson, and Joseph Pongratz of Emmet

The late Mr. Gallagher was born February 6, 1870, in Pennsylvania. He was the son of Thomas J. and Mary Swift Gallagher, and was among the early settlers in northern Holt county. After farming north of O'Neill

for many years, he retired about 20 years ago to an acreage at the east edge of Atkinson. After the death of his wife, Bridget, on July 5, 1943, he moved in the west part of Atkinson.

Bowen, 14, and obedience, foot-His wife's maiden name was Bridget Dixon. Survivors include: Son-Steve of

Omaha: daughter — Mrs. Harry (Margaret) Ford of White Salmon, Wash.; sisters—Mrs. Teresa Con-nelly of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Nellie O'Donnell of Atkinson; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Revells Plan 50th Wedding Event

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Revell of the Star community will hold open house on Sunday, December 28, through a ditch, the tractor from 1 until 4 p.m. in 0



'Merry Christmas, Everyone' Say First Graders

gram held Monday evening in the school gym. Each class in the elementary school-from kindergarten to the eighth grade-participated. Pictured in front is Kristie Abart (left), as Mrs. Santa Claus. Charles Gonderinger is Santa. Kneeling in front are Peggy Hammond and Tim-Jacks-in-the-boxes - Charles Artus, Charles Bosn, genia Gallagher.-The Frontier Photo.

First graders of St. Mary's academy are | Terry Hastreiter, Charles Appleby and Jimmy saying "Merry Christmas" at the annual pro- DeWitt; dancing dolls in the next row are Jeanne McDonald, Constance Zastrow, Sally Stewart, Mary Kay McCarville, Teresa Templemeyer, Nancy Sindelar and Ellen Coker. A few of the Christmas fairies (peeking through) are Kathy Everitt, Janice Donohoe, Nan Kersenbrock, Linda Fuhrer, Debbie Hynes. The toy rabbit is Steven my Gray, the brownies. Behind them are the Harmon. A singing doll (extreme right) is Eu-



Sunday-Schools in Christmas Programs

ed of songs, recitations and special selections by the junior choir. Donald Maw, Sunday-school sup-erintendent, was director, assisted by Mrs. Glenn Kennicott and Konnie Kurtz, organist.

[°] First Presbyterian church used colored slides to tell the Christmas story. Costumed Sunday-school children dramatized Christ's birth with Sonita Wilson as narrator Miss Ann Johnson accompanied the children as they sang carols.

The Frontier Goes to Press Early

This week's issue of The Frontier went to press 24 hours earlier than usual in order that most subscribers would have their paper ahead of the Christmas holiday.

Some newsmatter and pictures have been omitted because time did not permit developing extra pages.

Since October 1 The Frontier has published 20 pages MORE than any other newspaper in the area.

The publishers and staff extend warmest Christmas greetings to Frontier friends everywhere!

Pauline Poessnecker

Expires in Hospital

Resident of County Since 1920

ATKINSON — Funeral services for Mrs. Pauline Poessnecker, 82, were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, at St. John's Luth-

eran church here. Rev. Emil Kuehn officiated. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery under direction of the Seger funeral home. Mrs. Poessnecker died Sunday,

December 21, in Atkinson Memor-

Blattert Happold. She came to the United States May 1, 1898, and rolet convertible, which was in their possession when they were settled at Stanton. She was united in marriage to William Poessnecker June 4, 1898, at Stanton. In 1920 the family moved to Inarrived here by air Saturday and man and in 1927 moved to Atkinson where she continued to reside. The boy, who was regarded as a Mr. Poessnecker died October good student, is being held for Maryland or federal authorities. 4, 1931.

