

## SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

With some degree of pride the public interested in fried chicken is informed, by way of inticement to buy a dinner, that these spring fries are "milk fed." Milk is calf-fed, not chicken. Hens—nor roosters—produce no milk for their young. If you haven't had chicken fed on wheat kernels or corn you have missed the real chicken dinner.

For the first time in my experience I had a rattlesnake in the other evening. But this fearsome thing was nothing but a watermelon. It looked like the iron-clad of far-off homestead days in Holt County but I was told the variety was called after the most dreaded creature that crawls the earth. The vicinity of Wymore is a great melon producing section and many truck loads are being brought into Lincoln from there and also from Kansas. I believe they would sell faster if the name was changed to Meadow Lark.

The scenery consisting of a steady stream of autos going and coming can get monotonous, too.

The amusing thing about an itinerant show are the superlatives making up their flamboyant advertising.

So the Hatch bill is going to make political nonentities of federal job holders. If I were one of that numerous body of loyal New Deal patriots now "scraping the sides and bottom" —to borrow an old Holt county populist phrase — of our government treasury, I would not consider it from the standpoint of "service" to the country. A political job—fifty a month or eight or ten thousand a year—is strictly a selfish matter. Hang on as long as possible and do your level best to elect the "right" crowd. Just how this Hatch law is going to eliminate this feature of the fundamental structure of our political fabric has not been made clear but the president has given it his blessing, probably with a twinkle in the eye, knowing it means nothing.

Next important affair of statewide interest will be the fair early next month. It is astonishing what the rural realms can muster in the way of exhibits in even the famine years. I believe Holt county—as such—has had no exhibit at the state fair since Will Dobbs hustled up vast collections of grain and grass, fruits and flowers, product of vine and bush and supervised the arrangement of these in the old skating rink into artistic, fantastic and amazing designs to be shipped to Lincoln for fair week. There have been individual exhibits from Holt at the fair since then and I trust this year I may see some of Will Grothe's products as well as those of other friends.

In a recent communication appearing in Omaha's lone daily paper my friend John A. Robertson expresses his view of the hopper pox program. John has well defined views on most things and is able to express them coherently. He thinks the program has been pretty much a fizzle and his prairie instincts tell him the prairie chicken is the stuff to eliminate hoppers. That those magnificent birds, once plentiful, are about extinct is regrettable and if Mr. Robertson has any plan for restoring the species in this section he should have cooperation. The late Wm. Conklin said they were a grass bird and the country is now pastured and mowed for hay to such an extent there is no brooding grounds left for them. The prairie holds many fascinating charms. They are best seen and absorbed riding leisurely across open country on a horse in the spring. If you have never run onto a prairie hen with a newly hatched brood of fluffy little brown chicks and see them scamper to hide in the grass you have missed one of nature's most interesting little dramas.

## Native Son Visits Old Home County

W. M. Hunter, of North Bend, Oregon, arrived here last week for a couple weeks visit with his brother, Frank Hunter, of Star, and other relatives in the northeastern part of the county. Mr. Hunter lived in his county until about 1914 when he went to the west coast and has been a resident of that section ever since. This is his second visit to the county since he went west, the last being about twelve years ago. He said that he noticed many changes for the better in this city.

## Lutherans of Missouri Synod Will Celebrate Centennial at Ainsworth

Sunday, August 20th, the fifteen congregations of the Lutheran Synod of Missouri, comprising Circuit No. 7, of the North Nebraska District, will meet in a joint Centennial Service in the City Hall at Ainsworth, Nebraska, to commemorate the Saxon immigration 100 years ago. These emigrants settled in the state of Missouri and eight years after coming to our shores were instrumental in organizing the so-called Missouri Synod, now numbering close to 5,000 congregations and actively served by 3,600 pastors. Congregations participating extend from Neligh on the east to Crookston on the west and from O'Neill on the south to the well across the border in South Dakota. Rev. Martin Dorn is pastor of the Ainsworth churches.

