

SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

The many applicants for the relatively small job of county assessor, from farm and village, suggests that neither the New Deal's PWA nor Sec. Wallace's AAA has rejuvenated industry to a point where any sort of a political job is no longer attractive.

Another club has been added to a long list of things one can "join." The latest in the Capitol City is an '88 Blizzard Club. That notable date of weather history has never been duplicated this side of Little America. Our children who have a steam radiator to dress by on cold winter mornings, can not know how the "eighty-eighters" shook the snow from the bed covers and crawled out into an icy morning buttoned on their clothes with cold, numb fingers and got the hay burner going. If this newly formed club can inspire us with the spirit of hardihood of those bygone years, as well as commemorating a weather date, it will accomplish something.

The item in the last issue concerning E. O. Root of Hale, Iowa, was of interest to me. Perhaps I have faded from Mr. Root's memory but the vivid picture of his parental homestead has not been dimmed by the mists of passing years. And out of that memory comes, too, the vision of a young lad in the fresh, unspoiled bloom of country youth, who came to O'Neill in the long ago and started as an apprentice with Mr. Riggs in the Frontier. That lad I believe was a nephew of Mr. Root, and had been making his home with his grandparents down the river. Those settlers in the Elkhorn valley were in a class by themselves. And the lad bore the stamp of clean country dignity untouched by the slime of evil habit. I was also in the employ of Mr. Riggs, with the Root boy to some extent under my direction. At that period there were four young fellows comprising a certain "gang," Guy Green, Harvey Bentley, Clint Lowery and myself, the fourth. We conceived the brilliant idea one evening of feigning ourselves intoxicated and staggering in on young Root. He gave us a look of calm compassion but said never a word. Our joke was going across pretty good but when we saw he believed our gag to be real we laid aside the make believe and expressed freely our sentiments concerning the bibulous youth. Printing was not to his taste. He turned to railroad engineering and met a sad and tragic death very soon thereafter, under a Northwestern—or F. E. & M. V. it was then—locomotive.

It is announced in a recent issue of the Nebraska History magazine that Sen. John A. Robertson will write for publication in that magazine of Doc Middleton and also the Holt County board of 30 or more members, referred to at that day as the "legislature". Senator Robertson has kept tabs on events in Holt County from an early day and is well qualified to bring before the reader the fascinating picture of those stirring days. Just what is there in the story of Doc Middleton—outlaw, convict, bar tender and the last I saw of him, in a cowboy race—to be of historical value or sought for as a human interest story? It seems we are interested in not abstract philosophy, but action. We like the story of somebody doing something, either good or bad. Many will await with interest the story of those days of political unrest when a large body of citizens were seeking, as they are now, remedies in legislative halls for conditions produced by natural causes. We might have been spared that period—but missed a good story I believe John will give us—had we not been trying to grow grain where cattle should have been grazing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. King and Joe Mann drove to Sioux City on Sunday and spent the day there visiting.

Old Timers Meet in This Office and Swap Yarns

Two of the old timers of the south country met in this office last Tuesday and we had a real talk fest. They were J. S. Hoffman, who has been in that section of the county for about 55 ears, and L. W. Mielke, who came to southern Holt or was brought, as he was but two months of age when they came to the county 47 years ago. He has prospered since he came here and says that he is satisfied. A few moments after they left another old timer of the south country dropped in, C. F. W. Lehman, who has also been a resident of the county for over a half century and loves to discuss the old times in this county. These gentlemen are all Frontier readers and have been for years and say that they cannot house without the regular visits of the "Old Reliable."



Mrs. Edna Basten Donald of Grand Island, Nebr. has filed for Republican National Committee Woman to represent Nebraska.

Dr. Kubitschek's Mother Passes Away in Atkinson

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Kubitschek were conducted from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Atkinson, Nebraska, on Saturday morning. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery at Atkinson. Mrs. Kubitschek was the mother of Dr. F. J. Kubitschek of this city, and has, for the past thirteen years made her home with another son, Dr. A. J. Kubitschek, at Atkinson. She is survived by two daughters, and four sons, all of whom were present during her last illness and death.

Stuart Man Appointed Business Enumerator For Holt County

Thomas H. Higgins of Stuart, Dustin township, was appointed by Mrs. Ina Bosse, of Norfolk, district Supervisor of the Census, as business enumerator for Holt County. The precinct enumerators will not be named until April when the population and agricultural census will be taken.

New Revenue Collector Arrived Here Tuesday

H. M. Von Dollen, of Lincoln, Nebraska, arrived in this city on Tuesday, and will serve this district, with O'Neill, as his headquarters, as Deputy Internal Revenue Collector. He will have his offices in the basement of the new courthouse. Mrs. Von Dollen and children will join him as soon as he locates a place to live.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness to us during the last illness and following the death of our beloved mother. Your many acts of kindness will ever be held in grateful remembrance.—Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brennan, and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pfeiler, and family; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brennan and son; Major and Mrs. M. F. Brennan and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brennan and family, and Miss Bernadette Brennan.

