

THE FRONTIER

SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

What has become of that old humbug, the ouija board?

The first half of March was like falling in with a rowdy wher you had expected to meet a gentleman.

I was not aware that the purchasing public had made popular demand for any such a thing as an "unfair sales" law. If a merchant sees fit to unload at "less than cost" that's his business. This regulation of business appears to be getting to a point where the public will have to begin to regulate the regulators.

As a specimen of what a toughened old Holt county ranchman can show the hot house sissy, starting before break of day on a cold stormy morning last week, John Bower, past 80 years of age, walked the five miles from his home to meet an appointment with Tom Baker for a trip into Boone county that day.

Moving with a load of hay along the road Tom Baker felt one side of his wagon suddenly hit the earth. Sliding down the load to investigate he found a front wheel had come off by reason of a broken axle. This occurred some two miles from where he was to feed the hay and by the time he went in to get another outfit and had the hay reloaded it was about dark. But Mr. Baker thinks his difficulty of minor consequence compared with what his brother and family are experiencing in Bristol, England. One of their recent nightmares was the roaring of shrapnel from a bursting bomb through the roof of their dwelling.

There has been little or no inspiration these weary months of winter to compose a sunset sonata. Mists, clouds, storms have obscured the orb of day much of the time since early November. The sky clears for a brief period, only to be overcast so that the prairie sunsets of winter have been shrouded in the gloom of threatening storm. What nature has failed to paint for the "artist in golden and crimson glow, she has vouchsafed in a more material way to the more practical man of the prairie, to whom the wet sod means more than a gorgeous sunset. But the artist may have found a fascination in the delicate decorations that winter hung on trees and bushes when the landscape has been spread with glittering jewels of ice and frost. As we move on through March the prairie lies brown and dead awaiting the warm touch that brings again the grass and flowers and birds.

One week ago today just after seven in the evening, the full March moon, among the first of night's celestial orbs to come forth, rose out of the east, its full round disc aglow in silent triumph after having gone out in eclipse near the western horizon some twelve hours earlier. Of four eclipses, two lunar and two solar, scheduled for 1941, this was the only one to be visible in this country. Though aware of darkness at an early hour on this morning when moonlight should have shed its subdued glow in the room, I did not get up to view the planetary spectacle. What scientific basis of fact there may be in the belief that lunar eclipses and sordid weather for dwellers on this mundane sphere go hand in hand it will be for others to judge. But we had the weather out this way along with the eclipse. Zero the morning of March 16.

An unknown friend at O'Neill sends me a printed sheet setting forth another collection of dizzy ideas for wooing again the universal material abundance those past fifty have known. Many outsiders in the quest of smiling fortune have arisen the past eight years that have left the trail disillusioned. Repeal of the Eighteenth amendment, a certain blue eagle, artificially

COMMERCIAL CLUB ORGANIZATION TO BE COMPLETED

About thirty of the business and professional men, including two of our lady business women, met at the assembly room of the court house last Monday evening to organize a Commercial Club. One hundred and nine had signed up, so there was less than a third of the members present. At this meeting a temporary organization was perfected with the election of John Kersenbrock as chairman and James Rooney secretary.

Several men were proposed for president of the organization, but those who were present, declined to accept the responsibility of the position. As the members present were not making much headway it was deemed advisable to have a larger attendance when the officials were elected. In order to facilitate the selection of officials a motion was made that the chair appoint a committee of seven members, representative of the various business interests of the town, to submit a list of candidates for the various offices to the next meeting of the Club, when the officers would be elected. The motion carried and the chair appointed the following committee: R. M. Armbruster, chairman, Ambrose Rohde, R. H. Parker, Henry Lohaus, Dr. J. P. Brown, Emmet Moore and Jack Arbuthnot, who will report to the meeting Friday evening.

It is the duty of all those who have signed up for membership in the Club to come out and attend the meeting, which is to be held at the assembly room of the court house at 8 o'clock next Friday night. Come out and attend and let us get the Club started right.

F. F. A. NEWS

Father and Son Fun Feed

The chapter members have planned a Fun Feed for their fathers and brothers. This will take place Friday, March 28, at 7:00 P. M. This is to take the farmer's mind off his work, long enough to find out what his son is doing in the shop and classroom. The chapter plans to show their fathers a good time.

Basketball Tournament

The O'Neill F. F. A. basketball team drove to Genoa, March 1, to play in the F. F. A. tournament there. The team played three games. The first was with Central City, which they lost 32 to 24. In the second with Fullerton, they came out victorious 23 to 19. They lost the consolation to Genoa 32 to 15, after a hard game. The boys on the team were Don Vequist, Don Loy, Ronald Huebert, Rex Oberle, Forrest Riley, Charles Cooper and Junior Jareske. Charles Cooper was high point man.