## Holt County Trooper Takes High Honors in Boy Scout Work

Vernon Wertz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wertz, of Page, Neb., and grandson of the late Alex R. and Althea Wertz of Star, Neb., was recently awarded one of the highest awards in Boy Scout work, the Scoutmaster's Key, at Washington, D. C., by the Nat'l Capitol Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Wertz is now a fifteen year Veteran Scout having first become associated with Boy Scouts at Stuart, Neb., where he was leader of the Bobcat Tribe of Lone Scouts. From Stuart he went to Chadron, Neb., where he was Scoutmaster of No. 1. He was Assistant Camp Director of the Chadron Boy Scout Y. M. C. A. at Mt. Lookout, (now Mt. Coolidge) in the Black Hills, when that camp was dedicated by President Coolidge. In 1929 Mr. Wertz was employed by the U. S. Treasury Dept. and moved to Washington, D. C. There he became Scoutmaster of Troop No. 41, and later a Field Commissioner and a member of the Advancement Committee. For several years Mr. Wertz has been Chairman of the Board of Review for Scout Advancement at the Boy Scout Camp, Woodrow Wilson, and also one of the Boards of Review held in the city. Mr. Wertz has also been closely associated with camping activities in the District of Columbia, having had his Troop take part in the Camporees held each spring, and with his Troop at the two Scout Camps, Camp Woodrow Wilson, at Burnt Mills, Maryland, and Camp Theodore Roosevelt, on the Chesapeake Bay at Willows, Maryland. In 1930 he was awarded Camp Emblems at both of the Council Camps, and in 1937 he was awarded a Staff Emblem for his outstanding work with his group of Scouts during his two weeks stay at Camp Theodore Roosevelt and in 1939 again awarded the Camp Emblem in connection with Advancement Committee work. Mr. Wertz has been an active examiner in various Merit Badge subjects and in First Class Map Making, examining over 200 Scouts a year for these various Merit Badges.

In addition Mr. Wertz is one of the Volunteer First Aid Workers of the American Red Cross First Aid Instructor.

Mrs. Simar and Creola Carney moved their dress and hat shop into the remodeled Simar building, next door to their former location the latter part of the week. A new front has been installed in the building, the interior decorated, new fixtures installed and it presents a very neat and attractive appearance, with plenty of room to accommodate their customers.

## AG VOCATIONAL COURSE OUTLINED FOR COMING YEAR

F.F.A. to Be Offered With Special Instruction For Adult Groups

By Alfred L. Mathis

In this issue of the paper we are particularly interested in making it clear just what the O'Neill high school students will study if he is enrolled for work in the Vocational Agricultural department.

For the coming school term the plans are to teach two classes. One to freshmen and sophomores and the other one to the boys who are in the junior and senior classes.

The boys in the first division will meet for three forty minute periods each school day. Three days a week will be spent in the classroom and two days a week in the shop. The subject matter that shall be taken up in this course will deal quite largely with the study of the animals that are common on the farms and ranches of Holt County and the simpler shop jobs that have to be done on the farm. In addition to this work the boys shall carry on a supervised practice program. This simply means that he makes plans with the instructor to study and carry out several things that can be done on the farm or home ranch. Two credits a semester or four credits a year will be given for this work. Boys in this class may take two other freshman or sophomore subjects. This combination of subjects will have to be worked out at the time of registration.

The second division will also meet three forty minute periods each day. The work will be along the same lines as that offered for the first division except, since these boys will be juniors and seniors, they will be given more material which will be a little more difficult than that of the first division and like the other group he various combination of subjects will have to be worked out at the time of registration.

The Future Farmers of America is another phase of the Vocational Agriculture program. This is a national organization of boys who are studying Vocational Agriculture. The boys who belong to this group are able to accomplish more in their supervised practice program and they have a chance to get a more balanced education in farming and rural living than those without it. There are different degrees of attainment in the F.F.A., which a boy may reach by meeting certain requirements that are set up by the organization. The highest degrees are conferred by the State and National officers. And too, it is in the F.F.A. that the Vocational Agriculture boys have a chance for their fun and recreation. While this is not the main purpose of the organization, it is felt that it is important. There are many boys in the state who have been excellent members of the F.F.A. while in school. And while meeting their requirements for the advanced degrees they have continually added to their supervised practice program so that by the time they were graduated from High School they were almost ready to start farming for themselves. This is not practical or desirable in a lot of cases because not all boys are ready or able to shift for themselves immediately after graduation. Perhaps they will need a few years work with their dads before they can handle a farm for themselves. The age and maturity of the boys are very important in considering a step of this kind. However, the work that the boy does while in the F.F.A. will go a long way in preparing him for this type of work.

