

## CREEKS SWOLLEN BY HEAVY RAINS TAKE OUT BRIDGES

A Hail Accompanying Rain Last Thursday Night Damaged Crops and Gardens.

The country north of O'Neill received a soaking rain last Thursday night, that was almost a cloud-burst in places. A result of the heavy downpour three county bridges on Honey creek are out and four or five on the Eagle. The bridge across the Eagle on highway 281 had several feet of approaches washed out and part of the road, but it was quickly repaired. The other bridges have not been repaired but some members of the county board were going out in that section today to observe the damage done. So far as we have been able to learn gardens suffered severely in places, but crops were not badly damaged.

The real heavy downpour was along the Eagle, or from Honey creek north and there was considerable hail in places. The rainfall is estimated at from 1.50 to 5 inches, having near that amount on the John Schmidt place northeast of this city. John says it cut his garden up badly, but he did not think it hurt his crops.

The center of the storm seemed to be the old D. J. Cronin ranch, now occupied by A. T. Drayton. Hail to the depth of several inches fell there and a deluge of water, which washed away a lot of his fences.

Just south of there J. B. Donohoe reports that they had a real soaker and quite a lot of hail. He said that he had a fifteen acre field of rye on the north side of the place that was wiped out by the hail and that he had to replant his corn on the north side of his place.

R. J. Rhode, who lives in Coleman precinct, said that the heavy downpour was about ten miles south of his place, but that they had a nice rain in his section. That section of the county, along the Honey and Eagle is rather rolling and the heavy downpour washed down the hills into Honey creek and then into the Eagle. The heavy flow of water, Mr. Rhode said, raised the Eagle to a stream as wide as the Niobrara river.

From the information at hand it seems that the hail storm was along Honey creek, starting about three miles west of the highway and followed the creek east, cutting gardens badly in its path and injuring some rye and oats. The morning after the storm Supervisor J. C. Stein called at this office with a cardboard box about 18 inches square, that he filled with hail and brought into town. He picked it up along the highway about one mile east of the M. F. Conway farm, 2 miles west and about 9 north of town. Mr. Conway said his garden was damaged some, but he did not think his crops suffered any from the storm.

In the Meek section they had about an inch and a half of rain but no hail, and while the creeks were up some they did no damage.

In this section we had only a slight rain that night, the measurement the next morning being recorded as .15 of an inch; .24 of an inch May 29, and .16 on May 30, bringing the rainfall for the month of May up to 3.25 inches and the rainfall for the year up to 7.99 inches.

Following is the rainfall for the month of May, as compiled by Harry Bowep, the local federal observer:

May 1	.03
May 2	.21
May 3	.43
May 4	.07
May 7	.48
May 8	.04
May 11	.02
May 25	.29
May 26	1.13
May 28	.15
May 29	.24
May 30	.16
Total	3.25

Following is the weather record for the past week:

	High	Low	Mois.
May 27	80	47	
May 28	91	54	.15
May 29	90	67	.24
May 30	79	63	.16
May 31	69	51	
June 1	65	53	.08
June 2	76	55	

### Accident Record

For the week ending May 22,

1937, there were 223 accidents in the state, in which 139 people were injured, 1 disabled and 12 deaths. Of the accidents 73 were motor vehicle accidents in which 86 were injured, 1 disabled and 4 deaths. Other public accidents accounted for 108 accidents in which 22 were injured and 7 deaths. There were 24 accidents in agriculture employment in which 17 were injured; 4 accidents in industry employment in which four were injured, and 14 home accidents in which 10 were injured and one death.

### Old Landmark Torn Down to Make Room For A New Building

Another old O'Neill landmark succumbed to the march of progress this week when the old frame building just north of the O'Neill Photo company was torn down, to be replaced by a new structure. Summer Downey purchased the building about a year ago and had it torn down so that he could erect a new building thereon. The building will be 20x30, one story with a full basement. It will be of tile and cement, connected with the gallery building on the north. A new front will also be placed in the gallery and the entrance will be placed on the north side of the gallery proper, with a colored stucco front on both buildings. Having the entrance to the studio on the north will enable him to remove the steps that now lead up into the building from the sidewalk. This will make an attractive improvement to this section of the city.

