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## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

"Unwise, unpatriotic and fraught with peril to our free institutions" So urged the democratic patriots in Congress a few years ago when a sentiment began to brew for a third trip for Coolidge. "Unwise, unpatriotic, and fraught with danger to our free institutions"—terms to be badgered with by the kind of politicians whose first interest is a place at the trough.

Nebraskans have survived a good many tough seasons, but I don't know that we are prepared for what a gentleman of science recently forecast—that we have just got a start on a 50-year famine.

Henry Dierks was out from Atkinson Sunday with a tank load of tractor fuel for his brother, Bill Dierks, and Henry Greenslit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robyler of Atkinson and Miss Dorothy Clark, her brother, Charles, and uncle Henry Clark, were guests at the home of the writer Saturday. Mr. Robyler lost a horse from lightning the night before.

In his defeat Tom Dewey is the only real winner among the lists of political aspirants. He has standing invitations to take on jobs, any of which afford a yearly income of half a million.

Newspaper men in telling the story of the Chicago convention are unanimous in estimating it as a puppet show manipulated from the White House. Some—not the least of whom are two of the ablest Nebraskans now in congress—are disgusted with the servile fawning of their party to one monumental ego and publicly announce they will support the G. O. P. ticket.

There are destructive agencies other than heat, grasshoppers and taxes to take the romance out of life. Reports come of raids by prairie wolves on turkey flocks in this section. I have been told that 100 have disappeared from the Elmer Fix ranch and 50 of Mrs. Spath's flock near Amelia.

An alarm of prairie fires came over the telephones early Saturday morning. The prairie in two places southeast of Swan lake was in flames from lightning bolts. A prompt response in the neighborhood of men to fight fire got it under control after about a mile of prairie had been burned over. Caution must be exercised as in 1934 or disastrous fires may be experienced in much of this section of Nebraska. When haying is done the hazard will be somewhat less. While it is still drier in other sections there is also less there to burn. And the fellow who has six or eight hundred dollars farm rent to raise and sees his corn fields destroyed by hot winds and hoppers has something to scratch his head over.

The Elkhorn river has not been swollen to a flood for many years. I trust its natural beauty will never be despoiled by impious hands constructing power reservoirs and the like. Maybe the latter arrivals in this community will put me down as indulging in tall tales in recalling a time when the Elkhorn spread out to the Northwestern tracks and those flats where houses and tourist cabins now stand was the village swimming hole. But I will call supervisor John Sullivan to witness for me. He has lived "over the river" as long as the next one. Perhaps no one enjoyed that water as much as Henry Murphy, at one time county attorney, and whose death occurred a few years ago at Atkinson. He joined the boys every evening down there and demonstrated that he was a great swimmer. And now, these hot July days, would it not be inspiring to see water again in such outline? Where the "home made" channel of the river now crosses the highway there was at an earlier date a deep water hole. Wood-

## Donald Loy Accidentally Shot Sunday Afternoon

Donald, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Loy, was shot in the abdomen last Sunday about noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Johnson east of this city. The boys went to the Johnson home to get the Johnson boy to go swimming. While they were waiting for dinner to be over they went into the front room and there was a 22-calibre revolver lying on the table and Loy's companion picked it up, thinking it was not loaded, and snapped the trigger. The gun was loaded and the shot struck young Loy in the abdomen, near a lower rib and missed any vital spot.

Donald was taken to Norfolk at once and the late reports from there are to the effect that he is getting along nicely and that he will recover. This is another warning that boys should be careful about handling guns, for it is the unloaded gun that is always dangerous.

## Mary E. Barnes

Mary E. Barnes passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Laura Sterns, sixteen miles northwest of this city, on Wednesday morning at 6:45, at the age of 76 years, 8 months and 4 days. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the old Barnes home place, six miles east of Atkinson, then to the Methodist church in Atkinson, where services will be conducted by Rev. V. C. Wright of this city and interment in the Atkinson cemetery.

Mary Elizabeth McCoy was born in Harrison county, Iowa, on November 20, 1863. On December 26, 1885, she was united in marriage to Edward F. Barnes at Logan, Iowa. Nine children were born of this union, seven of whom are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. The children are: Jesse, Scottsbluffs, Neb.; Perry and Fred, Atkinson; Mrs. Laura Sterns, O'Neill; George and Floyd, Atkinson, and Mrs. Gladys Davis, Denby, S. D.