The students who were in high school last year registered for the coming term. Vocational Agriculture was not a part of the school curriculum at that time so it will be necessary for all of these who intend to take the work to re-register. There is another part of the Vocational Agriculture program that some may be interested in and that is the work for the Young Farmers and Adults.

The Young Farmers group will include men and boys up to 25 years of age who are not enrolled in high

## SPECIAL NOTICE

Evidently the citizens of O'Neill feel that whenever the fire whistle blows for a fire, it is a call for them to jump in their cars and rush to the scene of the fire, because that is what is happening at the fires here lately.

Last Tuesday evening when the fire whistle blew for a fire at the NuWa Cafe the cars jammed the streets for a block in every direction and it took about fifteen to clear the streets so that traffic could be resumed.

We would like to call the attention of the citizens to the fact that whenever they rush to a fire they are hindering the firemen in their work and if this continues some person may become seriously injured as a result. If it became necessary to string a line of hose from a hydrant to the fire, it would be impossible on account of the streets being blocked by cars and perhaps considerable damage would be the result.

The state law requires all automobiles to pull to the curb when a siren blows and in case of fires, no cars are to be allowed within one block of the scene of the fire. We advise all to pay attention to the laws, because if you don't you are liable to find yourself before Police Judge George Bay with a fine being assessed against you.

We regret to have to take this action to stop this, but necessity compels us to do so. This is a warning—stop driving to the fires and getting in the way of the firemen.

H. E. COYNE, Mayor.

## Youngsters Befort Dist. Judge for Auto Theft

Judge Dickson and Reporter Scott were in Bassett Wednesday where they held a short term of district court. A Rock county young man, Giles Brooks, 17, and Arthur F. Porter, 15, Rock county, were before the court charged with stealing an automobile. They pled guilty to the charge and will be sentenced at the regular October term of district court in Rock county on October 16. They are committed to the custody of James Brooks until that date.

## Rummel—Learner

Miss Marjorie Learner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Learner, of Wayne, Nebraska, and Jean Rummel, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Rummel, of this city, were united in marriage last Thursday at Madison, Nebraska, by acting County Judge E. Moyer. Walter Learner, father of the bride, and Miss Ella Studts, of Madison were present at the ceremony. Mrs. Rummel is a graduate of Wayne High School and also attended Wayne State Normal, coming to O'Neill about two years ago as an employee in the office of the Farm Security Administration. Mr. Rummel is a graduate of the O'Neill Public High School and is at present employed by the Interstate Power Company in this city.

The Frontier joins with the many friends of the young couple in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the sickness and following the death of our beloved husband and father, the late E. R. Baker.—Mrs. E. R. Baker and children.

## 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY ATTRACTS MANY CLUBBERS

Many Awards Arranged By Local Business Men For Winning Exhibits

The O'Neill Public School was the scene of much activity when 200 4-H club members from Holt county competed Saturday in an achievement day program where members were chosen to represent this county at the Nebraska State Fair.

Home economic exhibits together with 4-H demonstrations and judging contests gave the day somewhat the appearance of a three ring circus.

The livestock judging contest in which over 100 boys and girls took part was one of the main attractions of the program. From the event, which was won by Jack Ressel of Chambers with Ed Hanley of O'Neill and Delbert Robertson of Chambers next in line, will be selected a livestock judging team to compete in the Nebraska State Fair contest.

Holt county's veteran 4-H clubber Margery Rees, was again outstanding in winning both the clothing and cooking judging contests and will probably be teamed with Beth Murphy of Page and Florence Spease of Stuart to compete at the State Fair.

Team demonstrations in livestock, poultry, dairy, agricultural engineering, and home economics furnished a variety from which several may be selected to compete in the State Fair and of which the county may well be proud.

The afternoon's program included a style revue in which 15 girls competed in costumes which were made in 4-H club work.

A large picnic lunch and the distribution of merchandise awards, contributed by the O'Neill business men, were included to make the days program one of the finest held during the year.

**Winners of 4-H Achievement Day**  
Livestock Demonstrations: 1st—Bill Rees, Bob Rees; 2nd—Lex Oberle, Edwin Krugman; 3rd—Leo DeLong, Mae DeLong; 4th—Vern Wrede, Robert Thomas.

