

## SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

And so it is still Hoover dam. An officious cabinet officer discovers political animosity does not transcend the laws of the land.

Mr. Roosevelt has heard what the cattle country thinks of his canned beef break. He has put his foot in it before but seems to have both in this time.

If I may be permitted to mix the Breezes, I have word from Cap Ad-dison up home that his only remaining team, a span of splendid mares, were recently killed by lightning.

From the country school district with its three or four pupils, from village and city high school, from college and university comes again the flower of American youth. It is another graduate period. No city excels Lincoln in educational centers and commencement orations will abound. But I went far out into the state to a private boarding school to witness the first of these events of the season. The group found here of wholesome, serious, purposeful youth free from the artificial trappings is an inspiration. The school is located on an 80-acre farm two miles from the town of Shelton and so becomes a community in itself. I am far from authority on educational matters but judging from the splendid product of this school in young men and women they have something there of value and the country will not go to the dogs if any considerable number of the schools turn out such graduates.

Millions have been spent on irrigation ditches and power lines up to date in Nebraska with the net result that the best grazing lands in America have been ruined and that crop growing section of the lower Platte valley, probably as nature formed it, unexcelled in the world's history of agriculture, has been impoverished. Dodge, Butler, Colfax and Platte counties would again be garden spots if the rivers were let alone.

Passing down a quiet street during the calm of a May evening I came upon a section of the city given over to that great body of citizens known as the "middle class". Here was convincing proof that the traditional and charming institution known as the American home has not perished from the earth, notwithstanding the pull and lure of the movies, the open road, the high tension and restless going from place to place. The long street presents an interesting scene to one whose fancy turns to domestic tranquility rather than the gaiety of public amusement. Here was a householder and his mate finding contentment in the quiet security of home seated on a porch bench, his shoes laid aside and feet parked at rest on the porch rail. Children in an alley running races, as children of the city, the village, the open country, have done thru-out the centuries. Flowers shed a fragrance and enliven with color the deep green of bush and lawn. And then you come to a house where a small group of people are seated outside, neighbors having stepped over for a bit of homely social contact with John and Mary. I don't know why they are called the "middle class." Why not Head of the Class? At every home one or more have found repose on a porch seat in quiet enjoyment of this calm evening. The snowball bushes are radiant in their full bloom and the rainbow tints gleam from many flower gardens.

### O'Neill Woman's Club

The Woman's Club met Wednesday afternoon in the club rooms. Maybelle Osenbaugh sang two vocal numbers accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Parkins. George Robertson reviewed the last two books of the Trilogy by Thomas Mann. A party for the club members will be held at the home of Mrs. Pete Todson Wednesday afternoon, May 24. All club members are invited.

### Gas Station Hold-Up Artist Nabbed With stolen Car Also

Sumner Myhr, of Elk Point, S. D., was the young man who pulled a gun on Ernest Lowery at the Concord-Lowery filling station just south of the Northwestern railroad tracks in this city last Wednesday evening and got away without paying for the gas and oil that he obtained. His life of crime was short lived however, as he was picked up by Sheriff Smoyer, of Boone county, at Central City the next day and placed in the county jail there. Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom went down to Central City Thursday afternoon and brought him back here.

After he was picked up it was discovered that the new Ford V-8 he was driving was stolen from Elk Point, S. D., the forepart of the week. When arrested he did not have the car as it had been abandoned a half mile north of the junction of Highway 281 and 53 and left in a pasture. The young man who was with him in the car here was a hitch-hiker he picked up between town Sioux City and O'Neill and he had nothing to do with the theft of the car or of the holding up of the filling station operator.

Sheriff A. L. Barnard, of Elk Point, S. D., came down here Friday and took Myhr back with him and he will be prosecuted in that county for the theft of the car.

### Ben Peterson

Ben Peterson died in this city last Wednesday night, May 10, 1939, of infirmities due to advancing years, at the age of 80 years, six months and twenty-seven days. The funeral was held last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with services in the Methodist church, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Ben Peterson was born in Krastianston, Sweden, where he grew to manhood. He came to the United States when he was 26 years of age, in 1884. The year after his arrival in the United States he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Solquest. Seven children were born of this union, three sons and four daughters. They are: Arvid, Ellsworth, Nebr.; Glenn, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Mary Grimes, Ainsley, Nebr.; Mrs. Hilda Magnusson, Cottage Grove, Oregon; Ernest, Holdrege, Nebr.; Laura King, Albion, Nebr.; Elaine Hurltig, Ewing, Nebr.

