

SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Very little that Senator Norris has said or done during the many years he has been in the senate meets my own mind, but here is something: "There are two things I want to do. First, I want to keep out of war. Second, I want to do anything we can do legally to help lick Japan, Hitler and Mussolini."

Out beyond the state hospital for mental patients the city has had under plans, development and engineering proposals for some ten years past a 600-acre tract officially known as Pioneer Park. Progress has been slow. From a hurried trip through the grounds it appears little changed from the day it was first opened. The municipal playground in the center of the city is the popular resort this summer. Mermaids and their masculine counterparts splash and plunge in great numbers in the swimming pool. Ball games and tennis are the chief land sports, as many as five ball games in progress at one time. A girls' team from one of the department stores arrayed in soft ball uniforms are the top softball players and can give you an hour's spectacular exhibition for a nickel in case another group of soft ball aspirants have the temerity to match up with them. Older Antelope park has begun to sag. Center of interest there is the building where you note on one corner "PWA." Here housed a few birds and beasts, constituting a modest beginning of a zoo. Parks afford a place of freedom—to relax and rest, but for the gorgeous beauty of floral bloom, the arresting splendor of hollyhocks and riot of colors in pansy beds the residential sections are the inviting centers.

I notice from what is stamped on the bottom it is now necessary to have a license to make a pair of socks.

We are all a little puffed up over being known as the white spot when talking to a stranger. But down at the Capitol City employers of labor in the dairy industry, gas stations and other unskilled labor sort of hang their heads when they tell you they pay workmen a dollar a day out of which they must board and clothe themselves. At cafes and grills women work the night through in hot kitchens for 15 cents an hour.

"Dying thou shalt die." The inexorable fiat of the infinite Being is evident. I have a close neighbor who is a living specimen of life's fitful dream. Marred, scarred, bowed with the weight of ninety odd years, hands knotted and limbs unsteady, deaf as a post, yet friendly and responds to a wave of the hand as I pass. I stopped one day for a little talk. A friendly talk with a patriarch does a lot for a fellow. I couldn't talk to him because he could not hear. He talks to me. For fifty-seven years he has been rooted to one spot. The little house where he lives—has lived for nearly three score years—has aged too. Shingles are curled, boards turned to dull grey and the house settled close to earth as if it would sink with its aged occupant from sight of this hurrying, modern age. Notwithstanding being rejected for service in the civil war as physically unfit, the old man survived to witness the vast changes in earth's activities since then and now totters to life's end. "Thou shalt surely die" is the fundamental fact of life.

CARD OF THANKS

Neighbors and friends were very gracious to us during the sad hours following the sudden death of our beloved husband, son and brother, the late O. W. Wittchen, and we wish in this manner to convey to them all our sincere gratitude for their kindly ministrations and expressions of sympathy.—Mrs. Marguerite Wittchen, Oscar Wittchen and family.

BRIEFLY STATED

Warren Hall, of Burwell, was in O'Neill on Saturday visiting his mother, Mrs. Georgia Raceley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hasburgh, of Cody, Nebraska, returned to their home on Monday after spending the week end here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Reardon. Mr. Hasburgh is a brother of Mrs. Reardon.

Miss Madeline Ullom, of Washington, D. C., arrived Friday night and will make an extended visit here at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Ullom. Miss Ullom is a nurse in the Veterans Hospital at Washington.

Miss Louise O'Donnell returned Monday morning from Omaha where she had been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Z. W. Credel and other relatives. Miss Ruth Lull, of Fort Crook, Nebraska, returned with her and will be her house guest for the next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stannard A. M. King and Mrs. George Stannard and daughter, Lynn, drove to Grand Island on Saturday where Mrs. Stannard and her daughter, who had been visiting here for the past month, took the train for their home in San Diego, Calif.

Loren Nelson left Saturday on his vacation for New York City, New York, where he will join Mrs. Nelson, who has been visiting there for the past month. Loren attended the All-Star baseball game which was played in Yankee Stadium on Tuesday.

Misses Mary Lois and Margaret Hammond left Saturday for Omaha where they will visit for a few days before going on to Denver, Colo., where they will spend the next two weeks visiting at the home of their aunts, the Misses Mayme, Kathryn and Rose Grady.

Miss Vena Alm has been spending her Fourth of July vacation in O'Neill. She is filling the vacancy in the County Agent's office, while his secretary is on vacation. Miss Alm will return to Wayne State College July 15, where she is taking an advanced stenographic course this summer.

