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## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

The task of saving the world from going to the dogs seems both thankless and hopeless. "Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone."

I am old fashioned enough to still write it Neb., but Nebr. is something of a relic itself, being about the only thing we have as evidence of the populist legislation of the nineties. The late Clyde King, when in newspaper work, insisted on printers setting it Neb. in spite of legislators, governors or postal clerks.

That the newspapers supported the losing side has proven only that the reading, thinking element is found outside the great cities, where the third term got its votes. And a constituency of some 22 or 23 million voters is something of which the editors are not ashamed—that is, that number thought as the editors did on national issues.

The Riley ranch recently sold five head of Shorthorn milk stock for an even \$500.

Nurserymen, as well as the horticulturists at the state university, say the severe freezeup, which came at an unusually early date, has been disastrous to fruit trees and many varieties of shade and forest trees. They say the trees that still had their foliage when the freeze hit us are killed. Out this way apple trees and elms still retain the leaves and if the experts are right must be dead as door nails. Flowers will bloom, birds will sing and grass will be green again. Then we will see about the trees.

Messrs. Fredricks, Baker and Kennedy wielded their shovels in unison a day last week to remove a snow barrier a half mile east of the township line on the mail road that had effectually blocked traffic the previous 17 days, the limited travel during this period worming across fences and through fields and ranchers' meadows and barn yards.

A lot is being concocted these days in behalf of we "down-trodden farmers." The forthcoming legislature will be confronted with the proposition to exempt the motorized farm equipment from the gas tax. I am for exempting everything from tax if it can be done. The argument is that the equipment is used to produce the farm crops. Or, in simple, understandable language, it is the farmer's means of getting his bread and butter. The argument could be carried into many fields. The truck man operates his truck to win a livelihood. So also does the traveling salesman going about in an automobile. Practically every use to which gasoline is devoted wins someone their living. So if exemptions are to be made on that score, where is the stopping place? The first and fundamental need of the farmer everywhere is favorable seasons and abundant harvest. With this he will face the world, take what the buyer offers for his products, pay what is asked for commodities he needs and ask no favors of anyone.

The New Deal postal authorities give us a monthly change in style of stamps, some of them big enough to flag a hand car, but they haven't thought of the most important change—making a two out of those threes down in the corners.

The first electric light plant brought to O'Neill, paragraphs concerning which are appearing in those 50 years ago columns of O'Neill papers, was more of an event than the younger population, which takes everything for granted, can realize. It was installed in the Short Line round house, at that time a very large building. But few of the citizens were sufficiently sophisticated to know any-

## Inman Student Honored At State University

Gerald Sobotka, University of Nebraska junior from Inman, is one of the students honored at the annual recognition banquet of the College of Business Administration Wednesday evening, November 27. He was recognized by Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary business administration fraternity, since his scholastic average for the year 1939-40 placed him in the upper ten per cent of his class in the college of Business Administration.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their help and kindness during the tragic death and burial of our dear daughter, sister and fiancée, Frances, and for the beautiful flowers.—Mr. and Mrs. James J. Mullen and family; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Mullen, Thomas Hynes.

thing about electricity and that light plant with its humming dynamos was long a source of interest. It even served as a show place to have on our list of entertainment when a guest was stopping in town. On one occasion it fell to the lot of my sister and myself to take into our home a charming young lady entertainer who had come to town for an engagement under the auspices of a young people's society. We were young people living alone at the time and our guest made herself at home and seemed to like it as she remained with us a few days. Of course we showed her the dynamos and those great belts keeping the shafts turning. I always had one or more saddle horses and the dynamos and horseback riding with a touch of romance gave our guest a pretty good time. We were all "green" as to electricity those days but most of us quietly acquired the run of it by observation, but it remained for a girl living out north of town some miles to show what he knew about it. He came into the postoffice one day and for the first time saw a light bulb suspended with a cord. The bulbs in use were finished with a point of glass at the bottom. He examined the bulb with a finger touching the point and a questioning look said: "You touch the match here?"

