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## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

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A few relatives went to the Bernard Kennedy home Friday evening last, surprising Mr. Kennedy on his birthday anniversary by indicating they had come to show him a good time. Among the items that went to make up an evening, which on this occasion lasted until two in the morning, was an oyster stew.

The spirit inspiring men to smite with the fist of wickedness and to destroy occasionally cuts loose on this quiet prairie. Over at the school house where the young ideas shoot when the sovereign citizens of Swan precinct are not there to register their votes against a third term, vandals have wrought wanton destruction. Teachers and pupils had gone to some pains to decorate their school for the holiday season. It was a heart-crushing experience to find one morning the Christmas decorations torn down, contents of ink bottles spilled about disorder, wreckage, ruin. Neighborhood boys have had the responsibility for this conduct hung on them.

A month after the snow blockade locked its frozen arms about this community the last stretch of road was opened to travel. The bridge at the James ranch was snowed under for a full month, the township road men recently clearing a way through.

Paul Chapman has been drawn from this community for army service under our peace time conscription program that is now assembling some eight hundred thousand defenders of Old Glory.

An airplane flew this territory Sunday perhaps carrying a marksman with a weather eye for an elusive coyote. I didn't learn why the pilot twice zoomed just above our chimney top, but will warn him that creatures on the wing have fallen into that chimney, their charred remains being removed from a stovepipe.

On a cold morning in December, 1890, I met Billy Hough on the street in O'Neill and he greeted me with the important news: "Sitting Bull is dead." December and January are the months of local historical anniversaries. There has been much written about Sitting Bull, his mode of life, his influence with the Sioux as their chief medicine man, his fanatical emotions wrought out of the ghost dance and his ultimate end at the investigation of the secretary of the interior. Sitting Bull was shot to death on the morning of December 15, 1890, after being aroused by the Indian police of Standing Rock, who were sent to arrest him at his camp on the Grand river in North Dakota. There are different versions of how it happened but the results of the attempted arrest were the death of Sitting Bull, his son Crowfoot, and Lt. Bullhead of the squad of police. The original purpose of Commander Drum of Ft. Yates was to secure Sitting Bull on December 20, a ration day when the Indians would be in from the reservation for their supplies. Word came to him that the Bull and his followers were preparing to head for the Bad Lands, so the earlier date was decided upon. That the battle of Wounded Knee was precipitated by this arrest is well known. This, the last uprising of the Indians which brought on hostilities, has a touch of local color. It was their inspiring background out of which O'Neill secured a company of state militia. The Frontier editor was top sergeant of this company, the late J. H. Meredith being its first captain. Gov. Crouse came here to muster the patriots into the service of the state. Art Coykendall was honored with the post of guard at the door of the old rink, where muster ceremonies were held, and with rifle at "right shoulder," himself in blue uniform, stood as motionless as a telephone pole with a mil-

## St. Mary's Cardinals Lose Two Games Past Week

The Saint Mary's Cardinals, showing far from their usual pep lost two games during the last week by close margins.

On Friday night a strong Plainview team put the Cardinals back with a 29-25 count. This game was one of the roughest games yet seen in the O'Neill gym with 14 fouls being called on the two teams, a total of 28 fouls.

At the end of the first quarter it looked as though St. Mary's was out of the game altogether, but they came back in the second quarter to be out in the lead 19-17 at half time.

The second half had no more than started when Plainview started dunking in baskets from all sides to go into the lead and coast to a 29-25 win.

Following is the box score:

St. Mary's	fg	ft	pf
Hammond	3	0	2
Shoemaker	3	4	2
Sirek	1	2	4
Kersenbrock	0	0	3
Miles	1	0	2
Hickey, c	1	1	1
Totals	9	7	14

Plainview	fg	ft	pf
Trube	2	1	2
Albin, c	1	1	4
Seever	0	0	0
Peterson	2	2	3
Boetger	4	3	1
Jenkins	2	0	4
Totals	11	7	14

Sacred Heart's unbeaten hoopers of Norfolk marked up their third straight win by defeating the favored St. Mary's team of O'Neill, Sunday, 32-28, at Norfolk.

The Norfolks grabbed a 12-4 lead in the first quarter. St. Mary's rallied in the second, trailed at half time, 15-18. The invaders forged ahead in the third period, 23-21, but Sacred Heart rallied.

