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O'NEILL HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM LEFT FOR LINCOLN EARLY WEDNESDAY

Winners of This District Class B. Tournament Wins Their First Game at Lincoln, Defeating Oakdale, Favored By The Experts To Be Victors

Coach Anderson and the basketball players of the O'Neill High School, the winners of the Class B tournament held in this city last week, left Wednesday morning for Lincoln to compete for the state championship in Class B. The following members of the team made the trip: Leo Valla, Ralph Brown, Ted Sirek, Don Lowery, Bill Ryan, Gene McKenna, Dale French, Harold Calkins and Warren Burgess. They were taken down in two cars driven by Mrs. French and Mrs. Mathis.

The boys played their first game in Lincoln last night and emerged victorious defeating Oakdale 22 to 19. The talent had picked Oakdale as a sure winner of this game as they defeated O'Neill here on February 23 with a score of 33 to 19, so the O'Neill victory was a surprise to the wise ones.

O'Neill is to play at 9:30 tonight, Guardian Angels of West Point being their opponent and in this contest O'Neill again goes in as second choice, as Guardian Angels is classed as one of the best teams at the State Tournament. But the way the O'Neill boys have been playing the last two weeks they are liable to again turn the tables on the dopesters for the second time. Here's hoping.

The Cast For St. Mary's Lenten Play Is Filled

After a great deal of practice the following cast has been chosen for parts in St. Mary's Lenten play.

Pontius Pilate, a man in his late thirties, by nature forceful and dominant, will be played by William Kubitschek.

Claudia Procula, Pilate's wife, a few years younger than he, dark, attractive and compassionate, will be taken by Monica Hoefs and by Catherine McNichols.

Gaius, an eager, sensitive, bright boy of twelve will be played by Margaret Higgins and by Corinne Kubitschek.

The part of Marah has been given to Mildred Cavanaugh. Marah is a Jewish maid in the household of Pontius Pilate. She is a dark attractive girl of eighteen.

William Biglin plays the part of Cornelius, a middle-aged, crafty, suave, smilingly polite Roman.

Classius, a rough, uncouth young Roman soldier, is played by Robert Earley. He is loud-voiced and boisterous.

Robert Miles takes the part of Stephen, a young serious-minded ardent disciple, with keen eyes and an eager way of expressing himself.

The play will be presented March 18 at 2:30 and at 8:00 p. m., and on March 19 at 8:00 p. m. in the K. of C. Hall.

Rev. Virgil Wright Hurt In Auto Accident

Rev. Virgil Wright, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, suffered painful injuries last Friday afternoon, when he apparently went to sleep at the wheel of his car and ran off a high embankment.

The accident happened about four in the afternoon, and occurred just outside of Columbus, as Rev. Wright was returning to O'Neill from Lincoln, where he had been in attendance at a Methodist ministers meeting. He was taken to the Lutheran hospital at Columbus where an examination disclosed that he had suffered a punctured lung, two broken ribs and the ligaments in his shoulder were badly torn. Mrs. Wright and son, Harry, left early Saturday morning for Columbus, returning home that night.

The latest reports are that he is getting along nicely and anxious to return home.

Miss Dorothy Ryan entertained fourteen of her girl friends at a "house-coat" party at her home Tuesday night in honor of her birthday. All those present report they had a lovely time.

Neighbors And Friends Help Pioneer Woman Celebrate Birthday

Saturday, March 9, 1940, being Grandma Menish's birthday, a group of friends and old neighbors with well filled baskets gathered in to help her celebrate this event, it being her 91st birthday.

Those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. James Brennan, Mrs. Robert Marsh and daughter, Mrs. Jack Welsh and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Donohoe, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jansen, Mrs. P. V. Hickey, Mrs. Joe McNichols, Mrs. T. F. Donohoe, Walter Donohoe, Mrs. William Dailey and daughter, Joe Donohoe, Cleta McNichols, Ed Menish and son, Joe Menish a grandson, Mary Menish, a granddaughter, Nadine McNichols, Margaret Hickey.

