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BREEZES SOUTHEASTERN

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One of the candidates for president is said to lack executive experience. Maybe it would be just as well to put some one down there at Washington who has not had so much "experience."

At the entrance to the building where Nebraska's lone farm paper is published is a notice: "Closed all day Saturday to conform with government wage-hours regulations. Hours from 8 to 5 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday." How many Nebraska farmers are able to keep such hours?

On South 13th street, emblazoned high in air, a flaming sign reads, "Terrible Terry Carpenter." It is at one of the places of business of the notable Scottsbluff citizen who is said to be selling gasoline here below them all in price. He maintains a fleet of trucks that bring the gas from his oil fields. Nebraska has had many picturesque characters in politics and Mr. Carpenter is that as well as a shrewd business manager. And picturesque gents in politics can do some damage. For instance, the state bank guarantee law, a product of the statesmen of the Carpenter mold. I see he has been in O'Neill and wonder if the old town is as fruitful a field as formerly for the politicians with fantastic programs.

I see Inman is thus early getting ready for the Fourth. It was about '85 that two other boys and myself conceived the idea of jumping the train at O'Neill and going to Inman to celebrate the Fourth. We had our celebration all to ourselves as the town was not celebrating. Some years later we met with a different experience at Page when a great Fourth of July celebration was held, combining the hurrah of Independence Day with an equally important event, the completion of the short line railroad. E. C. Coon was the inspiring genius of the day and read the Declaration of Independence. A husky gent was operating a combined barber shop and butcher shop—as meat markets were then known. His doors were wide open. There he stood, one hand resting on a barber's chair, the other holding a cleaver on the meat block. "Come in, boys; if we can't shave you we can skin you," was his cheerful invitation. But as celebrations go Page really did something. Sam Thompson and I were pals for the day. We lost interest in the celebration in favor of a bit of romance with a home girl and one from a distant state. The "home girl," herself of a pioneer family, married into a pioneer family. Out of life's experiences on the open prairies of Holt county and in a quiet village by the Elkhorn she has had full measure of its pain and pleasure, and bereft of husband now faces the sunset alone.

If early gardeners around Lincoln planted their potatoes Good Friday they had to dig under a frozen crust. The weather was severe for the Easter season. However, Nebraskans will have their potatoes as those planted a month after the traditional date are more reliable at harvest time. Early day merchants in O'Neill exported many carloads of potatoes. Those were the days they grew in abundance and I have seen none since with quality to equal them. As a boy on my father's homestead a few miles out from town I was at work one day in the potato field adjacent to the road when Mrs. Pfunder and Mrs. Gwyne from town drove past in a buggy. "That is a hard way to serve the Lord," Mrs. Gwyne greeted me. The homesteaders did not regard it as "hard." There was a satisfying pleasure in producing by your own efforts the necessary things of life, and it far transcended this modern mode of life in getting a few things out of a store every day in paper sacks.

Mrs. Ed Johnson of Omaha, arrived Saturday to spend Easter with relatives and friends.

See The Silver Streak



The Burlington's Finest Train

Citizens of this city as well as those of surrounding towns are invited to be in O'Neill on next Thursday afternoon and greet a delegation of the business men of Sioux City, who will be here that evening, coming here on the New Burlington Zephyr, the latest thing

in the transportation line. The train will arrive here at 6:05 and the dinner will be shortly thereafter at the High School Auditorium. The dinner will be furnished by the Catholic Daughters of America, which is a guarantee that all present will receive a real meal. Every-

one is invited to attend, but the committee would like to know how many will attend the banquet, so that proper arrangements can be made for your comfort. If you contemplate going get in touch with one of the members of the committee and get your ticket. Tick-

ets are 75 cents for the dinner and can be procured from L. C. Walling, E. M. Gallagher, John Kersensbrock, Jack Arbuthnot, Ambrose Rhode or Howard Bauman. Let us all go and show the Sioux Citizens that O'Neill is a real live town.

The Frontier Comes With Largest Regular Edition In Very Many Years

The Frontier goes to its readers this week with the largest volume of advertising ever carried in a Holt county paper, unless in a special edition. Advertisers know the newspaper that brings them results which accounts for this increase. The Frontier has carried more advertising during the month of March this year than we have carried for any month since the good old days of 1922-23. It begins to look as if Holt county was coming back.

