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## THREE PROMINENT PIONEERS PASS AWAY DURING THE PAST WEEK

### Two of Them Having Been Residents of the County Over Sixty Years—One Grew to Manhood Here But Had Been Away For Thirty Years

#### Mrs. Margaret Brennan

Mrs. Margaret Brennan died at her home in this city Wednesday night about 11:30 after an illness of about one week of ailments incident to advancing years, at the age of 78 years and 11 months. The funeral will be held from St. Patrick's church, of which the deceased had been a life time member on Saturday morning, January 13, 1940, at 9 o'clock, Monsignor McNamara officiating and burial at the side of her husband who passed away in August, 1915.

Margaret Keys was born at Sault Saint Marie, Canada, on February 10, 1861. She came with her parents to this country about 1877 or 1878 and they settled on a quarter section of land a half mile northwest of this city. The family came to this country from Park Hill, Canada. In 1881 she was united in marriage to Neil Brennan, the ceremony being performed in this city. To this union eight children were born, two of whom preceded their mother in death and the others are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. The children are: John T. Brennan, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. Margaret Pfeiler, Pasadena, California; Neil P. Brennan, Rapid City, S. D.; Major Francis M. Brennan, Fort Benning, Georgia; Thomas J. Brennan and Miss Bernadette Brennan, O'Neill. She is also survived by a large number of grandchildren and one brother, Cornelius Keys, of this city, and one sister, Sister Bernadette, of Omaha. All of her children, except Mrs. Pfeiler will be at the funeral.

Mrs. Brennan was a splendid wife and mother. She was never a society woman, devoting her entire attention to the care, custody and welfare of her husband and children. In later years the love and attention she lavished upon her own children, now that they had all grown to manhood and womanhood's estate, was lavished upon her grandchildren and they were never happier than when with grandma. She was a member of but one society and that was the Altar Society of St. Patrick's church, of which she had been a member for many years and she loved the duties devolving upon her as a member of that society, as she was a devout and faithful member of the church.

Mrs. Brennan had been a resident of this city and community for over sixty years. When she came here with her parents and family the town was composed of one building and a few trees around there was not a house or a tree to be seen. It was a beautiful looking country, luxuriant grass and wild game, deer, elk and antelope in abundance. It looked as if it was destined as the poor man's paradise and they came in hundreds during the first four years of the eighties. The little hamlet of one building she lived to see grow into a beautiful, modern up-to-date city of 3,000, with miles of sewerage, water mains, paved streets and sidewalks. She witnessed the growth of the city and during the past ten years had quite a prominent part in the up-building of the city, for, outside of her family, her church, and personal friends, this city was dearer in her heart than any other thing. She, like her husband, always had faith in the future prosperity of this city and county and she lived to see the day that this city has become the fastest growing city in the northern part of the state, filled with hundreds of happy, God loving and contented people.

The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in extending condolences to the bereaved ones in their hour of sorrow.

#### William Cronin

William Cronin died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grady in this city last Monday morning at 2:30 after an illness of several weeks of ailments incident to advanced years, at the age of 89 years, 11 months and 29 days. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's church, Rev. Father Parr officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

William Cronin was born at Covington, Ind., on January 9, 1851, and would have been ninety years of age on Tuesday. The family moved to this county in 1876, coming here from Penfield, Ill., and he was one of the oldest settlers in the county. For a number of years he farmed north of this city, where he made a success of farming. In 1914 he sold his farm and moved to this city, where he had since made his home, except for periods when he traveled to the west coast, Lincoln and Omaha, where he would spend a few weeks with relatives.

Mr. Cronin never married and he leaves to mourn his passing one brother and three sisters. They are: D. J. Cronin, O'Neill; Mrs. Jane McGraw, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Julia Hayes, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Nell Hunt, Lincoln, Nebr. He is also survived by several nephews and nieces and a large number of friends in this city and county.

William Cronin was one of the real pioneers of the county, having been a resident of the county for nearly sixty-four years. The writer had known William Cronin for sixty-three years, ever since we came to the county in 1877. In the pioneer days it did not take long for anyone to get acquainted with their neighbors, and while we lived about four miles apart we were neighbors. He was one of the finest men that ever lived in this

or any other country. He was the old type of a well educated and genteel Irishman; a man who always had a good word for everyone and a man that was honored and respected by all, both young and old for his many fine qualities. While he lived to a ripe old age no one ever heard him called "old man," it was always Uncle Bill, with the old as well as the young, which attests his friendliness with both old and young. He will be missed; for with his passing one of the real landmarks of the city and county has passed to the great beyond.

