

THE FRONTIER

SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

The Garwood boys have been hauling 4-horse loads of hay from a mile north of Inez to their ranch headquarters west of Swan Lake, a distance of about 12 miles. Hay has been a problem with many who wintered stock.

A 1500-pound cow from the Riley ranch recently sold on the Burwell market for \$105, the animal being the attractive feature of the sale ring that day on account of her unusual size.

With 14 applications for licenses to dispense "fire water" the imbibing gentry at the county seat should be well supplied, as well as making ample provision for the ladies to profit by the instruction handed them by the Mistress of the White House when that notable personage made her introductory bow to American women.

In this day of grasping greed of defense workers the country over it is refreshing to learn of a gentleman who is not only satisfied with his pay check but declines a raise. The Board of Education down at Lincoln voted the superintendent of the schools a raise of \$500 which was declined.

Of the sixteen presidents that have occupied the White House during the last 80 years only three were elected as Democrats.

I saw one neighbor, five horses hitched to a plow, the last day of March getting ground ready to seed to barley. But there is still an isolated drift of snow that piled up early in November.

Early this morning of the day on which I write, the eastern sky aglow with the flush of coming sunrise, thin mists motionless above the valley floor, brown hills touched with the grey light of early dawn, there came on the sound waves across the pasture lands the booming notes of the prairie roosters. Strutting among their feathered harems and indulging the vocal demonstrations of barnyard patriots. The whistle of the curlew, the boom of the prairie roosters, are the morning notes which "call to us to pause and listen." You have missed something if you have not heard them. By mid forenoon there came to the dooryard a choir of uniformed blackbirds, and perched high in trees their ringed throats were opened in joyous song. This continued throughout the morning, interrupted by a passing automobile to be resumed with greater vigor. Later in the afternoon the golden notes of the meadow lark blend with the wind's quivering harpstrings, and to one of those "... who love the haunts of nature," Love the sunshine of the meadow," this early spring day has brought a store of inspiration and simple pleasure that transcends the complex, though often majestic, allurements of artificial life.

Methodist Choir Will Present Easter Concert

Continuing the custom of past years, the Methodist choir of O'Neill will present "The Mystery of Easter" in a sacred concert at the church at 8:00 p. m., April 6, under the direction of Miss Marjorie Graybill.

The theme for the entire program including solos, men's chorus and women's chorus, as well as the mixed chorus, is "The Mystery of Easter." It includes numbers by such well known composers as J. S. Bach and Jon Sebelius.

Guest soloist for the evening will be Miss Ruth Harris, senior student at Morningside College, daughter of Mrs. Esther Cole Harris, other soloists will be Eldon Prawitz, Charles Yarnell, and Mrs. Mildred Oppen. Mr. A. E. Bowen is the accompanist. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Boys Be Careful When Flying Kites

"Warn your children, particularly the boys, to take every precaution for a safe and enjoyable kite flying season."

This warning was issued today by the safety department of the Consumers Public Power District. Failure to use nominal care, the warning stressed, may result in serious injury and possibly death. Parents are warned to check up on kites and make sure that there is no metallic string or other metal parts on the kite. The use of metal in kite flying presents a real hazard, in that the contact formed between such metal and any electrical wires can cause serious burns or electrocution.

Parents can greatly assist in this safety program by warning their children against the dangers of flying kites. This is a sport all young people enjoy, but unless the flying is done SAFELY, it may result in a very serious accident.

O'Neill High Athletes Start Training

Sixty-two O'Neill High boys turned out for the annual inter-class track meet which was held at the Athletic Field Wednesday afternoon. The meet uncovered some good material whom Coach Manny Segel will use in several scheduled track meets this spring.

Klappenburg, Manzer and Calkins walked off with the individual honors, scoring 14, 15 and 10 points respectively. Next in line came Bowers with 7 points, Burgess, 6 points and McKenna, 4 points.

Class Team Results

Sophomores	43 points
Juniors	30 points
Seniors	20 points
Freshmen	00

Commercial Club Meets Next Tuesday

The next meeting of the O'Neill Commercial Club will be held next Tuesday evening, April 8, at the Golden Hotel Dining room. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the meeting will be held immediately thereafter. All the members of the Club are urged to be present at this meeting as there is some important business to transact. Do not leave it to George to do, come and help do a little of the work yourself. Let us have the first regular meeting of the Club one that will go down in history as one of the largest gatherings of O'Neill businesses and professional men and women ever held in the city. Let's Go!

