

SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

The sad old world is in need of a touch of humor. A gent down in Seward county contributes his bit in closing a communication to the state railway commission: "This is my 13th time on earth in human form to work wonders. I have a book pending copyright to prove my claim to 13,000 years of continual life from one body to another. Please hold Ruby station open."

One of those ponderous trucks that resembles a red barn in motion was out from O'Neill a day last week for a load of cattle from the Theo. Moss herds, to be taken to feed lots down about Laurel. Mr. Moss says buyers from that section inform him they find that cattle raised in Holt county are the most profitable of any that go through their feed yards.

In the household library there are one or two of the books compiled by the high priest of a religious group, representatives of which are in hot water most of the time for their contempt of the flag. I find these publications—rather sensible nor scriptural—rather gross perversion of scripture. They were in Holt county a few years ago, but left no impression in this neighborhood. Every individual has the right to their convictions. The aim of this group seems to be to ridicule the faith and forms of other religious bodies rather than to impart the consolation and hope of a new spiritual light to a dark world.

High winds, interrupted by light showers here and there, high temperatures falling again to a comfortable degree, clouds and blistering sunshine has been the July weather program in southwest thus far. Some grain has been harvested, corn is in the making, hay indicates a half crop and pastures are below normal. Range cattle continue in good flesh, but the flow of milk for the cream separator has been greatly reduced in recent weeks, due to some extent to the activity of the flies.

While their men "hob-nobbed" about town, a large delegation of ladies from this section contributed their presence and presents at a nuptial shower in honor of Miss Ethel Clemmens and Mr. Henry Traever, at the home of Mrs. Bertha Johnson in Atkinson a day last week. The lucky young lady is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clemmens, who reside on a ranch near Amelia. Mr. Traever is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Traever, also of Amelia. The senior Mr. Traever was well known at O'Neill a half century ago, still many residing there who remember him. For many years George has been one of the worth while citizens of this section. The young couple are to make their home near the groom's parents.

An early pleasure after the arrival of Mrs. Saunders and myself to our "country estate" was a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Luther Saunders of Hampton, Iowa. We are cousins but have had no contact, in memory or in person, since we were very small boys in Green county, Wisconsin, to which section our ancestors came from Pennsylvania nearly a century ago. Such a visit has incomparable compensation but is of no interest to the reader. Lute—as Mr. S. likes to be addressed—looks after collections and other business for an importer of Belgian horses at Hampton and has been coming to O'Neill and Atkinson for some time, there being one of these imported horses near each of these places. Importation has been discontinued because of the ravages of Adolph Hitler. They say this war is none of our affair. Importers, exporters, producers, consumers and workers are finding that maybe it is.

Lee Crawford and daughter, Mrs. George Castile, of Pittsburgh, Pa., accompanied by George Meals

4-H Club Members Will Attend Camp at Long Pine Next Month

Holt county 4-H members are reminded of the district 4-H club camp which will be held at Long Pine, August 1 to 3. The camp which has become an annual event attracting about 150 boys and girls is a regular 4-H activity under the supervision of Extension Service specialists from the state 4-H club office. 4-H camps are continuously becoming more popular in Nebraska and more effort is being made to make them more enjoyable and profitable. Every day will be completely filled with 4-H club activities and recreation with excellent supervision at all times.

The camp offers many boys and girls their only opportunity for a few days of vacation which is needed to make farm life more enjoyable. All 4-H members and leaders are invited to attend the camp, (which is operated on a cooperative basis, each member paying \$2.50 for transportation, board and lodging for three full days).

Each club leader has received an application blank which should be returned to the county agent's office this week in order that reservations and transportation may be arranged for those desiring to attend.

Many boys and girls who have attended camp in past years have indicated that they plan to attend again, but there are several new campers needed to fill the Holt county quota for this year's camp.

and his mother, Mrs. Hannah Meals, of Atkinson, visited at the home of the compiler of this column Sunday. Mr. Crawford was an early day settler near Atkinson. He went to Pittsburgh in 1895, where he has since resided, but makes frequent visits to relatives here. He and daughter, and her husband arrived at the home of Mr. Crawford's nephew, George Meals, a day last week and departed Monday of this week for Seattle, Wash., where he has a son living.