After the usual greetings the folks sat down to a sumptuous dinner, after which card playing and visiting was the pastime and listening to Jim Brennan and Grandma Menish tell stories of the early days on the prairie. Grandma is hale and hearty for a woman of her age and enjoys meeting the old neighbors and talking of the early days in Holt county. As evening approached the folks left for home wishing this Grand Old Lady many more happy birthdays. xxx

Creighton Alumni of This Section To Have Dinner Dance on March 27

An invitation to Creighton Alumni in this section to a dinner dance at Hotel Norfolk on Wednesday, March 27, was extended recently by Norman Gonderinger, Holt County Chairman for the event. It is understood that a large crowd of Creighton graduates from this section have indicated they will be in attendance.

Rev. J. Zuercher, President of the University, Father Schynne the new director of athletics, Maurice "Skip" Palrang, the new coach, his assistant, Marty Kordick, Hugh Higgins, alumni secretary and other Creighton officials will be in attendance. A motion picture in technical color filmed at one of the Creighton games last fall will be displayed at the dinner. Creighton Alumni from this locality are asked to make their reservations with Mr. Gonderinger.

Former O'Neill Man Dies In Minnesota

Mrs. Joe McNichols left Monday morning for Winter, Minn., to attend the funeral of her brother, Bill McDermott, who died there Sunday after a long illness. Mr. McDermott was a former resident of this city, living west of town. He was a World War veteran, having gone into the army from this city and after his return lived here for several years. About six years ago he moved to Minnesota where he had since made his home.

Miss Ruth and Junior Harris spent the week-end in O'Neill visiting at the home of their mother, Mrs. Esther Cole Harris. They returned to their studies at Morningside College, Sioux City, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arbutnot left Saturday for Norfolk, where they attended the Class A Basketball tournament there and then drove to Petersburg and spent Sunday with Mrs. Arbutnot's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duffy.

Donald Shimmer, of Newport, appeared before County Judge Reimer on March 9th, on a complaint signed by Patrolman Russell, charging him with operating his car on the public highways with a delinquent 1939 license plate on March 2nd. He pled guilty, was fined \$1.00 and costs which amounted to \$3.10.

THE DAYS OF LONG AGO

Fifty-Five Years Ago

The Frontier, March 12, 1885
Eli Hershiser has returned from Iowa.

The harrowing details of farm work have commenced.

Fifty Years Ago

The Frontier, March 13, 1890
Two days of this week, Monday and Tuesday, Wagers & Doyle paid out over \$1,100 in O'Neill for hogs alone. That's a pretty good showing, especially at this time of year.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hershiser and family arrived in O'Neill Saturday night from Black Hawk county, Iowa, and will make their future home on the Patrick McCeag farm one mile west of town purchased by them a few weeks ago.

Forty Years Ago

The Frontier, March 15, 1900
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Coffey were over from Spencer Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

The democratic county convention was held at Frank Campbell's office last Saturday afternoon and was the best attended gathering of the party for years. Delegates to the state convention were selected.

The populist convention to elect delegates to the state convention was held at the court house last Saturday.

Thirty Years Ago

The Frontier, March 17, 1910
Joe A. Mann returned Monday from his regular spring purchasing trip to Chicago.

Miss Loretta Sullivan left Tuesday evening for Butte, Mont., where she will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

Seymour Harkins and Miss Sarah Honeywell, of Bliss, were granted a marriage license in county court last Friday.

George Meals, of Valdez, Alaska, arrived in O'Neill Tuesday and will again become a resident of old Holt.

Twenty Years Ago

The Frontier, March 11, 1920
Mrs. F. J. Deshner returned the first of the week from a ten days visit with friends at Sioux City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison returned the later part of the week from a combined business and pleasure trip to Omaha.

Last Saturday night was the coldest night experienced in this section of the state since the fore-

O'Neill Lions Club To Entertain Class B. District Basketball Champions And Runners Up

On Monday evening the O'Neill Lions Club will have as their guests the O'Neill High Basketball team as well as the Cardinals of St. Mary's, with their coaches. O'Neill High was the winner of the Class B trophy in this district and St. Mary's were the runners up and the Lions decided that as both teams made such a splendid record they should be honored by the citizens of this city, hence the banquet.