Mrs. Paul Montgomery, of Farlington, Kansas, who has been here the past week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grady, and Henry Grady left Saturday morning for Casper, Wyo., where they will spend the balance of the summer visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis and family.

F. L. Iverson, of Stuart, was before the county court on July 12, on complaint of Patrolman Harry Brt, charged with reckless driving on the highways of the county on July 9. When arraigned he pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to five days in the county jail.

Miss Monica Mannion, who has been employed here in the offices of the Inter-State Power Company Co. the past year resigned her position and left for her home in Creighton on Wednesday. She plans on visiting friends in Denver, Colo., for a short time, after which she will go to Chicago and enter the Gregg School of Shorthand.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chapman, of Omaha, arrived here Thursday night and spent until Saturday here visiting Mrs. Chapman's mother, Mrs. James McPharlin. On Saturday they drove to Atkinson where they planned on spending a few days with Mr. Chapman's mother, Mrs. George Withers, before returning to Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wilson, of Lynch, and sons, Roy and Ray, of Redbird, were visiting friends and shopping in O'Neill Tuesday. Billy said that he was 78 and Mrs. Wilson confessed to being 66. We are very happy to say that neither of them show their years. Having settled in that territory when the Indians camped up and down the Niobrara River every fall. As young folks they were great friends of Chief Yellow Smoke and Sitting Bull.

COMMUNITY SING AND SACRED MUSIC FOR SUN. CONCERT

A sacred concert and community sing will be presented by the O'Neill High School Band on next Sunday evening, July 16, at 8:00.

The first half of the program will be given over to sacred numbers by the band and the vocal soloists. The second half will consist of community singing in which everyone will be invited to join. Mimeographed copies of the words of songs to be sung will be distributed to the audience. Community singing has become very popular in cities where it has been presented with band concerts. Everyone is invited to attend the concert and participate in the "Sing."

Following is the program prepared for that night:

- March—"Old Comrades," Tiedke
 - Paraphrase—"Old Rugged Cross" Bennett
 - Chorale—"Grant Us to Do with Zeal," Bach
 - Vocal Solo—"Holy City," Adam
 - Soloist—Charles Yarnall
 - Selection—"The Old Church Organ," Chambers
 - Community Singing
 - "Adeles Fideles."
 - "Bells of St. Mary's."
 - "There's a Long, Long, Trail a Winding."
 - "When Irish Eyes Are Smilin."
 - "Auld Lang Syne."
 - Finale—"America" and Harmonized Taps—Smith.
- There will be no Saturday night concert this week.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the people of O'Neill and elsewhere, who so kindly assisted us at the death and burial of Dr. M. F. Meer.

Mrs. M. F. Meer and daughter, Valentine, Nebr.

Owen Meer and Mame Meer, O'Neill, Nebr.

BUYS INTEREST IN IMPLEMENT FIRM

E. W. Reed, of Spencer, completed a deal here the first of the week by which he became a member of the Hall Implement company and the firm in the future will be known as the Hall-Reed Implement company. Mr. Reed will serve as sales manager while Mr. Hall will look after the office end of the business. Mr. Reed has been a resident of Boyd county for several years and The Frontier welcomes him to the ranks of O'Neill business men. See their advertisement in another column.

Husband of O'Neill Girl Drops Dead While Visiting In Ainsworth Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bloomberg, son, Bill, and daughter, Dixie, of Gill, S. D., who were here visiting at the home of R. H. Murray, left Saturday night for Ainsworth, where they were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Perkins. On Monday morning, Mr. Bloomberg complained of not feeling very well and suddenly fell over dead. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter, Mrs. Mattie Soukup, Mrs. Clyde Streeter, Mrs. Bernard Matthews and daughter, Madge, left on Tuesday for Ainsworth, and then Mrs. Clyde Streeter and Mrs. Perkins accompanied Mrs. Bloomberg and children to Sturgis, S. D., where funeral services were to be held on Wednesday. Mrs. Bloomberg is a daughter of R. H. Murray.

4-H CLUBBERS TO ATTEND CAMP AT LONG PINE

The District 4-H club camp, which is held at the Hidden Paradise Camp in Long Pine July 17, will be attended by at least 25 boys and girls who are members of the Holt County 4-H Clubs, they will meet with delegations from neighboring counties.

The camp offers rural 4-H club members advantage of their city cousins, by combining at least three days recreational and educational outing under the supervision of 4-H club specialists.

