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SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Those who are disposed that way are at liberty to go over and help knock the tar out of any and all European bullies, but as a native it is not our affair. And there is no bully that is going to put a chip on his shoulder and walk up to Uncle Sam.

It is nowhere better than in White House circles that a pledge from either the German or Italian dictator would mean nothing. An attempt at Washington to mix in European affairs receives neither popular American approval nor restores the faded glory of the New Deal.

A familiar sight in later April is the householder, knife in hand and attired in jumpers and slouch hat going over the lawn on all fours cutting out the dandelion plants. This bosom pal of the bluegrass is endowed with the hardihood of the early Christians—The more the Neros beheaded the more they multiplied. Cut out one dandelion and two takes its place.

While the tax gatherer has been cordially hated from time immemorial he has survived the centuries and hobs up every April in Nebraska. Taxpayers in the rural precincts in Holt county have seen nothing yet in assessments, fees, licenses, fines, penalties, punishments, confiscations and official holdups. If you have a room or two to rent in the city a license fee is exacted and a chair bought at an auction for two bits is listed for taxation.

We were favored recently with a visit from Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hammer and Mrs. John Boettger, a sister of Mrs. Hammer, who were in the city on one of their periodic trips to see their brother, W. M. Hardy. Mr. Hardy has been confined to his home for many months following partial paralysis. Since disposing of their newspaper in Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Hammer say they will make their home for the present on their ranch four miles south of town.

The anniversary day which I like to honor with flowers I was feeling too indolent to venture out in a cold rain to go to the florist, when a large, official appearing envelope bearing John Brennan's name up in the corner and the bulky contents came to hand. Opening it and there were the flowers I had thought of through the day. John always has much of interest to write as well as enclosing flowers and newspaper clippings. Among these Col. Owen Meredith is frequently in the news. A clipping of special interest to one from the big prairie is the picture and the story of an 80-year-old cowboy still riding the range. If you would avoid prematurely greying hair at the temples, stiffening joints, an aged and withered skin and shrunken muscles take to the saddle early in life and keep it up. Mr. Brennan says he recently met John Edward, the last of the Kearns family known by the early settlers in the O'Neill community. "He looks fine," is the comment. Among the newspaper pictures is one of Death Valley Scotty wearing his big Stetson hat. He looks like he might be a twin brother of Jack Quig. Scotty was in O'Neill during the Rosebud rush. He now wants to know which is the proper castle. Even the millionaires are wanting some real cash. John wants to know which his the proper way to hang a horseshoe over a door. I suppose it depends on whether you have in mind the horse going uphill or down.

Guild to Meet to Plan New Pastor Reception

The Guild meets at the home of Mrs. Pete Herford, Thursday afternoon, May 4. Assisting hostesses are Mrs. A. L. Cowperthwaite, Mrs. Seth Noble and Mrs. Dave Loy. Come and help make plans for receiving our new pastor, Rev. Bell from Condersport, Penn.

MAINS TO MANAGE CENTRAL FINANCE

The latter part of last week T. S. Mains, who was going to open an office for the Securities Acceptance Corporation, of Omaha, in the Streeter barber shop next to the Frontiers office, closed a deal with the Central Finance Corporation, of Norfolk, by which he became the manager of the local office of this corporation taking over the office last Monday.

Charles Hancock, who opened the local office for the corporation here about a year ago, has been transferred to Ainsworth, where he will open up an office for the company about the first of May. Charles made a fine record with the company while here and his many O'Neill friends wish him and family success and prosperity in their new home.

EXTENS'N SERVICE TO CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Twenty-five years — A quarter of a century — is a long time but the agricultural extension service has been doing rural educational work that length of time. Twenty-five years ago May 8 the Smith-Lever act was signed by President Wilson making possible the carrying on of agricultural extension work in each county. The anniversary of this act commemorates the starting of 4-H club work, women's project clubs and the organized agricultural educational work in each county in the United States.

Agricultural Extension, one of the three branches of the college of agriculture, carries on its work concerning improved farm and home practices through county agricultural and home demonstration agents. It takes experimental and research results to the farmers in keeping them informed as to the latest developments in better farming methods.

The celebration of the silver anniversary on May 8 of this year will be done by special radio programs over many stations and special programs in each county throughout Nebraska.

Included in the plans for the celebration is a special radio program over WOW in Omaha at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 6. All 4-H clubs throughout the state are expected to hold special meetings at that hour in their communities and listen to the broadcast.

