

O'Neill Country Club Officials Look For Good Year Ahead

The annual meeting of the O'Neill Country Club was held Monday evening, April 1. The following were elected officers and directors: Dr. L. A. Burgess, President; R. M. Sauer, Vice President; F. N. Cronin, Secretary; E. M. Gallagher, Treasurer; W. J. Biglin, Chairman of ground committee; Max Golden, Chairman of entertainment committee; P. C. Donohoe, Chairman of Club House Committee.

It is anticipated that membership will exceed that of 1939, the year that broke all records as far as membership is concerned, with 93 belonging to the Club. This is the greatest membership since the O'Neill Country Club was founded in 1915.

The Directors set the dates for the main entertainment events. The opening dance to be held May 23, and the annual Tournament which will be held June 16, 17, and 18.

Fourth of July will be celebrated on a grand scale this year and the dates for the annual stag party and costume ball will be set at a later time. Entertainment Chairman Golden informed the Directors that he had already booked Cliff Keyes and his orchestra for the tournament ball.

All newcomers to O'Neill are cordially invited to become members of this entertainment center. The O'Neill Country Club has truly been a community center in O'Neill where all who join the club participate in the various activities that the Club offers.

Son of Native O'Neill Boy Wins Honors in Georgia

O'Neill friends recently received word of the honor conferred upon 13-year-old Bert Brennan, son of Major and Mrs. Francis M. Brennan, of Fort Benning, Ga., where Bert was nominated for promotion to the highest scout rank of the Boy Scouts, that of Eagle Scout, at a session of the Boy Scout Court of honor at Fort Benning. The honor is the more unusual, in that Bert has been a boy scout for only fifteen months, which is the minimum time in which one can advance to the rank of Eagle Scout. Normally, scouts who become Eagles, this averages about one in every 400, do so after several years of work and study and recipients of the honor are generally 16 years or even older, on attaining the rank.

Major and Mrs. Brennan and children are expected to leave Fort Benning about the first of July and come to O'Neill to make an extended visit with Major Brennan's sister Bernadette and his brother, Tom.

Conoco Dealers Will Hold District Meeting Here Next Sunday

A meeting of Conoco Oil representatives will be held in O'Neill on Sunday, with a 6 o'clock dinner at the Golden, followed by a business meeting. H. W. Hays, assistant division manager of Lincoln, will be in charge of the meeting, assisted by K. B. Morrison, district superintendent of O'Neill and C. M. Hock, district superintendent of Sidney, Nebr. Ten district superintendents will be present at the meeting, and all of the Conoco agents in Mr. Morrison's territory. The superintendents will remain in Mr. Morrison's territory the coming week and will assist the local agents in the various towns.

Atkinson Man Dies of Injuries Received in Wreck

Ace Wehrly, of Atkinson, who was injured in an auto accident just outside Bassett a short time ago, when the car in which he was riding, and which was driven by John Wondercheck, also of Atkinson, crashed into a telephone pole, died on Wednesday night. A reckless driving charge was filed in the county court of Rock county at Bassett a short time after the accident by Patrolman Russell against Wondercheck.

Here's A Ticket That Can Be Supported By All Republican Voters

Next Tuesday is primary election day in Nebraska and the voters of the state will go to the polls and be given one of the largest primary ballots in years and it is their duty to pick from the list men who are well qualified and capable of filling the positions to which they aspire. Several of the men running for the various offices are competent and capable and would make good officials, but a large number of them come from the big cities of the state and we have always been of the opinion that there is just as good material for these various offices to be found in "the sticks" as there are in the larger cities, and that a better and a stronger ticket could be presented to the people of the state if it were made up from capable men from the different sections of the state, instead of limiting it to one corner, as has often happened.

During the past three or four weeks several republicans of the county have called at this office asking about the candidates for the various places on the state ticket, saying they were unacquainted with any of them and would like to vote an intelligent ballot at the election. For this reason we have prepared a list of candidates, of state officials only, composed of good, capable men from various sections of the state whom we can heartily recommend to fellow republicans as worthy of their support. It will be noted that we have omitted presenting the names of any candidates for local offices, as the people of the county are familiar with them and their ability to fill the offices to which they aspire. Following is the list that we can heartily recommend:

- For National Committeeman: Lyle Jackson Neligh
- For National Committee Woman: Edna Basten Donald, Grand Island
- For United States Senator: Hugh A. Butler Omaha
- For Governor: Dwight Griswold Gordon
- For Lieutenant Governor: William Edward Johnson, Schuyler
- For Secretary of State: Walter F. Cozad Omaha
- For Auditor Public Accounts: Roy C. Johnson Lincoln
- For State Treasurer: Dr. O. Olson Lincoln
- For Attorney General: Walter R. Johnson Omaha
- For Railway Commissioner: Edwin Schulz Elgin

Precinct Assessors Meet With County Assessor

The precinct assessor's met at O'Neill, Saturday, March 30th in the Assembly room of the Court House. All but one local assessor were present.