Dairy Demonstrations: 1st—Marie Gibson, Delbert Robertson.  
Poultry Demonstrations: 1st—Dale Sauffer, Charles Harmon.

Home Economics Demonstration: 1st—Donna Shellhase, Marian McNally; 2nd—Mardell Burdick, Florence Spease; 3rd—Helen Wilkinson, Mary Wagman.

Agricultural Engineering Demonstrations: 1st—Ralph Allyn, Dick Shearer.

Livestock Judging: 1st—Jack Ressel; 2nd—Ed Hanley; 3rd—Delbert Robertson; 4th—Stanley Lambert.

Clothing Judging: 1st—Margery Rees; 2nd—Beth Murphy; 3rd—Patty McMahan; 4th—Marian Prill.  
Cooking Judging: 1st—Margery Rees; 2nd—Florence Spease; 3rd—Mardell Burdick; 4th—Leona Rummels.

Workbox Exhibit: 1st—Ila Mae Caster; 2nd—Audrey Brunckhorst; 3rd—Katherine Sobotka; 4th—Patty McMahan.

Needle Case Exhibit: 1st—Audrey Brunckhorst; 2nd—Patty McMahan; 3rd—Virginia Podany; 4th—Ila Mae Caster.  
Kitchen Apron Exhibit: 1st—Audrey Brunckhorst; 2nd—Ila Mae Caster; 3rd—Mary Ramold; 4th—Jean Keyes.

Kitchen Hand Towel Exhibit: 1st—Leola Carey; 2nd—Virginia Podany; 3rd—Patty McMahan; 4th—Katherine Sabotka.

Slip Exhibit: 1st—Bernice Everetts; 2nd—Donna Shellhase; 3rd—Mary Wagman; 4th—Betty Lou Alm.

Any Garment in summer wardrobe: 1st—Phyllis Brown.

Dress Exhibit: 1st—Eleanor Trowbridge; 2nd—Marian Prill; 3rd—Evelyn Elder; 4th—Lorraine French.

Repaired Summer Garment: 1st—Valera Loquest.

Play Suits: 1st—Loretta Weber; 2nd—Helen Rector; 3rd—Ardis Hansen; 4th—Doris Hansen.

Optional: 1st—Evelyn Elder; 2nd—Donna Shellhase; 3rd—Theresa Ramold; 4th—Annie Ramold.  
Cookies: 1st—Lila Spease; 2nd—Florence Spease.

## Bassett Boosters Here Boosting Fiftieth Anniv.

A delegation of Bassett Boosters were in the city last Monday forenoon arriving here a few moments before 12 o'clock, on a trip boosting their annual Rock county fair and the fiftieth anniversary of Rock county. The cars were loaded with representative citizens of that hustling little town and accompanied by a band. They left here about 1:30 and went north into Boyd county and will then head west and home that evening. The affair will be put on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

## Former Resident Visits Here After 32 Years

Otto Beaver, of Elinore, Cal., was in the city last Tuesday visiting friends of his boyhood. Mr. Beaver was raised in the Agee neighborhood where he lived for many years, leaving here in 1907 for the west coast and has been a resident of California since then. He and Mrs. Beaver arrived in this section last week and they have been visiting relatives and friends at Spencer and old friends in the Meek and Agee neighborhood. Mr. Beaver was a pleasant caller at this office and said it felt mighty fine to be back in the old home town, but there had been so many changes here since 1907 that he could not find familiar old landmarks. He is operating a turkey farm in California. They expect to start for home this morning.

## Band Concert Program For Saturday Night

March—"Invercorgill", Lithgow.  
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Trombone Novelty—"Slidin' Some", Chenette.

Overture—"King Arthur", Thomas.  
March—"Under the Double Eagle", Wagner.

Vocal Solo—"Old Timer's Waltz," arranged by Lake.  
"Sidewalks of New York."  
"Daisy Bell."

"After the Ball."  
March—"King Cotton," Sousa.  
Hymn—"Onward Christian Soldiers," Sullivan.

March—"Our Director," Bigelow  
Taps—"America," Smith.  
There will be an all request program on Thursday, August 24. A Community Sing will be held after the concert.