Lena B. Nickel

Lena B. Nickel, one of the pioneer daughters of Page community, passed away at her home west of Page, Easter Sunday night, March 24, at 11:00 p. m. She had been ailing for several months but had been practically bedfast for the past five weeks.

Born November 18, 1888, she was the fourth child of Henry and Etta Trowbridge and the first of ten children from this union to follow their father into the realm of eternity.

She spent her entire life in or around Page except for a few years when she lived near Lusk, Wyo. On June 8, 1910, she was united in marriage to William Wesley Conard with whom she moved to Wyoming, where he passed away November 13, 1918. Following his death she returned to Page. Here she met and later was married to John William Nickel on June 16, 1921, and lived near Page until her death.

Besides her husband she leaves three children, Plenn, his wife Eva and children Wesley and Franklin, of Page; Austin Nickel of Saratoga, Wyoming; and Anna Mae Nickel of Page; her mother, Mrs. Etta Trowbridge of Page; nine brothers and sisters, Earnest Trowbridge of Page, Mrs. Anna Smith of Inman, Mrs. Blanch Renner of Elwood, Indiana, Mrs. Vera Miller of Ewing, Elmer Trowbridge of Page, Mrs. Eva Williams, of Loveland, Colorado, and Elton Trowbridge of Saratoga, Wyoming; five uncles and three aunts, twenty-six nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a son, John William, on April 15, 1926, and her father on June 28, 1934.

Mrs. Nickel united with the Methodist church as a child in 1897 under the pastorate of Rev. J. J. Schick.

A loving mother and wife, and a kind friend she will be missed by family and neighbors alike. ***

O'Neill Will Probably Lose Two of Its Most Prominent Citizens

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hammond will leave some time this week-end for the west coast, where they will make an extended visit with their son, William and his family, and their daughter, Mary, at Los Angeles, California. Bill will also look over several locations on his visit, with a view of locating permanently elsewhere. The Frontier and his many O'Neill and Holt county friends hope that after a good vacation they will decide that there is no place like O'Neill and return to the Emerald Tinted city for keeps, for they are of a class of citizens that no town can afford to lose. But here is wishing them good luck wherever they may decide to locate.

Ed Guthman Stages A Surprise Party

Last Friday was the third anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Guthman and to properly celebrate the event Mr. Guthman pulled a surprise party on his wife by inviting seven couples to dinner at the Golden that evening in honor of the event. The party was a real surprise to his better half and after a delicious feast the good old game of pinocle was played until nearly midnight, when all departed for home after extending felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Guthman for a very pleasant evening and presenting them with a gift suitable to the occasion and wishing them many more happy anniversaries.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their help during the sickness and following the death of our beloved one.—John Nickel and family, and brothers and sisters.

John Young, 36, of Inman, who was driving the car on Tuesday which collided with another car a few miles east of this city, in which his father was seriously injured and later died, was charged in the District Court of this county with manslaughter. He appeared before the Court last Saturday and pled guilty to the charge and at noon today he was sentenced to serve from one to ten years in the state penitentiary.

In the petition Young was charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. The others injured in the accident are getting along nicely.

Miss Mary Jardee went to Stuart Saturday, to spend Easter with her parents.

Bill Graves Comes Back To Fourth Street

W. B. Graves, who has been in business on East Douglas street for the past twenty-five years, has rented window space in the Hagensick building, first door north of the O'Neill National bank, where he will carry on a general watch and jewelry repairing business. He will be in his new location and ready for business by April 1st, and invites all his old friends to call on him in his new location.

Buy Tickets For "Soomen" Dinner Next Thursday

Tickets for the dinner to be given for the Soomen, of the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce, next Thursday, April 4th, will go on sale in a few days, and will be seventy-five cents apiece. All who wish to attend the dinner are urged to buy their ticket as soon as possible, so that all arrangements can be completed. The following business men are in charge of the ticket sale: L. C. Walling, E. M. Gallagher and John Kersensbrock, co-chairmen; and Jack Arbuthnot, Ambrose Rhode and Howard Bauman, committee members.

