

SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

If a black cat is the first thing to cross your path in early morning stands for ill omen what is the significance of meeting up with two black men in succession as the first experience of the morning?

Householders in the capitol city have become interested in buffalo grass lawns. A small chunk of the sod is planted at wide intervals and thus the yard becomes seeded. It has been found thrifty with little or no attention while blue grass and clover require much watering. This section was doubtless originally a buffalo grass region.

Western Nebraska has always had a scrap of some kind on. In the "good old days" it was the festive cowboy with blood in his eye and death to a sheep herder when he pulled trigger. The situation now takes on a somewhat milder aspect though equally bitter as the old range wars. Power lines and irrigation ditches keep up the feud spirit though neither of these enterprises have as yet contributed anything worthwhile to the state's natural interests.

Blazing out of a sky of burnished brass merciless sun inflamed the capitol city all through July with fierce heat. Tearing another leaf from the calendar, showers and cooler weather have brought relief. The cool nights come with August so there is at least half of the 24-hour period that your brow need not be "wet with honest sweat." This evening, with a faint breeze coming in from the north, we look out upon thin clouds hanging low in the west tinted in the red and gold of the fascinating beauty of a Nebraska sunset. Out of the west, too, a dark outline against the flaming cloud, wings an airplane—suggesting a scene of home, where on occasion the stately golden eagle circles the heavens on majestic wing. Night spreads its mantle and the lights of the city replace the glow of departed day.

Recently a group of boys from Boston were in Lincoln while on a tour singing their way across the country. This snarling, snapping world needs more song. The leader of these boys said the primary object of their tour was to interest the young in sacred song. Their ages ranged from early youth down to a boy of nine or ten, who has a remarkable soprano voice. His singing brought to mind the times when Walter LaViolette, as a little boy, thrilled O'Neill audiences. Community singing has gained some headway this summer and should it become diffused at large it would be a signal that America is again happy. It matters little whether you hit the notes as written or whether you can sing a lick or not, join in the uplifted song.

O'Neill, as well as other north Nebraska towns, comes into the story a number of times in Everett Dick's popular book, "The Sod-House Frontier." Quotations from The Frontier also appear in the book. These are from early editions when O'Neill was a lusty and boisterous young village. At one stage The Frontier editor, W. D. Mathews or J. H. Riggs at that time, said: "Shooting of firearms indiscriminately on our streets should be stopped." Again it was written: "The crying need of O'Neill is a safe place to put the many drunken wretches that disgrace our streets day and night. Let us have a jail at any cost." The jail was had, a little coop back of the Thomas drug store, serving for county and village prisoners, from rowdies to rustlers. One night Sheriff Ed Hershiser experienced a greater humiliation than the taking of Kid Wade from him, when two cut throat prisoners escaped in the darkness. The jailer had taken them out for supper without his ivory-handled six strapped to him. The prisoners, two gents of foreign extraction who were reputed desperate, ate a good

Three Holt County Residents Receive Degrees At N. U. Summer Session

Ralph Oppen and Fred E. Alder, of O'Neill, and Gerald Brown, of Emmet, were among the 247 students who received degrees from the University of Nebraska at the close of the summer session last Friday. In 1938, 259 degrees were granted. Alder received the degree of master of arts; Oppen the bachelor of science degree from the College of Arts and Sciences; and Brown, the bachelor of science degree in education from the Teachers College. The University also granted 3 doctor of philosophy degrees, 84 master's and 13 certificates.

The Sullivan Boys Visiting Old Home Town

Montana Jack Sullivan—or we should call him sartorial Jack, which would be much more fitting as he always appears in the latest of the eastern fashions and creates envy among the masculine portion of the city as well as charms the eyes of the ladies—but at that Jack is ace high to every one in his old home town—accompanied by his brother Phillip, arrived Monday evening and will visit friends here in the old home town for a couple of weeks. Jack makes a visit here about every summer but Phil, who has an important position with the Anaconda Mining company with whom he has been employed for the past forty-five years and has been unable to visit us as often. He decided this year to take his annual vacation here and visit the scenes of his youth. He looks forward to an enjoyable two weeks. Both boys are looking fine and say that business is fair in their home town of Butte, Mont.

FINE AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL 4-H MEMBERS

In recognition of superior records among 4-H Club members in localities through which its line passes, the Chicago and Northwestern Railway company is again offering 103 valuable awards. As in past years, these prizes may be used to defray expenses of trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago for the winners, named by the state club leader's office.

Eight states benefit by this offer, with allocations as follows: Illinois, 2; Iowa, 15; Michigan, 6; Minnesota, 15; Nebraska, 17; South Dakota, 20; Wisconsin, 25; and Wyoming, 3.

