

Shutin Receives Community Gift

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The Christmas spirit of giving gifts, was truly exemplified by the citizens of Elmwood, by a community gift of a new TV set being given to one of their handicapped citizens: William Holke. Mr. Holke has been partially paralyzed for nearly six years. He is able to be up and around home sometimes, and again is confined to his bed for as long as six weeks. His eye sight is not affected, but his speech is; and it is hoped he will enjoy the TV and it will be a source of entertainment. His wife cares for him and also looks after the home place, taking care of the cows as she sells milk, as well as poultry and eggs.

Their church, the St. Paul E. U. B. first started the movement, and as it became known, all in the community were happy to join in giving, the merchants and other churches participating also.

After the 10 a. m. church services at the Emanuel E. U. B. Church, where the Rev. T. H. Kampman is pastor, the family had its Christmas dinner at home. Daughter Beth and husband; Mr. and Mrs. James Batt, Lincoln, as well as Merwinna, the other daughter, who was also home from the University of Nebraska for the holidays, completed the family gathering. The mother was assisted in the dinner, by the daughters.

Effective Program

The Sunday School of the Methodist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Ted Hall, superintendent, assisted by teachers, gave a very effective Christmas program, on Christmas Eve at the Methodist Church, in Elmwood.

The program opened with a scene of old time Christmas, with Mrs. G. R. Eveland, dressed as grandma, seated in a rocker, with Kristie Eveland, and Kenneth Miller as grandchildren.

The Nursery Class sang songs of Christmas, as they decorated a Christmas tree, using home made ornaments, as in other times. Pop corn was strung, and also colored paper made into strings for decorations. Ronnie Helmink gave the welcome. The other children each gave a line about Christmas, and its meaning.

A Nativity scene was also presented, with the showing of a manger, with the Christ child, mother Mary and Joseph as well as the shepherds, and the wise men. John Hall was narrator. The Adult choir dressed in their white robes were seated in the choir, and as the narra-

tor unfolded the story, the characters took their place on the stage, and the adult choir sang carols. John Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller, gave a prayer. The pastor, Dr. Bert L. Gray, told about Christmas and gave the benediction.

Afterwards Santa Claus, represented by Harry Arnold, distributed gifts to all the children. The adult choir had several additions to it, one was Ned Tolman, who was in Elmwood for the evening.

Candle Service

The Sunday School of the Christian Church at Elmwood presented a Christmas program on Christmas Eve. The Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Skyle Miller, Jr., and the other teachers planned and arranged the event. There was a junior choir, which sang carols. They were seated in front of a large Christmas tree, which formed an effective background.

The nursery class and primary classes gave recitations, interspersed with the singing of carols.

A candle lighting service was very effective, with Mrs. Myrtle Stege reading the story of the birth of Christ from St. Luke 2, and the junior choir sang appropriate carols, closing with "Joy to the World," in which all joined in. The other S. S. pupils as well as the audience following the candle lighters into the dining room for a social hour.

The teachers, as Santa helpers, it was said, served the nursery class with cookies and chocolate milk. The adults had a serving table with fancy cookies and coffee served to all. There was a large attendance including visitors from out of town.

A pound shower was given the pastor, James Snyder, and family as a gift from the congregation for their Christmas. They were really pleased with the gifts, and the expression of love from the churchmembers. The Christian Church has for several years given their pastor a "pound shower" for Christmas, which has always been appreciated, better than a one gift selection.

Large Celebration

A family Christmas reunion of the John Drake family, was held Thursday evening, Dec. 20. Mr. Drake lives in Lincoln, with two sons and two daughters living in Elmwood, others coming from their home in Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas City, Mo. There were over 80 present, seven sons, three daughters and their families, which included a number of children and grandchildren of Mr. Drake.

All came with well filled baskets of food, and a festive meal was enjoyed. Afterwards there was a Christmas program, in which there was singing by various relatives, recitations, and carols sung by the group. Santa Claus also distributed gifts to all.