Following brief reports on actions taken at State and District meetings by the County Assessor, most of the time was taken up with discussion on revaluation of real estate. A comparison was made of real property valuation in various precincts as well as a comparison of Holt County with the adjoining Counties. The check showed Holt County to be much lower now than many of the surrounding counties.

After due consideration of all factors entering into the tax problems and with a full understanding that lower valuations are only reflected in higher levies, the real estate committee did not recommend a general cut. However, they suggested a complete and careful check on each property in such a way that every tax payer would carry no more than his rightful share of the tax load. This procedure may result in a few adjustments and may slightly lower the valuation of the county.

Your cooperation with your local assessor will help him to give you a fair assessment. It will also aid him in getting his books into our office well ahead of the date set for the convening of the Equalization Board which is set for June 11th.

WALTER G. SIRE,
County Assessor.

MANY THANKS

I desire to acknowledge my sincere appreciation to the citizens of O'Neill for their support at the election in again electing me to the office of Mayor of the city, and for the many congratulatory messages received. As in the past it will be my aim to always labor for the best interest of the city and the people of the best town in this section of the state. Now, that the battle is over, let us all get together for the best interest of the people of O'Neill. Thanking you sincerely, I am yours to command.

JOHN KERSENBROCK

Annual Anthrax Vaccination to Start Soon

At the last regular session of the Nebraska Legislature a law was enacted which prescribes the duties of the Department of Agriculture and Inspection in regard to the control of anthrax.

The law provides that the Department of Agriculture and Inspection shall vaccinate animals against anthrax without cost to the owner if the owner makes application to the Department declaring under oath that anthrax occurred on his premises in the course of any of the preceding five years.

A few days ago The Nebraska Bureau of Animal Industry mailed application forms to over 500 livestock owners who, according to records in the office of the State Veterinarian, Dr. F. A. Jelen, had anthrax occur on their premises during the past five years.

No doubt there are a number of anthrax infected premises of which the State Veterinarian has no record. Livestock owners who live on premises where anthrax has occurred during the past five years and who have not received their application forms may procure them from their veterinarian or by writing direct to the Nebraska Bureau of Animal Industry, State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska.

State Veterinarian Jelen advises that all owners of livestock in the anthrax infected district should have their animals vaccinated before pasture season, even though the disease has not previously occurred on their premises.

Vaccination at State's expense can be done only on premises where infection has occurred during one or more of the previous five years. This should not discourage owners on non-infected premises from vaccinating at their own expense, as the only way anthrax can be controlled in this section of the State is by consistent vaccination of all the cattle every spring before pasture season.

Friendly Neighbor Club

The Friendly Neighbor Club met Thursday, March 21, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Brugeman with Mrs. James Oppen as assisting hostess.

The business of the afternoon consisted of the election of officers. Mrs. Clay Johnson was elected President; Mrs. Ray Jansen, Vice President; Mrs. Geo. Mitchell, Leader A; Mrs. Brugeman, Leader B; Mrs. Tom Edwards, Reading Leader; Mrs. Bill Lewis, Treasurer; Mrs. C. Hicks, News Reporter; Mrs. Enard Leach, Secretary.

The lesson "The Livable Home" was presented by Mrs. James Oppen and Mrs. Clay Johnson.

Special Lecture at Methodist Church Next Monday

Dr. Wishard an Indian Nationalist of the Central Indian Methodist Conference and a Mr. Joshua of Hyderabad are in America as delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist church to be held in Atlantic City, N. J., beginning April 25. They are in the Norfolk District of the Nebraska conference for one week. O'Neill will have the privilege of hearing them at the local Methodist church next Monday evening at 8:00 p. m. All who are interested in international affairs and missions are invited.

O'Neill Music Students Win Honors At The Atkinson Contest

Ninety-one students of the O'Neill Public school participated in the Music Festival held at Atkinson last Friday, March 29. Entered in nineteen events they emerged with sixteen superior ratings. This, according to all information we have been able to find, is the best record ever to be compiled by the joint vocal and instrumental groups of our school.

This impressive showing was made possible by the co-operation extended by the citizens of the community who used their cars to transport contestants, and the large number of O'Neill people who came to help make up the largest audience in the history of the festival. The committee in charge of the festival deserve a large amount of credit for the excellent organization, making for a minimum of confusion and discomfort.