The state highway patrolman were searching for the driver of an automobile, which was struck by a car driven by L. H. Serck, of Orchard, on highway No. 20, about four miles west of O'Neill on Tuesday night. The rear end of the parked car was damaged considerably, but it was driven away immediately following the accident. Serck was driving west on No. 20, when he was momentarily blinded by the lights of a truck, passing him. Just after passing the truck he struck the car, which was parked on the highway without lights. Serck's car was also badly damaged.

Last week James Rooney purchased the W. J. Hammond home, located on first street, between Everett and Franklin streets, and will move to O'Neill from Atkinson, where he has made his home for several years, some time within the next week.

About eighty census enumerators from Holt, Knox, Boyd, Wheeler, Antelope and Greeley counties were to assemble in O'Neill on Thursday to receive instructions in their work, which is supposed to start on April 1.

Ivan Smith of Creighton and Alta Ernst of Brunswick were granted a marriage license by County Judge Reimer on March 26th, and were then united in marriage by the Judge on the same date.

William Henry Young

William Henry Young was born October 17, 1880, in the state of Illinois and passed away at the hospital in O'Neill about 9:00 P. M. on March 21st, 1940, at the age of 59 years, 5 months and 4 days.

He was one of a family of four sons of Jacob Young, all of whom are now deceased. He came to Nebraska with the family when he was only six years old and settled on a farm near Creighton, Nebr., where he grew to manhood and on February 3rd, 1904, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Wagner of Creighton. They remained in the vicinity of Creighton until 1914, when they moved to a farm near Page, Nebr., and after 13 years they came to the farm southwest of Inman in 1927, which is still the family home.

This union was blessed with five children, three boys and two girls, all of whom reside at Inman and Ewing, Nebr.

Mr. Young united with the Catholic church in 1904, this being the church to which his wife belonged, and he went with her. He was a well known farmer in the Inman community and formed many friendships here which remained to the end. He was injured in an auto accident on the way home from work Tuesday evening, March 19, and taken to the hospital, where he failed to regain consciousness and passed away at 9 p. m. Thursday evening.

He leaves to mourn his loss besides his life-long companion the following children: John J., Charles L., Marvin W., and Miss Gertrude Young, all of Inman, and Mrs. Dolores Kopp of Ewing, Nebr. His father, mother, three brothers and a much loved grandson preceded him. His loved ones and friends are shocked and grieved at his sudden passing from us.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 2 p. m., and at the Methodist church at Inman, at 2:30, by the pastor, E. B. Maxey. A sextette of the following young ladies sang: Misses Doris Ganon, Arvilla Keyes, Ruth Watson, Ardith Smith, Virginia Watson and Donna Hutton, with Hazel Fraka at the piano. Interment was in the Inman cemetery. Pall bearers were Messrs. Chicken, Harkens, Thompson, Coleman, Kopecky and McGraw.

Mrs. Fay Puckett left for Grand Island Monday, taking her daughter Betty back to resume her studies at Grand Island High, after spending her vacation with her parents. Mrs. Harold Rose and daughter, Norma, accompanied them to Grand Island.

Miss Margaret Shearer went to Stuart, Saturday, and spent Easter with her parents.

THE CLIMAX OF A VERY SUCCESSFUL BASKETBALL SEASON FOR O'NEILL

Was the Banquet Tendered the Boys and Their Coaches By the Lions Club and O'Neill Business Men Last Monday Evening

The dinner tendered, under the auspices of the Lions Club by the Club and the business men of O'Neill, last Friday evening, to the members of the O'Neill High School basketball team and the members of the St. Mary's team, and the coaches of both teams, was one of the highlights of the year.

Eighty sat around the banquet table and enjoyed the good food provided for them. At the conclusion of the dinner, L. D. Putman, vice president of the Club, who presided and acted as toastmaster in the absence from the city of President Ted McElhaney, called the meeting to order and then proceeded to introduce the various speakers. Among those who spoke briefly were Coach Anderson, of the O'Neill High, and Supt. Grill of the O'Neill High; Father Parr, of St. Mary's and Coach Jack Arbuthnot, also of St. Mary's. The talks of all the gentlemen were very well received and each received the plaudits of the assembled guests.

