

BERGSTROM STARS FOR O'NEILL HIGH AT LINCOLN MEET

O'Neill Track Team Will Close A Very Successful Season At Wayne Next Saturday.

Leonard Bergstrom, hurdler and star of the O'Neill track team won first place in the 120 yard high hurdles in Class B at the state high school track and field meet at Lincoln last Saturday. His time was the best for the meet, bettering the Class A time, and winning at 16.3 seconds. He was also third in the 200 yard low hurdles.

The 1937 track squad of O'Neill high school will drop the curtain on their current season Saturday, May 22, at the Wayne invitation meet.

Led by Leonard Bergstrom and Jack Vincent the 1937 squad has added more laurels to the list than any group of their predecessors. They started the current season with a 62 to 60 victory in a dual meet with Rock county high school at Bassett on April 8. Next they took third place among the large number of schools competing at the Norfolk invitation meet, finishing behind Norfolk and York.

They won the Ericson invitation meet team and relay crowns, in which twenty-six of central Nebraska's finest teams were participating. May 1 they annexed the annual Holt county track and field crown with a total of 71 points, the highest ever chalked up by a team in winning this meet.

The O'Neill squad also won the Niobrara Valley conference meet on May 10 with 71 and nine-tenths points, a new record for points in the conference meet.

On May 15 at Lincoln, paced by the states finest hurdlers Leonard Bergstrom tied for sixth place in Class B of the Nebraska championships, in which fifty-six B schools were participating. Robert Gunn, junior half-miler turned in a 2:08 half mile to win fourth in his heat. Jack Vincent qualified for the state high jump finals and the relay team composed of Leonard Bergstrom, Jack Vincent, Clarence Benda and Allen Spindler took second in their heat of the 880 relay.

Leonard Bergstrom was the star of the O'Neill team, never having been beaten during the 1937 season and winning the state gold medal for the outstanding performance in high school hurdles in the A, B, C and D groups. He was closely followed by Jack Vincent, probably the most versatile athlete ever to don the blue uniform for O'Neill high.

Alto the squad loses five of its star performers this year by graduation, it is expected that such men as Gunn, Hunt, Allendorfer, Jeffrey, Hanley, Clift, L. Lorenz, M. Lorenz, Marrow and others will be able to keep up the track tradition in another year. Captain Spindler, Bergstrom, Vincent, L. Spindler and Benda graduate this spring.

War Veterans Planning Memorial Day Program

A Memorial day program presented by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars of this city will be given Sunday, May 30 at 2:30 p. m. at the K. C. Hall. The program is as follows:

March, "Rifle Rangers," Band; Presentation of Colors, Color Bearers; March, "National Anthem," Band; Chorus, "The Faded Coat of Blue," St. Mary's Academy; March, Band; Reading, "Home Coming," Wilfred Kubichek; Vocal Duet, "Vacant Chair," St. Mary's Girls; Address, Mr. William T. Brennan, county attorney of Boyd county; "Star Spangled Banner," Band; Retirement of Colors, Color Bearers; March, Band.

Services at the cemetery: Attention; Salute by Firing Squad; Star Spangled Banner; Flowers on Graves by Flower Girls; "Taps."

Cattlemen Meeting

There will be a meeting of purebred and commercial cattle producers in the assembly room of the new court house in O'Neill on Saturday, May 29, at 1:30 p. m. This meeting is called to work out plans, location and date for the stocker-feeder show and sale and a purebred calf show this fall. Everyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

The Weather

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| May 14 | 80 | 41 | |
| May 15 | 79 | 51 | |
| May 16 | 74 | 50 | |
| May 17 | 77 | 46 | |
| May 18 | 78 | 49 | |
| May 19 | 72 | 50 | T. |

Hogs Bring Best Prices In Seven Months In An Upswing At Atkinson

Atkinson, Nebr., May 18.—Hog prices surged upward as much as \$1 and \$1.50 a hundred over a week ago at Tuesday's livestock auction. Better grade hogs 200 to 300 pound average cashed mainly at 10.60 to 10.90; fat sows at 10.00 to 10.50; wet sows at 9.00 to 9.65; heavy feeders at 9.50 to 11.20; light feeders at 10.30 to 12.50.

With 590 cattle on sale the market continued its advance of a week ago, particularly on all butcher cattle and bulls which showed further gains of 25 to 50 cents a hundred. Stockers and feeders were fully steady to in some instances 15 and 25 cents higher. Very few cattle were sold locally most of them going to territory that has been favored with plenty of moisture. Atkinson and O'Neill butchers were liberal bidders for the good fat ones, giving 7.50 to 8.15 for some top fat heifers.

