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## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Along with the inability to keep track of the growing billions of federal debt, the public has also forgotten that starting in '33 we were to be led "out of the red with Roosevelt."

Raymond and Ford Garwood moved a large herd of cattle from the ranch down at Swan Lake to feeding grounds up in the Inez neighborhood a day last week.

With the slaughter of four hogs and a beef the Fredericks family are wintering with an ample meat supply.

Elmer Fix pulled his saw and grinding outfit to the James ranch Thursday for a job of fuel sawing and feed grinding.

A young baseball performer has been signed up to put his fast balls over the home plate next season for \$30,000. Just about take care of the payroll of the entire high school teaching staff of Holt county.

The top administrative head of WPA in Nebraska receives \$5,500 annually; on down through 113 others the annual pay ranges from \$4,400 to \$2,160 at the bottom. No—the bottom is around \$600 which goes to the man with the pick and shovel who does the real work.

We will have to admit the "weakness of democracies" as exemplified by our big town gunmen is petty larceny in comparison to the jobs of the lords of totalitarianism—not merely a lone payroll messenger their victim, but whole nations—bodies, souls, money and property.

Sun and stars have been obscured during much of January. Pink tints of early dawn, the yellow and gold of sunset, the gleam of distant stars, has for days been shrouded with mists and fog. But these emblems of gloomy desolation have touched the southwest with artist finger and decorated tree and bush and grass blade with cold but delicate beauty. Snow, in "silence deep and white" lies across valley and hill. Hoarfrost makes ropes of wire fences and hangs in heavy cluster everywhere. Snow, mist, fog have settled over the prairie like a moist blanket from which is wrung a goodly quantity of water as warm days follow winter frosts.

On my last business visit to O'Neill, early in January, I had thought to get around to see J. C. Harnish, having for twenty years been a near neighbor of the family. Weather conditions became threatening, so it seemed best to hasten homeward while traffic was open. And so that opportunity to reminisce with an old neighbor is gone forever. Selkirk, Harnish, Corbett, Evered, Smoot, Meredith, Baldwin—that was the neighborhood of whom only Mrs. Harnish and her daughter Ruth remain. We were just across the street and though but a youth on whom life's darker shadows had not yet fallen, an admirer of Mr. Harnish developed from observing the industry, the thoroughness, the methodical, and moreover artistic management of the simple affairs of the home premises. He gave encouragement by precept and example to we obstreperous youth in the ways of industry, sobriety, learning and spiritual aspirations.

John O'Malley would discover a gold mine of interest in a letter I lately received from John Brennan out at Salt Lake City. Mr. Brennan, happily unincumbered by great learning, has what is more important, a heart; and this with a peculiarly distinctive analytic strain combined with a droll humor, a shocking disregard of all rules of orthography, punctuation, syntax or rhetoric, make his letters of

## O'NEILL GIRL SINGS WITH LARGE CHOIR

Miss Ruth Harris, daughter of Mrs. Esther Cole Harris, of O'Neill, will be a member of the Morningside A capella choir which will leave on its annual trip Thursday, January 30. The group, directed by Paul MacCollin, head of the Morningside Conservatory of Music, will make the two-weeks' trip in two busses, singing high school and miscellaneous concerts during the day as well as presenting evening concerts under the auspices of Methodist churches.

The high spots of the tour are Northwestern Missouri State Teachers College, Maryville, Mo., on Friday, January 31; University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., on Wednesday, February 5; North Texas State Teachers College located at Denton, Texas, on Thursday, February 6; Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, on Friday, February 7; Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., on the same day; Southwestern Missouri State Teachers College, Springfield, Mo., on Tuesday, February 11; University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., on Wednesday, February 21; Wyandotte High School, Kansas City, Kansas, on Thursday, February 13. Other concerts will be given in churches and schools in various cities including Shreveport, Louisiana; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Joplin, Missouri. The choir personnel numbers sixty, including Mr. MacCollin and choral sections.