The main speaker of the evening was Coach Morrison, of the Wayne State Normal school and the program committee of the Lions Club who secured his services for the occasion are to be congratulated upon securing a very interesting and entertaining speaker. Prof. Morrison has been a coach for a number of years and he addressed the boys as a father would talk to his son, and explained to

the uninitiated many of the different things that come up during a basketball game. He was impressed with the fact that the boys played the game and always gave their best for the reason that they loved the game and had pride in their school and its success in the athletic field. His address was inspiring, not only to the young men but to the old as well.

The success of this meeting again brings to mind the fact that O'Neill has need for a real live civic organization that will have the support of all the business men of the city. This meeting was made possible by the Lions Club, three of its members of the Club and all busy business men, devoting several hours of their time in promoting the event for the benefit and glory of the city. O'Neill is growing more rapidly than any other city in the state and it needs a good civic organization; one that will be supported by the entire business element of the city. The Lions Club has only a few of the business men of the city enrolled on its membership, but, even with their limited membership they have been able to do many things for the city. To get ahead there must be leadership. If you do not wish to take an active part you can join the Club and help them with the problems that they are daily facing.

Mrs. Mae Z. Anderson

Mrs. Mae Anderson died at the home of her son, Glenn, 15 miles south of Ainsworth, last Saturday afternoon, at the age of 79 years, 4 months and 13 days. The Biglin ambulance went after the body and it was brought to this city and the funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church in this city. Rev. Wright officiating, and interment in the cemetery at Star, at the side of her husband, who passed away about seventeen years ago.

Mae McElhaney was born on November 10, 1860, at Boone, Iowa. When she was a young girl her family came to this county and settled in the northeast portion of the county where she grew to womanhood and was united in marriage to John B. Anderson, one of the prosperous ranchers and farmers living in that section of the county. To this union seven children were born, four of whom are living and are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. The children are: Wm., O'Neill; Dell, Sheridan, Wyo.; Mrs. Orpha Bayer, Marcus, Iowa; Glenn, Ainsworth.

Mrs. Anderson was a member of one of the pioneer families that settled the northeast section of the county and her family, as well as that of her husband, were among the most highly respected people of the county. For years her husband was one of the largest livestock growers in the county and one of the county's real money-makers. They were of the old pioneer stock and had a great share in making this county what it is today.

The Weather

The weather the last week has been what the old timers call the good old days. We had a dandy rain last night, Wednesday, which continued today, Thursday, until about three o'clock when it started to snow and it kept snowing for several hours and it was wet. The government gage gave the rainfall as .73 hundredths of an inch up to 4 o'clock today, which, with the snow since then gives us more than an inch of moisture in the last twenty-four hours. Nebraska is coming back.

Mrs. Dolly Hansen, of Napier, was in O'Neill Tuesday on business.

John Sullivan Came From Chicago Wednesday And Is Getting Ready For New Store Opening

John Sullivan arrived Wednesday morning from Chicago, and will again be a resident of his native city. John is to be assistant manager of the new store of the O'Neill Drug company, when it is opened in the First National bank building, some time between the 5th and 15th of next month. John got his early training in the drug business in this city and since leaving here has worked in some of the leading stores in Omaha and Chicago, having been about a dozen years in the latter city, where for several years he managed one of the largest stores on the north side, owned by a chain. He knows the game from end to end and will be a valuable assistant to Mr. Stout in the new store.

Bridge—Luth

Clifford Bridge and Miss Gwendolyn Luth were united in marriage by the Rev. Virgil Wright of the Methodist Church in this city at six o'clock on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Bridge, brother and sister-in-law of the groom, were the attendants. Clifford, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bridge of Orchard has lived in O'Neill since 1934, being engaged in the gasoline and oil business with his brother, Harrison. Mrs. Bridge is the daughter of Charles H. Luth of Butte, and has been employed in O'Neill for the past few years. The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short wedding trip, and upon their return will make their home in an apartment in the south part of O'Neill. The Frontier joins with the many friends of the young couple in wishing them many years of wedded happiness.

The Methodist Choir To Repeat "Memories of Easter Morn"

So many requests have been made by people who were not able to attend the first program of the Methodist Choir, Memories of Easter Morn, that they have consented to repeat it Sunday evening, March 31, 8:00 p. m., at the church.