In the early part of his life he lived at Emerson, Nebraska, moving from there to this county about sixteen years ago. For a time he lived in the southeastern part of the county and later near Chambers, but since the death of his wife, twelve years ago, he has been making his home near Chambers and part of the time with his daughter, Mrs. Hurltig, at Ewing. He was loved and respected by all those who knew him. In addition to his children he leaves to mourn his passing thirteen grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

### Former Holt County Boy Honored by Nebraska University Scientists

The daily press last week carried the information that Dr. V. C. McKim, of the Chadron State Normal College, was elected president of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences at the annual business meeting held at the University of Nebraska, Saturday morning, May 6. Dr. McKim is the son of the late "Posy" McKim, for many years supervisor of this county. He was born in Antelope county but grew to manhood in this county and is a graduate of the O'Neill High School. So another O'Neillite brings honor to his adopted city.

### Alpha Club

The annual Alpha Club May Tea was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Lansworth. Nine guests were present. Mrs. Carl Pfeil was taken in as a new member. Mrs. Art Cowperthwaite reviewed the first two books of the Trilogy by Thomas Mann. The table was prettily decorated with the May pole, May Queen and her attendants. Mrs. Joe Donohoe and Mrs. James McNaulty poured.

Mrs. Ann Jordan made a business trip to Sioux City on Friday.

## ACADEMY JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET COLORFUL AFFAIR

The annual Junior-Senior banquet was held at St. Mary's Academy on Tuesday evening, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. The theme of the banquet, an iceland scene, was carried out in the decorations, menus and program. Polar bears and penguins were placed about the room and from the ceiling icicles were hung. Three small girls, dressed as Eskimos, were seated before piles of snow balls. On one side of the room were northern lights.

Honored guests at the banquet were: Monsignor McNamara, Father Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Ira George, Jack Arbuthnot and Matt Beha. Place cards were in the form of snowballs while various colored glass Penguins were favors.

The members of the Junior class wish to thank Mother Virginia and the Sisters for their cooperation and assistance in making the banquet a success.

### BRIEFLY STATED

C. J. Gatz and Henry Lohaus drove to Sioux City Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Maxine Meech left Sunday for Omaha where she will visit relatives and friends for a few days.

Norb Uhl and Joe Martin made a business trip to Grand Island on Tuesday.

Vincent Schoberg spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schoberg at Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stannard announce the birth of a daughter on Thursday, May 18th.

Miss Clarissa Tequist spent Sunday visiting at the home of her parents at Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Jr. entertained fourteen guests at dinner at their home on Sunday.

Miss Mary Jardee spent Sunday visiting at the home of her parents at Stuart.

Mrs. S. J. Weeks returned Saturday from Omaha where she visited friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Crandell and son, Allen, returned Sunday from Omaha where they visited friends.

Rev. C. A. Byersdorfer, of Deloit, and Rev. W. Graham, of Clearwater, were in O'Neill on business on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Dailey entertained eight guests at dinner on Friday at the M & M Cafe in honor of Mrs. Roy Andersen, of Burns, Oregon.

Miss Eleanor Kvam, Bennett Grady and Mike Hartly drove to Scotia on Sunday and spent the day visiting friends.

Dr. L. A. Burgess left Sunday to attend the annual state convention of dentists which is being held in Omaha this week.

Bill Froelich entertained twenty seven young guests last Thursday, the occasion being his eleventh birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Golden and daughter, Constance, left Friday night for Omaha where they visited relatives and friends, returning Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Cronin drove to Sioux City on Sunday where they visited with Sister Eugene and Miss Genevieve Biglin at St. Vincent's hospital there.

Floyd Wilson, who has been the WPA director here for the past year has been transferred to Oxford, Nebraska, and left Tuesday for that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davidson and Mrs. Charles Reka drove to Sioux City on Tuesday to visit Mr. Reka, who is a patient in St. Vincent's hospital there.