Rodney Montgomery, center, led the winners with 11 points. Kelleher and O'Connell played fine floor games. Ted Sirek, St. Mary's center, high scorer with 16 points, and Shoemaker, forward, stood out for the losers.

## Leslie M. Wertz

Leslie M. Wertz died at the home of his brother, Emmet Wertz, at his home near Star, after a lingering illness at the age of 40 years, three months and fifteen days. The funeral will be held from his brother's residence at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. V. C. Wright of this city officiating, and burial in the Mineola cemetery.

Leslie M. Wertz was the son of one of the pioneer families of the Star neighborhood and was born near Star on September 3, 1900. He grew to manhood in that section of the country and lived there all his life. After the death of his parents, he made his home with his brother, who remained on the old homestead. For sixteen years Leslie had been in ill health and for the past thirteen months bedfast, but bore his tribulations with a stout heart, never murmuring or complaining. He never married so that his entire life was spent on the farm on which he was born. He was a good citizen and when able to get around always took an active interest in the civic and social affairs of his section of the county.

He leaves to mourn his passing five brothers and three sisters, he being the first member of the family to pass away. The brothers are: Floyd E. Page; Emmet C. Star; Leland E., Minneapolis, Minn.; Lyle D., Readlyn, Sask., Canada; Arthur B., Star, Idaho. The sisters are: Morna, Margaret, and Mrs. Mildred Phillips, Star, Nebr.

tary bearing and rigidness that qualified for the whole company. Another anniversary that falls this month is the Barret Scott tragedy. And next month, the 12th, we remember the overwhelming blizzard of '88.



THE FRONTIER WISHES ALL ITS READERS AND FRIENDS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

## Nine St. Mary's Students Receive Certificates in Bookkeeping

National recognition has come to nine business students in Saint Mary's Academy, who have received Certificates of Achievement in Bookkeeping from the Business Education World, New York City. The Certificates were awarded for satisfactory solutions of a project in bookkeeping. A central committee of examiners judged the papers.

Reverend Mother M. Virginia announces that the names of nine students are as follows: Eileen L. J. Kelly, Gerald J. Kleinsmith, Harry L. Piercy, Monica B. Short-hill, Vera C. LaPointe, Arthur A. Jergensmeier, Jack F. Hart, Marjorie J. Cronin and Mildred L. Cavanaugh.

## The Weather

All of Holt County is covered with snow again, as snow fell on last Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with approximately eight to ten inches now on the ground, with a moisture content of one half inch. The blanket of snow will materially aid the winter crops and will put the ground in much better shape for early spring plowing. The weather chart for the past week is as follows:

	High	Low	Prec.
December 12	31	0	.16
December 13	2	-3	.08
December 14	10	2	.10
December 15	13	10	.16
December 16	18	11	
December 17	20	-1	

Mrs. Henry Lohaus entertained the members of the Martez Club at their Christmas party with a seven-thirty o'clock dinner at the Golden Hotel followed by cards at her home on Monday evening.

## Santa Claus To Be Here Friday Afternoon With Candy and Nuts For All The Kiddies

Santa Claus will arrive in O'Neill at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon and will meet the young people of this city and surrounding trade territory at the County Garage, where he will hand out candy and nuts to the youngsters, as he has done in the past. While Santa is passing out the candy and nuts, children from the O'Neill schools will sing Christmas carols.

That afternoon there will be a free picture show at the Royal Theatre for all that wish to attend.

## Ash Grove Project Club

Mrs. Donald Hall was the hostess of the Ash Grove Project Club, with all members present. Mrs. Joe Wadsworth was our guest. Games were played, poems recited, and gifts exchanged.

Members brought sandwiches and cake, and the hostess served ice cream.

Mrs. Lucas, our reading leader presented, "Christmas in Other Lands." Next meeting will be held at Mrs. Alm's.

Mrs. Minnie S. Stump, of Erie, Pa., will be a holiday guest at the home of her brother, R. M. Sauers. She will arrive on Monday, December 23, for a ten-day visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vincent and son, Keith, expect to leave shortly after Christmas for California, where they will visit relatives and attend the Nebraska-Stanford football game on New Years Day. Their son, Jack, is a member of the Nebraska football squad, and will make the trip west with the team.