First National To Build Office Building

The First National Bank has let a contract to Ed Burge to build a 24x6 office building on the lot just north of the bank building. The building is to be of brick and tile construction, one floor with a full basement, and is to be completed by July 1st. The National Farm Loan Association has signed a lease on the building and will move their offices to the new location as soon as the structure is completed.

Friendly Neighbor Club

Mrs. Harold Fager entertained the Friendly Neighbor Club at her home on the 27th of March. Thirteen members answered roll.

Mrs. Dale Petro and Mrs. Fager were elected leaders A and B for the coming year. Mrs. Ray Jansen will be president. Mrs. Levi Yantzi, vice-president. Mrs. Enrad Leach, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Clay Johnson, music leader. The members are invited to attend Achievement Day on April 25th in the High School building.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Bruegman.

Mr. and Mrs. Darel Baker and Mrs. Marvin Johnson drove to Sioux City on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Baker returned home Sunday evening, but Mrs. Johnson remained until Tuesday evening, visiting at the home of relatives.

ST. MARY'S PUPILS PRESENT PLAY NEXT SUNDAY

St. Mary's Academy presents "The Fantasy of the Passion." A man on his death bed lives his whole life over again. That is the theme of the Lenten play to be given by the students of St. Mary's on April 6, in the Public School Auditorium. Mr. O'Kelly, of O'Kelly Silk, has been fatally hurt in an automobile accident. He is brought to the hospital and during his delirium he re-lives the scenes of his past life, seeing them in relation to the Passion of Christ.

The cast of characters is as follows:

- His Caretaker Verne Coyne
- His Doctor John Shoemaker, Jr.
- His Nurse Constance Biglin
- The Man Robert Parkins
- His Professor, Jordan Robert Shoemaker
- His First Love, Phyllis Chickie Iler
- His Business Partner Robert Miles
- His Stenographer Constance Golden
- His Chemist George Hammond
- His Wife Mary Brophy
- His Son Ted Sirek
- The Voice of Christ George Hammond
- Soldiers Leonard Engler, Bert Brennan, William Brennan
- Apostles Gene Higgins, George Janousek, Norbert Fernholz
- Technician John Brennan
- Costumes Sr. M. Jeanette
- Director Sr. M. Antonella
- Nuns' Choir Verne Coyne, Eileen Kelly, Dorothy Valla, Vera LaPointe, Charlotte Buell.
- Adcompanist Sr. M. Flores
- Advertising Sr. M. Mildred

Ash Grove Project Club

Mrs. F. W. Hendrick entertained our club at her home Wednesday, March 26. Seven members and one visitor, Miss Morna Wertz, were present, with 3 members absent.

After a delicious covered dish luncheon was served, Mrs. Hendrick and Mrs. R. E. Tomlinson presented our lesson, "Discipline or Guidance." Mrs. R. E. Lucas read a very interesting article about "Nebraska."

The next meeting will be held at Mrs. George Rector's new home to elect officers for next year and make our booth for Achievement Day.

The Weather

	High	Low
March 27	35	32
March 28	43	25
March 29	58	30
March 30	67	33
March 31	65	35
April 1	62	37
April 2	61	39

Several New Homes Will Be Built This Year

There will be a lot of new buildings erected this spring and summer. Among the new buildings to be erected will be homes for: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cowperthwaite, Miss Elja McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Johnson. The above have been definitely decided on and work has started on some of them. There are many more who contemplate building and from present indications there will be more homes built in O'Neill this year than for any other year in the history of the city.

Ed Guthmann, who was a resident of this city for about two years, while representing Swift & Co., but who has been living in Grand Island since the first of the year as a representative of General Foods, has been transferred to Iowa and his future headquarters will be at Ft. Dodge. Mr. and Mrs. Guthmann have many friends in this city, and while they regret that he has been moved from this territory, wish them the best of luck in their new home and tender congratulations to him on his promotion.

Large Offering Monday. Prices Steady On Better Kinds

The receipt of livestock at the local market Monday more than doubled the receipts of a week ago. The better grades were fully steady in price with the good kinds last week; plainer kinds were a little lower. The demand remains good, especially on the light weights.

The best load lot brot \$12.30. Receipts in the calf division were considerably heavier than in recent weeks and the quality was good. The best load lot of steer calves brot \$12.30. A few outstanding individuals brot prices as high as \$14.00 per cwt. Heifer calves were not plentiful and the best sold at \$10.10.