Hi Lo 53 22 48 13 Dec. 19 48 11 Dec. 20 39 11Dec. 21 50 38 Dec. 22 Dec. 23

Maryland Teenagers 'Tired of School'; Steal Two Autos

Three runaway teenagers from West Chesapeake, Md., filing into

an O'Neill rettaurant about 2 a.m. last Thursday were picked up by O'Neill police for questioning. Within two hours it was determined the two girls and one boy had been the subject of a 14-state search and had been fleeing west-

ward in stolen cars. The trio: Herman Porter, 16: Patty Shumate, 14, and Rita Mes-

kinas, 15. They took a 1954 Chevrolet from She was born July 20, 1876, in Grossinger Scheim, Germany, the daughter of Wilhelm and Christine helped themselves to a 1957 Chev-

approached by Police Officer Or-

The father of the Shumate girl

took both girls back to Maryland.

The sheriff of West Chesapeake

indicated to Holt County Sheriff

Leo Tomjack he will come for

A fourth member of the group

Porter after the holidays.

ville Miller.

red-dollars appearance bond and en underneath. is being held in Holt county jail. The tractor landed almost in

Holt County Attorney William W. Griffin said Gibson is charged with attacking his mother-in-law, Mrs. Florence Scripter of Atkinson, on her premises and later turned on his wife, Marjorie, inflicting personal injury on both. Mrs. Gibson last spring filed suit for divorce again her husband. Griffin said six of Mrs. Scripter's teeth were knocked out and her jaw bone was shattered, requiring the attention of a doctor for several hours. Mrs. Gibson received blackened eyes.

The alleged incident took place Saturday night, December 20, at Atkinson.

Gibson has served time in the state men's reformatory and has been a frequent guest at the Holt county jail.

Atkinson police arrested Gibson that night and Mrs. Scripter signed the complaint Monday. Holt Sheriff Leo Tomjack immediately transferred Gibson to the Holt

The Holt county courthouse will close at 3 o'clock Wednesday, and remain closed until 8:30 a.m. Fri-Christmas. day.

the scene, convinced that something had happened. The father lined up another tractor and loader and liberated his son. Bruce was alright except for a badly bruised leg. Had he fallen forward, the accident would have been more

By MRS. N. D. ICKES

Special Correspondent

work and headwork of a bob-

tailed shepherd dog averted

overturned tractor sooner than

he anticipated and a bruised leg

will be a memento of a yule-

tide accident that could have

been much more serious. Friday Bruce, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Roger Bowen, living north-

east of town, appropriated his

father's tractor to go to the

shelterbelt in search of pine

branches to be used for Christ-

ten. With wire, he tied the coat

bit and mitten to the neck of

Nip, his shepherd companion.

Bruce then dispatched Nip home

While cutting across the road

mas decorations.

to Bruce's mother.

Bruce was released from an

tragedy near here Friday.

PAGE-Headwork of Bruce

serious. Bruce and Nip have been fast friends for years. Their associa-tion dates to Bruce's pre-school days. Bruce is an eighth grader in the nearby rural school, where he reported for classes on time Monday morning.

pinning young Bowof their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Revell reside 12 the fence row. The pinned youth miles east, 10 north, three east was able to wiggle off a piece and 21/4 north of O'Neill. of fence wire. He then tore off

a piece of his coat and wrapped Drive to Gordonit around the thumb of his mit-

INMAN-Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Geary and family and G. H. Geary drove to Gordon Sunday to visit relatives. Mr. Geary's grandmother had a leg amputated above the knee a few weeks ago. Mrs. Bowen promptly received She also met her new little grandthe SOS message and summondaughter, whom she had never ed her husband. They rushed to seen.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

43.

There will be no pine branches in the Bowen home this

Fred R. Potts, 21, of Bartlett, and Carolyn Yvonne Senn, 18, of Bartlett, December 19. Clarence Leon Sisson, 55, of Ewing and Geneva Elvera Johnson, of Oakland, December 22. Patrick V. Hickey and Mrs.

Irene Martin, both of O'Neill, December 23 Gerald Michael O'Connor, 23, of Atkinson and Doris Elaine Bogue, 23, of Atkinson, December

Eleventh hour gift suggestion: A FRONTIER gift subscription.