Maybe dependence on the dispenser of the "abundant life" has made us helpless. There was a time if we didn't have roast turkey we got along on corn bread and potatoes. If rain was needed something was done about it. Who remembers when? And a lot of things come drifting out of the mists of the past. There were daredevils around O'Neill like "Old Buster" and Ed Hershiser to load boxes of dynamite sticks onto a wagon, sit on the boxes and drive out northwest of the cemetery where crashing explosions, to fairly awake the dead, were set off invoking the pleasure of the fickle thunder birds. And there was the scientific gentleman, who sat for days in the cupola of the old court house wearing the brazen heavens with chemical incantations, while Tom Golden, Charley Millard and others placed tin cans about town to catch the resultant rainfall. Also the bond pr operation to irrigate all the counties from Cherry to Antelope. These interesting activities were "knocked in the head" by copious rains and the season following Frank Campbell summed up the happy aftermath by saying, "the people have raised something." That was an age of self-reliance when men hustled for a livelihood.

The spring and summer floral bloom had disappeared from the prairie by early July. Weeds where flower and vegetable garden grew, fences down and buildings faded to silver grey are the result of long absence. But the landscape is spread out in the same alluring charm as when we put padlock to the doors and left for the capital city nearly two years ago. Cottonwoods and willows and elms, fruit bending the boughs of apple trees, birds and wild life of the outdoors; the glow of early dawn, the dancing heat waves of midday, the calm of evening, stars glowing in silent splendor when darkness has spread a mantle over the quietude of night on the prairie—such will always be home to the prairie bred.

Republicans Hold Enthusiastic Meeting Here Wednesday Evening

Kenneth S. Wherry, chairman of the republican state central committee, Mrs. Ella E. Wagner, vice chairman and director of the women's division, Joe Wishart, secretary of the finance committee, were in the city Wednesday evening and were greeted by a bunch of local republicans at a dinner at the Golden Hotel that evening. The meeting was fairly well attended, representatives of the party being present from Rock and Brown county, as well as Holt. A good sized delegation were present from Atkinson and the extreme heat of the day and other unforeseen circumstances, prevented a larger attendance from our sister city on the west.

The officials of the state committee expressed confidence in the outcome of the election this fall. They were convinced that Nebraska was going republican with a substantial majority and that the nation was also going republican. While none of those present at the meeting were original Wilkie men, they are all now unanimous for him and firmly convinced that he will be the next president of the United States. Chairman Wherry, who attended the national convention, said that our candidate had a very magnetic personality and that he captured the support of all the delegates with whom he came in contact, with his ability to answer any and all questions put to him without equivocation or evasion. We can assure our members of the state committee that Holt county will join the band wagon this fall and will give a real majority for Wilkie and McNary and the entire republican ticket.

O'Neill Couple Visits Scenic South Dakota

R. H. Parker and wife recently returned from a business trip to Pierre, the state capital of South Dakota, and while there drove over to Deadwood and Lead in the Black Hills and put in six days touring the Black Hills. Also went through the Homestake Gold Mine while in Deadwood and visited several of the important scenic places.

The Rushmore Memorial upon the side of a mountain where the faces of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Theodore Roosevelt are being carved from solid granite, is a wonderful sight. It is very difficult to reach the mountain top and view these almost living monuments from that great height. It is interesting to know that the face of George Washington measures 60 feet from his chin to his forehead. Eight persons were working on the face of George Washington at the time I was there and dangling over the forehead sitting in small harness saddles or small crates, these people with air compressed chisels were carving away and smoothing the faces into fine shape. The width of these faces will average about 30 feet and about 60 feet long.

One night was spent at the Game Lodge which was the summer home of President Coolidge during one year of his presidency. Returned home through Hot Springs. The Mammoth Cave is one of the interesting caves of the United states. One large room contains almost four acres. A person can take a two mile trip or a four mile trip through this cave.