High School Band At Burwell Today

The O'Neill High School Band, under the direction of Ira George, and accompanied by a large delegation of O'Neill citizens, went to Burwell on Thursday, where the band played for the rodeo. This rodeo, which is put on every year by the Stockholders of the Burwell Rodeo Association, is one of the best of its kind in the United States, and cowboy contestants from all parts of the country compete for the various cash prizes.

Bassett Boosters To Be Here Next Monday

A bunch of Boosters from Bassett will be in O'Neill next Monday morning at 11:45. They are making the trip for the purpose of advertising their joint celebration of the annual Rock county fair and the Golden Jubilee, or Fiftieth anniversary of Rock county.

Miss Marjorie Rees, of Amelia, Marvin Stauffer, of Page, and County Agent Lyndel Stout returned Sunday from Cleveland, Ohio, where Miss Rees and Mr. Stauffer participated in the world's poultry congress and won high honors for Nebraska and Holt county.

LUTHERAN NOTES

Divine services at the Episcopal church Sunday afternoon at 2. R. W. Fricke, Pastor, Chambers.

supper, followed on back to the jail but as they got to the door ducked around the building and disappeared.

New Nebr. Speed Law Effective Sept. 8, 1939

Controlled speed for the prevention of accidents and smoother flow of traffic on Nebraska State Highways is the basis of the law passed by the last Legislature.

Twenty years ago, thirty-five miles an hour was considered fast. Under certain conditions today, sixty miles an hour is considered safe; but we must allow for traffic, road surface, weather, condition of the car, the signs, the driver and the other fellow. Haste means careless and thoughtless driving, to save a second at the risk of our lives. It means taking a chance at street intersections and railroad crossings, on curves and hills, passing cars and red lights, and disregarding signs and markers. Any speed is too fast if we mix alcohol and driving.

If you drive a car, no doubt you have violated some traffic regulation because you were in a hurry. Perhaps you knew you were taking chances. You may have known you were depending on luck rather than common sense. After all, is it good sense? What are you going to do with the few minutes you save? Is it really a matter of life and death? Yes, it easily could be just that. Seconds saved at the cost of human lives ought to be worth thinking about, because you are going to think about them the rest of your life.

How fast should we drive. The old law said, "No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing." That is still a reasonable way to drive. The new law simply adds, "nor in any case at a rate of speed exceeding sixty miles per hour between the hours of sunrise and sunset, and fifty miles per hour between sunset and sunrise," but if the gross weight of vehicle and load is five tons, the limit is forty miles per hour. Even the fact that the speed of a vehicle is less than the limit shall not relieve the driver from the duty to decrease that speed, as required under special conditions.

Lack of control under varying conditions is one of the major causes of accidents in Nebraska, and the records for June and July show that we have averaged more than a fatal accident every day.

Are we going through August killing people every day? Don't you think we should all do something about it? Suppose each driver in the next thirty days keeps his car well under the speed limit. Never exceed the limit even once in thirty days, and then when the new law is strictly enforced, it will be only the habitually reckless, lawless driver who finds himself removed from the highway and his license revoked.

More than that, we will increase the pleasure of living and driving, and reduce the serious accidents and loss of life and property in the State of Nebraska.

39th Old Settlers Picnic To Be Held Next Tuesday

The Old Settlers Picnic will be held on Tuesday, August 15, at the Liddy grove, 19 miles north of O'Neill, just off of Highway 281. Carnival, baseball games, and other sports and plenty of entertainment for the day.

This is the Thirty-ninth annual Picnic to be held in this vicinity.

Miss Angela G. Pribil, who has been attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, returned home Sunday. Charles Denesia, a university student, accompanied her to O'Neill. She expects to spend a few weeks at home before she resumes her duties.

The scarcity of houses is being felt in this city again. Today a gentleman from Norfolk, said that there were five families in that city that would move to O'Neill and wanted to know if there was any chance to get a house in the city. He was informed that as far as we knew there was not a vacant house in the city. A good chance for some of our monied men to make a good investment, in modern, small sized homes.

Use Frontier Want-Ads.

Heaviest Rainfall of Year Last Night Brings '39 Total to 11.51 Inches

The weather has been fairly warm the past week, with cool nights. We had a little shower last Saturday evening that amounted to .20 of an inch. Tuesday night we had .05 hundredths of an inch and on Wednesday night we had the heaviest rain of the year when 1.34 inches fell. From what we have been able to learn the rain was quite general over the county, rainfall to the amount of two inches falling in the Hynes neighborhood north of this city. While the soaker came too late to help a lot of corn it will be of vast benefit to the pastures, many of which were drying up.