Johnsons Quietly Note 54th

The Johnsons . . .

ding anniversary Sunday, Decem-ber 21, at their home on West Lincoln. There are 13 grandchild-Neill. Present at the dinner were the Hancock St. Eleven members of ren and 13 great-grandchildren. M. L. Harmons, Lowells Johntheir immediate family were present for dinner.

Three weeks ago Mrs. Johnson, 72, stumbled on a rug in the home She is Susan Michelle Kaup, dau- ghter of Bridgeport. and suffered a compound frachand. She was hospitalized three days and carries the fractured

members in casts. Mr. Johnson, 77, was born November 26, 1882, in Pawnee county. He came from a family of four sons and three daughters. Two brothers and the three sisters are deceased. Only surviving members are L. O. (Lett), also of O' Neill, and himself.

Mrs. Johnson's maiden name was May Hays. She was born August 28, 1886 at Table Rock, also in Pawnee county.

They were married at the courthouse in Pawnee Cty and went to Kansas by team and carriage on a two-weeks wedding trip. The couple established housekeeping on a farm north of Pawnee City. They spent two years in Kansas and in 1919 came to Holt county where they farmed near O'Neil two years.

Mr. Johnson gravitated into the carpentry trade-his first loveand the work took the family to Ansley. In 1938 they moved to Lincoln where they resided nine years. In the spring of 1947 they returned to O'Neill and have continued to reside here since.

About two years ago Mr. Johnson retired from active carpentry work.

Of four girls and one son in the Hays family, Mrs. Johnson and her sister, Mrs. Clara Johnson, also of O'Neill, are the only surviv-

The Johnsons' daughters are Mrs. M. L. (Mabel) Harmon of O'Neill, Mrs.' Lowell (Leta) John- | Frontier Photo.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Johnson son of O'Neill and Mrs. C. D. the former Betty Harmon, dau-quietly celebrated their 54th wed- (Ethel) Harmon of Scottsbluff. ghter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Har-

The 13th great-grandchildren ar- sons, Mr. and Mrs. David Anderrived Monday, December 15 - son of Trenton. N. J., and Mrs. 'just in time for Christmas''. and Mrs. Donald Harmon and dau-

ghter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Also present was Floyd Johnture of the thumb on her left Kaup of Omaha. Mrs. Kaup is son (no kin) of O'Neill.

they always returned to O'Neill.

- The

quent issues)

Archie Juracek (on tractor), Elmer Juracek and Frank Kopejtka (foreground), Charles V. Cole (background) . . . the new telephone line is a community project.-The Frontier Photo.

Multiple Conversations Soon-

South Star Lines Going Up

STAR — The new 60-odd mile borhood of the Leonard Juracek The carrier principle simply South Star Telephone company's farm when The Frontier special hasn't been employed by a cluster line under construction is moving events unit called. of rural patrons on a 60-mile run.

along according to schedule. Soon A mechanical posthole digger is about 40 farms, now without tele- used to provide settings for the bert Derickson, secretary, and phone service, will be connected poles which vary in height (de- Dale Revell is treasurer. to the O'Neill exchange with a pending upon the situation) from modern system that readily lends 16 to 35 ft. posthole digger at regular inter-The new line will cost in the vals. There is no moisture in the

itself to conversion to dial phones neighborhood of 20-thousand-dol- ground, the workmen say. It's exwhen the time comes. The South Star company was lars but much of the labor is vol-pected the line will be put to use formed this fall to bring phone unteer.

service to isolated farmers north-Carrier stations and boosters are being installed to provide pro- visited by The Frontier (in addieast of O'Neill. Previously the perly engineered volume and en- tion to those pictured) were Rob-Star community enjoyed multiple switching through Page, Verdigre able multiple conversations on the ert Sholes, William Hansen, Jotwo-strand line. Northwestern Bell seph Nobel, Leonard Juracek and and Lynch. Exchanges in those towns switched over to the dial has assigned a foreman and prof- Thomas Slattery. fered engineering services. From Of course, down the road a piece system, leaving Star high-and-dry. Bell's standpoint the South Star line is a pilot. there were others . . . more holes being dug, more poles coming up.

