

THE FRONTIER

SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

The pool hall is one hangout for men not yet invaded by women.

About every session the legislature does something with the barbers. Two courses are open to the citizen who objects to an arbitrary monopoly price on a hair cut. Most fellows think they would cut quite a swell with a Buffalo Bill growth of hair. Should this be objectionable a pretty good pair of clippers can be had for two dollars and this added to the safety razor and mother's shears the home barbering can be made complete.

Residential sections of the capitol city are garbed in the gay colors of the May floral bloom and perfumed with the fragrance of lilac and peach blossoms. Tall stalks of iris tipped with flowers of various shades of incomparable beauty, the deep-hued tulips, the yellow glow of rose bushes laden with numberless dots of gold, the many hedges of spirea banked in the white radiance of blossom time, elm ash and waving green plumes and the stately poplar pointing its slim fingers to the sky. Spot of blue grass where buildings and shrubs and trees have left a little space for lawn now clothed in the charming tint of spring. The state house grounds are a magnificent panorama of emerald vista. Not in-croached upon by towering timber, a fit emblem of a prairie state. In the neighborhood where I am temporarily camped, tastes vary. Flowers, trees, shrubs, showing a nicety of taste of one householder while in the next block you run into a garden of onions.

I have not turned prophet, priest nor preacher, political nor religious fanatic, I have seen something of life—its fun, its sorrow, and now looking out over the bedlam of mankind the conviction cannot be escaped that the only hope for a staggering world is in the individual turning to the God of creation by compliance with the requirements of Sinai and bowing the knee to His crucified Christ, and in America the rebirth of the principles that led us to national greatness.

It is not a mere lip service which impells me to say it was with deep regret Mrs. Saunders and I learned of the death of Floyd Vequist. Our acquaintance with him was but recent though I had known the family back to their grandparents. Floyd carried the mail one summer out of Atkinson over the route which serves our community. It was then we made his acquaintance. He was one in a million—courteous, efficient, going out of his way to help others and a smile that captivated all. His was one of those rare personalities that make life a little cheerier when met with.

If my memory is not at fault this evening, the building The Frontier says Cap Uhl picked up and set to the back of the lot was built by Billy O'Connor. The old Critic saloon building just south of it was moved to Chambers by Bard Hanna and is now in use as the Newhouse hardware in that town. Bard can tell an interesting story about the job he had crossing the Elkhorn down at Big Hank McEvony's ford. Denny Cronin knows where it is as I saw him once there upset with a load of hay when I came that way from Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohaus returned Saturday from Omaha, where they were on business and where they visited relatives. Mrs. Mark Fangman, of Omaha, a sister of Mrs. Lohaus, returned with them and visited over the weekend.

Marriage Licenses

Leslie G. Van Every, of Gering, Neb., and Miss Gretchen E. Linitt, of O'Neill, were granted a marriage license in county court last Saturday.

Eugene Engler and Miss Veronica Straka, both of Stuart, were granted a marriage license in county court last Wednesday.

'HOPPER MEETING TO BE HELD TUES.

Early Poisoning Must Be Done to Control Grasshoppers this Year

Farmers, business men and anyone else who is interested in seeing the crops of Holt County saved from the grasshoppers which are hatching so rapidly are invited to attend a meeting from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the auditorium in Atkinson on Tuesday, May 16.

This meeting is being sponsored by the Atkinson business men in cooperation with the county agent who will have as its guest O. S. Bare, Extension Entomologist from the Nebraska college of agriculture, who is in charge of grasshopper control in Nebraska. Mr. Bare is probably the best informed person in the state as to the latest methods of grasshopper control and anyone who doubts the effectiveness of poison bran or has been misled to believe that birds are poisoned should be in attendance and hear an authority give proof of the facts.

With the hopper infestation about half as large and a month earlier this year it is imperative that some cooperative effort be made by farmers to combat the pests now instead of waiting until July to start acting.

OMAHA BOOSTERS HERE LAST MON.

About sixty-five Omaha business men on their annual good will tour arrived in the city last Monday at 10:25 on a special train from Omaha and spent an hour visiting with friends and customers in this city.

Headed by the high school band the students of the O'Neill high school and St. Mary's Academy marched to the depot and led the procession up into the city. Most of the residents of the city and a large number from the country were in the city to meet the "Good Will" special. After reaching the corner of Douglas and Fourth street the audience was entertained by the Dan Dusdeny band, while the Boosters in the party went into the various business places meeting their customers and other old time friends in the city. One of the most popular men with the Boosters was Bill Wiseman, formerly a reporter on the Omaha Bee, now publicity man for radio station WOW. Bill had a lot of souvenirs for the little folks and was liberal in their distribution so that on his way to the train he was surrounded by a crowd of youngsters, who thought him the most remarkable man with the boosters. They left here at 11:25 for the west and a good-size delegation of O'Neillites were at the train to bid them good bye and the fervent invitation to come back again.