The students who appeared at Atkinson in this festival will give a concert on Tuesday, April 16, at the new high school auditorium, at 8 o'clock. Admission charge will be 15c. The money earned at this concert will be used to help transport contestants to the district music contest to be held at Fullerton on April 19 and 20th. Participants who rate superior at Fullerton are eligible to compete at the Kansas City division of the National Contest to be held May 9, 10 and 11th.

Givens—Pongratz

A very wedding was solemnized on April 3, 1940, at the Epiphany Church of Emmet when Alda Pongratz became the bride of Arthur Givens of Emmet, with Rev. J. J. O'Brien officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pongratz. She was attired in a white net floor length gown with a three-quarter length veil and was carrying a bouquet of red roses. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Harold Givens, who wore a pink organza gown.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Givens. He wore a dark blue suit. He was attended by his brother, Harold Givens.

After the ceremony they returned to the home of the bride's parents where a delicious wedding dinner was served.

The bride is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy and has been employed in the John Conard store in Emmet.

The groom is an industrious young farmer, living northwest of Emmet.

All of their friends join in wishing them a happy and prosperous future. ***

Former O'Neill Boy Dies in Butte, Montana

Jerry Hanley received a letter this morning from Mrs. H. H. Mitchell, of Jefferies, Mont., announcing the fact that her brother, Mike (Flur) Sullivan died at Butte, Montana, on March 26, 1940. Mike Sullivan was a member of one of the pioneer families that came from the copper mines of northern Michigan and located northeast of this city, where he grew to manhood and lived for many years. Mike left here about thirty-five years ago and since that time has been a resident of Butte, Mont., where he was a peace officer for many years. He had been troubled with pleuresy for several years and reputable physicians had repeatedly told him that it was only a question of time and that they could do nothing for him. He was bedfast for about six weeks before his death.

Mike was back to his old home but once since he left here and that was about 1924 when he put in several weeks here visiting among the old time friends in the Michigan settlement. He was a robust man and a genial companion and passed away in the prime of life, being only about 61 at the time of his death.

Academy Students Give Passion Play At Wood Lake

The "Crown of Thorns," which was presented by the students of St. Mary's Academy at the K. C. Hall during Holy Week, was taken to Wood Lake on Wednesday night, where the cast played before a large and appreciative audience. The choral group, which was one of the outstanding features of the play when presented in O'Neill, was unable to make the trip.

Three Sisters and Fifteen Students From St. Mary's Attend Sodality Meeting

The following teachers and students of St. Mary's Academy went to Omaha last Saturday to attend the State Sodality meeting: Sister Dolores, Sister Electa and Sister Fedes. Eileen McKenna, Darleen Weber, Monica Hoefs, Alice Jackson, Alma Wallace, Catherine Finley, Mary Ann Meer, Dorothy Dalton, Rose Anne Schulte, Etta Meyer, Verne Coyne, Betty McNally, Charlotte Buell and Constance Golden.

Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom left Friday morning for Lincoln taking John Young, who last week was sentenced by Judge R. R. Dickson to serve from one to ten years in the penitentiary on a manslaughter charge.

Robert E. Miles Selected By Lions Club to Attend Annual Boy's State

According to James W. Rooney, Secretary of the O'Neill Lions Club, that organization is sponsoring Robert E. Miles to attend the Third annual session of Boys' State, which will be held on the campus of the College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska, June 8 to 15th.

Boys' State is a plan for training in the functional aspects of citizenship. Its purpose is to teach the youth of today constructive attitudes toward the American form of government. Boy's State attempts to show that our scheme of government has not outworn its usefulness; that all a democracy needs is an intelligent citizenry and a clean, honest and impartial administration responsive to the will of the people.

Robert is the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Miles of this city and a junior in St. Mary's High School.

State Seed Regulations Changed This Year

A change in the state regulations governing the sale of agricultural seeds was announced today from the Department of Agriculture and Inspection by R. C. Kinch, State Seed Analyst.

All farmers, seed dealers, and prospective seed buyers will be affected by the change which is in accord with the Federal seed laws that went into effect recently.

Previously the percentage of sprouts and percentage of hard seeds were added together and shown as germination but Mr. Kinch pointed out that the hard seeds of alfalfa, sweet clover and other legumes must now be kept separate from the germination when reported on the seed label. The seed label must now show, (1) the percentage of germination, (2) the percentage of hard seeds and (3) the total of the percentages of germination and hard seeds.

Jolly Star Club

The Jolly Stars gathered at the home of Mrs. Ray Siders, Wednesday, March 20, for their final meeting of the year.