Two new members have arrived since the last Christmas reunion: They are: Johnnie Drake, of Western, a grandson; and Bruce Harper, Omaha, a

great grandson. On Saturday evening the wedding at the Elmwood Church of Gayle L. Bennett, of Verdun, Nebraska, to Miss Mary Jicka, added another member to the John Drake family, a grand-daughter-in-law.

Christmas Pageant

The Sunday School of the St. Paul E. U. B. Church, presented a pageant Christmas evening at the Church. Mrs. Vera Oehlerting was the pianist. Prelude was played by Sherry Stolz, congregation then sang "O Come All Ye Faithful," with the Rev. T. H. Kampman giving the invocation, followed by singing of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Narrator was Mrs. Adele Fleischman for "The Holy Nativity." Travelers to Bethlehem were represented by David Fleischman; Wilton Stubben- dack, Mary was portrayed by Eileen Bornemeier, and Joseph by Donald Vogt. The shepherds were played by: Harvey Vogt, Alan and Ronnie Stubben dack; Wist men, represented by Wayne Althouse, Bobby Rosenow and David Vogt.

Angels were Vicke Schomaker; Marie Rosenow; Onalee Kunz; Karen Backmeyer; Barbara Vogt and Patty Bornemeier. Choir of juniors was: Velda Lenz; Billy Fleischman; Leroy Vogt; John Rosenow; Betty Ann Fleischman; Mary Ann Lenz; Robert Vogt; Thad Rueter; Sherry Stolz; Cheryl Bornemeier; Gerald Fradenburg and Robert Fleischman.

Offertory was by Sharon Fredenburg, and congregation sang "Joy to the World," with the minister, Rev. T. H. Kampman, giving valediction.

Afterwards a social hour was enjoyed by all in the dining room.

Christmas family activities at the home of Mrs. Bertha McFall-Fitch and Ahlene Fitch commenced on Friday, by the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. (Ruth) Cecil Stillebouer, of Gettysburg, S. D.

On Christmas day there was a family six o'clock dinner at a very beautifully decorated table, with red cloth, centered with a silver horn of plenty, loaded with fruits and goodies; and a silver candle stick with lighted tapers at each end of the table, decorations by Ruth Stillebouer.

Other members of the family were Mr. and Mrs. (Gene) Knaup, son Rodney and daughter Roberta, of Weeping Water, Miss Anna McFall, and Mrs. Emily Hall, Elmwood. There was an exchange of gifts later. Two families, each with three sisters, were present. They were Miss Anna McFall, her sister, Mrs. Emily Hall, and the hostess Mrs. Bertha Fitch, and Mrs. Fitch's three daughters: Ahlene, Ruth and Gene.

Mr. Stillebouer returned to Gettysburg, S. D. on Wednesday to report for business at the bank. Mrs. Stillebouer remained for a longer visit.

Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Horton had a family Christmas dinner at their home, with both their daughters and family present. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Julian and daughter Claire of Plattsmouth; son Norman, Lincoln. Norman was unable to leave the radio station until 11 a. m. but he and his mother came to Elmwood soon thereafter and enjoyed a real Christmas dinner, and family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth West, and family together with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles West were entertained for Christmas dinner Tuesday evening, December 25, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Katherine Hennessey, Lincoln. Chuck, her son, was not able to come to Elmwood this year, and grandmother was not able to have the Christmas, either. All went to Lincoln, instead, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth West, at first planned until Church became ill.

Christmas dinner was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller, at Greta, with the families of Morris Mendenhall, and Mr. and Mrs. Skyle Miller, Jr., and the mother of the three women, Mrs. Verena Simpkins. On Dec. 26, the same group and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rawson, of Lexington and their son, Tommy, had Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Skyle Miller, Jr. They all enjoyed exchange of Christmas gifts. Mrs. Rawson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Skyle Miller, Jr., and they remained for a visit until Friday, Dec. 28. Mrs. Ethel McCrory, who fell and broke a bone in her ankle,

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Juliff, daughters, Kathleen and Karen, and son Keith drove to Malcom Christmas day for dinner, taking her mother, Mrs. Ruth Manning, with them to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudolph. Their two daughters also were present, Miss Phyllis, Mr. and Mrs. Otto (Fay Ellen) Hendrickson, and family. Phillip Zeeman, Daiken, was also a guest. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Leavitt were entertained for Christmas dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bishop. A very festive dinner was served at a beautifully decorated Christmas table.