Attorney J. J. Harrington returned Monday night from Lincoln, where had been on legal business.

O'Neill High Wins The Consolation Prize In County Tournament

O'Neill High won the consolation trophy in the Holt County basketball tournament held at Atkinson last week, Thursday and Friday, winning from Inman and Stuart after losing in the first round to St. Mary's of O'Neill. Thursday night's game brought out the largest crowd of the tournament. St. Mary's took an early lead and was away 14-4 at the half. O'Neill could do little better the second half and lost 28-12.

Friday morning O'Neill met Inman and won 37-17. The boys in Blue and White took a 9-2 lead in the first quarter and were in no danger after that.

O'Neill met Stuart Friday night and won 26-17 after an uphill struggle. Stuart jumped into a lead at the start of the game and were still ahead 10-6 at the quarter. O'Neill went to the front in the second period and was leading by two points, 13-11 at intermission. They strengthened the margin to 19-16 in the third quarter and pulled away in the final period.

The tournament games were played in five sessions. Thursday afternoon Ewing won from Inman and Page beat St. Joseph's. Thursday night, Page defeated Amelia, Atkinson won from Stuart, Chambers beat Ewing and St. Mary's took O'Neill High. Friday morning in the consolations, O'Neill beat Inman and Stuart romped on St. Joseph's. The semi-finals Friday afternoon saw St. Mary's take Chambers and Atkinson won from Page.

Friday night O'Neill defeated Stuart for the consolation prize and Atkinson won the championship trophy defeating St. Mary's 26-20.

Irish Defeat Butte In Extra Period Game

O'Neill High's Basketball team came through with a field goal in an extra period to defeat Butte 27-25 at Butte last Tuesday. O'Neill took the lead in the first quarter on two free throws and had a 6-4 margin at the close of the period but Butte came back and took the lead 10-8 at the intermission. O'Neill pushed to the front in the third quarter 17-16. Butte scored twice on sleeper plays to go into the lead 24-21. With 31 seconds to play Valla made good on one free throw and got a follow-in for two more points to tie the score. Just as time was up, Lowery fouled but a free throw was missed and an extra period was needed to break the tie.

O'Neill's reserves won their fourth consecutive game by defeating Butte's Seconds 15-10.

Summary			
O'Neill 27	FG	FT	F
Lowery f	2	1	3
French f	0	0	1
Sirek f	0	1	3
Ryan f	1	1	1
Valla c	6	1	3
Brown g	1	2	2
McKenna g	0	1	3
	10	7	16

F. F. A. Meeting

The F. F. A. members held their meeting Tuesday evening, January 9th. The secretary read over the program of work, and the members discussed it very thoroughly. The members talked of ways to raise money to carry on the F. F. A. activities. Tuesday of last week the instructor gave a demonstration on killing and butchering swine. The instructor showed several new methods in killing and butchering. They proved very successful. The students took actual part in killing and cutting the hog into the correct pieces. ****

ANOTHER OLD TIME RESIDENT PASSES

Mrs. C. H. Planck passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. M. Sauer last night at the age of 92 years. Mrs. Planck was the widow of one of the old time O'Neill business men and had been a resident of the county since 1884. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church, Rev. Bell officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery. Obituary notice will be printed next week.

Ag. Extension Work Covers Most of Holt County During 1939

Agricultural Extension work which is carried on cooperatively by the Nebraska College of Agriculture and the Holt County Farm Bureau has reached practically all parts of Holt County according to the annual report of county agent, Lynde R. Stout.

One hundred and sixty-two local leaders helped with the various projects sponsored by Extension Service during the preceding 12 months period. This is one of the most outstanding features of the report which was compiled in the local office. This large number of people giving their service in one project or another without pay is an indication of the extent of Extension work in the county at this time.

A total of 921 different people called at the office during the year for information dealing with some phase of farm life. In addition 159 farms were visited during 1939. A large number of these were visits concerning 4-H and livestock work.

Twenty-eight project clubs were organized with 396 members enrolled. These homemakers studied to do their job better and in addition furnished social activity for many with limited opportunities. A women's chorus was organized which is continuing to grow in popularity.

4-H club work was no doubt the most important activity carried on through the local office. Forty 4-H clubs were organized with 283 regular members enrolled of which over 90% completed the work. In addition there were 35 associate members under 10 years of age carrying the work. One state champion demonstration team was developed. This team, consisting of Margery Rees and Marvin Stauffer were given an "excellent" rating at the World's Poultry Congress in Cleveland, Ohio. Eleven 4-H members competed at the State Fair winning four blue ribbons. Two members exhibited calves at the Sioux City Livestock Show and seven at the Ak-Sar-Ben Show.