The old barn may have disappeared long ago. It was built by the Bridges, who erected both a large mill and a large residence in O'Neill. The McClure family occupied the residence at the period which comes out of memory's storehouse today. The two older McClure boys, Jim and Hay, one other youthful desperado and myself were imbued with the idea that Daniel Boone, Buffalo Bill, California Joe and Dead Eye Dick were the real he men. Only sissies slept in the house. That was the mark of the tenderfoot. We were products of the prairie, but were not quite ready to go the full length and sleep outdoors. Not yet. We would sleep in the hay loft. Somehow our folks consented or else knew nothing about it. We crawled up to the loft and flopped down without so much preparation for bed as to untie a shoe lace. About midnight a violent wind hit us. The old barn cracked and shook. We all scrambled up and made for the loft door in the end of the barn to jump for our lives. Jim caught me by the coat tail, crying out, "Wait for me!" All landed safe on the ground, Jim still gripping my coat. He and his pal concluded they had enough of the Daniel Boone stuff and went into the house. The barn still stood. Hay and I stood and looked at each other. "Well, what are you going to do?" "Let's go back in the barn." Morning came. There was one little black rascal of a horse tied in the barn. He was brought out and both of us mounted. He straightened his back, then into a hump, then into the air the height of the barn door and came down with a jolt that sent us over his head. But we hadn't been bluffed out of spending the night in the hay loft.

## O'Neill High Basketball Team Getting Ready For Busy Season

The O'Neill High School gymnasium floor was put in shape for the coming basketball season last week and court practice started Monday. About thirty-five boys are participating in the sport. Anyone in high school who wishes to play will be given the opportunity to do so. A squad of about twenty will be chosen from which teams to represent the school will be picked. All other high school boys will have the use of the old gym. for four days a week. Junior high boys basketball will be in charge of Mr. Lockman. Tuesdays and Thursdays girls under the direction of Miss Miller will play various indoor games.

Season tickets for the ten home games in the High School schedule go on sale this week. The first home game is on Tuesday, December 17, when Stuart plays here. O'Neill plays at Spalding on the 15th and at Albion on the 20th. After the holidays fifteen more games and two tournaments will occupy the boys during January, February and the first week of March.

## Contests Filed In Second District Supervisor Race

Last Friday Eben Grafft, of Ewing, republican candidate at the last election for supervisor from the Second district, which the unofficial vote disclosed was defeated in the district by two votes, has filed notice of contest in the county court against the incumbent W. E. Wulf. In his petition he alleges that the election boards in the several precincts through error counted votes for the incumbent that should have been counted for him and asks for a recount of the votes in all of the precincts.

On Tuesday, December 3rd Mr. Rakow, a petition candidate for the office at the last election, also filed notice of contest of each of the precincts of the district. The date for the hearing is January 6, but we understand that the date will probably be set ahead. County Judge Reimer has disqualified himself from sitting in the case, as he is the nephew of Mr. Wulf, the incumbent. Mr. Wulf's sister is Judge Reimer's mother. The county board will appoint some one to hear the case and it will probably be an attorney from the county.

## Fred Lorenz

Fred Lorenz died in the O'Neill hospital last Saturday after an illness of but a few days of a stroke, at the age of 69 years, two months and twenty-three days. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church in this city Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Ohmart officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Deceased was born in Germany on September 7, 1871, and came to this country when a young man and settled in Hamilton county, near Giltner. Here he was united in marriage to Miss Fredericka Diekmann on February 3, 1893. Nine children were born of this union, seven sons and two daughters, two of the sons dying in infancy, leaving to mourn his passing five sons and two daughters. They are: Fred W. Lorenz, Page; Mrs. Bertha Ernst, O'Neill; Carl Lorenz, Inman; Otto Lorenz, O'Neill; William Lorenz, Hay Springs, Nebr.; Mrs. Marie Ernst, O'Neill; Elmer Lorenz, Seattle, Wash., all of whom were present for the funeral services.