On January 9, Earl and Stella Bailey, of Hillsboro, Ore., plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. A card shower from their old time friends would be a fitting observance, it has been suggested.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hall entertained Christmas Eve for a supper, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Miller and family, also her father, Dr. O. E. Liston, and Dr. C. M. Totman, and wife and son, Ned, of Aberdeen, Md. They are spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Bagley, Lincoln, and came to Elmwood for the Methodist Church program.

On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Cook and family, Tekamah, were dinner guests of Mary Margaret and Billie and the parents were overnight guests of the Halls, while the older daughters, Judy and Sharon, stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arnold. In the evening, the group all went to see Mr. and Mrs. Luther Godbey for awhile. John Hall, their for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nickel entertained for Christmas dinner, family, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Tuesday Dec. 25. Their son and Nickle, and son Charles; and their daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl (Loren) Messelhisser and Janice, Lincoln; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rhoden, Elmwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rhoden, spent the evening, Dec. 26, with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McBride, and enjoyed an oyster supper. Mrs. Rhoden is his sister.

Talk of the Town

By Margaret Dingman — Phone 241

Judy Sailors of Nebraska City is spending her holiday vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sailors of this city.

Mrs. Jack Miller and children had as their Christmas dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Crandall of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Inman and children of Louisville. Captain Miller is stationed in Korea, and is expected home in April.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller and sons were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sowards, H. A. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buell of Ashland.

Mrs. S. Y. Smith of this city entered the Immanuel Hospital in Omaha where she submitted to surgery. Mrs. Smith is a former resident of the Union community and noted her 77th birthday Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cundall entertained on last Tuesday at Christmas dinner at their home on high school hill to a group of the relatives and friends.

Those to enjoy the fine dinner and visiting that followed were: Mr. and Mrs. George Fine and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry White and family, Mrs. W. H. Mason and son, Bill, Stan Sydow of Laurel, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Cundall and sons, Grover, Jr., and Larry.

Valerie Gorton spent her holiday vacation in Omaha, visiting with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Don Gorton and Mr. and Mrs. John Koop.

Stuart Nielsen, home from college, enjoyed part of his vacation in Colorado with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thiel and family of Wabash entertained at a turkey dinner Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cline and son of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Towle and family of Murdock and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rosenow and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hill of Elmwood. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Norton and family of Denver, Colo., called later in the evening.

Edward Smith of this city who has been a patient at St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City, has returned home. He had been expecting to undergo an operation, but this was found to be unnecessary at this time.

Mrs. Mary Campbell entered the University Hospital in Omaha Dec. 28, where she is undergoing treatment. The patient is in Ward H.

Floyd Yelick and son, Floyd, Jr., who were visiting at the James Yelick home departed Wednesday for their home at Glendale, Calif. While here they had the pleasure of attending a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson and children, Kathy and Jenny, were in Pawnee City Christmas week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stewart.

Cadet Willard Christensen On Christmas Visit

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Christensen has been very happy this Christmas season, as their son, Willard, has been home, from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

This is the fourth year at the academy for Willard, as he will be graduated and commissioned at the June exercises at West Point. He will then be assigned to regular service as a member of the armed forces. Willard was graduated from the Plattsmouth high school in 1933, as an honor student, and was selected by Hon. Howard Buffett, then congressman from the second district as a nominee for the military academy.

Francis Gochenour Home From Service

Francis Gochenour, who has for the past several months been training for the army service, was home for the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. James Gochenour and other relatives. Francis has been stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., for the past several months, being transferred there from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He has several months yet to serve until transferred to the reserve.