A nice assortment of yearlings showed up and the good quality light weight steers paid from \$10.50 to \$11.85. Good light heifers ruled about steady with the plainer kinds selling a little lower than a week ago.

Better grade cows held up well and sold mostly steady. Bulls, also, were unchanged.

Hog receipts were considerably heavier than a week ago and the outlet was broad. The extreme top on butchers was \$7.60 with a practical top of \$7.50 to \$7.55. Sows sold as high as \$7.00 but \$6.50 caught the long end of the day's offering. Extreme top price on pigs was \$8.10.

A band of 70 ewes and lambs brot \$10.80. Also, about a dozen horses were among the day's receipts.

The next regular auction will be held on Monday, April 7.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz Start First 1941 Home

The excavation for the new home being built by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz was started the first of the week. The home which is being built on the northwest corner of Eighth and Douglas Street is to be a two-story, six room house of wood and brick construction, and is to be completed by August 1st. The basement is a full basement, and is to be completely finished and will contain a recreation room, a laundry and a bedroom. On the first floor there will be a large living room, dining room and kitchen and on the second floor, a master bedroom and two smaller bedrooms with baths.

The type of construction and the materials to be used in the house are new to O'Neill, and when completed it will be one of the most beautiful and modern homes in O'Neill. Charley Melena is the contractor.

ASSESSORS FROM NINE COUNTIES MEET SATURDAY

Frank J. Brady of Lincoln, State Tax Commissioner, will be here on Saturday to hold a district meeting of county assessors from the North Central District, which is comprised of nine counties.

The meeting will start at 1:00 o'clock in the assembly room at the Court House and will be conducted by county assessor, Walter Sire, and will be a round table discussion of the various problems encountered by the county assessors. The local assessors as well as the county assessors are invited to attend this meeting.

City Election Very Quiet and Dull

The City election passed off very quietly last Tuesday, in fact too quietly, as but very few of our citizens thought enough of their duties as citizens to get out and vote. One hundred and three votes were cast in the city, when there should have been 1300. So nearly 1200 of the citizens of the city did not think enough of their duties as a citizen to exercise their franchise. Following is the vote by wards. First ward, 50; Second ward, 17; Third ward, 36. There was but one candidate running for Councilman in the Second and Third wards and two in the First, all without opposition and they all were elected. Those elected were: Frank Phalix and Robert Arbuthnot in the First ward; M. J. Wallace in the Second ward; Levi Yantzi in the Third ward. There are only two candidates for the school board, both present members and they were both re-elected. They are George Shoemaker, who received 88 votes and Dr. L. A. Burgess, who received 86 votes.

County Superintendent Entertains Teachers

The grade and high school teachers of Holt county were entertained at their annual dinner party at the Golden Hotel in this city on Tuesday evening by Miss Elja McCullough, county superintendent. Approximately one hundred teachers from all towns in the county, with the exception of Inman were guests of Miss McCullough. Immediately following the dinner a short musical program was presented by students from St. Stuart, Ewing, Page and O'Neill schools. Following this a program presented by Morton, the magician, of Lincoln, who presented a very interesting program of magic.

Methodist Men Organize Fellowship Group

The men of the Methodist Church and their ladies, met last Monday evening in the church basement for the purpose of organizing a men's fellowship group.

The entertainment program consisted of the following numbers: "America the Beautiful" Audience Welcome Rev. Wright Response K. L. Martyn Reading "The Absent Guest" Betty Lou Alm Comedy "Meet the King" Modernistic Artists Vocal Solo "Tommy Lad" "Rolling Down to Rio" Robert Mitchell Mystery "It Can't be Done" Dorlin Lockmon Everybody Sing

Director, Alfred Mathis. A business meeting followed the program. The officers elected were: President, Principal K. L. Martyn; Vice President, Will Hanna; Secretary - Treasurer, Judge Louis Reimer.

Refreshments were served by the men's committee to the ninety guests.

O'Neill High Boxers To Plainview April 17

Plainview High School will play host to the O'Neill High School boxing team on Thursday, April 17th. Our pugilists have been working daily with rope skipping, calisthenics, shadow boxing and road work and should be in the 'pink' at the sound of the bell.

Coaches Manny Segel and Handchins expect to take 10 or 12 boys to Plainview, ranging in weights from 85 to 165 pounds.

Happy Hour Project Club

The Happy Hour Club met at the home of Mrs. Bernard Hynes on Thursday, March 27, all members but one were present, also five visitors.