Mr. Lorenz came to this country in 1909 from Hamilton county and purchased a farm northwest of this city where he lived for many years. About ten years ago he purchased the place west of town, where he had made his home the past ten years. He was a good farmer and despite the depression and poor crops he managed to make a little every year from his farm operations. He was a good citizen and had a host of friends in this city and immediate vicinity and his passing will be regretted by many outside his immediate family.

## Less Livestock Receipts Bring Barely Steady To Lower Prices

Rough weather conditions coupled with a less active demand and a bearish tendency on the river markets affected price levels at the local livestock auction last Monday. The real good quality cattle suffered very little, if any, but the less attractive kinds were fully 25c off in face of light receipts.

The extreme top on steer calves was \$10.95 with the top load bringing \$10.65. Bulk in this class ranged from \$9.95 to \$10.50. Best light weight heifer calves sold at \$9.45 and the best full load brot \$9.30. Bulk of the fairly good heifer calves cashed from \$8.50 to \$9.15.

Yearlings were in rather light supply and, generally speaking, the quality was only fair to good. Prices ranged mostly from \$8.00 to \$9.00. Cow receipts were under that of recent weeks, yet a plentiful supply was here. Good beef cows brought from \$5.50 to \$6.25 with a few ranging upwards to \$6.50. Feeding cows sold from \$4.50 to \$5.25. Bull brought from \$5.50 to \$6.05.

Hog receipts were lighter than they have been during the past few weeks. Top butchers reached \$5.55 and \$5.50 was the popular price paid for this class. Sows sold mostly from \$5.40 to \$5.45; lights reached an extreme top of \$5.60; bulk of these sold around \$5.50.

The next regular sale will be held Monday, December 9th.

## Jolly Star Club

The Jolly Stars met at the home of Mrs. E. J. Revell on Wednesday, November 27, for the November lesson. The meeting was opened by giving the flag salute, after which the business meeting was held. Mrs. E. J. Revell reported paying \$1.20 at the O'Neill meeting for our Club's dues, which were repaid her from the club treasury. Mrs. Verna Revell led in singing the November song, "Soft Now The Light of Day," after which reading work was taken up. Mrs. Verna Revell was chosen reading leader and it was decided to send to the State Library commission for our books.

A playlet on using home resources was given by Mrs. Floyd Revell and Mrs. Verna Revell, after which they presented the lesson on same subject. Using form 15 they had the members figure their food needs for a moderate cost good diet. Methods for caring for milk, eggs, meat and of canning and storage of fruit and vegetables were taught.

Our club president, Mrs. C. V. Cole, Mrs. Charles Russell and Mrs. Hazel Hibbs are making plans for a Christmas party to be held sometime before Christmas.

We had as our guest Mrs. Richard, field lady of the AAA, who told of the work and plans of the AAA. Her talk was very interesting and much enjoyed by the members.

Our hostess served coffee and sandwiches. Five members were present at the meeting. Our January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Miller.

## West Side Project Club

The West Side Project Club met November 19 at the home of Mrs. L. O. Johnson, with Mrs. J. P. Miller assisting hostess. Twelve members and two guests were present. After a delicious dinner the lesson on, "Using Home Resources," was given by the leaders, Mrs. J. W. Hickey and Mrs. Len Shoemaker.

The Christmas party will be held December 15 at the home of Mrs. Lea Shoemaker.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for their many acts of kindness to us following the tragic death of our beloved son and brother.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brophy, Mary, John Brophy and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Brophy and family.

## St. Mary's Wins Season's First Basketball Game

St. Mary's basketball team journeyed to Atkinson on Tuesday night and met the St. Joseph's Academy team in the first game of the season, emerging victorious with a 30-14 score.

Junior Shoemaker, of St. Mary's, led in the scoring with ten points, while Kubart, of St. Joseph's was their high point man.

The next game for the St. Mary's Cardinals will be played in the new High school gymnasium on Monday, December 9, with the Fairfax, S. D., team. From all reports, Fairfax has one of the best teams in southern South Dakota, and this game promises to be a real test for the St. Mary's outfit.