Entertainment

At the meeting a basketball tournament was held between the members. As the basketball season is over it was voted that boxing matches between the members be put on as a form of entertainment.

made work, follies in agriculture—all were held out as the right road to the corner around which prosperity lay. The Townsend plan that was not tried but still survives, and now according to the circular some friend has mailed me "constitutional money"—so a group of patriots believe—is the country's vital need. Within the scope of more than eight years the managers of our federal government have failed by many billions of paying expenses. Private credit is strained as never before imagined. Debts assumed for railroad and airplane trips, for cars new and old, for clothing, home furnishings and everything that goes into a complex mode of luxury living, "get it today—pay tomorrow." The various schemes for industrial health have had their appeal, but the basic fact remains that the history of mankind discloses but one road to abundance—hard work, economy and wise management.

Active Demand For Livestock Results In Price Advance

The receipts of livestock at the local livestock market on Monday of this week showed better quality than in recent weeks, and the buyers were eager to absorb the day's offering at prices somewhat above those of a week ago. About an average supply of stock was on hand and the market was extremely brisk from start to finish.

Calves were here in rather liberal supply and met with popular demand. The best steer calves sold at \$12.75 and \$12.00 to \$12.50 caught the long end of the good calves. The top heifers brought \$11.25 and these were light weights. Heavier weights sold mostly from \$9.25 to \$10.00.

Not many yearlings were here. The better kinds of steers brought from \$10.00 to \$11.00. One good string of yearling heifers sold at \$9.50. Plainer kinds sold for less.

Good cows looked a full quarter higher than a week ago. The bull receipts were light and prices were fully steady with a week ago.

Butcher hogs reached a top of \$7.40. Light bred sows went as high as \$7.50. Pigs sold upwards to \$9.05 per cwt.

The next regular sale will be held on Monday, March 24.

On The Sidelines

By Observer

Now that the season for throwing the leather sphere through the loop is over, all the young minds in the nation have turned to some other sport. In this season they have many different sports to choose from as there is no standard sport, as basketball, football and baseball during this time.

Many are thinking about golf, tennis, track and softball, but O'Neill High has directed its attention to boxing under their trained leader, "Manny" Segel.

In the last few years all sports in O'Neill have met with much applause and this is one sport, although it is comparatively new to high schools, that has not taken a back seat in the town's eyes. Today more people are attending the boxing matches than was ever thought possible to get to any similar event.

During the last week the High School presented their annual boxing tourney to determine who will be the next Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, or Joe Louis of their time.

The time isn't far off when the Country Club will again be flooded with its regular run of golfers. In a few weeks the greens will be put in shape and the golf season will be open to all. Even though the season has not opened, we have been talking with a few men who have already been out trying to see who can drive the longest or just trying to limber up the old bones that have been idle all winter, and as they walked around the only comment they had was, "Oh, my back."

This warm weather also reminds us that not far off the softball season will be again whipping into shape. Last year there were quite a number of teams within the town playing just for the sport, but this year we hope to be able to organize all these teams into a league to make this sport a little more interesting to the players.

I noticed in last Sunday's Lincoln Journal that John Shoemaker, forward and guard on the St. Mary's Cardinals, made honorable mention on that paper's All-State selections. Congratulations John!

Clarke-McNary Seedling Deadline Soon

The deadline for receiving Clarke-McNary seedlings for planting this spring is rapidly approaching as over a half million seedlings will be shipped to Nebraska farmers early in April. Holt county remains the number one county in orders with 35,000 tree orders already placed. The available supply of a few varieties is limited and farmers who want to select their varieties should place their orders at the county agent's office immediately.

Mastersingers In Concert Here Tuesday Evening

The Mastersingers, of Norfolk, Nebraska, Mr. Otto A. Voget as director, under the auspices of the Public School will present a concert in the O'Neill High School Auditorium on Tuesday evening, March 25.

The Mastersingers are an independent group of fine adult singers organized for the purpose of bringing to the public, music of a high standard and develop a finer appreciation of such music. Mr. Voget will not only direct the Mastersingers in this concert, but will also play a violin solo.

Guest artist appearing with the Mastersingers will be Arne Sorenson, of Tilden, for whom a great future is predicted. Young Sorenson, now only sixteen years old, is already a master pianist. He has played the piano since he was five years old and his goal is to become a concert pianist. Sorenson has been enthusiastically acclaimed as a marvel pianist.

Another added attraction on the program will be "The Silver String Ensemble." The ensemble will play two numbers. There will be splendid variety to insure an outstanding concert in every way.

Director Otto A. Voget has developed an innovation in musical color which will be featured by the musical groups in this concert. Women in the group will wear gowns in color to correspond to their tone timber. These colors will range from the lighter shades of blue in the soprano section to the deeper shades of red in the instrumental base section. For the first time in the development of music appreciation in northeast Nebraska, people can both see and hear fine musical tones combined with color vibrations.