The camp is operated on a co-operative plan by which all expenses of the camp are paid from a fee of \$2.50 charged each member attending. During the three day period nature study consisting of bird and weed study, handicraft, swimming, and games will be used to entertain and educate the 4-H boys and girls.

A camp such as this furnishes a needed vacation for boys and girls who spend nine months of their year in school and three months at routine work on the farm.

All 4-H club members in Holt county are eligible to participate and if they desire to attend this camp they should notify the local county agent so that arrangements may be made for transportation. The group will go in a truck for which there will be no charge.

OLD SETTLERS TO HOLD REUNION AND MEETING

An Old Settlers Picnic and meeting will be held at Meek, Monday, July 17. Plans have been made that call for a big day for all the old timers in this community. You are invited to attend.

The Weather

Exceedingly hot weather, with very little moisture has had Nebraska in its grip the past week. There was a little moisture here on Thursday of last week, with good rains in other sections of the state, but no rain since. On Monday the thermometer reached 104 in this city, which was the hottest place in the state that day, on Tuesday it reached 108 and again on Wednesday it climbed to 104, other points of the state going much higher. Today promises to be another scorcher and residents of the state are eagerly scanning the skies hoping for rain that will cool the air and assist in saving the corn crop which has been seriously damaged with the intense heat of the past three days with the hot winds that accompanied the heat. The corn crop in this county last Sunday looked as if all records for a county yield might be broken, but the corn cannot stand much more of this intense heat, without moisture and we are all hoping for a good rain tonight or tomorrow. Following is the chart for the week.

	H	L	M
July 6	95	70	
July 7	88	61	32
July 8	92	62	
July 9	90	62	
July 10	104	60	
July 11	108	70	
July 12	104	70	

Precipitation for July, .96. Precipitation since January 1, 1939, 9.07 inches.

O'Neill Boys Attend C.M.T.C. Camp

Howard Graves, Donald Bowen, Bill Ryn, and Eldon Peterson left Monday for Fort Crook, Nebraska, where they will attend the annual encampment of the Citizens Military Training Camp. Ted Sirek and Bob Moore left Saturday for Fremont, where they participated in the state archery meet, before going on to Fort Crook, where they will also attend the camp.

Joe David Barnes

Joe David Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Barnes, passed away at the home of his parents in this city last Saturday, at the age of 2 years, 9 months and 24 days. The funeral was held last Monday morning at 10:30 from the Methodist church in this city, Rev. Wright officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Joe David leaves to mourn his passing his parents, two brothers, John Robert and Wilbur Morris and one sister, Movine.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their kindly assistance and sympathy extended us in the sickness and death of our beloved son and brother.—Mr. and Mrs. Art Barnes and family.

Curran—Ott

Francis Curran and Miss Dorothy Ott, of O'Neill, were granted a marriage license in county court on July 8. They were united in marriage in the Catholic church in Emmet last Monday morning, Rev. Father O'Brien officiating, in the presence of a large number of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

Both of these young people are from pioneer families of the county and have a host of friends who wish them a long and happy journey through life.

Redbird Calf Club

The Redbird 4-H Feeder Calf club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wrede. Two more members were voted in, Joe and Jimmy Smith. The club sang a few numbers. There were several visitors, some from Seward county. The next meeting will be August 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knoel. Refreshments were served.

SISTER CATHERINE WILL CELEBRATE GOLDEN JUBILEE

Sister Catherine of St. Mary's Academy will celebrate her fiftieth year as a Sister of St. Francis. The Alumni will hold a reception in her honor on July 23, from three to five p.m. at the Academy.

Sister Catherine has been stationed in O'Neill since the opening of the school and all are invited to call between these hours.

4-H Livestock Awards To Be Presented Again

For the tenth season, 4-H club boys and girls enrolled in a meat animal project may capitalize on their records through the national contest which offers county, state, and national awards.

In nine years, 34 boys and one girl have won all expense educational trips to the annual Chicago convention of 4-H delegates and leaders held in conjunction with the International Livestock Exposition and \$6,400 in cash college scholarships. Several hundred clubsters also have become proud owners of handsome gold engraved watches and several thousand of specially embossed gold fobs—all gifts of Thomas E. Wilson of Chicago.

The same awards are offered for 1939, fobs in the county, watches in the state, and for national winners four trips to Chicago and three cash scholarships of \$200 each. Compliance is simple and assistance and full particulars may be had at the county agent's office. Participants will fill out the standard form from their records as in all contests and write an experience story. No fee or obligation is required.

Records of winners in each state will be judged in the state 4-H club office at the Nebraska college of agriculture to select a state winner by October 15. State records are judged by a committee of state and national club leaders in Chicago.