On sizing up the large delegation of school children in the parade one of the boosters remarked that one thing was clearly demonstrated by the parade and that was that there was no race suicide in O'Neill.

The Weather

It has been fairly warm the past week, but very little moisture. We had a little shower last Saturday evening that gave us .26 hundredths of an inch of moisture and on Sunday a little sprinkle that netted .02 of an inch, making .28 hundredths of an inch for the week. It is dry practically all over the state and a general rain is badly needed to insure crops this season. Following is the chart for the week:

	H	L	M
May 4	89	53	
May 5	85	57	
May 6	80	52	
May 7	77	41	.26
May 8	74	47	.02
May 9	84	47	
May 10	83	50	

Total precipitation for May, .33 of an inch.

Total precipitation since January 1, 1939, 4.12 inches.

Frank Coad, of Omaha, returned to his home on Wednesday after spending several days here on business and visiting friends.

Chief of Police Coyne Has Serious Accident

Chief of Police Thomas J. Coyne met with a serious and painful accident last Tuesday night when he tripped while stepping upon the walk from the street, falling and breaking the knee cap on his left knee. He was taken to Omaha Wednesday morning for medical treatment.

Tom has had some hard luck the past few years. About three years ago he was in an automobile accident in which his right leg was broken and he was laid up for over a year and now this accident to the other leg. A broken knee cap is a severe injury and one that is liable to leave him crippled for years. The leg will have to be kept in a cast for many months, which will prevent him from working. Chet Calkins has been put back on night duty and the day job will probably be left vacant for a time. Tom's many friends here hope that he will have a speedy recovery from his accident.

HOLT FARMERS PRAISED AS GOOD BOOKKEEPERS

The College of Agriculture at the University of Nebraska is again willing to summarize Farm Family Record Books for the year 1938.

Holt County is glad to report that the following families have complied with all bookkeeping requirements, and have kept complete and excellent records of all farm and home business for the past year.

These books will be sent to Lincoln before May 15th, and the material from these records will be used for a statistical report at the Agricultural College.

We congratulate these fine bookkeepers and appreciate their cooperation.

Anderson, Floyd D., Chambers; Brittell, C. E., Chambers; Brittell, F. S., Inman; Brown, Leo C., Chambers; Cunningham, Ben C., Middlebranch; Doherty, J. E., Chambers; Doud, A. T., Ewing; Kemper, O. T., Page; Laney, J. W., O'Neill; Lipton, John, Atkinson; Morton, Chas., Opportunity; Murphy, John, O'Neill; Ressel, Harry E., Chambers; Schroder, Sherman, Atkinson; Taggart, L. W., Chambers; Terivilleger, L. W., Atkinson; Walter, A. A., Chambers; Wilkinson, W. J., Atkinson; Wiseman, Doyal D., Orchard, and Wiseman, Oto A., Page.

MUSIC STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING NATIONAL MEET

Both Academy and High School Students Enter Contest at Colo. Sp'gs.

Miss Berndette Brennan, accompanied by Mrs. Tom Brennan, Miss Eileen Dufly, Miss Catherine Finley and Miss Alma Wallace left Tuesday morning for Colorado Springs, Colorado, where Miss Finley and Miss Wallace, who are students at St. Mary's Academy, will take part in the national music contest which will be held there this week. Mrs. Charles Yarnall also left Tuesday morning accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Henry, Howard Graves, Woodrow Melena, Fred Halva, and Charles Yarnall, Jr., for the same contest. Mr. Graves, Mr. Melena, Mr. Halva and Mr. Yarnall are all students of the O'Neill Public School, while Miss Dufly and Miss Henry are teachers. Miss Duffy is the music teacher in the local high school, and much credit is to be given to her and also to Ira George, band instructor, as this is the first time that any student from O'Neill has won superior rating in the State contest, and before they are eligible to enter the National Contest, they must rate Superior in the State Contest.

These contestants are very grateful to the business men of O'Neill who gave financial assistance to help defray a part of the expense of the trip.

WINS \$200 PRIZE FOR LETTER IN RADIO CONTEST

Mrs. W. J. Hammond of this city was announced as second prize winner in the contest sponsored by the House of Gurney over radio station WNAX at Yankton, S. D. Mrs. Hammond wrote a forty word letter completing the following sentence: "I wish I had \$650 to remodel my home, because." The second prize amounted to \$200 and Mrs. Hammond was announced as the winner over the radio at noon on Tuesday. Mrs. Hammond says that although she has been entering various contests for years, this is the first time that she has ever won a prize, but that now she is so encouraged that she feels she can go right out and win another, and is preparing to enter any and all contests in the future.