Otto A. Voget has a splendid foundation in the field of music. He was born in Dortmund, Westphalia, and later came to Wayne, Nebraska, with his parents, where he completed his elementary and high school education. He then went to New York City, where he studied at the National Conservatory of Music. Later he studied in Europe, taking instruction from some of the greatest masters. During the year 1903-'04, Mr. Voget made a concert tour of Europe and in 1909 he was violin soloist at the great Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, Washington. He has directed a voice studio in Los Angeles, California, for twenty years. In 1938 he re-opened a conservatory in Norfolk and in 1939, he organized the Mastersingers, all of whom are talented and accomplished musicians.

Admission to this concert has been placed especially low so that everyone who enjoys good music can attend. See the ad in this paper and inform your friends about it.

Pleasant Dale School

Miss Ella Kazda, Teacher

Miss Beulah Grace Siders, a normal training student in the O'Neill Public School was a practice teacher in our school this past week.

Miss Elja McCullough, County Superintendent, and Miss Frances Rotherham, normal training teacher, visited at our school this past week.

Daryl Beckwith spent the week end with Miss Kazda at her home in Atkinson.

Those who were neither tardy nor absent this past month were Arlene and Daryl Beckwith, Robert Winkler and Lottie Babl.

How long is the United States going to put up with strikes in leading defense industries, put on by the highest paid labor in the country? Seems to us that something should be done to close the avaricious jaws of organized labor.

From present indications there will be several new residences erected in O'Neill this spring and summer. With prospects of a good crop in the offing there will be much activity in the building line, which is very gratifying to the lumber dealers of the city.

Severe Blizzard In North Dakota and Minnesota

The residents of North Dakota and Northern Minnesota had a taste of an old-time blizzard last Sunday night, when an 85 mile wind accompanied by snow and whirling dust descended upon them. According to radio reports on Wednesday noon 80 persons are known to have lost their lives and several other residents of northern Minnesota and North Dakota are still unaccounted for. From the description of that storm we are inclined to believe it was on the order of the great blizzard of January 12, 1888, that visited this section of the state and took about a half hundred lives and hundreds of cattle, hogs and chickens. According to reports, many people in the late storm were smothered and then frozen to death, the snow closing their mouths and nostrils. That was responsible for many of the deaths in Nebraska during the memorable blizzard of 1888, and there are many people in this county and throughout the state who have repeatedly stated that with modern conveniences, weather reports and the radio, that such a tragedy could never happen again, but it did. While the loss of lives is appalling there must have been hundreds of head of live stock also lost in the storm. Of course they can be replaced, but the lives of the poor unfortunate never can be.

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The Weather

For the past week we have been having typical March weather, with exceedingly high winds on Saturday night and Sunday, with the lowest reading 7 above. Nebraska was fortunate in that the severe cold and snow with high winds, which swept North Dakota and northern Minnesota, in which a large number of people lost their lives, missed this section. The weather on Wednesday night was mild, with the temperature climbing to 58 during the afternoon, but today, the first day of spring, it is much cooler, with rain or snow forecast for the area. The weather chart for the past week is as follows:

	High	Low	Prec.
March 13	30	24	
March 14	31	22	
March 15	47	17	.02
March 16	45	7	
March 17	31	8	
March 18	55	23	
March 19	58	31	

All Round Star Club

The All Round Star Sewing Club met at the home of Janis Miles on Saturday, March 15. There were two members absent, Miss Edna Newman and Verna Miller.

We discussed the use of the sewing machine, and the hot pan holders, which were made by the sewing machine.

Our assignment was to darn stockings and make an apron using the sewing machine.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Verna Miller on April 26.

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Miles, which we all enjoyed, being that all members present had to walk, some two miles, thru mud and water.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY 20 CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN O'NEILL IN MAY

Convention Will Be Held During Month of May—Between Two and Three Hundred Delegates Are Expected To Attend This Meeting

At a meeting of the directors of National Highway 20 association held in Lusk, Wyoming, on Tuesday, March 4, 1941, O'Neill was selected as the convention city for the 1941 meeting. This was made possible through the activity of Harold L. Lindberg of this city.

The meeting will be held in May, the date to be announced within ten days or two weeks. It will be a two-day convention and the officers of the association look for between two and three hundred delegates to be here for the convention and O'Neill will prepare to entertain them royally. The following account of the directors meeting is taken from the Lusk, Wyoming, Herald:

"At a meeting of the executive officers and board of directors of National Highway 20 association held in Lusk on Tuesday of this week, O'Neill, Nebraska, was named as the city to entertain the delegates at the annual meeting to be held there in May, the definite date to be announced later.