Dr. J. P. Brown left Saturday to attend the national convention of the American Medical Society, which is being held in St. Louis this week.

### Sheriff Duffy Goes to Oregon After Cattle Thief

Sheriff Peter Duffy left Wednesday afternoon for Bend, Oregon, to bring back Harold Williamson, who is being held in the county jail there on orders from the Holt county authorities. He is wanted here for cattle stealing.

Williamson lived west of Phoenix in 1937 and for a couple of months in 1936. He had nine head of cattle that he was taking care of for a resident of Stanton county and in March, 1937, he took the cattle to the sale yard at Butte and sold them, converting the money to his own use and then disappeared. For the past two years the local officials have been trying to locate him but just when they discovered his whereabouts and tried to apprehend him discovered he had left a day or two previously.

Williamson was raised in the eastern part of this county and has been in trouble before. In 1931 he was sent to the state reformatory for one year for harness stealing.

### Mrs. Althea C. Wertz

Mrs. Althea Wertz died at her home south of Star at 5 a.m., last Monday morning, after a short illness of a severe attack of flu, at the age of 79 years, 7 months and 24 days. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence, Rev. V. C. Wright of the Methodist church of this city officiating and burial in the Mineola cemetery at the side of her husband, who passed away on June 1, 1927.

Althea Crawford was born in New York state on September 21, 1859. Her parents moved to Iowa when she was a little girl and she grew to womanhood at Keswick, Iowa. On April 19, 1892, she was united in marriage to Alexander Wertz, the ceremony being performed at Keswick. Nine children were born of this union, six sons and three daughters, all of whom are living and are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. The children are: Floyd, Page; Morna L., Emmet C. and Margaret, Star; Mrs. Mildred Phillips, Walnut; Leland E., Minneapolis; Lyle D., Readlyn, Canada; Arthur B., Opportunity; Leslie M. Star, Nebraska.

In the passing of Mrs. Wertz, northeastern Holt county loses one of its earliest pioneers. Coming as a bride in 1882, her husband coming here in 1880 and taking a homestead northeast of this city, she had lived in the county fifty-six years and over fifty years on the old homestead south of Star. She was of the hardy pioneer stock and went through all the hardships of pioneer days in the county and endured all its vicissitudes without a murmur or complaint. She was interested in the welfare of her loved ones and her greatest joy was in ministering to their wants and caring for them. She was a loveable woman and had a host of friends in the eastern part of the county where she was well known and loved by all, and the news of her death, after only a few days illness, will be regretted by many, outside of her immediate family.

### Marriage Licenses

Clement L. Cleary, of Atkinson, and Miss Martha C. Koup, of Stuart, were granted a marriage license in the county court on May 13. They were united in marriage on May 15 in the Catholic church in Stuart by Rev. John P. Hill.

Irwin LaRue, of Inman, and Miss Roberta Catron, of O'Neill, were granted a marriage license in county court last Wednesday morning. They were united in marriage the same morning at the Presbyterian Manse, Rev. Bell, the Presbyterian minister officiating.

Russell Siders, son of Everett Siders, northeast of this city, and grandson of Robert Taylor, who formerly lived north of this city, was killed in an automobile accident when he was struck down by an automobile while riding a bicycle on the streets of Clarinda, Iowa, a few weeks ago. Russell was fifteen years of age and had been staying with relatives at Clarinda attending school where he was a junior in the high school.

### Surprise Party and Barn Dance on Birthday

Miss Mildred Loeffler was pleasantly surprised last Friday evening when about one hundred friends and neighbors came to her home to celebrate her seventeenth birthday. The evening was spent dancing in the barn; it was a real old time barn dance. The crowd left in the wee hours of the morning wishing Miss Mildred many more happy birthdays. There were also some friends from Norfolk and Lincoln present.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Loeffler and family moved here from Norfolk little over a year ago and have come to believe they have acquired some real friends and neighbors in this short time.