Mrs. Barnes had been a resident of this county since 1908 when the family came to this county from McClean, Nebr.

en bridges for conveying traffic across this water hole had to be replaced from time to time owing to the work of high water. It was on this "bridge with its wooden piers" that this bit of a story begins. Why all the clumsy preface? I don't know that I have any claim on the privilege of public exhibitions. Preliminaries precede the main attraction. But to proceed.

Hay McClure, Pat Mullen and I were moving a herd of cattle, Pat assisting in getting; them across the river. Len Hay and I to continue on to the old McClure ranch some 20 miles out. In those days cattle didn't have the modern luxury of being moved from place to place in trucks. They moved on the hoof with whooping cowboys hazing them along. When we came to this water hole this day some of the herd took the bridge, some the water. When all were across we discovered a red steer under the bridge caught between two timbers of a pier. Hay, to the manner born, the most efficient cow hand of the three, uncoiled the lariat from his saddle bow and neatly tossed the loop over the steers horns. The end of the rope was passed to Pat, who was at high tension under the excitement. He was to pull when the signal was given. The steer was jockeyed out of its mooring, but in doing this the rope got looped over a projecting timber. You probably have been fishing and allowed your line to sag below water where it would drift under a stick, then pulling, cork and all disappeared. Pat may have been given the wrong signal. He gave an excited jerk on the rope which caught on the projection, acted as the fish line under the stick. With four cloven hoofs striking frantically upward the steer went on his back to the bottom, resembling a mighty bullhead struggling to get off your line. He was gotten safely out and went docilely across the next bridge.

## Benefits of Vocational Education Given

O'Neill Vocational Agriculture Boys Complete Large Shop Jobs

Vocational Agriculture in the O'Neill Public School has proven very helpful to farm boys of Holt County. They learn by doing. For example, the past school year the boys built the following equipment: 3 wagon boxes, 1 brooder house, 25 chicken feeders, 1 sheep feed bunk, 1 beef cattle feed bunk. In addition to this type of work they spent time soldering, making rope and doing forge work.

Equipment amounting to \$250 was built for their fathers and farm neighbors.

Not only do the boys work in the shop but they also spend a greater amount of their time in the classroom studying problems dealing with livestock, crops and soils and then they practice what they learn in the classroom on their home projects.

This department can accommodate 60 boys the coming school year. In addition to Animal Husbandry, which was taught last year, a new course, study of Crops and Soils, will be given this year to upper classmen. This will make a more balanced course for the farm boy.

## Financial Profit From Projects

One boy took for his project ten ewes. He purchased them for \$67.50. They netted him \$19.00 from wool and produced him 14 lambs. If lamb prices remain good, this boy will make almost enough to attend school for one school term.

O'Neill is proud of the opportunity of rendering this desirable educational service to its rural patrons. O'Neill is the only school in the county that offers this course.

## Harry D. Grady

Harry Dean Grady died at his home in this city last Sunday morning at 1:30 after an illness about four years of heart trouble at the age of 19 years, 8 months and 20 days. The funeral was held last Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from the Catholic church, Rev. C. A. Beyrsdorfer officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery. The funeral was very largely attended by the friends of this excellent young man who passed away just on the threshold of man's estate.

Harry D. Grady was born in O'Neill on November 1, 1920, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Grady. Harry spent his entire life time in this city and was graduated from St. Mary's Academy with the class of 1938. He was an exceptionally bright young man of excellent habits and had a host of friends among the young people of the city. He leaves to mourn his passing his father and mother, three brothers and two sisters. They are Jack, of Denver, Colo.; Bennett and William, of this city; Mrs. P. F. Montgomery, of Pueblo, Colo.; and Mrs. Arthur M. King, of O'Neill, all of whom were present for the funeral services.

The many friends of the family in this city extend condolences to the bereaved ones in their hour of sorrow, in which The Frontier force joins.