#### Clarence A. Campbell

Clarence A. Campbell died at his home in Omaha last Sunday morning about 3 o'clock after an illness of three hours of coronary thrombosis, at the age of 59 years, 11 months and 22 days. The body was brought to this city Sunday night and the funeral was held from St. Patrick's church Tuesday morning, Monsignor McNamara officiating and burial was made in Calvary cemetery.

Clarence A. Campbell was born at Niobrara, Nebr., on January 27, 1881. His parents moved to this city a couple of years after his birth and he grew to manhood in this city and graduated from the O'Neill schools. After his graduation he entered the First National bank in this city and was employed therein for a number of years. In 1909 he went to Seattle, Wash., and was employed as a bookkeeper in a lumber camp north of there for two or three years.

From Seattle he went to Leavenworth, Washington, where he was in a bank for several years. He then went to Stratton, Nebr., where he was in a bank for a couple of years, then back to Seattle, Washington in 1923 where he entered the automobile business. While in Seattle he was hit by a hit and run driver and left lying on the street. When found he was taken to a hospital and he was confined therein for several months, having two

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## O'NEILL HIGH BASKETBALLERS BEGIN A SERIES OF WINNING GAMES

### Winners in Two Games During the Past Week, One At Home and One Away From Home

O'Neill High defeated Pierce 32-30 in basketball last Friday, when Lowery caged a field goal in the first few seconds of an overtime period. Pierce scored first in the game, converting two free throws. Lowery tied the score with a field goal and O'Neill went ahead on the first of Sirek's six field goals. The score was tied at six all from which O'Neill crawled into a 13-8 lead. Little scoring was done in the second period and Pierce cut O'Neill's lead to four points 16-12. Pierce rallied in the third period when Zimmer and Luebec sank five field goals and the visitors led 25-20 going into the final quarter. Midway in the quarter they were leading 30-24 but O'Neill came to life and sparked by French's two field goals tied the score at 30-30, with 45 seconds left in the game.

The rules provide that in case of a tie an extra period of three minutes shall be played unless during that period one team shall score two points. O'Neill took the tip off starting the extra period and Lowery dribbled in for a winning basket.

This was O'Neill's last home game until January 26 when Creighton will play on the home floor. O'Neill meets Elgin, Butte and Neligh away from home and plays in the Holt County Tournament in Atkinson in the next two weeks.

Summary		
O'Neill—32	FG	FT P
Lowery, f	2	2 1
Vincent, f	1	0 0
Serik, f	6	1 2
French, f	2	0 0
Valla, c	2	0 0
Brown, g	0	1 0
Calkins, g	0	0 0
McKinna, g	1	0 4
	14	4 7
Pierce—30	FG	FT P
Runsapie, f	0	1 0

Magdanz, f	1	2 1
Zimmer, f	4	2 1
Luebec, f	3	0 1
Chilvers, c	1	0 0
Urwin, g	1	1 2
Mastalir, g	0	0 1
Rowley, g	2	0 2
	12	6 8

O'Neill High School won another basketball game Tuesday defeating Elgin 29-25 on Elgin's floor. Elgin opened the scoring and sailed into a lead that was maintained all of the first quarter which ended 7-4 in their favor. Valla went on a scoring spree in the second period to put O'Neill in the lead 13-11. O'Neill still had a two point lead starting the last quarter which they built up to 28-21 with three minutes to play. Elgin rallied but couldn't close the gap between the two teams scores.

The O'Neill second team won the preliminary game in the last six seconds of play. Trailing by a few points during most of the game, Elgin went ahead 12-11 on a long shot in the last minute of play but Calkins came through with a field goal to give O'Neill the victory.

O'Neill (29)	FG	FT P
Lowery	2	2 1
Sirek	4	0 1
Vincent	0	0 0
Valla	6	1 0
Brown	0	1 1
McKenna	0	1 1
	12	5 4

Elgin (25)	FG	FT P
Daly	0	0 0
Watkins	3	0 3
Bennett	1	1 3
Qualsett	3	0 1
Vogel	2	0 1
Henney	0	0 0
Hinman	3	0 2
	12	1 10

## LIONS CLUB ACTIVE DURING PAST YEAR

### As An Organization Have Boosted For O'Neill All During the Year

The O'Neill Lions club met last Monday evening in the Golden Hotel dining room where they reviewed their accomplishments of the past six months under the leadership of Lion president Ted McElhaney. A few of their activities included the 4-H club picnic, the 4-H club calf show and sale of baby beeves, Santa Claus day when they gave away 1500 sacks of candy, and their latest achievement was, making it possible for the soil conservation crew to maintain their offices in O'Neill. This took time and money but with such fine members as Lions Putman, Todson, Sauer, Ruzicka, Rooney and President McElhaney assisted by the business men of this city, all these achievements were made possible.