## Seed Prospects Scarce For 1941 According To Holt County Agent

Scattered returns on a questionnaire to locate available seeds for 1941 planting which will be compiled in the office of the county agent, Lyndle R. Stout, indicates that seed for spring planting will be scarce this year. First reports show that nearly three farmers wish to purchase seed for each one that is planning to sell some. Due to the early freeze last fall much of the sorghum seed failed to mature and as a result is of poor germination. Spring small grain is also in demand. Farmers having a supply of any seed for sale are being reminded to list it at the county agent's office in order that it may be easily located. Seed testing for purity and germination is another free service carried on through this office which serves not only as a protection to the purchaser but enables the owner to comply with the state law which requires that all seed sold must have been tested and labeled.

vast interest. John speaks very highly of his Mormon neighbors and asks me to treat them as friends of his should their missionaries call at our door. I try to treat all fellow travelers on the highway of life with the courtesy due a lady or gentleman, whether they are propagating hairbrain ideas or just the common run of every day sensible people who stand for decent living and honest dealing; so send them along, John. Of their well-organized relief work John remarks: "They may have the wrong idea in saving souls but they have a good idea on saving bodies." It would be a happier world if we would say nice things of our neighbors. He tells of Mrs. John Dugan (nee Lilly Brooks) and other relatives going to Montana to attend the burial of her half brother, James McCarthy, who many at O'Neill will remember. He was jailed for a time when the late Chas. E. Hall was sheriff. "It looks like God lets some people live long enough to find out that their earlier ideas were all wrong." This as introductory to a typewritten page dealing with the Barret Scott lynching in which he concludes, as many will concur, that Scott was an innocent victim. John assigns me an impossible task for this column—that of warning young suckers to keep out of the clutches of loan and installment sharks. Suckers delight to get caught and warnings are useless.

## Keep Us Out Of War Urges County Pioneer

War is terrible and listening to the people discussing the prospects of America entering into another terrible, destructive World War before we have fully recovered from the last one, twenty-one years ago, doesn't seem to meet with the approval of the multitude, who have tasted the bitter dregs of the last tragedy. The progressive emphasis on material until we have developed on one hand a race of sub-men, living below the level of the human, and on the other hand a set who without any conscious deceit, affirm as good everything they do, who refuse to accept directions from any quarters who make their lives independent, and who have become deficient in giving attention to anything outside of themselves and their pleasures; in other words have become unteachable, more interested in seeking truth than finding it.

At the present time the young men, the choice and the flower of America, are about to undergo a grinding process necessary in the transformation of a civilian into a man of arms. They are taking up a heavy load and are beginning to realize the mighty task that is before them. True they gladly welcome the present opportunity to build up our navy, air force and army, and believe it necessary in self defense when Hitler decides on making a successful invasion of either continent, North or South America. Before he is ready to police and dominate the world we will be equipped to entertain him and give him one of the biggest surprise packages he ever got in his life. In other words we can afford to keep out until war comes to us and it won't be like crossing the English Channel from Calais to Dover. The chances in his favor would be too big a risk. Last time when the war was done the boys came home resolved that they were done with any more European entanglements and we all agreed with them. The way the peace conference turned out, war did not settle anything but apparently seemed to hatch out a bunch of dictators to crush the rest of Europe.

What happened in Europe may happen here and will happen here if we lose sight of the underlying principles of that great document, the Constitution of the United States, which is our proof to the world that it can't happen here. Perhaps it would be well for us to re-read that Constitution together with the Declaration of Independence and rekindle in our hearts an appreciation of the fundamental principle which is its core and sustaining power. I am afraid that some men in America are in danger of acting as if America's system came into being almost automatically and can be sustained without constant rethinking of the reason for its existence. Many are under the illusion that America is so great geographically, so vast in material resources, that these things would support us and insure our stability.

We all have a right to an individual opinion, and our sympathy is with the Allies, and we realize Great Britain has taken up a heavy load and it is our duty to do everything we possibly can to lighten that burden, to console and comfort the brave hearts that are putting up a terrible battle for an existence, but I do think it is a grave mistake for the United States to try and pacify Europe, Asia and Africa with American soldiers.