From Hot Springs to Chadron the pastures are burned brown and from Chadron to Rushville and Gordon they are taking cattle out of the pastures and the crops are in very bad shape. The sand hills regions from Valentine this way seem to look very green.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting at the Midway Store Friday night, July 19 to arrange for a place to hold our annual Old Settlers Picnic and to transact any other business that may be necessary.
A. L. BORG, President.

Mary Ellen McManus

Mary Ellen McManus, known by every one in this community as Mammie, passed away at the home of her brother in this city about 11 o'clock this Thursday morning, at the age of 67 years. The funeral will be held from the Catholic church in this city next Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and burial in the family plot in Calvary cemetery.

Miss McManus had been complaining of not feeling well for a couple of days and was very restless during Wednesday night. On Thursday morning she felt better and her brother came down to the store, opened up and looked after business until about 11 o'clock when he went home and found her lying on the lounge in the kitchen. She was dead. A physician was called and he reached there in a few moments but he said that she had passed away. It was a great shock to her brother, who had been her daily companion for over fifty years, but he will take it like the man he is.

Miss McManus was born at Benton, Wisconsin, about 67 years ago. In 1890 she came to this county and has ever since been a resident of O'Neill and since the death of her folks had made her home with her brother, P. J. McManus. Miss McManus had never married nor had her brother and they kept house together, Miss McManus overseeing the work in the household and for the past dozen years, P. J. looking exclusively after his business interests.

For several years Miss McManus was a teacher in the O'Neill public schools then retired from school teaching and went into the store of her brother, P. J. McManus as bookkeeper, where she was employed for many years. In fact until the past few months she had been an employe of the store.

Miss McManus came to this county fifty years ago and it has been the writer's privilege to have known her ever since she came to the county. In our youth she was one of the young ladies that traveled around in the crowd with which we associated and many good times the youngsters of those days had in the various dances and parties they attended. She was a charming young woman and had a host of friends in this city and county who will learn with regret of her sudden death. Our deepest sympathies go out to her brother, P. J., who, while the eldest in the family is the only survivor. He has lost something that cannot be replaced and faces the future alone. He, who rules over us does everything for the best and there may be better days coming.

Band Concert Program For Saturday, July 20

March—"Columbian".....King Novelty Medley—"Eyes of Texas".....Hall
Waltz—"American Beauty".....King Vocal Solo—"Without a Song" by Youmans; Soloist, Charles Yarnall.
March—"March of the Steel Men".....Belsterling
Selection from the Largo of the New World Symphony—Largo "Goin' Home".....Dvorak
Cornet Duet—"Side Partners" by Clarke; Played by Miss Dorothy Yocum and Miss Dorothy Lowery.
March—"Fidelity".....King Hymn—"Adesta Fideles".....Traditional

Small Grain Harvest About Through

The harvesting of the small grain crop in Holt county has been under way for the past week, with the yield reported in most cases running from 18 to 30 bushels per acre of oats and mostly of good quality. The corn, which is rather late, is beginning to show the effects of the continued dry weather and the burning winds from the south. The cutting of the wild hay crop, which is one of Holt county's most important assets, has also started, but most reports are to the effect that there will be less than half a crop.

Fire Destroys Buildings On A Farm Northwest of O'Neill

Last Saturday night about 10 o'clock, as nearly as can be determined, the farm home on the old Tom McKenzie place, now owned by T. J. Gallagher and rented by Gilbert Benash, burned to the ground while Mr. and Mrs. Benash and family were in O'Neill. They returned home about one o'clock to find the house completely burned with the loss of all their household furnishings and clothing.

On Tuesday afternoon between three and four o'clock the barn on the same place caught fire, and it was completely destroyed, along with the corn crib and granary. Mr. Benash was in the field at the time, and was called by his wife, who discovered the whole top of the barn was burning, and he immediately attempted to rescue four horses and one yearling pure bred bull who were in the barn. He failed to get any of them out and they along with all of his harness, grain and feed were completely destroyed. Mr. Benash was overcome with fire and smoke and suffered burns and cuts while attempting to rescue the animals.