Best load of steer calves at 8.05 heifers of the same brand in load lots at 7.35; best load of yearling steers at 7.75; calves mainly at 6.75 to 8.05; heifers at 5.50 to 7.35; yearling steers at 5.75 to 7.75; fat heifers at 7.00 to 8.15; fat cows at 6.75 to 8.00; good heavy cows at 5.50 to 6.50; canners and cutters at 3.50 to 5.00; bulls at 5.00 to 6.00; cows and calves at 45.00 to 50.00 a head. Plenty of buyers for everything offered and selling moved along rapidly.

Next auction, Tuesday, May 25, at 1 p. m.

Barn and Granary On John Sullivan Place Are Destroyed by Fire

Last Friday afternoon fire destroyed the barn and some other out-buildings on the farm of Supervisor John Sullivan south of this city. Some rye that was stored in the granery was also burned as well as a corn sheller and some other farm machinery.

His little granddaughter, Patricia Sullivan, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan, was playing with matches in the barn and accidentally set the place afire. She was rescued from the barn by her uncle, John Sullivan, Jr., after she had suffered a few burns on the body. The O'Neill fire department responded to the alarm but arrived too late to be of assistance in extinguishing the flames. Mr. Sullivan said that he carried \$300 worth of insurance on the barn, the granery and the farm machinery not being insured.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued in the office of the County Judge during the past week:

Lester J. Jonas and Miss Marie A. Lawyer, both of O'Neill, on May 14.

James M. Rexin and Miss Fern Sisson, both of Ewing, on May 15.

Frank Beelert and Miss Donna Harper, both of Page, on May 18.

George Harrah of Missoula, Mont., and Miss Leona Stoural of Verdigre, on May 18. The latter couple were united in marriage by Rev. H. D. Johnson in the Presbyterian Manse Tuesday morning. They were accompanied by the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Emon H. Stoural of Verdigre.

Harley Dalton of Bloomfield and Miss Ellen Van Buren of Verdigre, were granted a license on May 18. This couple were married that evening in the Presbyterian Manse, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating.

Milford Smith of Bucktail, Nebr., and Miss Sarah M. Abbott of Josie, were granted a marriage license on Wednesday and were later united in marriage by Rev. H. D. Johnson at the Presbyterian Manse.

Gatz Brothers are building an addition, 24x62 feet to their ice plant and beer storage vault, just south of the Burlington tracks. The new addition will be used as a garage for their line of trucks as well as for beer storage.

O. S. SPILLMAN WILL SPEAK AT PUBLIC SCHOOL EXERCISES

Forty-four Seniors Will Receive Diplomas At Commencement Exercises May 27th.

Commencement exercises for the senior class of O'Neill high school will be held at the K. C. hall next Thursday evening, when a class of forty-four will receive their diplomas. This is the largest class that has ever graduated from the O'Neill public school.

O. S. Spillman of Norfolk, former attorney general of Nebraska and one of northeast Nebraska's most prominent citizens, will deliver the commencement address.

The program will begin with the professional with the high school orchestra playing Priests March. The Invocation will be by Rev. H. D. Johnson, followed by music and the commencement address. Following this Dr. H. L. Bennett will present the diplomas, and Supt. R. W. Carrol will make the honor awards and award the Eighth grade diplomas. Rev. Johnson will say the benediction and the recessional will be played by the orchestra.

The senior class officers are: Myrtle Brown, president; Jack Vincent, vice president; Magel Harbottle, secretary and treasurer. The class sponsors are Miss Blanche Collins and Supt. Carrol.

The class roll follows:

Vernice Marguerite Anderson, Wayne G. Bates, Thelma L. Bausch, Olive Velda Beckwith, Agatha A. Beelaert, Clarence Bernard Benda, Leonard L. Bergstrom, Opal N. Boshart, Helen A. Bowers, Victor N. Bredehoft, Myrtle Marie Brown, Violet Butterfield, Willard C. Clausen, Walter R. Cole, Owen Edward Davidson, Marian J. Dempsey, Walter P. Donohoe, Ella A. Eisert, Robert Frank Gaskill, Shirley M. Grass, Delta Irene Gunn, Magel M. Harbottle.

Ruth Myrl Harris, Melvin F. Janzen, Bessie M. Jones, Veda Aladene Kee, Wilfred Kubichek, Marjorie A. Lindberg, Eugenia M. Luben, Robert E. Mains, Ruth E. Osenbaugh, Dale Revell, Luella Mae Richter, Doris Eleanor Reiken, Doris Janice Robertson, Leone N. Spindler, LeRoy R. Spindler, Allan Spindler, Ellen A. Stauffer, Mildred I. Stewart, Boycie E. Vanderlinden, Jack F. Vincent, Wanda L. Wolfe and Geraldine A. Yarnall.