Russell Bowen Given Award for Distinguished Civic Service

From the Bermidji Daily Pioneer of April 4, 1939, we learn that a former O'Neill boy, Russell Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowen of this city received a distinguished honor in his adopted home the first of the month. The Junior Chamber of Commerce held their annual Gridiron dinner and elected officers for the coming year. The article from the Daily Pioneer goes on to state:

"For originating and executing an idea that proved to be of great civic value, Russell Bowen was presented the Junior Chamber of Commerce distinguished service award medal by W. F. Mero, of Brainard, Minn., regional vice president of the state organization. Bowen was selected by the award committee of three business men for the services he rendered in the Bermidji State Teachers College in originating and promoting the idea of school spirit and increasing attendance at home football games by welcoming, supporting and rooting for visiting teams.

"A report of Bowen's activities will be sent to the executive secretary of the National Junior Chamber of Commerce and will later be published in the organization's magazine 'Fortune'."

Russell's many O'Neill friends, where he grew to manhood, will rejoice to know that he has been recognized as a comer in the city of his adoption and extend hearty congratulations.

The busiest man in O'Neill is that fellow who spends his time living up to his wife's expectations.

LEADER TRAINING MEETS TO BE HELD HERE

Leaders of girls 4-H clubs will have an opportunity to attend leader training meetings in O'Neill on Saturday, April 29, and Stuart on Tuesday, May 2. The meetings will be conducted by Miss Verna Glandt, home demonstration specialist, and will afford 4-H leaders valuable training in girls work.

The meetings will be held in the court house in O'Neill and the library in Stuart and will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

All 4-H club leaders, assistant leaders, and prospective leaders are invited.

Jack Vincent Plays in Last Game of Spring Season

Jack Vincent continues to get in the headlines in the Lincoln papers for his prowess on the football field. Last Saturday they played their last game of the spring practice season. Reporter Dobbins, one of the State Journal's sport writers had the following to say about Vincent in the Sunday Journal and Star: "Jack Vincent probably was the outstanding back on the field. He the entire Harvard first string ball carrying quartet played well. Hopp, Knight, Rohn and Blue were the most effective ground gainers for the Blues."

The Nebraska Scene

By the Lowell Service

Lincoln — The embittered contest between the railroad and the trucking interests has proved the most ruthless and relentless fight on the floor of the unicameral legislature. Hatreds and rivalries engendered during the struggle will feature the 1940 legislative campaign.

The railway commission has become enmeshed in the struggle. Truckers assert that the regulatory body favors the railroads, while the lobby insists that the commissioners did not use discretion in the interpretation of the trucking act passed in 1937.

The struggle between these two rivals, fighting for the patronage of the shippers, has seriously interfered with lawmaking during the present session. Instead of going out and fighting for business, both factions seem inclined to seek a decision by the lawmaking route.

The advocates of the truckers claim that the rails seek to make the industry as expensive and as troublesome as possible. Increasing license fees, ton-mile taxes, loading limits, restricted areas and hours of operation, needless red tape regulating gasoline transports, and forbidding return hauls are some of the obstacles the railroads place in the way of the truckers. At present, truckers are regulated by the railway commission, the department of agriculture, and the state engineer.

The truckers, on the other hand, want the minimum of regulation. They have fought increases in operating costs. Backing them are shippers, merchants and farmers. The less truckers are regulated in regard to rates and conditions of service, the more chance they have to successfully compete with the railroads.

After adjournment of the legislature, the rails will continue the warfare by seeking rate reductions. Last summer the railroads put into effect a 15 per cent reduction. It is expected that a similar cut will be made next summer.

The rails may seek to recapture the gasoline transport business. It is rumored that the cut will be 35 per cent on tank car lots of gasoline. At present, truckers have 70 per cent of the business despite a number of "nuisance regulations."

The first thrust made by the truckers on the floor of the legislature was the passage of a resolution divesting the railway commission of regulatory power for a period of two years. It was pointed out that the commission held its

It Pays To Advertise! Says Lloyd Gillespie

Lloyd Gillespie is convinced that advertising in the classified columns of The Frontier is a paying investment. Last week Lloyd advertised a fountain pen that he had lost and was convinced that he had lost it on the streets of O'Neill. Friday forenoon he was in Inman on business and a resident of that city hunted him up and handed him his lost pen, saying that he had found it on the streets of Inman and he noticed his advertisement in The Frontier that morning. Lloyd was naturally delighted in recovering his pen.