## Busy Hour Club

The Busy Hour Club met with Mrs. Maggie Gray on July 16, at the home of Mrs. James Rooney in O'Neill. Six members were present and two members were absent. Roll call was answered by each member presenting a photo of themselves at the age of sixteen and telling what fashion clothes they wore in those times.

The afternoon was spent in visiting and playing games and a few of the members hemmed tea-towels. The prizes were won by Zillah Miller and Bessie Wayman. At the close of the meeting a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Rooney. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Henry Wayman on Thursday, August 1.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Miss Nadine McNally returned Sunday evening from Schuyler, Nebraska, where she spent the past two weeks visiting relatives.

Mrs. Ed Olson, Mrs. Howard Bauman and John Protovinsky drove to Lincoln on Sunday, where they visited Ed Olson and Howard Bauman, who are both receiving medical treatment at the Veteran's hospital there, and both are getting along very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mathis and son left Monday evening for Lincoln, where they visited relatives. On Wednesday they drove to Beatrice, leaving their son with Mrs. H. F. Beckman, who is the sister of Mrs. Mathis, until their return from Rushville, which is the home of Mr. Mathis' parents, and to Casper, Wyoming, and Colorado.

It was announced on Tuesday by Adj. General Guy M. Henninger that Dr. Ralph Oppen, a recent graduate of Creighton University, and now interning at Immanuel hospital at Omaha, has been appointed a first lieutenant in the medical corps of the Nebraska National Guard, and assigned to the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth infantry.

George Fink of O'Neill, a farmer living northeast of town, and who has been employed in the AAA office was before District Judge Robert R. Dickson on Tuesday of this week, charged with forging an order and embezzling \$200.00 from Antelope Township, of which township he was the Treasurer. He pled guilty to the charge, and sentence was deferred until Saturday of this week.

George Syffe was in from Phoenix Tuesday. George says that it is very dry in that section and that unless we have a good rain within a few days the corn crop will be beyond redemption. He says that it is now tasseling and needs rain if we are to have any corn. He says that pastures are rapidly drying up and that farmers and stockmen will be up against it for feed for their stock in a short time unless we have rain.

W. C. Condit, and son, of Lincoln, were in the city Wednesday morning on their way to Atkinson where they were to look at a ranch with a view to purchasing and if the deal is made Bill says he will become a resident of Holt county. Mr. Condit was sheriff of Dodge county for many years resigning that position to accept the appointment as State Sheriff of Nebraska, an office he filled with credit for several years. When we were in the law enforcement game we became well acquainted with Bill Condit and found him to be a conscientious and very capable official and we hope that he will make the deal he is on and become a resident of this county.

## Scottville Feeder Calf Club

The Scottville Calf Club held a meeting Thursday, July 18, at the home of E. W. Richter.

There are now eleven members in the club, and all but one member were present.

Demonstrations, was the main topic discussed.

All members of the club were present at the Judging Day at Atkinson.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Howard Oberle, August 14.

A delicious lunch was served after the meeting.

## APPRECIATION

We wish to express our thanks to all the kind friends and neighbors who helped us in so many ways when we lost all of our household things and horses by fire.—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Benash and family.

## CARD OF THANKS

I desire to express my heartfelt and sincere thanks to the many friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness following the sudden death of my beloved sister. Your kindness in this hour of sorrow will ever be held in grateful remembrance.—P. J. McManus.

## Leona S. Raper

Leona S. Raper, daughter of John and Rhoda Raper was born in Plymouth, Ill., on April 15, 1859, and came to Nebraska in 1878. She lived in Nebraska nearly all her life with the exception of a few years spent in South Dakota and Iowa. She came to Berwyn in 1910 and has since then made this her home. She was married in 1875 to William H. Warner. To this union one child was born.

She was married in 1892 to Albert W. Knapp who preceded her in death in 1922.

In 1927 she was married to M. A. Glidewell who passed away in 1934.

In early womanhood she joined the Methodist Church and has always lived in that faith.

She leaves to mourn her death two sons, Glenn L. Knapp of Lanesboro, Minn., and Ralph C. Knapp, of Berwyn, Nebraska; two daughters, Mrs. Pearl Curtis, of O'Neill, and Mrs. Ruby Evans, of Berwyn, Nebraska; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mrs. Glidewell passed away at her home on July 21, 1940, at the age of 81 years, 3 months and 6 days.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church on July 23, 1940, with Rev. Arthur Hurder officiating. Hymns were sung by a quartet composed of Ethel Smith, Apal Christensen, Vallie Welch and Vallie Vance.