Class colors, Old Rose and Silver; class flower, Pink carnation; class motto, Out of the Harbor—Into the Open Sea.

The Eighth grade graduates who will graduate the same night are:

Lydia Halva, Gertrude Worford, Eleas Timmerman, Rachel Salmans, Berrice Jones, Marie Harris, Eunice Hunt, Richard Holsclaw, Helen Hagensick, Francis Gunn, Merrill Hicks, George Dahlsten, Lucille Worford, Marian Olson, Maxine Taylor, Ned Porter, Howard Dahlsten, Ellen Erb, Dale Butterfield, Dorothy Morrow, LaVern Lynch, Gerald Leach, Donald Lowery, Lawton Janzen, Arthur Holz, Francis Holz, Russell Simpson, Lyle Thomas, Robert Yantzi, Reta Wilkinson, LeRoy Wernke and Oda Posvar.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 23, at 8 p. m. at the Methodist church. Reverend May will deliver the address.

Class night program will be held next Tuesday at the high school auditorium. The program follows: Salutatory, Myrtle Brown; Class History, Wilfred Kubichek; Vocal Trio, Ruth Harris, Doris Robertson and Ruth Osenbaugh; Class Prophecy, Ruth Harris; Xylophone Solo, Geraldine Yarnall; Class Will, Magel Harbottle; Class Yell, Class; Valedictory, Delta Gunn.

ALPHA CLUB

The Alpha Club held their annual May tea party at the home of Mrs. Lillian Drayton on Wednesday, May 12. Each member was to invite a guest. The guests were: Mrs. Bonnie Moses of Wayne, Mrs. Art Cowperthwaite, Mrs. John Schmidt, Mrs. Loren Simonson, Mrs. C. L. Olsen, Mrs. Herb Hammond, Mrs. S. R. Robertson, Mrs. Clarence Weyman, Mrs. John Clausen, Mrs. Irvin Simonson and Mrs. Bennett Sanders, all of O'Neill.

The club colors of red and white were carried out very beautifully in the decorations. The center

piece for the table was a small May pole in red with tiny dillies carrying white streamers. Real flowers were used to decorate the May-pole. Mrs. Mary Reed of Wayne, sent the club a very beautiful bouquet of tulips for their May party. A short business meeting was held. The program, which followed, consisted of a book review by Ruby Morton and a reading by Mary Widtfeldt. A delicious luncheon was served about 4:30, in the afternoon.

Opening Dance of 1937 Country Club Season Will Be Monday Night

The 1937 season at the O'Neill country club will open Monday May 24, by a dancing party at the club house. Max Golden is chairman of the entertainment committee and he has secured Craig Cissel and his ten piece orchestra to furnish music for the occasion. Dick Jordan, the manager of Danceland, made it possible for the club to get this orchestra and says it is one of the best bands to visit this section of Nebraska. The dance will start and 9 o'clock and continue until 12:30.

Many golfers are appearing on the course the last few days. The grounds are in excellent condition and new memberships are being issued daily. The weekly bridge and grill parties will start about June 1, and are certain to cause more enjoyment than ever before. This feature of entertainment is very pleasing to all members.

New members for 1937 are Bennett Grady, Clarence Saunto, Orville Winchell, L. D. Putnam, A. J. Kubitschek of Atkinson, and W. P. Dailey of Emmet.

The membership drive has really just begun and it is the prediction of R. M. Sauer, chairman of the membership committee, that 1937 will show a larger membership than any previous year. Dr. L. A. Burgess, president of the club, states that the annual tournament which begins the 20th of June will surpass any previous effort of the O'Neill club in the matter of tournaments, notwithstanding the record of fifteen successful annual events. Already word has come to O'Neill for this annual meeting.

All O'Neill residents are invited to join the club and participate in the summer activities.

Mrs. Newton Carson Reaches Her 85th Year

Mrs. Newton Carson of Redbird was 85 years old May 15, but celebrated the day Sunday, May 16. Five of her seven children were able to spend the day with her. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wolfe of Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter of Star, Mr. and Mrs. John Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carson and daughter, Lizzie, of Redbird.

Others present were Helen Krugman of Opportunity and Mr. and Mrs. William McWhorter of Foster, Nebr. The two children not present were Will of Lincoln, and James of Page.

The day was spent quietly in visiting and a lovely dinner was served at noon.

Until the last year Mrs. Carson has been in good health for one of her years. Last Thanksgiving day she suffered a severe heart attack and was seriously ill until Christmas. From then on until recently she has been confined only part of the time to her bed, and now she is getting outside some and taking an interest in the flowers and outside work being done.