At the next meeting the future possibilities of O'Neill and an active program will be lined up for the next six months. What would you like to see accomplished? Be at the next meeting Monday, January 22 and help this organization do more helpful achievements this year. They need your encouragement and support. A membership drive will be made in the near future. Would you like to join?

#### CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our friends and relatives for their kindness during the death of our infant son.—Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Luber, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Johnson and family.

## Fifteenth Judicial District Court Calendar for 1940

The following is the court calendar for the year 1940 in the various counties in the Fifteenth Judicial district:

Boyd, Equity terms, February 5, June 10, August 5, December 2, July terms, March 4, September 30.
Brown, Equity terms, February 8, June 12, August 1, Jury terms, April 1, October 21.
Holt, Equity terms, June 14, August 12, Jury terms, March 11, November 12.
Rock, Equity terms, February 7, June 12, August 1, Jury terms, March 25, October 14.
Keya Paha, Equity terms, February 7, June 12, Jury terms, April 15, September 25.

## SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Automobiles roll on in endless streams but Lincoln gas dealers complain of poor business.

There is nothing much sure ahead of us for 1940 but the tax receipts, the taxes for which we get no receipt, License plates and country-wide elections.

Neither the plea of churchmen nor the pronouncements of presidents and premiers have any effect on the likes of Stalin and Hitler. They understand the kind of language little Finland uses.

It is noted that they received over fifty thousand dollars up at the treasurer's office in December. That ought to be enough for Holt county for a year or two. Organized society is becoming an expense beyond the benefits derived and perhaps we should revert to the patriarchal mode of life.

For more than two weeks the capitol city has lain just across the arctic circle—with respect to weather conditions. One morning, January 2, it held the honor of being the coldest recorded spot in the state. Six inches or more of snow overspread the city with a blanket "deep and white" though the clatter of traffic deprives us of the poetic "silence" of which Mr. Lowell

## Assistance Directors of Fifth District to Meet Here January 15

On Monday, January 15, the County Assistance Directors and workers from their offices, of the counties comprising District 5, will meet in O'Neill at the Golden Hotel from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Mr. Harry Becker, of Lincoln, director of the Division of Child Welfare under the Board of Control, and Mr. Lester Gerber, Supervisor of Field Service, also of Lincoln, will be here to discuss problems relative to Child Welfare and Assistance.

This meeting is being held for the purpose of giving instruction to the county workers, relative to special problems of Child Welfare Service.

It is expected that workers from Holt, Knox, Antelope, Rock, Keya Paha, Brown, Cherry and Boyd counties, in District 5 will be in attendance, as well as workers from adjoining counties outside the district.

Mrs. Lila Graves, Field Supervisor of this district, will preside at the meeting.

## Former Resident Dies At Her Home in Lincoln

Mrs. O. B. Hatch, for many years a resident of the northeast part of the county, passed away at her home in Lincoln on December 31, 1939, at the age of 65 years. She is survived by her husband, three sons, Harold, of Beatrice; Ray W. and Merle, of Lincoln; two daughters, Mrs. Lula Hansen, of Lincoln, and Mrs. Marguerite Alger, of York. Funeral services were held January 2 at Lincoln, burial in Lincoln Memorial Park.

wrote. All this has come about just when we were hearing remarks that mild December vouchsafed the belief that the Nebraska climate was changing.

It has been given out that Nebraska republicans are going to get a first hand contact with the racket busting Mr. Dewey from New York. According to latest information he has accepted the invitation to deliver an address here on the occasion of the annual Founders Day love feast. Brighter omens appear on not too distant horizons for the Grand Old Party and after these many agonizing years the sovereign citizens can again hang their heads on sane and tried policies of government under the guiding hands of patriots who will shake the dust from the folds of Old Glory and bear it high with the emblazoned adornment of a reborn America.