We understand that the buildings were covered with insurance, but that there was absolutely none on the contents of either the house or barn. Mr. and Mrs. Benash and children are at present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benash, parents of Gilbert.

BRIEFLY STATED

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek left Friday morning for St. Louis, where they will meet Dr. Kubitschek's brother, Paul, and he and his wife will accompany Dr. and Mrs. Kubitschek on a trip to Mexico City. They expect to return home about August 5th.

Mrs. L. A. Burgess entertained at a bridge party at her home Monday evening, honoring her sister, Mrs. Henry Fowler, of Omaha, Nebraska. Mrs. R. M. Sauer won high as did Mrs. Mark Crandall. Mrs. Henry Fowler was presented with the guest prize.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Johnson and daughter left Thursday evening for Omaha, where they visited relatives. On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Johnson started on their trip to the coast, leaving their daughter with her grandparents until their return.

Mrs. H. J. Bauman, Mrs. John Protivinsky, daughter, Bernadine, son John, and Mrs. Howard Bauman, son Richard, and daughter Ann, drove to Lincoln on Sunday where they visited Howard Bauman, who is receiving medical treatment at the Veteran's hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Benson came up from Norfolk and were guests at the home of his brother, Blake Benson and family Saturday night. On Sunday they with Mrs. Alice Benson, Mrs. Rhoda Sargent and Mrs. Maude Fuller were guests at the Frank Griffith home.

Mrs. Guy Cole, Mrs. Catherine Keiser and Miss Ruth Harris drove to Sioux City on Monday and spent the day there visiting friends and relatives. They returned home in the evening, and Jimmie Bridges returned with them, and will spend a few weeks in Emmet visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cole.

Holt county's only representative at the 4-H conservation camp in Chadron this week is Bill Rees of Amelia, who is a guest of Chas. S. Horn of the Federal Cartridge Company of Minneapolis. The camp is held for the purpose of teaching 4-H members and adults to practice conservation of natural resources.

Many Holt county people will be interested in learning that the Nebraska college of agriculture has published a new circular No. 63 entitled "Buffalo Grass for Lawns," which gives the latest information on how to use this type of grass for farm and city lawns. This publication may be obtained by writing Lynde R. Stout, County Agent, in O'Neill.

They Listened To Their Master's Voice

The one-man democratic party, and that man New Dealer Roosevelt, has about concluded their deliberations in Chicago, or he has concluded them for the delegates, Hitler, Mussolini or Stalin never had a greater hold on a body of men than the president of the United States had on the democratic national convention.

For the first two days of the convention even the newspaper writers, who have been friendly to the New Deal, were unanimous in their opinion that the convention was a dud, no interest, no enthusiasm. They had not received orders from their master. Finally, in a grandiose movement on Wednesday he sent a message to the chairman, Senator Barkley, one of his henchmen, that he was not a candidate for the nomination and that he was releasing the delegates pledged to him. What a grand movement when half a dozen of his cabinet members were in Chicago promoting his candidacy and urging his nomination. If he did "not plan it that way" it would not be so. He was finally nominated Wednesday night. On Thursday his supporters received word that he wanted Henry Wallace as the candidate for vice president and the delegates, no matter what they think personally, will acquiesce and it will be Roosevelt and Wallace for the fall campaign. As the campaign progresses we will have more to say about this convention and the man that pulled the strings and handled the delegates.

F. F. A. Meeting

The F. F. A. held their regular meeting, Saturday evening at the school house. The last meeting was not held, due to weather conditions. Several members were absent. The condition of the new school house lawn, which was planted by the Vocational Agriculture students, was reported on by Mr. Mathis. A camping trip was also discussed. The officers and advisor plan to attend a meeting of state and chapter officers. They will learn new ideas and ways to organize a chapter.

The Alpha Club

Evelyn Simonson was hostess to the Alpha Club on Wednesday, July 10. Fourteen members answered roll call with, "What's New in Groceries."