HUGE SUCCESS ST. MARY'S BENEFIT

The benefit which was held at Danceland on Tuesday, April 25 for St. Mary's Academy, which was sponsored by the Alumnae of that school and the Altar Society, was a very successful affair, both financially and socially, and the committee in charge desire to thank all those who participated, the merchants and professional men of the city, the band of the O'Neill Public School, and those who worked to make the affair a success. While the exact amount that will be cleared is not yet shown, the committee in charge expects to clear over eight hundred dollars. The exact amount will be published next week.

O'NEILL STUDENTS TAKE HONORS AT MUSIC MEET

The District Seven music contest was held at Fullerton on April 21 and 22. O'Neill High School students and the students of St. Mary's Academy were very much in evidence there, as is evidenced by the number of Superior awards won by the students of these two schools.

All students winning Superior awards in these district contests will be able to compete in the regional contest to be held in June at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Many residents of this city, including instructors from the High school as well as the academy attending the contest and they all were delighted at the splendid showing made by the pupils from this city. The following from this city won Superior awards, which entitles them to enter the regional contest:

Clarinet — Alma Wallace, St. Mary's, O'Neill.

Trumpet or Cornet solo—Woodrow Melina, O'Neill High.

Girl's high voice—Catherine Finley, St. Mary's, O'Neill.

Boy's low voice—Charles Yarnall, O'Neill High.

Trumpet Trio—Woodrow Melina, Howard Graves, and Fred Halva, O'Neill High.

The young folks who were successful in winning a Superior rating in this contest have the congratulations of the people of this city and their best wishes for success if they decide to attend the regional contest.

Ruth Leach Wins Honors At Wesleyan

Miss Ruth Leach, who is a senior in the teachers college at Nebraska Wesleyan university, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Leach of O'Neill, was a guest at the annual scholarship tea held at the home of Chancellor and Mrs. Benjamin F. Schwartz, Sunday, April 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. This is the fourth consecutive time that Miss Leach has earned the scholastic average necessary for invitation to this tea.

The speaker for the occasion was Mrs. F. D. Coleman, national president of Mortar Board Society, which is a national honorary society for senior women. Mrs. Coleman used as her topic "The Responsibilities of College Women."

Mrs. Ethel Bishop, librarian of the Rachael Ann Lucas library of Wesleyan, and president of the Wesleyan chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic society, poured.

Miss Leach is a member of the Wesleyan chapters of Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternity; Pi Gamma Mu, national honorary social science fraternity; Psi Chi, national honorary psychology society; Theta Upsilon, national social organization; the Women's Athletic Association; the Psychology Journal club, local psychology honorary, and Panhellenic Council, which is the governing body for women's Greek letter societies.

Mrs. Ralph Rees, Marvin Stauffer, Mrs. Edgar Stauffer and Miss Marjorie Rees and County Agent Lyndell Stout will go to Norfolk on Saturday, where they will attend a district 4-H club poultry demonstration school.

Dr. C. H. Lubker, of Fremont, formerly of this city, was in the city last Sunday visiting his many old friends here. He was on his way to the western part of the state. In several of the towns in that section he has been holding clinics for the past two years. He says that things are coming along very nicely for him.

Mrs. F. H. Butts, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. H. Cronin and family for the past month, left Wednesday afternoon for Ewing where she spent the evening as a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Costello and on Thursday morning accompanied them to Omaha, where she will visit for a couple of days and then go to her home at Nebraska City. Mrs. Butts was honor guest at numerous parties during her visit in this city.

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County Supervisors At State-wide Conference In Lincoln Today

John Sullivan, Jim Gordon, Louis Reimers and Ed Matousek drove to Lincoln on Thursday where they will attend a state wide conference of county supervisors being called for two o'clock today, to discuss the system by which the county is supposed to hire the employees to administer the Old Age Assistance program.

The so called merit system of hiring employees has been under fire during most of the present session of the legislature, and the present plan, which has been approved in outline, by the social security board at Washington, calls for the hiring of employees by the County Board, subject to certain requirements laid down by the State Board of Control, which in Nebraska constitutes the State Assistance Committee. The question of personnel for the County Assistance offices has been under discussion since the old age assistance program first began in Nebraska, and it is to be hoped that some plan will be formulated, whereby the County Board will be able to select qualified employees from their own counties or even the state to get such qualified employees.