Other 4-H activities in the county included a 4-H picnic, club camp, district judging and demonstration schools, and the Holt county 4-H Stocker-Feeder Show and Sale.

The office of the county agent has been moved into the basement of the new courthouse in O'Neill where everyone is invited to inquire for information regarding agriculture and home economics. The office has available all publications for the public from the Nebraska College of Agriculture and the U. S. D. A. which may be obtained free by calling or writing the county agent's office.

The program for 1940 will stress 4-H club work, project clubs, better varieties of seed and better quality livestock, home beautification and a great many other minor projects.

Robert Schulz returned from Pierce last Thursday night, where he had been for about a week visiting a sister, Mrs. August Miller, who is seriously ill. Mr. Schulz was a resident of Pierce for many years and was engaged in the grocery business there for several years and has many relatives in that city and county. He said that it was his impression that business was not nearly as good in Pierce as it was in this city.

Joe Maring left Monday for Rochester, Minn., where he will again receive medical treatment at the Mayo Brothers Clinic.

St. Mary's B. B. Team Finish Busy Week

St. Mary's finished a rather heavy schedule last week with a record of three wins and two losses. On Tuesday the team made the long trip to Valentine where they sustained their first defeat of the season by a score of 20 to 18, a close game throughout. Davey for Valentine and Bob Shoemaker for St. Mary's had seven points each to lead the scoring.

After but one day of rest the team went to Atkinson to participate in the Holt County Tournament where on Thursday night they defeated O'Neill High 28 to 12. Here Jr. Shoemaker and Basil Price led with 8 points apiece for the winners and Lowery made 7 for O'Neill. Having progressed to the second round of the tournament due to their win over O'Neill High, the team played Chambers High the following afternoon, and defeated them 27 to 12. Hammond got hot to score 12 points for St. Mary's while Mille, chief Chambers threat, scored 9.

The second loss of the season, also of the week, came Friday night in the finals of the tournament when the Cardinals met Atkinson High on their own floor. The score was tied until late in the fourth quarter at 20 to 20, but with the loss of Basil Price on fouls Atkinson surged ahead to lead at the final whistle 26 to 20. Frost led scoring for the victors with 11 points while Hammond was making 6 for St. Mary's.

The third win of the week was again at Atkinson where the Cardinals outplayed St. Joseph's Hall on their own floor to win 39 to 23. Jr. Shoemaker alone made 12 points while Haying of St. Joe's had 9. St. Mary's won from St. Joe reserves by a count of 22 to 8 with Paul Kubitchek scoring seven points to lead for the winners.

St. Mary's was notified that two members of its basketball team had been named as members of the All-Tournament team. These players were Bob Shoemaker and Bill Biglin. Their outstanding play during all games and not only tournament games makes them fit choices for anyone's "select" team.

St. Mary's Loses The County Tournament

St. Mary's lost the basketball championship of Holt County, when they went down to defeat by Atkinson High last Friday night, by a score of 26-20, Atkinson collecting six points in the final minutes of the game to win. O'Neill High won the consolations by defeating Stuart in the first game on Friday night by a score of 26-17. Tournament scores:

First Round—	Inman 14
Ewing 16	St. Joseph 15
Page 24	Stuart 14
Atkinson 28	O'Neill 12
St. Mary's 28	
Second Round—	Ewing 12
Chambers 18	Amelia 11
Page 36	
Semi Finals—	Chambers 16
St. Mary's 27	Page 17
Atkinson 24	
Finals—	St. Mary's 20
Atkinson 26	

Marriages On Increase Instead of Falling Off

The depression of 1939 evidently meant nothing to Cupid in Holt County, for during the past year, 139 marriage licenses were issued by the County Judge; this exceeding by far, the number issued in the five preceding years, and we believe setting an all time high, in the number of licenses issued for any one year. In 1938 only 104 were issued; in 1937 107; in 1936 115; in 1935 121; in 1934 104.

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We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to us during the illness, death and burial of our beloved husband and father. Your kind acts toward us in our hour of sorrow will ever be held in grateful remembrance.—Mrs. Fuller and children.

Mrs. Tom Sullivan spent Friday in Spencer, visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. Senon.

Meeting Postponed On Account of Bad Weather

The annual meeting of the O'Neill Production Credit Association which was scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th, was indefinitely postponed, because of the inclement weather, only a few stockholders being able to get through to O'Neill yesterday. Among those arriving for the meeting yesterday were L. J. Richling, Secretary of the Norfolk P. C. A., J. C. Coupland, Inspector for the Norfolk P. C. A., Henry Kuhl, of Plainview, Director of the Yankton P. C. A., Emmett McManus of Center, Inspector for the Yankton P. C. A., Wayne McCallum, of Omaha, Assistant Secretary of the Production Credit Corporation and Henry Henatch of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Omaha.