The old building that was torn down was the center of activity in Holt county politics many years ago. For many years the law office of A. F. Mullen was therein and M. H. McCarthy, for years one of the democratic leaders of the county, also had his abstract office there. Later on Ed Eves ran his newspaper there, after he had disposed of his interest in the Independent, came back and started a new paper there. It only lived a year or two, when he disposed of the equipment and it passed away. Later on it was used as a carpenter shop.

### Glenn White to Lead Largest 4-H Calf Club

Glenn White, purebred cattle breeder near Amelia, has undertaken the job of leading the South Amelia Feeder Calf 4-H Club, with 19 members. This is the largest club of any kind in the county. Harold Waldo of Amelia, is assistant leader.

Officers and members of the club are: Frank Spath, president; Irven Forbes, vice president; Dean Standage, secretary; Ralph Barnes, news reporter; Roy Forbes, Alvin Forbes, Eugene Thompson, Clyde Spike, Junior Clemens, Edwin Nachtmann, George Nachtmann, Mildred O'Malley, Joe O'Malley, Jerry O'Malley, Dale Clemens, Lloyd Waldo, Basil Price, Joe Price and Lyle Brabec.

### Gives Dinner for O'Neill Firemen

Patrick O'Connor, one of the county's early pioneers and the county's undisputed hay king, gave a big dinner for the members of the O'Neill Fire Department at the Fire hall last Monday evening at 7 o'clock. The good work accomplished by the department at the Armour fire undoubtedly saved a large barn filled with hay for Mr. O'Connor and he took this method of showing his appreciation to the members of the department. All present report having had an enjoyable time.

### Continental Oil Stations Now Privately Owned Business of Operators

Recent abandonment of direct operation of service stations by Continental Oil Company, in favor of selling its products thru local independent dealers, has been a development of major importance both to the consumer and the company, it was said by Dan Moran, Continental's president.

"In line with this new policy," said Mr. Moran, "all Conoco gasolines, oils and greases are now sold only thru independent dealers and jobbers, in business for themselves, who operate their stations under ownership or lease.

"Under this plan the place of the former service station salesman has been taken by men engaged in

a business they own and control, of the same standing as the local jeweler, hardware merchant or furniture dealer. He becomes a permanent resident of the community, takes his place among other merchants, and is more inclined to get out and hustle for the additional business that will give him a profit above that he earned as a company employe.

"Major operators who were somewhat skeptical about the outcome of this policy that wiped out the company-owned and operated stations are fast becoming convinced of its value in good will and public approval. Our experience indicates that the industry will find it has lost the administrative headaches of roadside retailing, and has gained the support of thousands of new 'mileage merchants' who will take care of the oil company's interests in taking care of their own."

### Holt County Hereford Breeders Ass'n Formed At Meeting Saturday

Saturday, May 29, a group of purebred Hereford breeders met in O'Neill and organized the Holt County Hereford association. Officers were elected as follows: Dave Bowen, Page, president; R. E. Lucas, O'Neill, vice president; James W. Rooney, O'Neill, secretary and treasurer. The board of directors consists of the following men: Caleb Thompson, Stuart; C. V. Robertson and George Rouse of Chambers, and Walter Sire of Inman.

The new association plans to assist the 4-H stocker Feeder show and sale to be held next fall, to hold a show of their own in connection, to have an association show and sale in the spring. Other enterprises will no doubt take place throughout the year. Anyone breeding purebred Hereford cattle is cordially invited to become a member of the association.

### Holt County Breeders Have Three Horses In Ak-Sar-Ben Race Meet

More than ever before, owners and breeders of fine horses in Nebraska have a special interest in the Ak-Sar-Ben running races now in progress at Ak-Sar-Ben track in Omaha, because one race every day is exclusively for Nebraska-bred horses, of which there are 81 entered by 32 owners.