The lesson, "The Livable Home" was presented in an interesting manner by Mrs. L. A. Hansen, Leader A and Mrs. Wm. Derickson, who substituted for Mrs. Robert Miller, Leader B.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. C. V. Cole, President; Mrs. Robert Miller, Leader A; Mrs. John Carson, Leader B; Mrs. Wm. Derickson, Secretary; Mrs. Ray Siders, Music Leader; Mrs. John Carson, Reader; Mrs. Albert Carson, News Reporter.

Mrs. Emmet Revel and Mrs. Emmet Revel, Jr., were guests.

At the close of the afternoon everyone enjoyed doughnuts and coffee served by the hostess, Mrs. Ray Siders.

Miss Mildred Miller and Miss Elja McCullough drove to Ewing Wednesday evening and visited at the home of Miss Miller's parents, and then acted as judges in the declamatory contest.

Superintendent C. F. Grill and Principal K. L. Martin attended the superintendent's and principal's division of the Nebraska State Teacher's Association, which was held in Omaha last Friday afternoon and Saturday. The program was high-lighted by an interesting talk given by Prof. C. A. Prosser, director of the Dunwoody Institute of Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Elja McCullough, county superintendent of Holt county, entertained approximately 100 of the grade and high school teachers of the county at a 6:30 dinner at the Golden Hotel on Tuesday evening. Music was furnished by the pupils from different schools throughout the county. Following the dinner, a short address was given by E. Remsey, humorist from Midland Assemblies of Lincoln. All the schools in the county were represented at the dinner, except Chambers.

They Do Come Back. John Kersensbrock Elected Mayor Last Tuesday

In the heaviest vote ever cast in a city election the electors of O'Neill last Tuesday returned John Kersensbrock to the mayoralty chair after an absence of two years, with a majority of 64 votes, without counting the votes sent by mail votes or those of disabled voters. There were forty-seven applications received by the city clerk and that many ballots sent out and forty-four of them have been returned. Should all of these votes be for Mayor Coyne there would not be enough to change the election—they will probably be pretty evenly divided between the two candidates—so for the next two years it will again be Mayor Kersensbrock.

The election was unusually quiet. You never could hear the matter discussed on the streets or where crowds gathered until election day and a small vote had been expected. But election day all this changed as voters from all the wards of the city, flocked to the polling places and cast their ballots. A very heavy vote was cast in the forenoon and it was easy to see that there would be an unusually heavy vote cast. There were 380 votes cast in the First ward, 345 in the Second ward and 414 in the Third. Following is how the wards voted on mayor:

	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward
Coyne	158	194	183
Kersensbrock	219	149	231

The only other contest was that for councilman in the Second ward, the contest being between C. E. Lundgren and Edmund Hancock. Lundgren won the race easily, receiving a majority of 88 votes. The vote was: Lundgren 205; Hancock 117.

The only changes in the city council which will handle the affairs of the city after the first of May will be Lundgren in the Second, replacing Lindberg, who was not a candidate for re-election, and Mike Johnson in the Third, who replaces Levi Yantzi, who was not a candidate for re-election. Johnson served on the council from the Third ward for several years and is an old hand at the game.

Following is the vote received by the other candidates, all running without opposition:

C. W. Porter, City Clerk	936
Ed Quinn, City Treasurer	901
Geo. Bay, Police Judge	861
McNally, Councilman, First	302
Johnson, Councilman, Third	321

For School Board

Anna O'Donnell	613
Dr. H. L. Bennett	811

Nine O'Neill High Commercial Students To Norfolk Saturday

Nine junior commercial students are leaving for Norfolk Saturday morning to compete in the district-state commercial contest. Because of the fine work that these students have been doing this school year, despite the very late start that they got at the beginning they are to be given the opportunity to match their skills with the best in the state.

Entries are as follows: Book-keeping: Francis Murray, Clifford Burival, Lydia Halva, Edith Leinhart. Novice typewriting, 10 minutes: Bonnie Kurtz, Lydia Halva, Edith Leinhart. Same for novice typewriting, one minute, Shorthand novice: Shirley Luben, Esther Fox, Edith Leinhart, Lydia Halva.

Census Enumerators For Holt County Announced

According to Mrs. W. H. Bosse, Norfolk, census supervisor for this district, the following have been appointed as census enumerators for this county. The work of taking the census started on Tuesday. Appointees for this county: Gertrude Minahan, Amelia; Frank Minarik, Ewing; Tom Murray, O'Neill; William Murray, Atkinson; Florence Parkinson, Page; John Grutsch, Atkinson; Ernest Price, O'Neill; Ruth Rector, Middlebranch; John Walker, Page Harold Donohoe, O'Neill.

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