Tickets will be on sale for this event on Friday afternoon at the Brown-McDonald Store and at the Gamble Store, Mr. Armbuster, Mr. Ruzicka and Ted McElhany, being the members of the committee from the Lions Club who are in charge of the ticket sales and the entertainment, and it will be good with these boys at the helm.

Citizens of O'Neill should attend this banquet, and it is open to everyone who wishes to buy a ticket. These boys have worked hard all winter to place the name of O'Neill on the sports map of this section of the state, and they are entitled to this tribute. Show that you are with them by attending their banquet.

Jack Arbutnot left Thursday morning for Lincoln, taking with him the following members of St. Mary's Basketball team to attend the tournament there: George Hammond, Junior Shoemaker, Bob Miles, Duke Kersenbrock and Francis Hickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davidson and daughter, Louise, arrived in O'Neill on Sunday from Casper, Wyo., to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson. They visited in Atkinson over Saturday at the home of Mrs. Davidson's mother, Mrs. Ed Slaymaker.

part of December. It registered 16 below zero.

Peter Ryan, one of the pioneer residents of this county died at his home in this city last Sunday morning.

SOUTHEASTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

All who read the big papers got the newsmen's story of Thomas E. Dewey according to the orthodox mode of the craft. Lincoln has seen some colorful political pageants in the past, notably when the "Boy Orator of the Platte" was the political god of the multitudes and his "Crown of Thorns and Cross of Gold" was echoed by school girls all over the state. Dewey is no thunderbolt. His court opponents in the first big racketeer prosecution called him "boy scout." Opponents learn that with keen consummate skill the Boy Scout removes the hide and points a finger at the cancer—there it is. In that great university coliseum I sat a half block from Mr. Dewey. When you are in the center of a vast multitude perhaps you get a glimpse of one or two you can name. A nervous little Jew, whom his acquaintances call Shorty, sat beside me. He pounded and cheered and was on his feet half the time. A white-haired old timer in the gallery to the left let out a whoop like one of Sitting Bull's braves and Thomas E. paused long enough in the process of peeling The New Deal to ask him to do it again. A few seats ahead of me I saw, encircled by a fringe of white hair, the swarthy bald dome of Addison E. Sheldon, whom I understand does not favor the New Deal's brand of the more abundant life, though he unfurled the banner of reform as a county editor in behalf of such patriots as John H. Powers and William V. Allen. The kernel of Mr. Dewey's philosophy on the night of March 6 may be expressed in the words of Solomon: "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand; but the hand of the diligent maketh rich." And if I may again employ a saying of Solomon: "In the multitude of words there wasteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise." Mr. hour. He confided with us that he had something of agricultural problems. He was reared on a Michigan farm, worked by the month as a farm hand and the only savings he has are invested in farm property. James Lee Rankin, a clean, capable young attorney of Lincoln, whom I have known personally since he wore knee pants, has been named Mr. Dewey's campaign manager for Nebraska.

Ten Years Ago

The Frontier, March 13, 1930
J. S. Ennis is the first candidate to file for the office of sheriff of Holt County. He filed as a candidate on the republican ticket.

Miss Mary Hafner submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the Lutheran hospital in Norfolk last Sunday afternoon.

A number of cases of pneumonia have been reported in O'Neill during the past two weeks. All of the cases seem to be well on the road to recovery.

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Tuesday	22	16	.15
Wednesday	20	14	.37

Bauman Boosters From West Point Are Coming Here Next Wednesday

A booster trip, composed of business and professional men of West Point will be in the city on Wednesday, March 20, arriving here at 12:05 and will remain until 1:05. They are boosting the candidacy of their Mayor, Ed M. Bauman, who is one of the republican candidates for governor. Mr. Bauman will be with the party and expects to meet a large number of the business men and voters of the city while here. They will visit Ewing at 11:30 for ten minutes and Page for ten minutes on their way here.

Drs. Gadbois & Stewart, Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat Specialists of Norfolk, Nebraska, will be in O'Neill at Dr. Carter's office all day Wednesday, March 20. Glasses fitted.

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Defeat The St. Mary's Cardinals In A Close Game For Honors In Tournament Last Friday Evening

O'Neill High came through the district basketball tournament as a surprise winner last week, defeating St. Mary's 26-21 in the finals and winning from Bassett, Orchard and Long Pine in the preliminary rounds.