Senator A. L. Miller of Kimball, Nebr. has filed for the Republican nomination for Governor, making the fourth Republican who has entered the field.

Holt County Agent Is Organizing Bot Routes

The county agent will cooperate with the local veterinarians again this year in organizing routes where capsules can be given for 30c per head if 100 horses can be treated in one community. Farmers who are interested in treating their horses to eradicate the common bot fly which causes no end of trouble to horses should call at the office of the county agent to organize a route.

Treatment should be administered during January and completed by February 15. The treatment expels the bot larvae before they mature and at the time of year when the weather is sufficiently cold to destroy them. These bot capsules should be given by a competent veterinarian.

Bots cause digestive disturbances, colic and even death in some horses. They serve no useful purpose and treatment should be undertaken to rid horses of them at the season when their resistance is lowest. Knowing the life cycle of the bot and a definite treatment, the only thing that stands in the way of complete control is the lack of unified action on the part of the farmers.

At a recent meeting of the Lion's club, held at the Golden Hotel, James Rooney was elected Secretary-Treasurer, to fill the post vacated by the recent resignation of James Marron. The next regular meeting date of the Lions will be next Monday.

Richard Bishop, former internal revenue collector at O'Neill, who pled guilty to the charge of embezzling \$118.00 of government funds last August, was before Federal Judge J. A. Donohue in Omaha last Monday, and was placed on probation for a period of three years.

Miss Anna Stanton, of Tilden, passed away at her home in that city last Tuesday morning. Miss Stanton was a sister of the late Pat Stanton and had many friends in this city where she had visited on numerous occasions. She was very prominent in Catholic activities in this section of the state.

Frank P. Murphy, of Stuart, filed for the democratic nomination for County Supervisor from the sixth district on January 17th.

START WRECKING OLD COURT HOUSE

Work on the demolition of the old court house started on Tuesday morning of this week, with a crew of twelve men, working under the foremanship of Walter Crook, from Bassett. The length of time required to completely tear down the structure will, of course, depend considerable upon the weather.

Pete Todson, Local Manager of Penney Store Gets Promoted

Pete Todson, who has been the manager of the J. C. Penney store in this city for the past nine years, received a telegram on Tuesday, from the company, asking him if he would consider being transferred to Mexico City, Missouri, to take charge of the store in that city. Pete immediately answered the telegram in the affirmative, and is now awaiting word as to when he is to leave, and who will be placed in charge of the O'Neill store. Pete arrived in O'Neill the first of February, 1931, coming here from the J. C. Penney store at Ord, Nebraska, and since that time, has been actively connected with every organization and club that was founded for the betterment and improvement of O'Neill, taking an active interest in all civic affairs, and buying his own home in this city, some years ago. While O'Neill is sorry to lose a resident that always boosted for the city, they rejoice with Pete and his family, that he is progressing in his chosen profession, and their best wishes will go with him to his new location.

Levi George Fuller

Levi George Fuller died at his home in this city last Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, following a lingering illness of several years. Levi George Fuller was born at Gresham, Nebr., on November 23, 1879. He moved to Holt county with his parents in 1900. For many years he engaged in farming north of O'Neill, until his illness made retirement necessary. For the past three and one half years he had made his home in O'Neill. He was united in marriage to Maude L. Dartt on March 7, 1903. To them seven children were born. One son, Edward, preceded the father in death. His wife and six children survive. The children are S. W. Fuller, Raymond P. Fuller and Mrs. E. M. Buchholz, all of Mentor, Minn.; Levi B. Fuller, Mrs. Roy Wayman and Harold H. Fuller of O'Neill. These and the bereaved wife are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. S. M. Lanphere, and a brother, E. C. Fuller, both of Omaha, and two grandchildren. The funeral was held in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. William I. Bell. Music was furnished by a women's trio. The burial was in prospect Hill Cemetery.

The Weather

The bottom almost fell out of the thermometer on Thursday morning when residents of the city woke to find that the official temperature was twenty-four degrees below zero, while the various unofficial thermometers around town registered from twenty-four to thirty degrees below. Anyway it was cold, and it still is. Snow fell all day Wednesday, and by evening a total of .07 was registered at the official station. The cold weather was general throughout the middle west and extended as far east as Chicago, and the weather man is predicting continued cold for the next few days for South Dakota and Nebraska. The weather chart for the past week is as follows:

High Low	
Thursday	31 14
Friday	32 6
Saturday	21 8
Sunday	23 6
Monday	21 8
Tuesday	27 12
Wednesday	23 -1