### BRIEFLY STATED

Charles Yarnall left Wednesday for Hastings, where he will attend a meeting of the managers of the Brown-McDonald stores to be held in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Herre and son, Jimmie, drove to Superior, Nebraska, on Saturday and spent the week-end visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Art Turner and son, Jimmie Paul, arrived here Thursday from Omaha to visit at the home of Mrs. Turner's mother, Mrs. Teresa Connelly.

Miss Mildred Miller will entertain all of the teachers at a linen shower at her home in Ewing on Friday night, in honor of Miss Mildred Tomjack.

Rev. and Mrs. William I. Bell and daughter of Couders Port, Pa., arrived in O'Neill on Friday. He is the new minister of the Presbyterian church.

Jim Rooney, Gerald Graybiel, and Harry and Ora Keeler, of Ewing, will leave Friday for Emo, Ontario, Canada, where they will spend the next ten days fishing in Loon Lake.

Claude Johnson left Monday for Sioux Falls, S. D., where he was transferred by the Gamble stores. Mrs. Johnson and children will remain here for a time, and join Mr. Johnson later.

Mrs. Morris Morton and daughter, of McGrew, Nebraska, who have been here for the past month visiting her mother, Mrs. John Harmon, and her brother, Emmet Harmon, left Saturday for her home.

Jack Arbuthnot returned Sunday from Ames, Iowa, where he had gone to get his sister, Miss Marion, who will visit here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Arbuthnot, until her marriage, which will be solemnized on June 1.

Misses Marjorie and Marion Dickson entertained twelve guests at a twelve o'clock luncheon at the M & M Cafe on Thursday in honor of Miss Marie Biglin, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Mrs. W. P. Hiltbrand, of Boston, Mass.

Mrs. R. R. Morrison left Monday for Omaha where she met her daughter, Mrs. Ed Davidson, of Casper, Wyoming, who has been receiving medical treatment at the Mayo Brothers Clinic at Rochester, Minn.

Cecil Trout, of Stuart, was before the county court last Monday on the charge of reckless driving, the complaint being filed by Patrolman Lawrence Russell. He pled guilty to the charge and was fined \$10.00 and costs, a total of \$13.10.

George Syfie, the merchant prince, cattleman and farmer of the northern part of the county, was looking after business matters in this city on Tuesday. George says that it is very dry in his section and that small grain has been damaged considerably by the drought.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Boren had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John VaKoc, Miss Elsie VaKoc, Albert VaKoc and William VaKoc, of Niobrara, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffman and children, Bobby and Joyce, of Battle Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles VaKoc, of Meadow Grove.

Try a Frontier Want-ad.

## MUSIC STUDENTS TAKE HONORS IN NATIONAL MEET

The ninth regional-national music contest which was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, last Thursday and Friday was attended by eight thousand contestants from the five states comprising the district, these states being Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado. The contestants entered from St. Mary's Academy and the Public School returned home Saturday night bearing with them their share of the honors.

The following system of rating was used by the judges, high superior, superior, excellent, good and average. O'Neill contestants received the following ratings: Miss Catherine Finley, singing in the high soprano class, received a superior rating, while Charles Yarnall singing bass, received a good rating. In the instrument class, the Trumpet Trio, composed of Woodrow Melena, playing a trumpet solo, and Graves received Good. Woodrow Melen, playing a trumpet solo, received an excellent rating, and Miss Alma Wallace, playing a clarinet solo, received an excellent rating.

This is the first time that any student from either school has entered the national-regional meet, and the people of O'Neill are proud and rightfully so, of the showing that their entries made in the contest.

Mrs. Charles Yarnall, Mrs. Tom Brennan, Miss Bernedetta Brennan, Miss Eileen Duffy and Miss Elizabeth Henry accompanied the contestants to Colorado Springs.

### William I. Stevens

William I. Stevens passed away at his home in Inman about 12 o'clock Wednesday after an illness of several years of Bright's disease, at the age of 47 years, 5 months and 7 days. The date of the funeral had not been set as we go to press.

William I. Stevens was born at Springview, Nebr., on December 10, 1891. He lived in that county until 1914 when he came to this county where he had since resided. On November 1, 1916, he was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Lines, the ceremony being performed in this city. To this union six children were born, four sons and two daughters. They are, Doris, Earl, Dewayne, Lovilla, Eldon and Lawrence, all of whom are at home. He is also survived by three sisters and three brothers.