Mrs. Tom Crowe and son were also callers on her birthday and she received many nice gifts and lots of cards and letters.

ATTENTION ALL EX-SERVICE MEN

All ex-service men are cordially invited and urged to meet at the Arbuthnot & Reka Service Station at 2 p. m. on Sunday, May 30, 1937, to join the parade which will then march to the K. C. hall for the Memorial Day program, which will be given at 2:30 p. m.—C. C. Reka, Commander American Legion; Ralph S. Scofield, Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Presbyterian Ladies Guild will hold a bake sale at Grady's store Saturday afternoon, May 22, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Jury Finds O'Connell Guilty of Perjury

The jury in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Cornelius O'Connell, who was on trial in the district court the forepart of the week, returned a verdict Wednesday afternoon, about two hours after the case had been submitted, finding the defendant guilty of the offense as charged. The defendant has three days in which to file a motion for a new trial and if that is denied he can appeal to the supreme court.

Mr. O'Connell was charged with perjury in the testimony given in the district court last March when his son was on trial for participating in the theft of some liquor from an Atkinson liquor store. At the conclusion of that case Judge Dickson, from the bench, directed the county attorney to bring action against Mr. O'Connell for perjury and he was arrested a few days later, arraigned in the county court, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court.

The principal evidence presented by the defense in the case this week was given by Mr. O'Connell and his two children, a son and daughter, and was substantially the same as that given by Mr. O'Connell and his children in the trial of the son last March. They alleged that the son was at home the morning of November 24, 1936, and therefore could not have been where the state witnesses testified he was, at Page and later at Norfolk. The state had witnesses who testified that they had seen George O'Connell at Page and at Norfolk on the morning of Nov. 24, 1936, and later on the same day at the latter place.

The case occupied the attention of the court for the greatest part of three days, starting Monday morning with the empanelling of a jury and the case being submitted to the jury a little after 2 o'clock Wednesday. This was the only case to be tried to a jury at the present time.

The County Attorney conducted the prosecution while Judge J. J. Harrington represented the defense.

Today We Start the Fifty-eighth Year

Today The Frontier publishes the first edition of its fifty-eighth year. It is one of the oldest newspapers in the state and has served this community since a short time after it founding, having been established by the late W. D. Matthews. He had come here from Wisconsin, and a bit discouraged at the sight of the town, was about ready to return to the Badger state when he heard that Tom Smith, publisher of the Holt County Record had offered to bet a substantial sum that the Wisconsin tenderfoot would not dare start a paper here. This aroused "Doc" Matthews' ire and in July, 1880, The Frontier was launched, soon taking the lead in the Holt county field, which it has held to this day.

There are a good many of the descendants of the original subscribers on our list, both in this county and elsewhere thruout the world. There still remain a few who have been on our subscription list for half a century.

Friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mrs. S. Zakezewski Sunday, May 16, to help her celebrate her birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Podany and daughter, Mary Lou; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dietsch; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Carl; Mrs. Lee Berglund; Mrs. Kate Mudloff; Miss Emma Berglund; Miss Suzanne Mudloff, Bud Laman, Harvey Krugman, Harold Berglund, Gene and Tony Mudloff and Kenneth Berglund. The entire evening was spent by playing cards. A midnight lunch was served consisting of ice cream and cake. The crowd left about 1 o'clock having had a fine time and wishing Mrs. Zakrzewski many more happy birthdays.

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek left last Sunday for Omaha where the Doctor will attend the annual meeting of the Nebraska Dental association, being held in that city the first four days of this week. While the Doctor is attending the convention Mrs. Kubitschek will put in her time visiting relatives and friends.

FIRE WEDNESDAY EVENING NEARLY DESTROYS LOCAL ARMOUR CREAMERY PLANT

Left Wing of Building Guttled and Large Quantity of Eggs Lost In Fire That Did An Estimated Damage of Nearly \$75,000.00.

Fire, which started in the boiler room, gutted the \$100,000 plant of the Armour Creameries in this city Wednesday afternoon and night, entailing a loss that is estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Insurance on the company's properties is looked after by the Chicago office but Mr. Myhre, the local manager, said he believed that the loss was fully covered by insurance.

About 5:45 last evening the fire whistle summoned the firemen to the call of duty and when it was learned that the fire was in the Armour plant hundreds of the citizens of the city rushed to the scene of the fire. The fire started in the boiler room, on the north side of the building, about thirty feet from the northwest corner of the building and it burned fiercely for several hours, not being completely conquered by the fire department until after midnight last night.

