

SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Lyle and Marion Addison spent Saturday afternoon at the James ranch in juvenile celebration of the ninth birthday anniversary of their schoolmates, Paul James.

One of Ralph Leidy's O'Neill Hatchery Grams found its way into the mail box of the Breezes. Its sparkling pages of original wit and practical punch indicates Ralph should have taken to journalism rather than chicken hatching, though it is noted with pleasure that he is no slouch at that business.

See my esteemed friend, Holt county's able prosecuting attorney, heads a committee sponsoring an intensive gardening program. Wonder if Julius would know a cabbage plant from an onion growing in a garden. Groceries should not become unduly alarmed over the results of amateur garden efforts.

Mr. Brady's ultimatum don't set well with ranchers out this way. They feel their stock and lands now bear an unequal share of the tax burden. No doubt all taxpayers entertain similar sentiments. Just where is an assessor to begin with "actual values" on land for which nobody ever offered a dime?

The death of Walter Laviolette brings again to memory's vision, like legends and traditions, the part he played in the drama of community life in O'Neill. Few—perhaps none—will remember that his singing when a boy of ten charmed the old town. There was vocal talent of high order but no other childish voice to pour forth liquid notes to thrill and fascinate. Among the outstanding bass and tenor singers Grant Smith, Oscar Snyder, Smith Merrill and P. J. McManus were much in demand for concerts or other occasions. Mr. McManus is the only survivor of those mentioned. Mrs. C. E. Stout alone remains in O'Neill of a group of sopranos and altos who made community life the richer by lifting their voices in song. There were the Norvel girls, Mrs. Hazelet, Rose O'Fallon and a number of others. And may we hope another group has been found to keep alive the old town's tradition in the songs of Zion and the ballads of its people.

In the death of H. C. Lindsey of Amelia that community has sustained the loss of an honored citizen. Death occurred last Thursday. It had been a short time since he was brought home from Omaha, where he had gone hoping to be benefited by medical treatment and hospital care. Mr. Lindsey was for a time pastor of the Methodist church in Amelia but retired from the ministry some years ago. For several years he was engaged in the grocery business in Amelia and had a mail route to Ballah. As a citizen, a man, husband and father he was that fine type of character of which the world needs many more. Mr. Lindsey was 67 years of age. The funeral, largely attended and conducted by Rev. Peacock, assisted by Rev. Pedersen, was held Sunday in Amelia and interment at Chambers. The bereaved wife and daughter who are left to carry on in a desolated home, as well as other relatives, share in large measure the sympathy of the community.

An evening early last week the troubled old earth cast its shadow over the full moon in a near complete eclipse of the lunar orb. The shadow was noticeable soon after the moon appeared above the horizon's eastern rim in early evening and spread in silent stealth across the glowing disc until a mere thread of light identified the moon's outer circle. The shifting of planets slowly uncovered night's illuminary but for two hours it was decidedly the best display of planetary phenomena that has been observed in recent years. The night sky viewed from the open prairie is a scene of spangled glory, but that in a sense is commonplace; the eclipse held the mystery and the thrill of the unusual. And then Sunday evening, some hours after what appeared to be a lone army plane roaring high overhead

Mrs. Mary M. Polk

Mrs. Mary M. Polk died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Gurrard at Kenesaw, Nebraska, Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock, after a short illness. She was a little over 83 years of age. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church in this city Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery at the side of her husband who passed away in January, 1929.

Mary Ferguson was born at Ottuwa, Iowa, on January 23, 1859. She grew to womanhood near the city of her birth and on February 27, 1875, she was united in marriage to Hiram A. Polk, the ceremony being performed at Sigourney, Iowa. To this union two daughters were born, both of whom are living. They are, Mrs. H. E. Gurrard of Kenesaw, Nebraska; and Mrs. Eunice Sanders of this city.

Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Polk moved to Nebraska, settling in the eastern portion of the state where they resided until 1891 when they came to this county. On their arrival here they purchased a farm northeast of this city where they lived until 1904 when they sold the place and moved to O'Neill. Mrs. Polk made her home here until about four years ago when she moved to Kenesaw to make her home with her eldest daughter, Mrs. Gurrard.