BUILDING BOOM STARTS IN O'NEILL

Work of removing the building on Fourth street alley, between Douglas and Everett streets was begun Monday and the end of the week it is expected that the building will be reposing on the rear end of the lot. As soon as the building is removed a cellar will be dug and then will start the erection of a brick and tile building 22x60 feet, which will be occupied by Ray Osborn with his beer parlor as soon as it is completed. In the meantime he will conduct his business in the old building on the rear of the lot. C. J. Gatz is building the building.

Next Monday workmen will start tearing down the west half of the Western Hotel, for many years known as the Evans and one of the old time buildings in the city. It will be replaced with a modern brick structure. The east half of the building will be used by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, owners of the building for their restaurant and as a hotel, and Stanley Soukup will move his beer parlor to the east side of the building. As soon as the new building is completed he will move back to the new building where he will have a dandy room, with about twice the floor space he has in the old building. Then the east part of the building will be torn down and a brick structure erected thereon, so that when the building is completed in O'Neill will have another new and modern fire-proof hotel.

The basement of the new McElvaine building on Douglas street has been completed and workmen are engaged in putting in the brickwork. It is expected that the brick work on this building will commence in earnest next week. Watch O'Neill grow.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Verzel and son, Jerry, of Wayne, came Saturday, and while Mr. Verzel returned on Sunday evening, Mrs. Verzel and son remained and visited here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Quinn.

Miss Bernedette Brennan and Mrs. Tom Brennan drove to Fullerton on Friday, where they attended the district musical contest, in which some students of St. Mary's Academy were entered. Mother M. Virginia and Sister M. Constance of St. Mary's accompanied them to the contest.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Boren, Mary Sullivan and Gerald Graybeil indulged a yearning for the fisherman's exercise Sunday when they drove to Long Pine for a try at the trout. While many trout were being taken by the youngsters and others Boren and Greybeil, after losing several lures and a lot of religion, called it a bad day and measured their take with a lone sucker.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY BRINGS LARGE ATTENDANCE

The Achievement Day of the Holt County Women's Project clubs was held in O'Neill on last Thursday, at the M. E. church, with 230 members of the clubs from various parts of Holt County in attendance. The exhibits were held in the basement of the church, and the program was presented upstairs.

The recently organized Holt County Home Demonstration Chorus presented three numbers, which were very well received. A very interesting talk was given by the State Extension Agent, Verna C. Glandt, on Leadership Recognition Corsages of sweat peas were given to all Leaders and Presidents. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon. Mrs. L. O. Johnson, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Blanch Sageser, of Amelia, were chosen as delegates to the state convention, which is to be held at Fremont, Nebraska on June 8, 9, and 10th.

Extension work, of which the Women's Clubs are a part, will be twenty-five years old on May 8, 1939, and plans and arrangements re being made for celebrating this event in Holt County, and radio programs are planned throughout the United States on May 6 and May 8, with special emphasis on 4-H Club work on May 6.

The Weather

It has been rather dry the past week and very windy the forepart of the week. The precipitation for the week amounted to only .19 of an inch, which is far below normal. The precipitation for the year up to date is 3.79 inches. For the first four months of last year the precipitation was 5.65 inches, an inch and three quarters less this year than last year. Following is the weather for the week:

April 20	62	37	.07
April 21	63	31	
April 22	89	74	
April 23	92	67	
April 24	87	72	
April 25	80	49	.12
April 26	70	41	

Total precipitation for April 1.47 inches. Total precipitation since January 1, 1939, 3.79 inches.

New Chain Store Prospects For This City

A representative of a chain store company, who has many stores in this and adjoining states, was in the city last Tuesday interviewing some local real estate owners with the idea of having a building erected for their occupancy. One of the parties approached is to figure on erecting a building on two lots he owns, in a good location, the building to be of brick and one story high. The company would contract for the building for five or ten years. It is now in the preliminary stage but the lot owner is getting figures on the cost of a building such as is desired by the company.

As another real estate owner was approached regarding the renting of a building he owns in the business section. This business man offered to build them a brick building on his lot for a specified rental per month for a period of five years. The representative of the company seemed to be sold on the town and this paper expects to have more information on this new line of business that is coming here within the next ten days.

Marriage Licenses

Lloyd Sullivan and Miss Clarisse Ressel, both of Chambers, were granted a marriage license in county court last Saturday. They were married the same day in the Methodist parsonage, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating.

Albert Hofer, Jr., of Tilden, and Miss Fern Howard, of Neligh, were granted a marriage license in county court last Thursday afternoon. They were married the same day in the Methodist parsonage, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating.

Have you ever noticed that the fellow who is able to do as he pleases, never knows what to do?