## Uncle of James B. Ryan Dies at His Home in Erin

Following is reprinted from "The Guardian" printed in Ballina, Ireland, concerning the death of Mr. Michael Hayes, uncle of J. B. Ryan of O'Neill:

"It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of Mr. Michael Hayes which sad event took place after a brief illness, on the 13th of October. The deceased was of an old Tipperary stock, noted for their honesty and integrity. He was an outstanding personality, and one of the best and kindest of neighbors. During his illness he was regularly attended to by Dr. Mary Courtney, Killaloe, and by the Rev. Fr. O'Shea, C. C. Ballina. "Of a devout disposition all through life, he died fully reconciled to the Will of his Maker, and fortified by the rites of Holy Catholic Church. On Monday evening the remains were taken to Ballina Church, and the large cortege that accompanied same, bore testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held. High Mass was offered up on Tuesday morning, the following priests officiating: Rev. Fr. O'Cleary, P. P., Ballina; Very Rev. Canon Barrett, Clonlara; Rev. Fr. O'Shea, C. C., Ballina; Rev. Fr. O'Brien, C. C., and Rev. Fr. Hart, C. C. Killaloe.

"The interment took place at the family burial ground, Templecally, immediately after High Mass.

"The Chief mourners were, Mrs. Margaret Hayes (widow); Michael, Anthony, John and Matt, sons; Nora, daughter; Mrs. Sarah Hayes and Mrs. Maureen Hayes, daughters-in-law; Rev. J. C. Ryan, S. J. and Mr. J. B. Ryan of Nebraska, U. S. A., nephews; Rev. Frs. Matt and Anthony Rohan, W. Rohan (Melbourne) and John Grace, Ballinahinch (brothers-in-law); Mrs. Grace and Mrs. Rohan, sisters-in-law; R. Costelloe, Ogonneloe, Mrs. Courtney, Killaloe, Mrs. Hefferman, Clonlara, Mrs. O'Connell, Bridgetown.

"Telegrams of sympathy were received from the E. S. B. staff at Sligo and Ardacrusha, also from the United States of America.

"Acknowledgement.—Mrs. Hayes and family thank all kind friends who sympathized and also who sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy."

## Grattan Project Club

The Grattan Project Club met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Wolfe, December 14, where they enjoyed a Christmas party.

Each member brought a covered dish and at one o'clock a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by eleven members and one visitor.

Several men dined with them. Many useful and pretty presents were distributed.

## Counting of The Ballots In Fourth District Supervisor Race Is Now In Progress

Just as we are going to press, 5:10 P. M., the Re-count Board completed its labor, and Mr. Wulf is elected supervisor with a vote of 399; Grafft, 396; Rakow, 390. This settles one of the closest races in years in this county.

The count of the ballots in the contest case in the Fourth Supervisor district started about 1:30 this afternoon and the canvass will probably be completed before they quiet for the day, but it is not thought the work can be completed until some time this evening.

Ira H. Moss, who was appointed by the county board to sit in the case as County Judge, as County Judge Reimer disqualified himself on account of his relationship to the winner on the face of the returns, William Wulf present supervisor from that district. Attorney Mounts, of Atkinson, is representing Wulf; Attorney Griffin, of this city is representing Grafft, and Attorney Rakow, of Neligh is representing Rakow. The count in the district, with Verdigris precinct included, gives Wulf a majority over Grafft, republican candidate of two votes, while Rakow brings up the rear with four votes less than the second man, so that it is liable to be any man's race. The attorneys are doing the counting with Judge Moss presiding.

## John Henry Gifford

John Henry Gifford was born in New York State, October 22, 1867 and departed this life on Wednesday, December 11, at the age of 73 years, 1 month and 19 days. He passed peacefully away at his home in the Scottville district of Holt county following a lingering illness of several months duration.

At the age of ten years he came with his parents to Knox county, Nebraska, later moving to Boyd county, where he lived a number of years just south of Lynch. These later years however the family have lived in Holt county, near Opportunity. On May 19, 1910, he was united in marriage to Ethel Collins of Boyd county, Nebraska, and to this union were born nine children, all of whom are yet living.

Left to mourn his passing are his widow; five sons, namely, Charley of Dorsey; George of Cut Bank, Montana; Clifford, Orville and Lawrence, all at home; four daughters, namely, Pearl Gifford (Ruby) of Lucas, S. D.; Hazel and Velma, both at home; three grandchildren; one brother, Cicero, of Norfolk and three sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. from the Pentacostal church in Lynch, with Rev. Chester Anderson of Anoka in charge. The music was furnished by a quartet composed of Vance Anderson, Lotie Hensley, Helen Schrunck and Claude Pickering, with Norine Armstrong at the piano. They sang "Does Jesus Care," "Farther Along," and "Just Outside the Eastern Gate."