Neighbors And Friends Honors Old Pioneer On Her Ninety-third Birthday

Friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Wm. Menish, Sunday, March 8th, to help her celebrate her ninety-third birthday.

A one o'clock dinner was served. The afternoon was spent playing cards and visiting.

Mrs. Menish is one of the early pioneers, coming to Holt County almost sixty-four years ago.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Con O'Connell, Mr. and Mrs. James Donohoe and JoAnn, Mrs. J. B. Donohoe, Gene Donohoe, Mrs. T. F. Donohoe, Mrs. Lizzie Donohoe, Shirley, Dorothy and Ruth Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dailey, Mrs. R. J. Marsh, Ed Menish and children Mary and Joe, Mr. and Mrs. John Welsh.

had passed to the northeast, the glow of northern lights spread its bright curve above the earth's northern rim. So the night sky has painted for the prairie dwellers celestial pictures, while others have experienced the horrors of death bombs raining from the skies.

On the busy streets of the county seat I have run across in recent weeks such old timers as Jim Fullerton, a rugged gentleman who has come the pathway from the pioneer to the present with head in the air and feet on the ground but our present national bungling has him somewhat bewildered, though his faith in life's true values is still anchored to solid rock. Through the varied experiences from those early days when he ran a stage from the railroad to river points, interspersed with incidents when Jim took off his coat and spit on his hands to impress some one that he meant business, the same outlook on life has held him steady. Paul Sullivan, an honored citizen that has come up from boyhood on the land adjacent to O'Neill, gave me the glad hand the other day. Paul recalls, with a humorous twinkle in his blue Irish eyes, the days of Indian scares. On one occasion as he was on the open prairie herding cattle, Pat Gahagan spread an alarm. Paul hustled the cattle home and in to the corral. The family hastened to a neighbor's a half mile away where the settlers gathered determined to sell their scalps dearly. Paul's mother had brought her bread dough as she had baking on the way when they took flight, and the household military equipment, a muzzle loader, was loaded and primed and held ready for action. Like many such alarms, the pesky red skins failed to come that way. The pioneers had their fun and their frights, their struggles and their leisure. We would not care to go back to the sod houses and hay burners, to picket ropes and wild bronchos, but that era produced a breed from which this somewhat flip pant era may well draw inspiration.

FIFTY-SEVEN HOLT COUNTY BOYS LEAVE FOR ARMY

The following fifty-seven Holt county boys, the cream of young manhood of the county, left this morning for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for army service. They left on a special train, which came from the west at 11 o'clock this morning. They are all enlisted in the U. S. Army as of today:

Mervin Henry Kee
Omar Gates Gibson
Louis Frank Kliment
Raymond Joseph Conway
Edward Leopold Schneider
Kenneth Wells Borden
Lyle Mervin Green
John Edward Flannery
Harold Earl Berglund
Lawrence Virgil Rouse
Cecil Thomas Grenier
Carl Paul Meusch
Benedict Bernard Turek
Jack Lyle Cromwell
James Emmett Carney
James Ernest Podany
George Syfie, Jr.
George Francis Schneider
Joseph John Turay
Raymond John Kramer
Eugene Lawrence Wedge
Victor Paul Vandersnick
Ben Fuelberth Asher
John Henry Brunckhorst
Edward George Winkler
Earl Rodney Hunt
Frederick Joseph Knuz
Aaron Samuel Lange
Marcellus Edward Schaaf
Dewey Curtis Newton
James Dell Trobough
Virgil Robert Allshouse
James Albert Diehl
Joseph Clayton Witherwax
Joe Edward Luth
Arthur Dale Bessert
Cletus Patrick Seaman
Lester Leon Green
Elmer Carl Steskal
John Sidney Harkins
Harvey Edward Allshouse
Delbert Francis Scott, Jr.
David Evert Newton
Gerard Joseph Babl
Delmar Lynn Spangler
August Jefferson Schutt
Arnie Elmer Mace
Orville Fred Eppenbach
Frank Raymond Belmer, Jr.
Bill Arthur Briles
Robert Allen Clouse
Louis John Vinzenz
Adolph George Wetzler
William Wallace Watson
George G. Howard
Carl H. Butler
Raymond Leo Lansberry

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To all the persons interested, there will be a play by play description of the O'Neill-Sargent basketball game direct from Lincoln tomorrow at 9:00 P. M. It will be by direct Telephone hook-up amplified through the Public Address System. Bob Parkins will be the announcer and all the people in O'Neill and surrounding territory are invited to attend and although we can not all go to Lincoln we can at least go to the public school gym and cheer the O'Neill team on to victory. The price is 10c for students and 15c for adults, tax included.