Employees of the firm are at a loss to account for the cause of the fire. A couple of men were working in a room adjacent to the boiler room, until 5:40 last evening, when they completed their days work. When they reached the main floor one of them said he smelled smoke and went to investigate. He discovered a fire in the engine room and while he went and grabbed the fire extinguishers that were in the plant the other rushed for the telephone to summon the fire department, who promptly responded to the call.

When the department reached the scene smoke was pouring from the building. The department was not hampered by the lack of water and thousands of gallons were poured on the fire. In the west side of the building there were thousands of egg cases and egg case ingredients and they continued to smolder for hours, until shortly after midnight when the department finally conquered the stubborn blaze. It was one of the toughest fires to fight ever seen in the city. Three of the members of the department remained on duty at the plant all night, keeping a watchful eye on the charred embers.

The fire burned thru the ceiling of the basement and wrecked most of the main floor in the west section of the building. By opening all windows a good southeast wind helped to keep the fire from working to the southeast. About an hour and a half after the fire started it had caught in the elevator shaft and in another half hour had burned thru to the roof.

Fire from the first floor moved up along the north and west walls to the ceiling but only broke thru the roof on the west side in the center of the building. By nine o'clock the fire was under control and had ceased to spread.

With aid of trucks, and men who

pitched in and helped, all crate material, office supplies and fixtures and other supplies were removed from the east wing of the building which housed the offices. The safe was the only piece remaining in the building. Crate material, chickens and supplies were loaded onto boxcars at the Burlington depot.

There were 10,000 pounds of cheese and 14,000 pounds of dressed chickens and turkeys in the coolers. They have not been inspected as yet but from outside appearances it is believed they suffered no damage.

Manager Myhre is of the opinion that at least all of the northwest corner of the north side of the building will have to be rebuilt. The first floor burned away on the north side and crates and other machinery dropped into the basement. There were 800 cases of eggs in the basement that were destroyed, some chickens as well as a lot of machinery. Workmen are busy this morning clearing away the debris and until a complete inventory is made it will be impossible to estimate the financial loss caused by the fire but it is estimated that it will run between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Officials of the company from the east are expected to arrive in the city some time today to inspect the ruins. Manager Myhre says they have been enjoying a very nice business and he is of the opinion that the plant will be at once rebuilt, but nothing definitely will be known until after the arrival and inspection of the officials.

Citizens of this city, county, as well as several surrounding counties, are hopeful that the plant will be rebuilt, as it was about the most prosperous business in the city and furnished the farmers and poultry raisers of this section of the northwest a good reliable market for their products.

The main building of the plant, which was damaged by fire, was 81x120 feet, a story and a half high with a full basement. The building was erected in 1926 at a cost of about \$100,000, and has been in successful operation here since that time. During the busy season, the months of October, November and December, they employ about 70 in the plant and their payroll runs around \$1,200 a week. Their payroll the year around will average about 45 persons, 35 being on the payroll at the time of the fire.

The office part of the building, the wooden building just east and joining the main plant, was not damaged by fire, although all office records were removed from the building to the hatchery building about 100 feet north of the main building. The basement of this part of the plant was also filled with supplies and they were undamaged.

Preparing Used Car Lot

The Miller Bros. Chevrolet company have rented the back end of the lots on which the K. C. hall building stands and have erected thereon a used car sale yard. They have fenced the space, 45x60 feet with an eight foot fence on the east and north sides of the lot; starting north from the building on the west they will have a wire netting, eight feet high, on both sides of the entrance gates, with a four-foot advertising panel along the top. The yard will be supplied with flood lights and will add much to the attractiveness of Third street.

Brother George is gaining quite a reputation as a descriptive writer, especially when dealing with epidemics. While the language used in his article last week, in describing an epidemic, was rather uncouth and jarring, there was no question in the mind of the reader, at the conclusion of the article, that the expurgation of the patients interior did not bring relief.

Driving Over Fire Hose May Cause Arrest

During the fire Wednesday night hundreds of residents drove in cars down to see the blaze. A great many of these drivers paid no attention to the hose lines and repeatedly drove over them. There is a severe penalty for this offense and the city officials desire to warn residents and others that hereafter people caught driving over hose lines at a fire will be arrested and prosecuted. A man living in the south part of the county was arrested for doing this Wednesday night, but as he said that he was ignorant of the fact that he was not supposed to do it, he was released. Be careful in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barnard of Casper, Wyo., arrived in the city last Saturday on their way home from a business trip to Detroit, Mich., and visited here over night at the home of Mr. Barnard's sister, Mrs. C. E. Yantzi. They left for their Wyoming home Sunday.