A total of \$14,000 in prize money is up for purses in these Nebraska races. In addition, 3 per cent of the purse in any open race which is won by a Nebraska-bred horse will go to the breeder of that horse. Thus, Nebraska breeders will get both recognition and financial reward when local horses make a good showing.

The local race is only one of seven which are run every day except Sunday during the season, which opened May 27 and which will continue thru Monday, July 4, this year. The first few days were attended by large crowds, particularly over the Memorial Day week-end, when Saturday, Sunday and Monday constituted practically a three-day holiday period.

Since racing returned to Omaha, owners and trainers of horses from all over the country have been paying more and more attention to running at the Ak-Sar-Ben track, and an exceptional array of horseflesh is on hand for this year's events.

Profit from the races will also assist livestock breeding generally thruout Nebraska, because county fairs receive a sum of money out of Ak-Sar-Ben proceeds each year.

Of particular interest to sports fans of this county are the entries of the following horses: Bubler, Burlington Bill and Irene H, all owned by Berigan Bros. & Wanser of Page.

### NIMBLE FINGERS SEWING CLUB FORMED AT ATKINSON

The Nimble Fingers Sewing club was organized with Mrs. Charles Deermor of Atkinson, as leader, and Eva Osborne as assistant leader. Officers and members of the club are: Theresa Ramold; president; Mary Wagman, vice president; Eileen Hitchcock secretary; Mary Ramold, news reporter; Donna Shellhase, Helen Wilkinson, Lois Osborne, Betty Osborne, Annie Ramold, Elaine Quinn, Dorothy Wilkinson and Eileen Wilkinson.

### TO HOLD TRY-OUTS OF JUNIOR LEGION TEAM AT ATKINSON

Boys Between 15 and 17 Years To Meet In O'Neill Sunday To Be Taken to Try-outs.

Postmaster Miller, of Atkinson, who has charge of the Junior American Legion team in the county, was in the city Tuesday discussing the future of this sport activity with the members of the Legion here and with several business men. To be eligible to membership in these teams, you must be between the age of 15 and 17 years. If you reach your 17th birthday shortly after April 1st, you will be too old to enter the team.

The local Legion members finally decided that all the boys in this section of the county who want to have a try-out for membership in the team to be in this city next Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock and be on the First National bank corner, when a truck in charge of Legionnaire Leo Carney will take them to Atkinson, where they will have a try-out for the team. Fifteen of the best players in the county will be selected for membership on the county team. Boys from Page, Redbird, Inman, Chambers and Ewing are requested to be in O'Neill and they can go along and have a try for the team. The names of all the players that will be on the Holt county team must be on the Holt headquarters by June 20, so prompt action must be taken.

### Farmers In the County Reporting Heavy Losses This Year by Cutworms

Farmers all over the county are reporting damage from cutworms which seems to be worse than for many years. Whole fields have been literally cleaned by them.

The only satisfactory control method known so far is to spread poison bran bait over the infested area. Only a limited amount of poison bait is still available in the county and after this is gone anyone wishing to poison may have to purchase their own ingredients. Officials have wired for Federal bait but it is not known when or how much will be available for this county.

Home mixed bait should consist of 100 pounds of wheat bran, 5 pounds of white Arsenic, 2 quarts of blackstrap molasses and enough water to make a moist, crumbly mash. This can be spread by hand or by use of an adequate seeder. One hundred pounds will be sufficient to treat fifteen acres broadcast or 25 acres if the mash is scattered down the row.

### Boys Town Holds First Graduation

"Most remarkable it is that seven boys in a graduation class of ten go to immediate employment or higher training on graduation, and the remaining three are considering a choice of occupations," said

Dr. Fredrick W. Clayton, Pastor of the All Saints Episcopal church, of Omaha, in an address given at the first high school graduation of Father Flanagan's Boys' home. Boys Town, Nebraska, on May 30. "This proves the practicality of Father Flanagan's idea that the boy in school can be directed to success, although handicapped, under proper guidance," he continued.

Exercises were held in the boys' school auditorium, where a large gathering was attracted by the success of these "homeless boys."