Farmers and ranchers south of Star organized, raised funds on line is a pilot. their own, solicited some and during recent weeks have been feverishly working on the community project, grubbing out trees where Nonagenarian, Queen Dies in Omahanecessary, distributing poles, digof Niobrara Fete, ging holes and erecting poles. Monday was no exception in spite of the holiday season. Three Leaves 184 Survivors Mrs. Joseph D. Price of 412 Lin-

NIOBRARA-Mrs. Martha Ann 9 a.m. at John A. Gentleman mor-Mayberry, 93, who leaves 184 de-tuary. Burial was in Holy Sepulcrews were at work in the neighscendants, died at her home Satur- chre cemetery. day, December 20.

Auction Calendar

Friday, January 2: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Butterfield, living 1½ Heidbreder officiated. miles north of Atkinson, will sell 30 head of cattle, registered Here- funeral home until the funeral ford bull, two tractors and other hour. Burial was in L'Eau Qui farm and haying machinery, also household goods; Col. Ed Thorin She was born March 7, 186 of O'Neill, auctioneer; First Nat- Indiana, the daughter of William and Christiana Bloodhart. onal Bank of Atkinson, clerk. Mrs. Ed Etherton, residing north Her hubsand, Grimes Mayberry Friday, January 9: Mr. and died July 28, 1942.

Mrs. Mayberry was crowned (Details on page 7.) of Emmet, will sell livestock, full queen of the Niobrara centennial line of farm and ranch machin- celebration several years ago. The ery, grain, feed and household king, Frank Lenger, died at the goods, complete closeout; Col. age of 99 on May 6, 1958. Wallace O'Connell of O'Neill, auc- Mrs. Mayberry's survi Mrs. Mayberry's survivors in-

tioneer; Ed Murphy of O'Neill clerk. (Details in next issue). (Inez) McGlade of Niobrara; Mrs. Wednesday, January 14: Lester Clayton (Velma) Tripp of Sioux Waterman, living 15 miles east of Falls, S.D.; Mrs. Myrtle Nitz, Mrs. noon. O'Neill on state road 108, or four Katie Magdefrau and Mrs. William miles north of Page and three (Mary) Pease, all of Niobrara; miles east, will sell complete line Mrs. Tom (Ruby) Carr of Hillsf farm machinery and some live- boro, Ore., and Mrs. Cameron stock; Col. Wally O'Connell of O'- (Anna) Coones of Spotted Horse, Neill. auctioneer; Ed Murphy of Wyo.; 43 grandchildren; 116 great-

grandchildren.

Survivors include: Daughter -Mrs. Oswald (Erna) Golffuss of Page; sons-Ottmar, Rudolph, Eugene, Thilo and Werner, all of Atkinson; 19 grandchildren and five had joined up at Muscatine, Ia. great-grandchildren.

He was John Johnson, 18, and said he did not know the vehicle Inman Lodge Stages was stolen. He was released here. 3d Degree, O'Neill Maryland authorities told Tom-

third degree.

London Kin Injured

with her afther.

and jaw are taken care of.

Regional Deaths

Ira Napier

Tuesday morning.

in South Dakota-

jack two of the trio came from broken homes. They had been INMAN-Seven members of the Inman IOOF lodge drove to O'- missing several days, he said. Porter told Tomjack: "We sim-Neill Wednesday evening, December 17, where they were guests of ply got tired of school". the O'Neill IOOF lodge.

The Inman lodge put on the Low-Grade Fuel **Blamed for Fires**

O'Neill firemen were harassed Susan Tarr, 11-year-old daugh-Saturday afternoon by a series of fires along the Chicago & North ter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Tarr Colome, S.D., and a grand-Western railroad tracks between Inman and O'Neill. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike

One break out, five miles east London, was injured last Thursda yin a car accident while driv- of here, burned off a strip nearly a mile long.

