



No Room in the Inn; Born in A Lowly Stable

By Will Spindler, Retired. U. S. Indian Service. It was while listening enraptured to the haunting, poignant strains of a beautiful Christmas song at the Gordon Gospel Chapel, Gordon, Nebraska, of which Melvin Grossbach is the pastor, at the regular Sunday service on the morning of December 20, 1959, that several great truths struck me with startling and vivid reality. The song was that delightful, soul-haunting "Star of the East" and the very talented singers were Yvonne Hamilton and Darlene Foster, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. William Kayton and Ralph Taylor on his violin.



Births

ST. ANTHONY'S CLARK—Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Clark of O'Neill, daughter, Nancy Elaine, 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, December 17. Mrs. Clark is the former Erma Luben, daughter of Mrs. Grace Luben of Inman. This is the Clark's first child. LUDWIG—Mr. and Mrs. Junior Ludwig of Spencer, son, 7 pounds 3 3/4 ounces, December 19.

ATKINSON MEMORIAL DOBIAS—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dobiak of Atkinson, son, Michael John, 7 pounds 3 ounces, December 12. POLEN—Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Polen of Bassett, son, William Walter, 6 pounds 9 ounces, December 14.

ELSEWHERE LARSON—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larson of Orchard, daughter, Jerilee Rae, 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, November 26. The Larsons now have a son and a daughter. Mrs. Larson is the former Bette Groeling.

HELD—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Held of Royal, son, Jeffrey, 7 pounds 9 ounces, December 10. Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Held of Orchard are the grandparents.

RUZICKA—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ruzicka of Lincoln, son, 10 pounds, November 26. Mrs. Ruzicka is the former Marie Hopsocka of Verdigre. The couple now have two boys and one girl.

KOTROUS—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kotrous of Niobrara, daughter, Cynthia Marie, 8 pounds 2 ounces, November 26. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kotrous of Verdigre and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Novak of Winnetoon are the grandparents.

HAVERKAMP—Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Haverkamp of Verdigre, daughter, Kathryn Mae, 7 pounds 13 ounces, November 20. Mrs. Haverkamp is the former Donna Mae Deiz of Verdigre. The couple now have three daughters.

DUFEK—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dufek of Verdigre, daughter, Laurie Jean, 7 pounds 10 ounces, December 3. Mrs. Dufek is the former Lorene Minarik of Verdigr.

BURKE—Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burke of Sedro Woolley, Wash., son, 7 pounds 6 ounces, November 30.

WILSON—Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wilson of Arcadia, Calif., daughter, Melanie Kay, 6 pounds 7 ounces, December 9. Mrs. Wilson is the former Sharon Pereboom.

HALL—Mr. and Mrs. Oris Hall, son, Jan Barry, 6 pounds 2 ounces, December 9.

SPROUT—Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sprout of Des Moines, Ia., daughter, Mary Beth, 6 pounds 7 ounces, December 15. This is the couple's first child. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Dierks of Ewing are the grandparents.

ALLEMANG—Mr. and Mrs. Leon Allemang, son, 8 pounds 5 ounces, December 13. Mrs. Allemang is the former Carolyn Tams of Ewing.

SCHINDLER—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schindler of Omaha, son, Terry Ray, 7 pounds 6 ounces, December 17. The couple also has two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stowell are the grandparents.

BRUNING—Mr. and Mrs. Don Bruning of Bell Flower, Calif., son, 9 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, December 13. Mrs. Bruning is the former Carolyn Russell of Page. Mrs. Stella Russell of Page is the great grandmother.

Fourth of A Series . . . Featuring Holt County Rural Schools



Mineola School is Gone From Scene; Gibson District Benefits from Loss

With the merging of school districts 93 and 122 another school district passes into anonymity with the strengthening of the one and complete absence of the other. For the time being the decision was made to merge "old Mineola" with the Gibson district and continue to hold school. The names of only two new pupils were added to the school roster. They are Norman and Ronald Howard. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Howard and they are four and one fourth miles distant from the school house, a distance that is matched or exceeded where ever a merger has been made.

O'Neill Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith and daughters of Lincoln will arrive Christmas day and will spend their holiday vacation in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bird and family expect to leave Friday for Oakland where they will be guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swann Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kennicott at Johnstown.

Members of the intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship group sponsored by Rev. Glenn Kennicott went caroling Monday evening taking the spirit of the Christmas season to ten homes.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Embree traveled to Hastings last Friday for a pre-Christmas family get-together in the home of Mr. Embree's niece, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bonham. Other guests were their daughter, Mrs. Max Kellough and son, Kirk of Friend, their sons, Lester of Hastings and Donald of Colorado.

Annual American Legion Christmas Dance SUN., DEC. 25 at the Stuart Auditorium, Stuart, Nebraska. MUSIC BY The Aces of Rhythm. Admission \$1.00.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Murray will have their son, Francis of Columbus home for the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKeyne visited Sunday with Mrs. Myrtle Spangler and Delmar and Mrs. Della (Gradma) Bowden. Mrs. Audrey McConnell and son, Pat, will have Christmas dinner at the home of her son, Jay McConnell. Also present will be Mr. and Mrs. Duane Pongratz and son. Planning to spend Christmas vacation with Mrs. McConnell, are her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huff of Omaha.

mas Day. Other guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Roy Karr of Spencer who are his sister and her brother. Mr. and Mrs. William Ernesti of Clearwater were Tuesday guests in the home of Mrs. Juliana Kamphaus. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rice will spend the Christmas weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Keever and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rice at Marysville, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wetlaufer and sons were Wednesday guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wetlaufer. Carl Kamphaus of Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw and daughters were Monday guests in the home of Mrs. Juliana Kamphaus. Mrs. Genevieve Hartly left Tuesday for Denver, Colo., to spend the Christmas holidays with her son, Jim and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eby and son of Omaha were Sunday guests at the W. B. Gillespie home and the home of Mrs. Della Eby. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka expect to spend Christmas weekend in Omaha with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Petr.

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