Pall bearers were her four grandsons. Interment was made in the Broken Bow cemetery.

Those from a distance attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Knapp, of Lanesboro, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Curtis and son of Red Oak, Iowa; Mr. Glenn Knapp, Jr., of Halsey, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burge and Mrs. Harry Bowen, of O'Neill, Neb.

## Mrs. Fannie Leidy

Mrs. Fannie Leidy died in her home at Inman last Wednesday evening after an illness of several months of ailments incident to advanced years, at the age of 81 years, 9 months and 26 days. At the time of going to press funeral arrangements have not been completed. They have been trying to get in touch with her son, Ralph, who with his wife is somewhere in Indiana or Kentucky. The burial will be from the Methodist church in Inman, Rev. Maxcy officiating, and burial in the Inman cemetery at the side of her husband, who passed away in January, 1932.

Fannie Carrother was born in county Fermagh, Ireland, on September 28, 1858. When a young girl her parents came to the United States and located in Iowa. On February 22, 1880, she was united in marriage to Charles C. Leidy, the ceremony being performed at Icmars, Iowa. Nine children were born of this union, four of whom survive and are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. The children are: Charles Leidy, state of Washington; Mrs. I. B. Fraka, Inman; Ralph Leidy, O'Neill; Edna Leidy, Norfolk.

Mrs. Leidy had been a resident of the county for forty-seven years, coming here with her husband from Plymouth, Iowa, in 1893. For one year they made their home near Page and then moved to Inman, where she had since made her home.

## Farm Home Destroyed By Fire Wednesday

The farm house on the Harry Marshall farm about five miles northeast of here, which is operated by his son, Tom, burned completely to the ground on Wednesday morning when a mechanical refrigerator of some sort exploded, throwing fire into all parts of the house. Neither Tom nor his young sister, who are living on the place, were in the house when the fire started, and they lost everything, including all clothing and household furnishings. A Ford parked next to the house was also completely destroyed. Nothing was covered with insurance.

## Annual Gathering Of The County Sunday School Group Next Sunday

The 16th annual Holt County Sunday School Group Gathering will be held in a grove on the Frank Searles farm near where the Eagle creek empties into the Niobrara river on Sunday, July 28. Those coming from the Southeast will find the road marked from the Frank Nelson corner. From the Spencer highway the road will be marked from a point one-half mile north of the Liddy school house.

The morning session, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, will consist of the Sunday School hour and a sermon by Mrs. Marie Hubby of Atkinson. Basket dinner at noon.

The various Sunday Schools represented will contribute to the afternoon program. There will also be addresses by Ernest Nelson, missionary of the American Sunday School Union, from Wausa, Nebraska, and Rev. Harold Scoggan of Spencer.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend.

S. Hallgrimson.

## The Weather

The weather has been intensely hot the past week, with the thermometer 100 or better every day except last Sunday when it registered 98 degrees. With the intense heat a hot wind blew and the corn crop was damaged in most of the county. The excessive heat not only prevailed in this county but all over the state and most of the Midwest. Wednesday afternoon the thermometer reached 110 degrees, the hottest day of the year. A shower, amounting to .25 of an inch fell about 5 o'clock last evening and the thermometer dropped about twelve degrees after the rain. It is still hot today but cooler weather is promised for tonight and the balance of the week. The heat wave was general all over the country and about 200 lost their lives on account of the excessive heat. Following is the chart for the week:

	High	Low	Pre.
July 18	102	77	
July 19	105	80	
July 20	100	94	.24
July 21	98	78	
July 22	101	77	
July 23	106	73	.01
July 24	110	70	.25
July 25			.03

(Early Thursday morning)

## Large Crowd Greet The Atkinson Boosters Here

About 1,200 O'Neill people were on the streets last Monday evening to greet the Atkinson Booster caravan when they drove into town from the east about 7:40. They paraded down main street headed by the Atkinson High school band of 65 pieces, followed by the members of the Whisker Club and the ladies club dressed in old time costumes. They put on a good show and promised the people of O'Neill that they would be royally entertained if they visited Atkinson during their three-day celebration, August 1, 2 and 3.