Now that the dry spell has been broken we are able to have a lot of rain for the balance of the month. Following is the chart for the week.

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| August 3 | 91 | 62 | |
| August 4 | 98 | 60 | |
| August 5 | 98 | 65 | |
| August 6 | 86 | 64 | .20 |
| August 7 | 81 | 60 | |
| August 8 | 75 | 49 | |
| August 9 | 80 | 51 | .05 |
| August 10 | | | 1.34 |
| Precipitation for August | 1.61 inches. | | |
| Total precipitation since January 1, 1939, | 11.51 inches. | | |

The Nebraska Scene

By the Lowell Service

Lincoln—The ambitions of Senator Taft and Vandenberg are now attracting attention in the East. There is no doubt that the extreme conservative wing of the republican party favors a leader of the Taft or Vandenberg type.

The coalition forces in the senate were on tenthooks the whole time the leading bill was before that body. At times the desire of the republican wing to lead the democratic party into a quagmire was concealed, and Majority Leader Barkley at times played on the partisan prejudice. However, most of the democrats in the coalition hail from the South, where nomination is equivalent to election.

The Taft-Vandenberg tieup cannot survive adjournment. Then they will clash in the fight for delegates. For several weeks their joint efforts have been directed toward keeping Dewey out of the race. The argument is that the New York District attorney is only 37 years old, and that he has "plenty of time" to seek the presidency.

The filing of Governor Cochran for the United States senate has caused flutters in democratic circles at the national capitol. Much of the jitteritis rages in the bosoms of the "paronage list."

"It is another purge," declared J. H. Hanley, formerly on the Federal Communications commission, and now practicing in Washington.

It is believed in Washington that the President talked the senatorial candidacy over with Cochran at Hyde Park. The filing certainly took a number of pro-Roosevelt men by surprise. Foster May of Omaha, WOW news announcer, and several others may get into the race.

One marvels at the ease with which Terry Carpenter makes a "complete reversal" of his former political convictions, as he admits he did when he filed for the important post of Governor of Nebraska last week, on the democratic ticket, pledging himself to follow Governor Cochran's present fiscal policies, to which he has in the past expressed such violent opposition. There is nothing like having an open mind. One wonders if Mr. Carpenter really did flip a coin in order to choose his political party. One wonders, too, as to the rumors of a secret pact for reciprocal support between Governor Cochran and the "Terrible Terry," especially since each candidate evades a direct answer to questions concerning the matter.

"Why, I don't think you boys should even ask me such a question!" virtuously declared Cochran to reporters. "Silence is golden," stated Terry, cryptically.

Redbird Wins From Bristow in Fast Game Last Sunday

The Redbird base ball team played at Bristow last Sunday afternoon and emerged victorious with a score of 6 to 5. The batteries were Redbird, Conard and Schollmeyer; Bristow, Peterson and Johnson. Hits: Redbird 8, Bristow 6.

So far this season Redbird has played sixteen games, winning 13 losing two and being tied once. A good record for any ball team.

Next Sunday they will play the Marty Mission Indian team at Fairfax, South Dakota, and it promises to be a dandy game.

Two Traffic Violators Before County Judge

Two cases were before County Judge Louis Reimer on Monday, August 7th, on complaints signed by Patrolman Lawrence Russell. Loyd Sanger, of Bassett, was before him on a charge of parking without displaying warning flags, and he was placed on probation for ninety days and ordered to pay the costs, which amounted to \$3.10. Thomas Van Buren, also of Bassett, was before the County Judge on the same day, charged with the same offense, and he was placed on probation for six months and ordered to pay the costs of the action, which amounted to \$3.10.

BRIEFLY STATED

J. B. Ryan drove to Sioux City on Sunday where he met his sons, Joe and Bob, of Chicago, who will spend their two weeks vacation here with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kurtz left the first of the week for the west coast where they will visit friends and relatives. They expect to be gone four or five weeks.

Mrs. T. S. Mains and daughter Jane, and Cron Stannard returned Tuesday evening from Denver, Colo., where they visited relatives and friends.

Miss Lou Dwyer, of Omaha, who has been here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne for the past week, left Monday for her home.

Miss Luree and Jenelle Hill, of Orchard, arrived Sunday to visit at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kilpatrick, for the coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Van Cleave, of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. John Dailey and Miss Teresa Connelly drove to Norfolk on Saturday and spent the day visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bauman announce the birth of a daughter, which was born to them in the Stuart hospital on Sunday, August 6, 1939.

Miss Eva Protovinsky left Sunday night for Fremont, after spending her vacation here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Protovinsky.

The band concert this coming Saturday evening will render the program that was advertised for last Saturday evening, which was postponed on account of rain.