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Presbyterian Church

Dr. J. E. Spencer, pastor

Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship at 11:00 A. M.
At this time the pastor will speak again on the subject, Two Important Questions.

The Young People's Society will meet Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Circle No. 1 will meet on Thursday afternoon, March 19, at the home of Mrs. Heriford with Mrs. Peterson assisting.

Circle No. 2 will meet on Friday March 20, at 1:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Cowperthwaite. A covered dish luncheon will be served.

Hospital Notes

Charles Clouse admitted Monday.

Mrs. Troy Howard a 10½ pound boy on Tuesday March 10.

Mrs. Ed Porter dismissed on Sunday.

County Court

Lawrence Ekeroth of Wakefield was arrested by Patrolman John T. Meistrell and charged with overload on capacity plate. He appeared before the County Court on March 6, 1942, pled guilty and was fined \$21.00 and costs \$3.10.

Harold Cudaback of Grand Island was arrested by Patrolman John T. Meistrell and charged with overweight on capacity plate. He appeared before the County Court on March 10, 1942, pled guilty and was fined \$10.00 and costs \$3.10.

Miss Marion Dickson spent Thursday in Norfolk.

SPORT NOTES

By Bystander

The class B District Tournament ended with grand style as I predicted, although it was not a runaway, at least not in the semi-finals in which the game was decided in the last seconds with O'Neill edging Neligh.

The O'Neill quintet did not seem to be working right the first half but the last half they pepped up to the game. I want to thank personally Orville Lewis, O'Neill center, for his fine game against Neligh, and Friday the O'Neill boys earned the right to go to the State Championship at Lincoln, when they beat Ainsworth 28 to 18. Two years ago O'Neill won the District Championship and went down to the state Championships at Lincoln and won their first two games before losing in the semi-finals. This year O'Neill will play the quintet from Sarganet in the State Tournament and I predict the O'Neill quintet to beat them although this is bound to be very good basketball game. If they beat Sarganet tonight, Friday they will play in the semi-finals probably against Geneva.

In the county and in the District Tournaments it has been the semi-finals where O'Neill has had the closest games and it will probably be the same in the State Championship. For if they have to play Geneva and beat them they will probably win their next game and be State Champions and this would be the greatest thing, we the people of O'Neill, could ask them to do.

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Butte's Wildcats won the chance to enter the Class C tournament at Lincoln by defeating Orchard, 43-25 in the play-off here last Friday night.

Butte built up a winning margin early in the game and held it throughout. Herb Adkins, star Wildcat center, stole the show for his team as their long looping passes and under-the-basket plays revolved about him. Couch, Butte forward, co-starred with Adkins in scoring. Each made fifteen counters. Holbrook of the Orioles made nine.

John Cihlar

John Cihlar, an old time resident of the Dorsey neighborhood, died at the Veterans hospital in Lincoln Wednesday morning at 2:30 after an illness of several months. He was sixty-nine years of age.

The funeral will be held at Lynch Friday afternoon, with burial in the Cemetery at Bristow, Nebraska.

Deceased is survived by two sons, and two daughters. They are: John A. Cihlar, Lincoln; Mrs. Ludia Sedivy, Tilden; Joe Cihlar, at home and Mrs. Mattie Klasna, Spencer.

Mr. Cihlar had been a resident of the Dorsey section of the county since 1912 and he was recognized as one of the prosperous farmers in that section of the county. He served in the regular army during the Spanish-American war, being in a cavalry regiment, and since then had always taken an active interest in the military affairs of this country.

Wertz-Ogden

Word has been received by relatives of the marriage of Miss Irene Wertz daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Wertz of Page, Nebraska.

Miss Irene Wertz and Mr. Clinton Ogden of Crawford, Nebraska, were married at Chadron, Nebraska, January 31st.