## Band Concert Program For Next Saturday

"Across the Atlantic" Crawford March.  
 "Manitou Heights" Christensen, March  
 "Always" Berlin ..... Waltz  
 Vocal Solo, Selected ..... Bob Parkins.  
 "Concert in the Park" Friend, Popular.  
 "Old Panama" Alford ..... March  
 "Poet and Peasant and Light Cavalryman" Von Suppe ..... Selected  
 "The Beer Barrel Polka" Brown ..... Request Number.  
 French Horn Quintet ..... Selected  
 Roy Lundgren, Robert Wallace, Betty Harris, Robert Selah, Larry Kirwin.  
 "Nearer My God to Thee" Mason Hymn  
 National Anthem ..... Key

Mrs. Ralph Oppen, of Omaha, spent the week end in O'Neill visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jeannie Scott.

## ASSESSED VALUE OF HOLT COUNTY \$458,129 LOWER

County Assessor Walter G. Sire completed the abstract of the taxable property of the county about ten days ago and submitted his report to the state board of equalization. The total value of all the taxable property in the county, as equalized by the county board, is \$17,945,430, as compared to \$18,403,555 in 1939, a loss in valuation of \$458,125 under 1939. This is a loss of less than 5 per cent while many of the counties have submitted tax schedules of from twenty-five to fifty per cent under that of last year.

The report shows that there are 455,510 acres of improved lands in the county and they are assessed at \$3,948,570, or a value of \$8.66 per acre. Last year we had 422,440 acres of improved land in the county and they were assessed at \$3,935,700, or a valuation of \$9.31 per acre.

Unimproved lands in the county number 999,979 acres and they are valued at \$6,083,015, or a value of \$6.08 per acre. Last year there were 1,031,808 acres and they were valued at \$6,515,495 or a value of \$6.31 per acre.

The total on lands and improvements is 1,455,490 acres and the actual value is placed at \$11,151,485. One year ago the figures on the above were 1,455,348 acres and they were valued at \$11,642,035, or a loss of \$490,550.

The number of improved lots in the county are 4,494 and their value is set at \$323,120, or an average value per lot of \$71.90. A year ago there were 4,143 improved lots in the county and they were assessed at \$326,590, or a value of \$79.07 each. Unimproved lots in the county last year numbered 2,329 and they were valued at \$83,505 or a value of \$35.45 each. The total on lots and improvements this year on 6,473 lots is \$1,616,790, or an average value per lot of \$249.77 cents. Last year there were assessed 6,472 lots and their valuation was fixed at \$1,628,085, or an average of \$251.55 per lot, a reduction this year of less than \$2.00 per lot on the improved town property in the county, and as there is only one new building added to the list, according to the report, it seems to us that they are assessed plenty high, at least a lot of the property is.

The number of cattle in the county this year, of all ages, are 79,906 valued at \$2,240,700. Last year there were 77,870 head and they were valued at \$2,155,820.

On April 1, there were 10,688 head of horses of all ages in the county and they were valued at \$293,170. Last year there were 10,885 head and they were valued at \$344,535. There were 680 head of mules in the county on April 1, this year and they were valued at \$18,625. Last year we had only 559 head and they were valued at \$17,925.

The residents of the county had 10,350 dozen chickens on April 1, and they were valued at \$26,950. Last year the abstract shows there 9,291 dozen in the county valued at \$19,700.

According to the abstract there were 9,040 head of hogs in the county this year valued at \$48,995. Last year 9,944 head were assessed in the county and they were valued at \$93,755.

The county has 4,363 motor vehicles in the county this year, valued at \$621,375. Last year there were 4,312 motor vehicles in the county and they were valued at \$589,925.

The total number of schedules returned this year was 5,195, compared to 5,075 last year, or a gain of 120 over 1939. The total cost of the assessment was \$5,988, compared to \$5,781.21 for 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cuddy left Sunday for Sioux Falls, S. D., where they will make their home in the future. John having accepted a position as salesman for a tobacco company there.