John Waskiewicz, who received all "A's" in his school work, was chosen Valedictorian, and delivered a finished address.

Lawrence Kennedy, whose abilities are many, is a top baseball player, who made 17 consecutive wins as a manager in meeting other school nines, who will take up athletic work in the college he will attend.

### John Sullivan Heads Committee for Court House Dedication

At a meeting held June 1, by the business and professional men and women of the various towns in Holt county, John Sullivan was chosen as chairman of the committee which is in charge of the plans for the dedication of the new court house which is to be held in O'Neill June 16.

While program details have not been completed at present, Governor Cochran is to be the speaker of the day and other officials and dignitaries are expected to be present for the occasion.

Committees have been appointed to care for the details of the program and the bands from the various towns in the county have been invited to participate in the festivities. A more detailed program will appear in next week's paper.

### Country Club Notes

The first party to be given at the Country Club will take place Sunday evening, June 6, at 6 o'clock with Helen Biglin and Marjorie Dickson acting as hostesses. All members of the club are invited to attend and the young ladies in charge assure those present that the food and entertainment will be of the best.

Final arrangements for the tournament which begins June 20, have been made by President Burgess. He has announced the various committees to handle the actual management of the tournament. Indications point to the largest attendance on record and all who have previously attended any of the fifteen tournaments will be sent in-

dividual invitations. It is urged that members of the club notify any parties who might wish to attend, inasmuch as it may be that thru some mistake an invitation will not reach them.

All residents of O'Neill are cordially invited to join the club at this time and interested parties will find the dues very moderate. R. M. Sauers is chairman of the membership committee and will gladly explain the costs of the various memberships.

### Atkinson Market Shows All Classes of Livestock At Steady to Stronger

Atkinson, Nebr., June 1.—Slightly over 300 cattle found a ready outlet at Tuesday's auction at steady to strong prices. The cow market held about steady while the more desirable feeding steers and fleshy heifers showed strength over a week ago. No full carloads were on sale. The best steers here sold at 8.00 and 8.10 with the bulk of the better kind at 7.00 to 7.75 while reds and roans sold on down to 6.00 and below for common kinds.

Steer calves in a range of 6.50 to 8.00; heifer calves at 5.50 to 6.85, with a few still carrying baby fat up to 7.50; yearling and two-year-old stocker heifers at 5.00 to 6.70; fleshy feeding heifers at 6.50 to 8.10; heavy fat heifers at 7.00 to 8.00; best fat cows at 7.50 and 8.00; good killing cows at 5.50 to 6.50; canners and cutters at 3.40 to 5.00; bulls at 5.00 to 5.75.

Hog receipts totaled 345 head. Demand continued good with the desirable 200 to 300 pound fats selling largely at 10.95 to 11.05; fat sows at 10.50 to 11.00; wet sows at 9.50 to 10.00; heavy feeders at 10.00 to 11.65; weaning pigs at 13.25 to 19.00 a hundred.

About 30 head of horses were sold and while prices looked about steady with a week ago demand seemed less urgent and did not carry the snap of last week.

Next Auction Tuesday, June 8, starting at 1 p. m.

### 110 Attend St. Mary's Alumnae Banquet

The thirtieth annual banquet of St. Mary's Alumnae association was held last Sunday evening at the gymnasium of St. Mary's and was one of the largest in point of attendance of any ever given by the association. Members of the alumnae were present from Omaha, Hastings and several towns in this county, as well as from the counties west of us, to the number of 110. Mrs. James Cronk was the toastmistress at the banquet and they say she performed the duties of her position with credit to herself and the Alumnae association.

### Marriage Licenses

Lyle Weander of Long Pine and Miss Fern Urwin of Duff, Nebr., received a license on June 1. Walter D. Nelson of Verdigré and Miss Alice Vonask of Verdigré, received a license on June 2.

### HAPPY HELPERS CLUB ORGANIZED AT CHAMBERS

The Happy Helpers club was organized at Chambers with Elinore Alderson as leader and Barbara Carpenter as assistant leader. The officers and members are: Celesta Glead, president; Mildred O'Malley vice president; Clara Walter, secretary; Marion Carpenter, news reporter; Phyllis Carpenter; Elinore Walter; Violet Sanderson, Loretta O'Malley, Helen Childers and Louise Stover.