Roy Chamberlain, of Lusk, president of the association, presided at the meeting here this week. Geo. Earl Peet and Thos. O. Miller, of Lusk, attended the executive board meeting as directors. Out-of-town directors attending Tuesday were J. Frank Cowan, Mayor of Casper; R. R. Dempster of Chadron, Nebr.; Jack Scovel, of Hay Springs, Nebr., and Bert F. Bell, secretary-manager, of Lusk, completed the board membership present.

"Among others present for the meeting here was a delegation of three from Harrison, Nebr., Frank Viele, J. R. Laushbaugh and A. R. Brown. W. O. Barnes, secretary of the Crawford Chamber of Commerce and Nate Wheeler, of Casper, were also out-of-town guests at the meeting. Others from the Big Horn Basin country had planned to attend but were kept away by inclement weather over a wide section of the state.

"A report of the past year's activities heartened the executive board and they are very optimistic over prospects for the 1941 season now opening. Otto H. Klemke, of Lusk, submitted audited reports of the treasurer's and secretary's books which were accepted and commended by the executive board, the past year being the first year of operation for the highway association, the work accomplished was outstanding in many respects.

"A general discussion of the 1941 program to be followed by the association was held during the afternoon, with considerable emphasis placed upon reconstruction at several points on the highway during the coming year. Publicity and organization work also came in for thorough discussion.

"The committee from Harrison met with the board to enlist their support in staging a monster celebration at that city upon completion of the oiling of the last eight miles of highway 20 in Nebraska, making it an all black-top highway thru that state. According to the Harrison boosters the highway will probably be completed during the latter part of May or first of June, and it is planned to stage the celebration near that date, probably between June 1st and 10th.

"The board let a contract Tuesday for the printing of 50,000 strip maps of Highway 20 to the Prairie Publishing company at Casper, who submitted the low bid on the job. The 50,000 maps is the first of an order aggregating 250,000 such maps to be purchased and distributed by the Highway 20 association this year.

"An outstanding publicity and advertising campaign for Highway 20 has been arranged with a committee named to handle the details of the work. Nine broadcasting stations located from Casper, Wyoming to Chicago have been contracted to put on 56 programs each during the spring months for

Highway 20 tourist information. J. W. McNamara, of Casper, is the chairman for the committee with J. Frank Cowan, of Casper, and Bert F. Bell, Secretary, assisting him with the work. It is planned to place a short advertising feature for the highway and places of interest along the route, on the air from each of the broadcasting stations, with a total of 494 programs for the publicity and advertising of the shortest and fastest route from Boston and Chicago to Yellowstone National Park and the west coast.

"Information reaching Highway 20 officials from various travel bureaus over the nation indicate that at least a 60% increase this year is being shown in inquiries on routes and vacation spots over the nation, and that Highway 20 will show the biggest increase in travel for 1941 of any national east-west highway west of Chicago.

"At the annual meeting in O'Neill the election of officers and directors for 1941-42 will be held, together with a general meeting attended by delegates all along the route from Cody, Wyoming, to Chicago. The Bassett, Nebr., Drum and Bugle Corps, official organization for the Highway 20 association will be at O'Neill, and several days prior to the convention will make a trip from Sioux City, Iowa, to Cody, making stops in towns along the route to advertise the highway and the convention at O'Neill."

Prairie Dogs Can Be Controlled With Poison

Prairie dogs, which have become a serious pest in many pastures, are reported to be active in a good many localities and a few framers have been inquiring at the office of county agent, Lynde R. Stout, for methods of eradication.

These pests may be controlled by careful spreading of poisoned oats where the dogs can find it. It is generally agreed that the best results in poisoning can be obtained before the grass starts to grow. Usually several attempts will be necessary before complete eradication is brought about. A few dogs remaining will soon increase to the original number and the effort will be lost.

A prepared bait can be obtained commercially or a formula for home mixing of a bait from oats and strychnine may be obtained from the county agent's office. One quart of this bait will treat about 40 burrows and with reasonable care in scattering bait, livestock on open range will not be endangered.

O'Neill Boy Appointed To Internship In Omaha

Robert F. Biglin, of O'Neill, who is now a senior at the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in Omaha, has been appointed to Immanuel Hospital, Omaha, to begin his internship next fall.

Dean C. W. Poynter, of the College of Medicine, has announced 77 internship appointments for the graduating class in 52 hospitals in all parts of the country. The class includes students from Nebraska, California, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Iowa, Wyoming, Washington, Missouri, Canada and Japan, who have come to the University for their undergraduate medical study.

South Side Club

The South Side Community Club met at the Schaffer school house Friday night, March 14. A nice crowd was in attendance. The evening was spent in games and dancing. Lunch was served about midnight. Another fun frolic will be held in the near future.