Holt county, which has more 4-H beef cattle members than any county in Nebraska, will have more than an even chance for their share of these awards.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. William Gatz returned Wednesday afternoon from Omaha where they had been visiting relatives and friends since the Fourth of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Berkenkrotter and son, Bob, of Denver Colo., returned to their home Friday after visiting here at the home of Mrs. Berkenkrotter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cronin.

Mrs. Lawrence Russell and children left Saturday for North Bend, Nebraska, where they will visit relatives for the next two weeks while Captain Russell is attending the CMTC camp at Fort Crook.

Mr. and Mrs. William I. Bell drove to Blair, Nebr., last Thursday and brought back the O'Neill young people who had been attending the Presbyterian young people's conference at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Jr., drove to Battle Creek Thursday morning to attend the funeral of Truman Tyler, of Valentine, who died suddenly of a heart attack on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmon Bell and Miss Ruth Bell, of Sterling, Kansas, came Saturday to visit their son and brother, the Rev. William I. Bell and his family. They drove back to Sterling on Wednesday of this week.

Patrolman Lawrence Russell left last Sunday for Fort Crook, Nebr., where he will put in a couple of weeks as an instructor in the CMTC camp held there. Patrolman Russell is a captain in the reserve forces.

W. H. Hartly and son, Mike, drove to Grand Island on Sunday where they met Mrs. Hartly and daughter, Helen, who were returning from a month's vacation to the West Coast, where they visited relatives and friends.

BOAT CAPSIZES TAKES LIFE OF O'NEILL MAN

While O. W. Wittchen and P. J. O'Donnell were fishing from a boat in Criss' lake northwest of Stuart last Friday afternoon the boat capsized throwing both men into the water. Ed O'Donnell was also with them but was fishing from the bank. Neither of the three could swim but Ed got hold of a long rake there and managed to get P. J. to shore, but badly exhausted with his struggle. Mr. Wittchen came to the surface once and then sank.

In a few moments, when P. J. had recovered his breath he left on a hunt for help. A good swimmer was secured working on a farm near the lake and he got the boat to shore and then recovered the body. The body was in the water about thirty minutes when recovered.

A representative of the Coats undertaking parlors went to the scene of the accident and took the body to Stuart and Biglin's ambulance drove up from this city and brought the body here that evening.

The remains were taken to his old home at Terrill, Iowa, last Saturday and the funeral was held there Sunday afternoon, from the Methodist church, Rev. M. L. Jones officiating. P. J. O'Donnell, J. O. Walker, Mrs. Georgia Raceley, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Bridge, Mrs. Lawrence Russell and Arthur Spittler of this city were in attendance at the funeral.

O. W. Wittchen was born at Lena, Iowa, on June 10, 1907. He attended school in his native town graduating from the high school there in 1925. He later attended the Nebraska University and later the Bradley Polytechnic, of Peoria, Illinois. He taught school for three years at Hartington, Nebr., and went to work for the Federal Land bank in 1933, by whom he was employed up to the time of his death, having held position with the bank in Norfolk and North Platte before coming here a little over a year ago.

On April 4, 1937, he was united in marriage to Miss Marguerite MacPherson, of Omaha. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, two brothers, Frank, of Beloit, Wis., and Ray, of Terrill, Iowa, and two sisters, Mrs. Alta Prentice, of Earley, Iowa, and Mrs. Gladys Dickens, Glenwood, Iowa.

METHODIST CHURCH

V. C. Wright, Minister
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m., H. B. Burch, superintendent.
Public worship, 11:00 a. m.
Epworth league devotional meeting 7:00 p. m.

The City Band will give a concert of sacred music and folk songs 8:00 p. m. This concert will be held at the band stand and there will be no evening service in the church.

Sunday evening, the 23rd, there will be the union evening worship in the Presbyterian church.

Golgotha, a talking picture, will be sponsored by the ladies of the church August 9. Particulars will be announced later.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

William I. Bell, Minister
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Young People's meeting, 7 p. m.
All people are invited to attend the services of this church.

Lutheran Church Notes

R. W. Fricke, Pastor.
Divine services at the Episcopal church Sunday afternoon at 2.

Charles Yarnall, Emmett Carr, Jack Arbutnot, Cron Stannard, Bob Parkins, Jack Hartly, H. J. Reardon, P. B. Hartly, Jerry Greybiel and Pug Horn drove to Ainsworth where they competed in the one day golf tournament held there on Sunday.

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