Gets Gas and Oil And Pulls Gun When Payment Is Demanded

Wednesday evening, about 9:30, two young men driving a new Ford V-8, with a South Dakota license, stopped at the Lowery-Conard filling station, just south of the Northwestern railroad tracks, on Highway 281 and ordered their car filled with gas and oil. As soon as the car was filled they started to drive away and Ernest Lowery, who waited on them jumped on the running board, demanding payment, when the driver pulled a gun. Lowery jumped off and immediately reported the matter to Sheriff Duffy. The state patrolmen started south after the men and drove south about 100 miles and called towns along the road to watch for them, but no trace of them was found. If they are caught, they will probably be taught a lesson on gas pilfering and gun pulling that will last them for some time.

WORK STARTED ON NEW TWO STORY BUILDING HERE

New Building to Front Both Douglas and 4th Street; Hagensick Has Rental Prospects

The work of excavating for another new building was commenced Tuesday morning. Cap Uhl finished the work of excavating for the new Gatz building, across the street from this office, Monday afternoon and started on the new excavation Tuesday morning.

The new building is being built by Elmer Hagensick on the corner of Fourth and Douglas street. It will be an "L" shaped building around the old Nebraska State bank building, now owned by Elmer. The east side of the building will be 22x76 and the building on the south side of the old building will be 22½x26. It will be two stories high and will be built of cement blocks, with brick fronts on Douglas street, with an entrance and front on that street, and brick front on Fourth street with an entrance also. The ceiling in the lower room will be ten feet and that on the upper floor eight feet. This building will be a valuable improvement, not only to Douglas street but also to Fourth street.

Mr. Hagensick says that he has not as yet rented the building but he has had several applications and that he will have no difficulty in securing a desirable tenant.

CMTC APPLICANTS MUST FILE SOON

Omaha — More than five thousand young men have already applied for attendance at the Citizen's Military Training Camps to be held in the Seventh Corps Area this summer. This is seventy-five percent of the procurement quota, so that all who wish to go to one of these camps must apply at once if they are to be considered for attendance before the recruiting campaign closes.

According to Major John H. Rodman, CMTC officer for the Seventh Corps Area, the War Department intends that every community be represented with its proportionate share of trainees in camp, but, if the young men in some towns fail to apply within a reasonable time then the quotas for those towns are allotted to other communities.

The Seventh Corps Area consists of the states of Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. Camps will be held July 6 to August 4 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; July 11 to August 9 at Fort Crook, Nebraska, Fort Des Moines, Iowa, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, Fort Lincoln, North Dakota, and Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; and July 20 to August 18 at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, near Little Rock, Arkansas. A camp for colored applicants will be held at Fort Riley, Kansas, from July 6 to August 4.

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HIGH SCHOOL JRS. FETE SENIORS AT BANQUET TUES. EVE.

The Juniors of O'Neill high school gave their annual banquet for the Seniors, Tuesday, May 9. The banquet had a Spanish Rancho setting.

The gym was decorated in Spanish La Fiesta style. Bright colors were in evidence everywhere. On either end, a balcony was erected. An old open well was in one corner. It was covered with moss and clinging vines and flowers. A huge fireplace was in the opposite corner. Colored fiesta dishes were in the windows. On the east, a hillside was covered with grass and flowers. Cactus, saddles, guns, and guitars were in evidence.

The tables had a Spanish atmosphere, decorated with bright candles and dishes. Favors were small bells, lanterns, and large red and blue bandannas. Nut cup were the shape of small tin cups. Menu and program enclosed in a small cowboy hat. Western songs were sung between courses.

Toasts were given by Mr. Alder, Bill Allendorfer, Jane Jeffrey, DeLores Claussen, Buck Hunt, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. George. Phil Yarnall being toast-master. Davene Loy sang "Mexicali Rose" and Ralph Brown and Maybelle Osenbaugh gave a very effective Spanish dance. "Little Sir Echo" was sung by a group of Senior boys.

After a delicious meal, all went to the auditorium to dance. The auditorium was decorated with red and blue which are the Senior colors. The biggest surprise was Rollo Sissel and his swing band.

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HOLT CO. FARMERS PREPARING OWN WINDBREAKS

Far-sighted farmers of Holt County are taking advantage of a new company that has sprung up in Page, Nebraska, and are planting hundreds of trees as wind breaks and shelter-belts for their acres.