### JUNIOR PROJECT CLUB

The Junior Project club of O'Neill went to Stuart Wednesday as guests of Mrs. E. J. Eby, at her beautiful home. All enjoyed the afternoon, and a very nice lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bennett Gillespie of O'Neill.

Miss Bethene Funk, who has been an employe of the re-employment office in this city for the past two years, left Tuesday morning for Ogallala, Nebr., where she will work in the re-employment office there.

Bennett Gillespie drove to Grand Island Monday and met his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon R. Wood of California, and brought them to O'Neill for a visit here at the home of his parents.

### LAST RITES FOR A PIONEER MOTHER HELD HERE TODAY

Mrs. Catherine Matthews Dies At A Norfolk Hospital After An Illness of Four Weeks.

Mrs. Catherine Matthews died at a hospital in Norfolk last Monday morning at 11:50 after an illness of about four weeks of euremic poisoning at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 10 days. The remains were brought to this city Monday afternoon and the funeral was held from the Catholic church in this city this morning at 9 a. m., the deceased having been a devout and life-time member, Monsignor McNamara officiating, and burial in Calvary cemetery. The funeral was very largely attended attesting the love and respect the people of this city and county had for the departed.

Catherine Donohoe was born in Pennsylvania on March 21, 1859. She grew to womanhood in her native state and there at Beaver Meadows, Pa., she was united in marriage to James Matthews on September 9, 1876. Eleven children were born of this union, seven sons and four daughters, all of whom are living and left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. The children are: M. J. Matthews, Isabel, S. D.; Thomas, James, Peter, Edward and Leo, of O'Neill; Bernard, Norfolk; Mrs. Rose Shoemaker, Winner, S. D.; Mrs. M. A. Crilly, Rapid City, S. D.; Mrs. F. H. Hill, Gordon; Mrs. A. T. Williams, Hot Springs, S. D. In addition she leaves two sisters, Miss Agnes and Miss Anna Donohoe of this city, and P. J. Donohoe, of Bonesteel, S. D., a brother, besides several grandchildren and numerous cousins in this county. All of her children were present at the funeral except two, M. J. of Isabel, S. D., sickness in his family preventing his attendance, and Mrs. A. T. Williams of Hot Springs, S. D.

Mrs. Matthews came to this county in 1879 and for fifty-eight years she had been a resident of Shields township. There were but very few people in the county when she and her husband came here. The year before a few families came to the county from Northern Michigan and settled north and east of town. The early settlers who came here from Pennsylvania settled north and northwest of this city where they all built comfortable and commodious homes.

Mrs. Matthews endured all the privations suffered by all the early settlers in this section, when the nearest railroad point was eighty miles away. Like all the other hardy pioneers who settled this and other parts of the west, there was no complaining about the hardships and privations endured, but they all continued to work for the happiness of their loved ones and to provide them with a home in this western country. And they all succeeded. Most of these old timers have passed on but the work they accomplished in this section is left as a monument to their untiring energy and faith in the future of the country they had selected for their new home.

Mrs. Matthews was an exceptional wife and mother and a good business woman. Her husband died in November, 1907, leaving her with a family of eleven children, many of them very young. She kept her family together and raised as fine a family as there is in the county. She must have possessed a lot of business ability to perform this task, which would have caused many possessed with acute business acumen to hesitate to perform the task; but she succeeded, and this fact alone stamps her as one of the outstanding Holt county mothers.

She had always enjoyed good health until about six weeks ago when an infection set in on one of her toes. It did not respond to treatment and three weeks ago she was taken to a hospital at Norfolk. She was rapidly improving there and a week ago it was thought she was on the road to complete recovery. She suffered a relapse last Thursday evening and the children were called to her bedside Friday and sank rapidly until her death Monday forenoon. She will be missed, not only by the members of her family but all the old timers of the county, for another of the real old timers has passed on.



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