Ten teams were entered in the tourney which started Tuesday night with a game between St. Mary's and Spencer. The first quarter ended in a tie 11-11 but St. Mary's turned on the heat in the second quarter and had a 22-13 lead at the half. Spencer warmed up in the second half and had cut the lead to 24-19 at the end of the third quarter. The score was tied with a minute to play when Shoemaker caged the winning basket. Spencer made good on a technical foul in the final seconds to make the final score 27-16. Butte won from Springview 18-14 in the second game of the evening and O'Neill romped on Bassett 35-8 in the day's final game.

Wednesday night Stuart was St. Mary's victim losing 17-19 after holding the lead through the first three and a half quarters of the game. Vernon Kozisich of Stuart put on a fine ball handling exhibition but his team mates were of little help. Long Pine won from Lynch 22-17 to reach the semi-finals. O'Neill High was hot and with Sirek, Ryan and Valla each connecting for ten points took a 35-22 game from Orchard, to avenge a mid-season defeat at Orchard.

In the semi-finals St. Mary's had little difficulty defeating Butte 39-23, although Adkins, Butte sophomore, made thirteen points to add to the ten he made the first night. O'Neill high defeated Long Pine 51-33 in the high scoring game of the tournament. O'Neill High took the lead the first quarter and with Ryan, Sirek and Valla setting a hot pace the locals had a 28-15 advantage at the half and 42-20 at the third quarter. Odbert of Long Pine pushed in three-baskets in the final quarter to boost his total to eighteen points but the rally came much too late.

Summary of Final Game

O'Neill (26)	fg	ft	pf
Ryan	2	1	3
Lowery	0	0	1
Sirek (C)	4	2	2
Valla	2	2	4
Brown	1	2	0
McKenna	0	1	2
Calkins	0	0	0
Totals	9	8	12

St. Mary's (21)	fg	ft	pf
J. Shoemaker	2	3	1
Hammond	0	0	1
Biglin	0	1	3
Kubitschek (C)	3	0	3
B. Shoemaker	2	0	2
Hickey	0	0	1
Price	1	1	0
Totals	8	5	11

Technical Foul—Ryan. Referees—Fisher and Stickney.

Financially the tournament was very successful. Enough money was taken in to pay the expense of each visiting team and the profit above this was divided between the state activities association and the competing schools.

Memories of Easter at the Methodist Church on Sunday, March 17.

An Easter Choir Cantata for mixed voices by Ellen Jane Lorenz, presented by the choir of the Methodist church Sunday evening, March 17, at 8 p. m., in the church. The choir has been working on this beautiful Cantata for more than two months under the leadership of Mrs. Lawrence Russell who is well known here as an excellent vocalist. Those taking part in the program are: Marjorie Graybell, Erma Manzer, Eva McElhaney, Ella Porter, Alice Sexsmith, Martha Switzer, Mrs. Ennis, Mrs. Clay Johnson, Mrs. Irving Johnson, Emily Russell, Soprano; Alton, Mildred Lindberg, Helen Kline, Esther Harris, Lois Gilas, Eileene Olson, Esther Lindberg, Mrs. Will Hanna, Jane Jeffrey, Helen Hagensick, Mrs. Howard Hansen. Tenors: Eldon Provitz, Bass: Robert Jay, Charles Yarnall, Lawrence Russell, Chauncey Porter, Vance Kline. Twenty-eight voices accompanied on the piano by Archie Bowen.

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On the final night Chambers met Wood Lake, both Class C tournament winners, to determine which team should go to the state meet at Lincoln. Chambers started fast and outplayed Wood Lake through the first half but had poor luck on shots and could run up only an 11-10 advantage. Wood Lake came back strong the second half and had the lead 22-15 at the third quarter and won 29-22.

O'Neill High and St. Mary's met in the finals, the third time these teams had played each other this season. The High School scored first and was never behind. At the quarter the score stood 7-4 and by the half it was 17-10, mainly due to the superior accuracy from the free throw line. The third quarter was nearly even. In the final period Valla fouled out and without his height the high school boys were at a disadvantage under the basket, but there was too little time for St. Mary's to take advantage of this and the game ended 26-21.

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