The meeting and lesson was conducted by our President, Mrs. M. A. Scholckoff and Mrs. Arthur O'Neill. The lesson extension circular 5-77 "Discipline or Guidance" (The problem of parental control) was given to each member and a general discussion of same by leaders and members.

Our reading leader submitted a list of books to be read by each member of club.

Plans for Achievement Day were made, each member having some particular duty to perform.

We are also having a local Achievement Day for our club on April 17, at the home of Mrs. M. A. Scholckoff and will further discuss plans for our Achievement Day of all clubs in O'Neill April 24.

A delicious lunch of hot beef sandwiches, mashed potatoes, pickles, apple pie and ice cream was served by our hostess, Mrs. Hymes.

O'Neill High School News Of Interest

The twelve members of the Senior Class of the O'Neill Public High School, who ranked scholastically in the upper fourth of their class, have been taking the University of Nebraska Regents examination Monday and Tuesday.

This series of examinations are designed to test the students ability in English usage, general vocabulary, and certain basic information in mathematics, science, and social studies.

The University of Nebraska will award to the winner of these competitive examinations, a scholarship worth approximately \$40 to be applied toward tuition for the first semester which will be renewed for the second semester if the students' work justifies their continuance.

The students taking part in the examination under the direction of Principal K. L. Martyn were:

- Betty Lou Alm, La Vern Borg, Clifford Burival, James Foreman, Helen Hagensick, Lydia Halva, George Hendrick, Ava Jones, Edith Lienhart, Francis Murray, Marion Olson, Gertrude Worford.

Gus DeBacker drove to Norfolk on Wednesday, where he attended a meeting of Penney Store employees.

LOCAL ASSESSORS HELD MEETING HERE SATURDAY

The local assessors of Holt county met at 10 a. m., on Saturday, March 29, in the assembly room of the court house. The entire county was represented with every assessor present.

The morning session was taken up with organization, appointment of committees and roll call, after which the county assessor made a report on the State Assessor's convention.

The afternoon session was kept busy till late with committee reports and round table discussion of assessing problems. About the only change in assessments for this year will be a slight raise on some classes of cattle and sheep. Horses will be lower than for 1940.

The legislature passed a bill about three weeks ago which would make it optional with the County Board to pay local assessors either \$5.00 per day or so much per schedule, based on the average for the past five years. The County Board had voted to try the schedule plan. This did not meet with the approval of the assessors and drew plenty of fire. After considerable discussion a resolution was passed requesting their action and pay local assessors by the day, as formerly. A large delegation of assessors met with the County Board on Wednesday, April 2. The County Board, after hearing the opposition, rescinded their action and voted to pay \$5.00 per day as heretofore.

The cooperation of everyone in making his return to the local assessor will be much appreciated by him and will help him to make a just and equitable assessment.

On The Sidelines

By Observer

Last Sunday, quite a number of golfers appeared on the local links to bat the little white pill around. A wet course hampered most of the scores for the day, but the caddy Champion of two years ago, Bob Parkins, rounded out a 43-42 for an 85 game being the low on the links. A larger number will be expected if this Sunday proves to be one of those ideal golfing days with many golf enthusiasts out improving their game and whipping themselves into shape for the local tourney which will take place around the third week in June.

Northeast Nebraska lost its one and only radio sports announcer this week when Gene Carrigan, assistant manager of radio station WJAG, resigned to accept a position with the Columbus Daily Review. Many of you fans heard his voice coming over the air waves in the last class A basketball tournament at Norfolk. As yet no one has been announced to take his position.

The only baseball league in Nebraska and a fading one at that, has received a new team into its ranks that might give it new blood. The league is the Western League and the team is an outstate team sponsored by Denver, Colorado, to be known as the Denver Cubs. With the addition of this team, the Western now becomes a four team league, with Sioux City, Sioux Falls, S. D. and Norfolk forming the rest of the league.

It seems strange to me that no other league has ever been formed in Nebraska and that there are such few ranking baseball teams in the state.

On talking to Jack Honeycutt, assistant manager of the O'Neill baseball team, I find that he has a new plan which he would like to put into effect this season in O'Neill. It would propose to form four teams in the different sections of the town and to pit the teams together in a series and at the end of the series take the best looking prospects on a tour, playing legion teams and town teams. This plan would be open to all those boys who do not think themselves ready for the town team and wish a little more experience.

OF all kinds of hunger there is none like money hunger. Physical starvation may be the result of financial improvidence.

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