The program consisted of a vocal solo by Grace Borg, and a dessert demonstration by Margery McNulty. Following the program a "How Smart Are You?" quiz was held. Perle Widtfeldt received highest rating. The next meeting will be at the home of Minnie Boshart on August 14.

Mrs. Francis Kennedy, of Central Falls, Rhode Island, and Mrs. W. M. Maxwell and daughter, Romaine, arrived in the city Monday and spent a couple of days visiting at the home of Mrs. Maxwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherm Ennis. They left Wednesday for San Diego, California, where they will join their husbands, who are officers in the United States Navy.

Miss Jane Mains, formerly of this city, now of Denver, has been selected to be a special guest of the Denver Post on an excursion trip to Cheyenne, Wyoming, on Frontier Days, July 23, with all expense paid. Governor Carr, of Colorado, and Wendell Wilkie, the republican presidential candidate will also be on the special train. Congratulations, Miss Jane.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leidy left Wednesday morning for St. Louis, Mo., where they will attend the annual convention of the International Baby Chick association, which will be held in that city next week. On their way down they will visit some of the manufacturing plants with which they do business in Iowa and Kansas. On their way home they will also visit manufacturing plants in Indiana and Kentucky. They expect to be away from home for about ten days or two weeks.

A Large Delegation of Atkinsonites to Be Here Next Monday Night

A delegation of Atkinson Boosters, numbering about 300, will be in the city about 7:30 next Monday evening and will spend the evening in O'Neill boosting for their Hay Days and Diamond Jubilee on August 1, 2 and 3.

The auto caravan will leave Atkinson shortly after noon and headed by the Atkinson High School Band of 65-pieces, will visit Emmet at 2 p. m.; they will pass O'Neill on their eastern trip and will be at Inman at 3 o'clock; Clearwater at 4:15, then on the homeward trip at Ewing at 5:30, then to O'Neill which they will reach about 7:30 and they will be here for several hours and promise to put on a real show in the capitol city. Arrangements were under way for a special train to advertise the event along the Northwestern railway from Long Pine to Norfolk, but the deal fell through and the auto caravan will take the place of the special train. More modern and more up to date.

County Music and Reading Leaders Will Meet Here Next Tuesday

The special summer training meeting for project club presidents, music leaders and reading leaders will be held in the O'Neill Public School on Tuesday, July 23.

The morning session, starting at 10:00 A. M. will be a joint session for all new presidents, music leaders, and both the retiring and newly elected reading leaders who do not take office until October 1. The entire county chorus will be present to receive special help in preparation for the State Fair massed chorus sing and to rehearse for the program to be given at the Atkinson Hay Days. In the afternoon three separate meetings will be held so each person can attend only one section. As far as possible the elected officers should attend in preference to substitutes.

The new and retiring county chairman and the group chairman will be in attendance and the training will be in charge of Mrs. Ethel Bowen and assistants from the Extension Service at Lincoln. Arrangements are being made for a covered dish luncheon at noon and an attendance of over one hundred ladies is expected to start off the new project club year.

Former O'Neill Natives Back For A Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley, of San Diego, Calif., were in the City today visiting their many old time friends in the city of their youth. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley left here about thirty years ago and since that time have been residents of California and this is their first visit back to the old home town. Before leaving for the west coast Mr. Kelley was an employe of the First National bank of this city and Mrs. Kelley was the daughter of Alexander Boyd, one of the old time carpenters and contractors of this city. They expected to leave Friday on their journey westward.

The Weather Hot and Dry

Whew! but it's hot, and still is. We are unable to give the correct temperature as recorded by the official weather bureau, but the unofficial thermometers around town recorded anywhere from 105 to 108 on Wednesday and today seems just as hot. O'Neill received a nice shower early Monday morning, but other than that we have had no moisture. We are under the impression that the weather man has become discouraged and is going out of business, as we were unable to locate the weather reports this morning, and there is a large sign, posted just inside the front door of the court house, which states that a slightly used rain gauge is for sale.

Miss Ann Harty left Wednesday for Grand Island, Nebraska, where she will visit at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cronin, for the next week.