Irene is a graduate of Page High School attended Study Center, at O'Neill, Nebraska, and two summer terms at Chadron, Nebraska, and is now teaching her fourth term of school near Crawford, where she met Mr. Ogden. Mr. Ogden has employment in Crawford where he is well and favorably known, but is entering the employ of Uncle Sam's Army soon.

The Frontier Readers Continuing Good Work Extending Subscriptions

Frontier readers are continuing to call and extend their subscriptions. Notwithstanding the fact that a large number have renewed during the past two months, there are still a large number who should call and do likewise. Now is the time to get square with the newspaper man, before spring work opens up.

The following readers extended their subscriptions during the past week:

Elmer Wolfe
Elite Cafe
Carl T. Hoppe
Aaron Boshart
E. A. Steskal
R. B. Pinkerman
G. A. Fox
Dr. J. P. Gilligan
J. D. Osenbaugh
D. L. Spellman
Nick Bogner
Dr. John E. Spencer
A. A. Bessert, new

O'NEILL HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM AT THE STATE TOURNAMENT AT LINCOLN

The O'Neill High School basketball squad left for Lincoln this morning, where at 9 o'clock this evening they will meet the Sargent team in their first contest for the State Championship in Class B.

Sports writers on the World-Herald and the Lincoln State Journal pick O'Neill to win their game tonight quite handily. A good-sized delegation of rooters went along to root for the home boys. Should they win their game tonight there will be a much larger crowd from this city tomorrow to lend encouragement to the boys and to cheer them on to victory.

Orville Van Conent

Orville Van Conent died at his home in Page last Monday afternoon at 1:30, after an illness of but nine days, following a heart attack suffered at that time. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the residence at Page, Rev. Gowan officiating and burial in the cemetery at Page.

Deceased was born at Page on January 5, 1887, and was fifty-five years, two months and four days old. He had been a resident of the county all his life. On September 22, 1906, he was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle May Jackson, the ceremony being performed at Willington, Ohio. Five children were born of this union, two sons and three daughters. They are: James Halan, Wisner, Nebraska; Opal Mae Terrill, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Leland Orville, Stoughton, California; Norma LaVonne, Stoughton, California; Carol Yvonne, at home. He is also survived by two brothers, Elmer and Vernie of Page and two sisters, Mrs. Iola Hawkins, Lusk, Wyoming; Mrs. Mayme Smith, Omaha.

Mr. VanConent was one of the prominent residents of Verdigris township and had a host of friends in that section of the county, as well as in this city, and it is needless to say that all his friends were shocked at his sudden passing.

Pioneer Holt County Lady Gives Quilt To Red Cross

Mrs. Clara M. Cole, familiarly known to her many friends as Grandma Cole, exemplified the true American spirit by making with her own hands, and donating to the American Red Cross a beautiful quilt which was sold at the O'Neill Livestock Auction last Monday. The entire receipts, realized through the sale of this fine piece of handwork, has been turned over by Mrs. Cole to the Emmet Chapter of the American Red Cross to be used by that organization.

George Fink, Jr., Page, Nebraska, gave his six bantam chickens for Red Cross benefit and these, also, were sold at auction last Monday. George Jr., has donated the receipts of his sale to the Page Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Tri-State Produce Co., O'Neill likewise, offered 100 baby chicks for sale at the livestock auction. The entire receipts of this sale has been donated to the O'Neill Chapter of the American Red Cross. These fine examples of generosity and patriotism are deserving of highest praise and we feel sure that the several Red Cross Chapters are genuinely grateful for such splendid response in this time of emergency. A very special vote of thanks is extended to each of these contributors to this most worthy cause the American Red Cross.

Victory Home And Garden Pledges

Victory Home and Garden pledge cards will soon be displayed in windows and homes of hundreds of Holt County homes. Victory leaders appointed for each precinct under the Civilian Defense committee assumed the responsibility of distributing the pledge to every family in the County. Leaders receiving instructions at Victory Home and Garden meetings this week were very enthusiastic and indicated willingness to actively cooperate in the educational war effort.