The pall bearers were John Krogh, Henry Walters, Fred Lindberg, Wm. Farrand and Ernest and Roger Rosenkrans. The flower bearers were Mrs. Guy Wilson and Mrs. Henry Walters. Burial was made in the Lynch cemetery.—Lynch Herald.

## Pleasant Dale School

Miss Ella Kazda, Teacher  
The pupils are enjoying a water bubbler, a soap dispenser, and a pencil sharpener which was bought from the proceeds of our social.

The visitors this past month were Clara Babl, Nayadene Kee and Florence Winkler.

Those who were neither absent nor tardy were Arlene and Daryl Beckwith and Lottie Babl.

Those who sold a dollar's worth of Christmas seals were Harold and Robert Winkler.

Marlin Jones will leave on Tuesday for Polk, Nebraska, where he will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hilmer Jones.

## O'Neill High Basketeers Win One And Lose One

Twenty-two seconds left to play and O'Neill was trailing Spalding by a field goal when the referee called a held ball in O'Neill's back court. The ball was tipped, an O'Neill player caught it, a dash down the floor, a pass, a shot at the goal which rolled around the rim then fell out. O'Neill recovered, passed out but before another shot could be taken the timer's horn sounded and the O'Neill cagers had lost the opening game of the schedule 31-29 to Spalding.

The game was nip and tuck all the way with only one or two points separating the teams most of the time. By quarters the scores were 8-7 O'Neill, 15-14, Spalding, and finally 31-29 Spalding. German and Mahoney carried the scoring load for Spalding. Six of the boys who played for O'Neill broke into the scoring column.

Summary	fg	ft	pf
O'Neill (31)			
Vincent, f	0	3	0
Manzer, f	2	0	0
Burgess, f	1	0	0
Leach, c	4	0	0
Calkins, g	3	1	2
French, g	2	1	3
Osenbaugh, g	0	0	0
Totals	12	5	5
Spalding (31)			
Mahoney, f	3	3	1
Hiatt, f	3	0	2
Kinner, c	1	2	1
German, g	6	0	2
Lee, g	0	0	3
Totals	13	5	9

O'Neill High won its first basketball game of the season last Tuesday defeating Stuart 14-8. Both teams were cold on basket shooting and it was midway in the second quarter before either connected with a field goal. O'Neill had a 7-3 lead at the half.

Stuart's second team was defeated 30-12 in the preliminary game. The locals had a 4-0 lead at the quarter and from there on Lowery, Wetzler and Yantz took turns warming the hoop.

The next home game is Tuesday, January 7, when Elgin brings its first and second teams here.

Summary	fg	ft	pf
O'Neill (14)			
Vincent	1	1	3
Manzer	0	0	0
Burgess	0	0	3
Leach	0	0	0
Mitchell	0	0	0
French	2	0	2
Calkins	2	1	4
Osenbaugh	1	0	0
Totals	6	2	12
Stuart (8)			
Cotton	0	1	2
Engler	0	0	0
Hoffman	2	1	2
Chapin	0	0	0
Shearer	1	0	2
Raymer	0	0	3
Bartlett	0	0	0
Totals	3	2	9

Referee—Patterson.

## Mrs. Myrtle Coats

Word was received in this city Wednesday of the death in a hospital in Omaha of Mrs. Myrtle Coats, who went to the hospital about a month ago for medical treatment. The body will be brought to this city tomorrow morning and the funeral will probably be held Saturday morning.

Mrs. Coats was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoxsie, among the pioneer residents of this section of the state, and was born on the home place half a mile south and two miles east of this city on March 3, 1893, and was 47 years of age at the time of her death, and had been a resident of the city and county all her life. She leaves five children to mourn her passing, two daughters and three sons, her husband having passed away a good many years ago. No definite information has been received as to the cause of her death. She submitted to an operation while there and was apparently getting along nicely when she took a relapse and shortly passed away.

## Greetings

### from St. John's

The Pastor and people of St. John's take this means of thanking all our friends in O'Neill and surrounding country, for their many kind acts and thoughtful courtesies shown us during the past year, and to wish one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous 1941. May God Bless All of You.

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