### The Weather

It has been hot and dry for the past week. Small grain is beginning to suffer for lack of moisture, as are also pastures. Unless we have a real old time soaker within the next week the hay crop this year will be the lightest in this country for several years. Following is the temperatures for the week:

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May 11	68	42
May 12	62	40
May 13	70	36
May 14	77	50
May 15	81	36
May 16	89	55
May 17	85	57

### Old Timers Given Surprise Party

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sengelmann were surprised on Mother's Day when some of their children came to spend the day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Sengelmann and daughter, of Clearfield, S. D., John Sengelmann, Clearfield, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown and son, of Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zimmerman and daughter, of Royal, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Doty and children, of Spencer, and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Arbs from O'Neill.

Saturday Special — Chocolate chevy, pecan brownies, 15c a dozen. — O'Neill Bakery (Kiehls). 1-1t

Another definition of an O'Neill home, is that place where we grumble the most and are treated the best.

### Gamble Agency Owners Hold Meeting Here

The Gamble store agency operators held a meeting in the Gamble store in this city last Thursday evening. Twelve operators from this territory were in attendance. Ed Corbin, of Fremont, agency supervisor, and Fred Sorkness, manager of the Fremont warehouse, were in attendance and addressed the meeting.

Since the establishment of the store here the agency operators in this section received their goods from the local store. With the establishment of a large warehouse at Fremont the agency stores will hereafter receive their stock from that warehouse and it will be delivered to them. Heretofore they had to drive to this city to receive their stock.

### COUNTRY CLUB LADIES ENTERTAIN

The ladies of the Country Club entertained at a tea at the Golden Hotel last Thursday afternoon, from four until six. Mrs. P. B. Hart and Mrs. Roy Anderson poured, and Mrs. Edward Gallagher and Mrs. Edward Campbell were on the reception committee. There were about fifty present, these included club members and invited guests. A short business meeting was conducted and at this meeting an executive committee was appointed to guide the affairs of the club during the summer months. The members appointed were Mrs. W. J. Biglin, Mrs. Edward Gallagher and Mrs. L. A. Burgess.

### Files Suit For Divorce

Nellie Sterns filed suit in the district court asking for a decree of divorce from Earl D. Sterns. In her petition she alleges that they were married in Butte, Nebr., on May 16, 1922. Two children were born of the union, Leonard, aged 16, and Kay La Rae, aged one year. She alleges cruel and inhuman treatment. She further alleges that on or about December 11, 1938, he left her and deposited to her credit in the First National Bank of Atkinson \$2,000, given her as her share of the personal property. Thereafter a reconciliation was effected and she returned the money to him. On April 15, 1939, they again separated and he took possession of certain livestock, grain, machinery and other personal property, purchased with said money. She also asks the care and custody of the children.

### Sheriff Duffy Appointed Ak-Sar-Ben Ambassador

Sheriff Peter Duffy has been appointed Ambassador to the court of Ak-Sar-Ben for this community to serve during the present year. The announcement was made the first of the week by Samson, Lord High Chamberlain to the reigning King of Ak-Sar-Ben. The race meet will open on Saturday, May 27 and continue through the Fourth of July.

Workmen started Tuesday preparing the P. J. McManus building, occupied by Protovinsky's grocery for a coat of stucco. When completed it will mean another building in the city that will be fireproof, at least from the outside, and add greatly to its appearance.

The lumbermen of the north central district of the Nebraska Lumbermen's Association held their annual meeting in O'Neill on Thursday night following a dinner at the M & M Cafe at 7:30. The dinner was followed by an address by Phil Runion, of Lincoln, who is the secretary of the association.

Mrs. Maxine Meech, Miss Marjorie Dickson and Mrs. Roy Andersen drove to Grand Island on Saturday, where Mrs. Anderson took the train for her home at Burns, Oregon. Mrs. Andersen has been here the past month visiting at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. R. R. Dickson.

Do you realize there are fewer O'Neill folks who say, "there ought to be a law? Today—there is!

You have a free country as long as everyone in it is allowed to say it is.