He will be home for the summer to look after his farm work, and serving with the local company of the reserve, 355th infantry.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smock were hosts Christmas night at dinner to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smock, Mr. and Mrs. Keener Price, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smock, Mr. and Mrs. Farnum Taylor and family, Mrs. George Stone, Nancy Lou McComaha all of this city. Out of town guests included Mrs. Sally Gochenour of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hendrickson of Council Bluffs, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shellenbarger and sons, Jerome and Mike, and Mrs. Howard Dow were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dow and family in Lincoln Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hamblin are vacationing in the south and southwest.

Visitors at the Finnefrock home over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. George Reher and children, Candy and Mark, from Denver, Colo.

Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Walter B. Henderson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dougherty from Bellevue for the Christmas holiday. On Thursday, the Hendersons attended a cocktail and dinner party given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Kaul, a prominent Omaha insurance executive. Some thirty guests were present at the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Schmidt of Murdock were in Plattsmouth Saturday shopping and looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacobs departed Thursday by train for a vacation to the west coast. Their first stop will be with friends at Yakima, Wash., and then on to the Los Angeles area where they will spend an indefinite time visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Harris and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Watkins were guests Sunday noon at the Charles Land home. In the afternoon they went to see Mrs. Wade Arnold and baby, James Wade, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Behmer had as their guest Christmas day Mr. Behmer's mother of Albion.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adam have returned from an over Christmas visit with their son, Dr. George Adam and family, at Washington, D. C. and are much pleased to be at their home in the south part of the city. They report the weather was snowy and chilly while they were at Washington.

Return From Air Trip To Tulsa

Attorney and Mrs. Francis M. Casey and daughter, Kay, have returned from their air trip to Tulsa, Okla., where they were guests of Norman Casey, brother of F. M. over the holiday season.

They had a very delightful time in the oil city taking in the many points of interest in that section of Oklahoma during their weeks' stay.

Former Local Man Receives Diploma At French Base

In the members of the graduating class of the 50th Management course at the Toul Air Base in France, recently, is a former Plattsmouth man, T-Sgt. Roland Hall, son-in-law of Mrs. Anna Schubech of this city.

The Management class of 28 trainees closed their books and observed graduation exercises at the Flight's End Club, at the Toul air base.

Lt. Col. Carlos Pratt, guest speaker at the graduation exercises, presented the diplomas to the members of the class. The class included representatives from the various branches in training at the base to fit them for management work in the air force.

The Toul Tiger, official publication of the base carried a picture of the presentation of the diplomas to T-Sgt. Roland Hall by Lt. Col. Pratt.

Entertains Family Party Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Garvey and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Garvey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsell at their home, 526 S. 2nd Street in this city.

They all had a pleasant surprise when their second son and grandson, A-3d Lawrence Garvey, home from Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo., air force base, arrived home to spend his fulfillment. He is to report to Seattle, Wash., from there he goes to Alaska, for future service.

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Weeping Water Man Soloist In "Messiah"

Lyle Jewell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jewell of Weeping Water, was one of the four soloists in the Boston University's production of Handel's "Messiah" in the Christmas presentation.

He is a graduate of Union college in Lincoln. Jewell has appeared in concert with the Lincoln symphony orchestra. Jewell is currently director of choral music at Atlantic Union college at South Lancaster, Mass.

Extension Club Has Meet At Payton Home

The Oak Leaf Extension met with Mrs. Earl Payton this month for a regular meeting. The meeting opened with the reading of the club creed, club collect and salute to the flag. Roll call was answered by each reciting a poem about Christmas.

The highlight of the afternoon was the gift exchange. Lunch was served by the hostess to close the afternoon.

The next meeting will be Jan. 15 at the home of Mrs. Lee Eastridge.

Suffers Broken Arm

Sally Ann O'Donnell, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. O'Donnell, is wearing her left arm in a sling as the result of a fall at the family home Thursday. She was playing around the house when she fell, alighting on the arm and causing the fracture.

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