## Interstate Power Selling Their Nebraska Property

According to the Dailies the Consumers' Public Power district is negotiating to purchase the Nebraska facilities of the Interstate Power company of Dubuque, Ia., C. B. Fricke, district president, disclosed Tuesday.

The federal power commission set December 16 for a hearing in Washington on the power company's application for authority to sell. The price was estimated at \$2,581,906. Fricke explained that a hearing before the commission is necessary because ownership of the utility company is not in Nebraska. Towns served by the Interstate Power company are in the north-east section of the state.

Presumably bonds would be issued in the same manner as the recent purchase of the Elkhorn Valley Power company of Scribner and the electrical power properties of the Central Electric and Telephone company at Scribner. Whether the Consumers' district will take over operation of the Interstate Power company, enter into a lease-purchase agreement with another district or deal directly with the towns concerned has not been determined.

## Mathew Y. Brophy

Mathew Y. Brophy was born at Lindsay, Nebr., on November 15, 1915. He moved to Fairfax, S. D., with his parents at the age of one year and spent most of his life there. In 1928 his parents moved to Winner, S. D. Here he attended St. Mary's school for three years. In 1931 his parents moved back to Fairfax where he lived until 1936. He was graduated from the Fairfax High school with the class of '36. In the fall of that year he moved with his parents to Stuart and here he worked on the roads and in the Stuart bakery. He moved to O'Neill on July 31, 1940, where he lived until his sudden death. He was 25 years and 15 days old at the time of his death.

Left to mourn are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brophy, one sister, Mary, of O'Neill. Two brothers, Tim, of Newport and John, of St. Petersburg, Florida. John is a seaman in the navy. All members of the family were present for the funeral except John, who could not be reached.

Out of town relatives and close friends in attendance at the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Herde, Schuyler, Nebr.; Mrs. Minnie Green and family, Bartlett, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. Emery Spangler and son, Albion; E. B. Brophy, Albion; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Brophy, Newport; Maurice Wolf, Fairfax, S. D.; A. L. Lewis, Lynch; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Zobrist, Fairfax, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beck, Newport; Mrs. Bruce Shald, Mr. and Mrs. John Jardine, Jimmie and Mary Jardine, Arley and Bernadette Kruger, Anna Weivel, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallinger, all of Stuart; Stub Seger, of Atkinson; Henry Salmon, Baker, Nebr. besides a host of friends from Stuart, Atkinson, Fairfax, S. D., and O'Neill.

## Lutheran Services

Sunday's service at the Episcopal church will begin at 3:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:00.

R. W. Fricke, Pastor.

## FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE LOSE THEIR LIVES WHEN CAR HITS PARKED TRUCK

Accident Happened Last Saturday Morning On Highway 20, About Mile West of Atkinson

One of the most tragic accidents in the history of this section of the state was that last Saturday morning when an automobile crashed into a truck loaded with grain on Highway No. 20 one mile west of Atkinson and burst into flames and the four young people in the car perished.

The occupants of the car, all of whom were killed, were badly burned. They were: Mathew Brophy, 25, of O'Neill, an employee of the McElvain beer parlor; A. W. Johnson, 24, O'Neill, an employee of the Tri State Produce company; Frances Mullen, 20, a rural school teacher north of Atkinson and who had been employed in this city the past summer; Buelah Rogers, 26, O'Neill, a cafe employee.

The four were on their way home from a dance at Stuart when the accident happened. Clyde F. Hagen, of St. Joseph, Mo., was the driver of the parked truck and he told the officers that the automobile in which the four were riding, driven by Miss Mullen, crashed into the rear of his truck and immediately burst into flames. He said the fire was so hot that he was unable to get near the burning vehicle and that he heard no cries for help or screams, so the possibilities are that they were immediately

killed by the impact of the car with the truck.

County Attorney Cronin, ex-officio coroner of the county, held an inquest in Atkinson last Saturday afternoon at which ten witnesses were examined. The jury brought in a verdict exonerating the driver of the truck as witnesses testified that his truck was properly parked and that he had flares out behind the truck, as provided by law.