Chicken raising, once left to shift for itself in the barnyard with the temperamental and uncertain hen, has become a scientific affair run on an intelligent business plan. The capitol city has, in the Lincoln Hatchery, the largest institution for the production of poultry in the country, if not the entire world. W. G. Lewis is at the head of it. Mr. Lewis, a university man with a combination of practical knowledge, scientific methods, business ability and general personality, is making the hen a factor in the community's commerce. He has just issued his 1940 Poultry Guide, a beautiful thing of 112 pages printed in colors. The hatchery plans this season to hatch some four million chicks, their present capacity taking care of one and a quarter million eggs—if you know what that is—at a "setting." The Poultry guide is an interesting treatise covering the whole range of poultry growing and should be the means of inspiring an interest in this somewhat neglected field which may hold industrial possibilities that would rejuvenate flagging agriculture.

Mrs. John Kersensclub entertained the 9 F F Club at her home on Tuesday evening, honoring Mrs. Harold Weir. There were five tables of bridge. Prizes were won by Mrs. Harold Lindberg, Mrs. Lawrence Russel, Mrs. Ambrose Rohde and Mrs. Wiley Richards.

Jack Quig left Sunday for Omaha to enter a hospital to receive medical treatment.

## COUNTY BOARD ORGANIZE WEDNESDAY ELECTING J. C. STEIN, AS CHAIRMAN

### Has Been a Member of the Board for Twelve Years, And Was Chairman of Board in 1937

The County Board Wednesday morning met as per adjournment, and elected J. C. Stein, who has represented the First district on the county board for the past twelve years and who served as chairman of the Board in 1937, chairman for the ensuing year. The election came on the third ballot when he received four votes, three not voting. On the first or nominating ballot the following vote was cast: Stein 3, Gibson 1, Sullivan 2. Sullivan withdrew his name from consideration and the first ballot resulted in 3 votes for Stein and 1 for Gibson. On the second ballot Stein received three votes and he was elected on the third ballot with four votes, the record showing only that number of votes being cast, out of the seven eligible to vote.

When the Board convened for the afternoon session Chairman Stein submitted the following list of committees for the ensuing year: Court House—Sullivan, Smith and Matousek. Sinance—Wulf, Matousek and Gibson. Printing—Smith, Wulf and Carson. Taxes—Carson, Gibson and Smith. Bonds—Sullivan, Wulf and Carson. Bridges—Matousek, Smith and Sullivan. Settlement with County Officers—Gibson and the entire Board. Claims—Matousek and the entire Board.

To Give Piano Recital At St. Mary's Academy

Sunday afternoon, January 14th, at two o'clock the following children will give a piano recital in the Assembly Room of the Academy: Leah Bruegman, Mary Mellor, Lou Birmingham, Billy Pickering, Beverly McCarthy, Joan Rakowski, Jean Rakowski, Patti Keiser, Barbara Birmingham, Nancy Froelich, John Trout, Donna McElvain, Joan Simonson, Lorraine Simonson, Mary Dale and Emory Kiel. Their friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

This office is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. O. F. Herring, of Eugene, Oregon, enclosing a renewal for The Frontier. Mrs. Herring was, prior to her marriage, Lettie Ritts, and came to Holt county with her parents in 1896, where she grew to womanhood and lived for many years. The family lived in the northwestern part of Grattan township and two brothers are still residents of the county. She still harbors many pleasant recollections of her girlhood days in Holt county and the many girl friends who were her neighbors, and most of whom are scattered over the United States.

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## COUNTY BOARD ELECTS WALTER G. SIRE AS COUNTY ASSESSOR TO FILL VACANCY

### Prominent Farmer and Stockman Selected to Fill Vacancy Caused by the Death of Assessor Mulford

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## Majority of County Board Are in Lincoln Today

Supervisors Matousek, Carson, Gibson and Sullivan left Thursday morning for Lincoln to attend a meeting of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, being held today.

The state board recently made an increase on the Educational lands in this county of \$87,502.00 over the appraisal of 1935 under which rental has been paid since that time. Part of the cultivated land has been increased one hundred per cent and the average increase on all of the land is 24 per cent over that of the last appraisal, 1935.

In view of the fact that very little crops have been raised in this county for the past six years, the members of the board figured that the increase was too much and the above members went to Lincoln to appear before the board as the representatives of the Holt county Board to enter their protest, which had been presented by resolution.

## The Weather

This section of the state has had some real snappy weather the past week with quite a little snow. The thermometer registered below zero for five straight days, commencing last Thursday morning when it registered 9 below zero; Friday morning 21 degrees below. With the five days the past week and two days last week below zero it gives us seven below zero days for the first ten days of the month. Not a bad record. Snow drifted some yesterday and it is blowing hard today and the snow drifting badly in the country, making cross roads almost impassable. Following is the chart for the week:

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