Mrs. Joe Philsinger, of Portland, Oregon, arrived the last of the week to make a few weeks visit here with relatives. She is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roseler.

Miss Ruth Harris, a student at Morningside College of Music, returned Tuesday from Lake Okoboji, Iowa, where she has been attending a music camp for the past six weeks.

Dr. J. P. Brown left Sunday morning for Minneapolis, Minn., where he will join Mrs. Brown, who left for there last week, and will spend two weeks vacationing and visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Selders and daughter, Betty Lou, of Griswold, Iowa, arrived Sunday to spend a week visiting at the home of Mrs. Selders' mother, Mrs. Letta Sexsmith and with her sister, Mrs. John Davidson.

Mrs. John Kersenbrock and son, Jack, and cousin Jerry Kratovil, of Osmond, left Monday morning for Lincoln where they will visit relatives and Jack will register for the coming year at the University of Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Donnell arrived here Tuesday from their trip through Yellowstone Park and will spend the balance of the week here visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell.

Mrs. Ben Strickler and daughter, Sandra, of Taft, California, left Sunday for their home after spending a week here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stannard. Mr. and Mrs. Stannard drove them to Omaha from which point they took the train for their home.

There will be a baptismal service at the Niobrara river bridge north and east of Lynch on Sunday, August 13. Sunday school starting at 2 o'clock, preaching and baptismal service following immediately after. Chester Anderson, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Verzal and son, Jerry, of Wayne, spent the week end here visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Quinn. Mr. and Mrs. Verzal left for Denver, where they will spend their vacation. Jerry remained here and will visit his grandparents while the folks are in Colorado.

A letter from home, The Frontier.

COUNTY BOARD SETS TAX LEVY FOR NEW YEAR

Total Levy of State and County Set at 8.33 Mills For Coming Year

The County Board of Supervisors at a session last Thursday made the levy for the present fiscal year. The state levy is a little larger than it was last year. Following is the levies made for the different funds in the state and county:

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| State General | 2.41 |
| State Redemption | .20 |
| Care of Insane | .50 |
| Total State Levy | 3.11 |
| County Levy | |
| County General | 3.00 |
| County Bridge | .21 |
| County Fair | .08 |
| County Judgments or Refunding Bonds | .50 |
| Soldiers Relief | .03 |
| Unemployment Relief | 1.00 |
| Mothers' Pensions | .05 |
| Coyote Bounty | .02 |
| Total | 4.89 |
| Court House Bonds and Interest | .34 |
| Total | 5.23 |

For the care of the insane, now in state institutions, the county will have to pay \$9,265 this year. Last year there was levied .54 hundredths of a mill for this purpose while this year it is one half mill.

A levy of \$2.00 was made on everyone in the county between the ages of 21 and 50 years for old age assistance.

Also a levy was made of 10 cents on each and every hive of bees in the county.

Former Holt County Boy Dies in Chicago

O'Neill relatives received word yesterday of the death in Chicago yesterday afternoon of James Holland, son of the late Michael Holland, of pneumonia following an operation. He was about 60 years of age and grew to manhood on the Holland farm west of this city. For several years he has been a resident of Chicago, where he was connected with a large coal company.

Mrs. P. C. Donohoe, of this city, Mrs. Arthur Duffy, of Petersburg, and Mrs. William Mullen, of Omaha are sisters of Mr. Holland. The funeral will be held in Chicago tomorrow morning.

Medard Takes Award For Sales Alertness

Last Tuesday morning, M. J. Connelly, an employee of the Arbutnot Oil Company of this city, was awarded a five dollar cash bonus by the so-called "Mystery Man" of the Gates Rubber Company for alertness in selling, when Medard called the Mystery Man's attention to a worn out fan belt, which he had on his car, and attempted to sell him a new fan belt. The Mystery man drives through the county, with an old worn out fan belt, stopping in various filling stations, with the request that his oil be checked, and whenever an employee is alert enough to notice that the belt is worn out, a five dollar award is made.

Marriage Licenses

Elton Grass and Miss Lucille Stevens, both of Page, were granted a marriage license in county court on August 7.

Forey D. Sangster and Katherine L. Yocum, both of Jameson, Nebraska, were granted a marriage license in county court last Saturday. They were united in marriage by County Judge Louis W. Reimer.

Walter Turgeson and Miss Gloria Graesser, both of Bristow, were granted a marriage license in county court last Thursday. They were united in marriage the same day by H. W. Tomlinson, justice of the peace.

Herman Oelsigle, of Tilden, and Anna Marie Paulson, of Neligh, were granted a marriage license by County Judge Louis Reimer on August 10th.