According to Don Harmon, of the Harmon Tree Service Co., he and his men have sowed and planted over half a million seedlings and saplings since the last week of March. Practically all of these trees have been placed on farms in Holt County, however, a few were planted by him in Knox County. Harmon says that they have orders for another 50,000 young trees which will be planted in the next few days to close their season for this year but he expects to plant over a million trees next year, as he already has orders that will get him off to a fine start.

Harmon says that he would have been able to plant considerable more trees, but was unable to secure sufficient help. Since the last week of March he has had twelve men busy practically all of the time.

Recreation Center Will Hold Open House

An invitation is extended to everybody to attend the 'Open House' at the Recreation Center on Friday, May 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. when it will be open for all those who desire to see the many and varied as well as interesting exhibits made by the children's own hands, showing the progress of the various activities throughout the past year. In this the parents of the children will be interested and proud. A program will be given in the evening at 8:00 p.m., part of which will be a puppet show, the puppets themselves having been made by the children; a one act play being the first one produced by the Dramatic Club and other members, planned to interest both old and young.

This is an event that the parents should not fail to attend, as it will bring home to them the good that the Recreation Center is accomplishing for their children. Admission free to all.

CITY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATE HERE MAY 25

Robert Clift chosen Valedictorian and Bette Ritts Salutatorian

The following are the members of the 1939 graduating class of the O'Neill high school as furnished us by Superintendent Alder. It will be noted that the graduates are classified in five divisions, College Prep, Normal Training, General, Secretarial Training and Commercial. Some of the students who took Normal Training were former graduates, while six of them are also graduates in this year's College Prep Class. Following is a list of the graduates:

College—Leone B. Bolzer, Robert E. Clift, Fred Victor Halva, Verna M. Herman, James Robert Herre, Harold L. Hunt, Howard M. Jeffrey, Jane Jeffrey, Robert Lowery, Hugh F. McKenna, Donald D. Mitchell, Ralph R. Porter, Roxanna Mae Puckett, William A. Randall, Fern Eleanor Riley, Bette Ritts, Wanda A. Spangler and Dorothy Young.

Normal Training—Leone B. Belzer, Jane Jeffrey, Hazle L. McKim, Irene Moler, Fern Eleanor Riley, Bette Ritts, Wanda A. Spangler, Evelyn L. VanEvery and Dorothy Young.

General — Everett D. Bowen, Alexander A. Chmiel, Ross E. Harris, Jr., Eugene L. Lawrence, Woodrow Melena, Demaris Murray, Andrew W. Schacht, Doris Maizie Stearns, Dale R. Sterner, Anton Toy, Jr., Marvin G. VanEvery, Robert Williams and Thomas R. Wyant.

Secretarial Training — Veva E. Alm, Jeanette Marie Druke, Beatrice I. Harris, Beatrice L. Jones, Miriam Kubichek, Richard J. Loy, Dorothy W. Ross, Hazel Mae Rouse, Martha E. Switzer, Mary M. Welsh and Lyda Wilkinson.

Commercial — Ethel Johanna Bennett and Charles E. Yarnall, Jr.

Valedictorian, Robert E. Clift. Salutatorian, Bette Ritts.

The class colors are red and blue and the class flower is the American Beauty Rose.

They selected as their motto — Finished? No! Beginning.

Class Officers — Jane Jeffrey, president; Harold L. Hunt, vice-president; Miriam S. Kubichek, secretary, and Robert E. Clift, treasurer.

Their sponsor is Warren Thompson with F. E. Alder as co-sponsor. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday, May 21, at the Presbyterian church, by Rev. William I. Bell.

Class night, Monday, May 22, at 8 p.m., at the high school auditorium.

Commencement exercises at the K. C. Hall on Thursday evening, May 25, at 8 p.m.

FORMER HOLT COUNTY RESIDENT DIES IN CALIF.

Holt county relatives received word last Wednesday morning of the death of Mrs. Frank Gatenby in California, at the age of 36 years. Mrs. Gatenby was born at Star, Neb., and she grew to womanhood in this county. In September, 1903, she was united in marriage to Frank Gatenby, formerly residing northeast of this city. They moved to the west coast several years ago.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband and two sons, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sprague, for many years residents of this county, but now living in Cherry county, six brothers and five sisters. They are: Glenn, Page, Nebr.; Raymond, Kansas City, Mo.; Kenneth, Winfield, Otto and Donald, Valentine; Mrs. Albert Peterson, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Ray Noble, Star; Mrs. Everett Gatenby, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Max Taylor, La Porte, Colo.; Mrs. Harry Roseler, O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Reka drove to Sioux City on Sunday where Charley entered St. Vincent's hospital there for medical treatment. Mrs. Reka returned home Sunday evening.