Another car, which was ahead Fire, started by a diesel locoof them, went in a ditch and un- motive burning low-grade fuel, expectedly came back on the road broke out in about five different and hit the Tarr car broadside. places.

Susan, who was under doctor's Firemen were also summoned care at the time o the accident, to the Norbert Uhl property, was taken to a hospital in Sioux south of the tracks. There was no Falls and was found to have a damage. But Fred Snowardt nosed concussion and a broken jaw. She his truck into a ditch. Here's what also bit her tongue and suffered happened:

a deep cut under her chin. Because One of the O'Neill fire trucks of the concussion, Susan is not besped around the southbound Snowing given reditives. The doctors ardt truck in the city limits, pullwere concerned about her seeing ed ahead of Snowardt, and within double. Her neck will have to be short distance, pulled to a stop put in a brace after her tongue Brakes failed on Snowardt's truck and he took the ditch in order to Mrs. London went to Colome avoid crashing into the rear of last Thursday and returned home the fire truck.

In other words, Snowardt wasn't following the fire truck, then he was, then he wasn't.

Purviance Burned in Denver Explosion EWING - Funeral services for

Ira Napier, 64, were conducted LYNCH-Leroy Purviance, jr. of Denver, Colo., formerty of Lynch, was severely burned Saturday evening while working at a Denver gas station. He suffered second and third degree burns. Alaska, and Mrs. William Sample about the face, neck, hands, arms of Germany; son-William of Arand legs.

Purviance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Purviance, sr., of

Firemen theorized young Purviance was hurt when a heating jury Tuesday, December 16, in a stove caused fumes from nearby one-car accident near Meadow cleaning fluid to explode.

Commercial Club

Provides Treats

INMAN-The grade school put Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz, also ar- on the annual Christmas program rived Friday from the College of in the school auditorium Thursday daughter of Omaha. Eddie will re- treats for all the children present. The Inman Commercial club sponsored the treats.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., | thers-Melvin, Lawrence, Lester Monday, December 22, at Niobrara Lutheran church. Rev. John C. Mrs. Ernest P. Price of O'Neill, Mrs. Ernest P. Price of O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cuny The body lay in state at Jones' of Buffalo Gap, S.D.

INMAN-Mrs. James M. Mc-Mahan attended Past Matron's club at the home of Mrs. John Osenbaugh in O'Neill Thursday afternoon when the members packed

two boxes of gifts for the Masonic Eastern Star children's home at Fremont.

Mrs. Osenbaugh served refreshments at the close of the after- dent at Creighton university, was

STUART - Linden Mulford of St. Mary in Omaha. Other guests evening. After the program Santa Stuart last week bagged a deer were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gatz and made his annual appearance with near the Niobrara river, north of O'Neill, clerk. (Details in subse- grandchildren and 19 great-great- Stuart. He got the 130-pound doe turn home for the holidays with with a bow-and-arrow guests.

here Monday, December 22. He died Monday, December 15, in the Veterans hospital. Survivors include: Widow-Helen; daughters -Mrs. Dale Roberts of Fairbanks,

Clayton Nelson is president; Al-

The "hardpan" ground dulls the

Among workmen at the scene

Funeral service for Loretta Ann

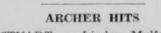
Price, infant daughter of Mr. and

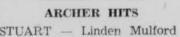
coln blvd., Omaha, were held at

Survivors include: Parents; bro-

sometime early in 1959.

Pack Christmas





Oakdale died Friday in the Tilden hospital. He suffered a brain in-

Cleo Hoyda OAKDALE-Cleo Hoyda, 25, of Lynch.

ington, Va.

Grove.

Eddie Gatz, a premedical stu-

home Friday. His cousin, Miss Mary Elizabeth Gatz, daughter of

Boxes for Home

She was born March 7, 1865, in

Price Infant