An undertaker from Wausa, where Mr. Johnson's parents reside, went to Atkinson Sunday after his body and it was brought to this city and services were held in the Biglin mortuary at the request of his fiancée, an O'Neill girl, and the body was then taken to Wausa for interment.

The body of Miss Rogers was taken to Wynot, Nebr., where her parents reside and the funeral was held there Monday afternoon.

Frances Mullen was buried in Atkinson last Monday morning, funeral being from the Catholic church.

The body of Mathew Brophy was brought to this city Saturday afternoon by the Biglin ambulance and his funeral was held from the Catholic church Monday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Father Parr officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

## O'Neill Native Son Ranks High In Nation's Capitol

"While preparation for defense goes on at an ever increasing rate, the government is not forgetful of the welfare of the veterans who joined the colors in past emergencies. At the great Mount Alto Hospital on Wisconsin Avenue in North Georgetown, all equipment known to medical science is installed and functioning daily to make war on disease among those who formerly served in the armed forces of the nation. . . .

Under the direction of Dr. William P. Hynes, Chief Radiologist and Director of the Cancer Clinic, Mount Alto has taken a prominent place among the few truly great X-Ray treatment centers in the world today. The batteries of electrical apparatus now in use there testify to the fact that the United States is a nation that places humanity above war.

Eight hundred patients a month go through this department, and it is significant that each case receives the personal attention of Dr. Hynes, who is accredited in scientific circles with being one of the foremost living authorities in the field of radiology and the treatment of cancer."—Washington, D. C., Press, November 16, 1940.

Dr. Hynes was born and reared in O'Neill, being the son of Thomas Hynes who was one of the original settlers. His mother was a sister of the late pioneers, Wm. and John Fallon. Mrs. Mike Enright of O'Neill is his cousin. Dr. Hynes is 50 years of age and although he has been gone for many years many O'Neill people well remember him.

## Clerk Did Not Open The Verdigris Ballot Box

County Clerk John C. Gallagher left Monday for Lincoln, Nebraska, where he was to appear before the Supreme Court on Wednesday, December 4, regarding the Verdigris precinct election returns.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our thanks to the many friends for their expressions of sympathy and assistance during the illness and death of our father. Also for the many floral offerings.—Lorenz Children.

## Cornhuskers Will Play In The Rose Bowl Game

The Nebraska University football team closed its regular season last Saturday when they defeated Kansas State on the Lincoln grid-iron with a score of 20 to 0. The Nebraska boys never were in danger throughout the game, having the boys from our sister state to the south completely outclassed in all departments. Sport writers and football coaches say that the 1940 team is the greatest that ever represented Nebraska.

Sunday afternoon Nebraska received an invitation to play Stanford in the celebrated Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, Calif., on New Years day and the offer has been accepted and now sport lovers of Nebraska are bowl crazy. The state was allotted 5,000 tickets for the game and they were all sold out Tuesday night. It is estimated that from 7,000 to 10,000 people from this state will be in the stands to cheer for Nebraska when the game gets under way. This promises to be a great game and we really believe that Nebraska can take the pride of California, which would be some laurels to add to their Big Six championship. This is the first time a Big Six team has been invited to the Rose Bowl and you can bet that all of the other teams in the Big Six will be rooting for Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohaus returned Saturday from Detroit and Chicago, where for the past two weeks they visited friends and relatives. On their return trip they drove home two Mercury cars for which they had received orders prior to their eastern trip. They report having had an enjoyable trip and a lovely time in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Weekes returned last Sunday from Rochester, Minn., where Mr. Weekes had been receiving medical treatment for the past seven weeks, practically all of the time in the hospital. John is sure looking good and was back at his desk in the O'Neill National Wednesday. He says, that while a little weak from his long stay in bed, he is feeling better than he has for several months and it will only be a little while until he gets his strength back and then he will be his old time self, a fact that will be pleasant news to his many friends in this city, county and state.