The attractive red and white pledge should be displayed in the front window of the home to show visitors and neighbors that members of the family are doing their bit in the food production effort of 1942. An attempt will be made to contact every farm family and most of those living in town to get the whole hearted support of all the family in the Victory effort.

Homes of those contacted will want to keep a garden record and conservation record book this year. Most of the others who sign the pledge will keep a simple record of their production and use of home produced foods on the back of the Victory Home and Garden pledge.

The pledge includes, in addition, growing and eating home produced food, the elimination of waste in food and material, and the maintaining of civilian morale. Many families who are not in a position to grow food will want to take an active part in some other phase of the Victory program.

O'NEILL HIGH WON CLASS B TITLE LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

The O'Neill Eagles won their second Class B District title in three years with an impressive 28-18 victory over Ainsworth in the finals last Friday night.

O'Neill's five jumped into an early lead and never was in trouble although the Bulldogs rallied often. The Blue and White quintet led, 10-4 at the end of the first period and added to this margin until the score was 14-6 at the half.

Center Orville Lewis, playing his best game of the year, with Guard Gene McKenna, led the Eagles in the last half. That period was the closest in the game, but O'Neill held a safe lead throughout to win by her nine point margin.

Lewis, only Senior on the Eagles' first team, and McKenna took scoring honors for the Eagles with eight points each. Junior See of Ainsworth earned five for his team.

O'Neill's starters were Burgess, Wolfe, Lewis, Calkins and McKenna.

St. Mary's Students Will Present Musical Play

As a program honoring St. Patrick, the grade school pupils of the Academy have prepared a musical play to be given Sunday evening, March 15, at 8:30 in the public school auditorium. The story of the play is as follows:

Sheila O'Hara, whose dream is to be a singer in America, is given the magic O'Hara wishing ring on her eighteenth birthday, which falls on St. Patrick's Day. The family celebrates with a picnic, during which she loses the ring. She returns alone and hunts frantically for it, being led over the moors by the will o'wisp, and finally falls asleep, exhausted. She dreams of the fairies, and on a wakening finds not only the ring but also her cousin Kathleen, who has been stolen by the gypsies many years before. As the charm ring will only make one wish come true, Sheila sacrifices her own wish to go to America and wishes instead return home with her.

Cast of Characters
Sheila O'Hara — Pattie Keiser
Mrs. O'Hara — Polly Ann Rickly
Mr. O'Hara — James Merriman
Grandpa O'Hara — Bill Froelich
Kate O'Hara — Devine Brennan
Danny O'Hara — Gene Brennan
Dennis O'Hara — John O'Neill
Eileen O'Hara —

Barbara Birmingham
Bridget — Beverly McCarthy
Bill O'Toole — Bobby Wallace
Maureen Mahoney —
Kathleen Flood
Twin Colleens — Helen Kubitschek, Lois Hoffman.

Gypsies —
Dorothy Wilson, Donna Clements.
Dance — Irene Bazelman,
Margaret Hickey, Doris Roach,
Jean Froelich, Bobby Wallace,
Kathleen Flood

Gypsy Queen — Betty Pinkerman
Fairies — Dorothy Hamilton,
Lois Hoffman, Dottie Merritt,
Janet Enright, Donna Bauman,
Mary Ann Gallagher, Betty Gallagher, Ethel Such.

Will O' the Wisps — Helen Kubitschek, Ann Hartly, Jane Froelich, Bonnie Hynes, Dorothy Froelich.

Songs to be sung during the performance.
Macushla — Solo
Danny Boy — Solo
The Dear Little Shamrock — Solo
I'll Take You Home Again,
Kathleen — Duet
The Gypsy Song — Chorus
Smilin Through — Solo

Days of the Kerry Dancing —
Glee Club and Chorus
Shure a Little Bit of Heaven —
Glee Club and Chorus
Did Your Mother Come From Heaven — Glee Club
Shure It Was Just An Irishman's Dream — Glee Club

Accompanist Mrs. Tom Brennan
Band Selection under direction of Ira George:
Americans All — Caneua and McAllister
Phantom Trumpeters — Gillette
Americana — Buchtel

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cork of Spencer, girl, March 10, 1942.
Mr. and Mrs. Troy Howard, a boy, March 10, 1942.