## The Weather

The weather has been fairly moderate the past week, although a little warmer than seasonal. Sunday last was the hottest day of the week when the thermometer climbed to 97 degrees, following .11 hundredths of rainfall the evening before. Following is the chart for the week:

	H	L	M
August 11	80	50	
August 12	84	59	.11
August 13	97	64	
August 14	96	78	
August 15	90	64	
August 16	87	64	

Total precipitation for August 1.72 inches. Total precipitation since Jan. 1, 1939, 11.62 inches.

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Alpha Club, Ladies Aid, The O'Neill and Redbird base ball teams, the Galena Lumber company and all of those who so kindly furnished material and assisted us in arranging and presenting our program for the Old Settler's Picnic.—A. L. Borg, president.

Muffins: 1st—Lila Spease; 2nd—Mardell Burdick; 3rd—Florence Spease; 4th—Leona Rummels.

Cake: 1st—Lila Spease; 2nd—Florence Spease; 3rd—Mardell Burdick.

White Bread: 1st—Florence Spease.  
Cookies: 1st—Leona Rummels.  
Rolls: 1st—Florence Spease.

Whole Wheat Bread: 1st—Florence Spease.  
Bird Houses: 1st—John and Edwin Sweet.

Nail Boxes: 1st—George Mellor.  
Rope Exhibit: 1st—Dale Jr. Graver.  
Style Show: 1st—Marian Prill; 2nd—Betty French; 3rd—Evelyn Elder; 4th—Helen Wilkinson.

## 4-H CLUB PICNIC PLANNED HERE SAT., AUG. 26

Lion's Club to Play 4-H'ers in Ball Game Other Sports Scheduled

Plans for a county wide 4-H club picnic to be held in the O'Neill City Park on Saturday, August 26, are being made by the members of the O'Neill Lions Club with Ted McElhaney in charge.

Invitations are being sent to every 4-H member and their families to be present for an old fashioned picnic and program. In addition to furnishing a day of recreation to many 4-H club members and families who have had a busy summer, the members of the club are desirous of becoming better acquainted with the future citizens of our county.

Plans for the program include a big 4-H parade through O'Neill streets with the O'Neill school band assisting in making it a success. Each club is being asked to make a banner in order that their group may be identified in the parade. Prizes will be given to the club judged as having the best banner.

The afternoon program includes races for both boys and girls of 4-H clubs with merchandise premiums for winners of the events. In anticipation of the high lights of the day one of the main attractions will be when the members of the Lions Club will challenge the 4-H members to a game of kittenball. Prizes will be given to the club coming the farthest distance to the picnic and also to the club having the largest number of members present. Everyone in attendance is asked to bring a picnic lunch to be eaten in a group and the Lions Club will furnish ice cream and a cold drink for the day.

This is a splendid opportunity for the 4-H members to become well acquainted with the business men who are always interested in the success of the boys and girls. A large crowd is expected and it is hoped that every 4-H family may be present to enjoy the day.

## Special Edition of The Frontier for Next Week

Next week The Frontier will publish a special edition which will consist of 2,200 extra copies, which with our large list of readers will go to the homes of practically all the families in the eastern two-thirds of the county. Advertisers, who desire to be represented in this issue must have their copy in the office not later than Tuesday night, as preparing this edition will entail a lot of extra work, so with the cooperation of our advertisers we expect to get it out on time.

## Redbird Ball Club Wins From Mission Indians

The Redbird base ball team played the Marty Mission Indians at Fairfax, S. D., on last Sunday. The game resulted in a victory for Redbird with a score of 13 to 8. Hits; Marty Indians—13; Redbird 17. Errors; Indians—4; Redbird 5. Batteries; Redbird, Conard, Carson and Schollmeyer; Indians, Scott, Ree and Flying Hawk, Campbell.

Next Sunday Redbird is to play Winner, S. D., at the Bassett fair and celebration.

## China Missionaries to Hold Services at Holiness Camp Meeting

The Holiness camp meet will be held here August 17-27 four blocks North of the Ford Garage. Aug. 18 Brother and Sister P. D. Kiehn, out-going missionary to China will be here for all three services on Friday at 10:00 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. They have spent sixteen years on the field in China and have been held captives twice. They have a wonderful story to tell. Bible school for the children beginning Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Parents take advantage of this opportunity and send your children to the Bible school.