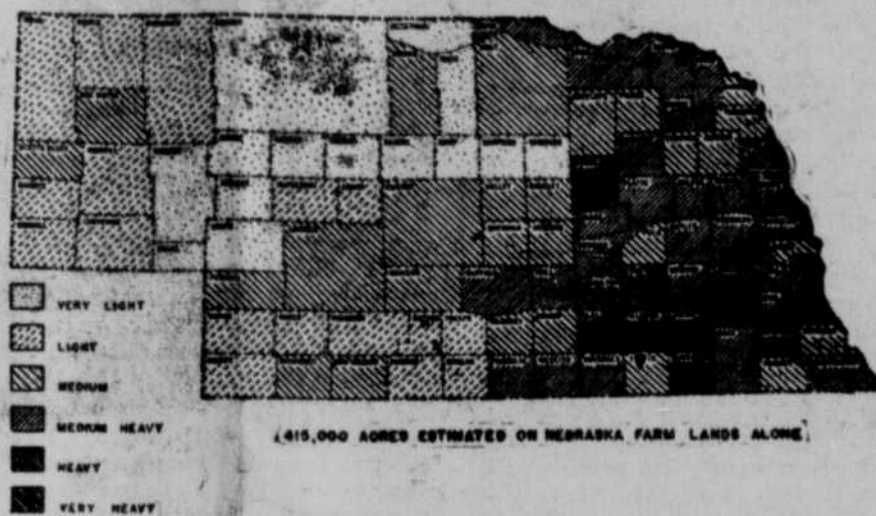
Edw. S. Early.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and assistance given us following the death of our beloved mother and grandmother, also for the many beautiful floral offerings. The kindness shown us will never be forgotten.—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Keyes, Muri, Lorin and Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Clark and La Mars, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Clark and Zada, Mr. and Mrs. Ermond Keyes, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hansen.

## ERADICATE OBNOXIOUS WEEDS

BINDWEED INFESTATION IN NEBRASKA.



Nebraska is well under way on the fourth year of its state-wide noxious weed eradication program.

Based on education, organization and prevention, the state campaign has been getting results. In general, the Weed program is directed at bindweed which is considered the most serious and destructive weed in the state. A recent survey shows that more than 415,000 acres of Nebraska land is infested with bindweed.

Through regularly organized bindweed districts, farmers are trying to reduce this infested acreage and are making headway. There are sixteen districts established in the state at the present time. They comprise a total of 1,511,980 acres. The districts range in size from 9600 acres to 566,000 acres and are distributed quite uniformly over the state.

Landowners in Cuming and Perkins Counties established their organizations on a county-wide basis. Petitions to establish other similar districts are now being circulated in a number of other counties. The districts are administered by local supervisors elected by land-

owners within the organization. The State Department of Agriculture assists the organizations in making plans for their operations, in making surveys and in other ways. Although the weed law makes provisions for compulsory eradication measures, the work in all districts has been done on a voluntary basis and in a cooperative manner.

The state weed law is administered by the State Department of Agriculture and acts upon suggestions of the State Weed Advisory Committee. The methods of eradicating bindweed and other noxious weeds recommended by the State Department of Agriculture are those outlined and developed by the Department of Agronomy of the Nebraska Experiment Stations.

An intensive educational program is being constantly carried on by the State Department in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service of the College of Agriculture. County Agricultural Agents have assisted greatly in the local educational work.

## Many Holt County Auto Drivers Are Liable To Be Before The Court

The office of the County Treasurer reports that as of January 30, 1941, they have issued 3,100 license plates for this year, which leaves approximately 2,700 plates yet to be sold. 1940 license plates are illegal after the first of February, and motorists driving with 1940 plates are subject to arrest and a fine. It appears that a great many Holt county residents are going to have to hurry to get their new plates before February 1. The treasurer's office reports that last year they had sold approximately 400 more plates at this time, but that weather conditions last year were much more favorable than this year.

## Mrs. Anna J. Clark

Anna J. Dickinson, daughter of David and Catherine Dickinson, was born at Indian Springs, Martin county, Indiana, January 8, 1868, and passed away at Inman, Nebr., January 23, 1941, at the age of 73 years and 15 days.

She came to Nebraska with her parents in 1884 to a homestead south of Ewing, Nebr. When her parents returned to Indiana, she remained in Holt county, and has spent practically all her life in this vicinity.

On May 5, 1887, at Inman, Nebr., she was united in marriage to Ralph J. Clark, who preceded her in death on September 28, 1911. To this union were born three children, one daughter, Mrs. Estella Keyes, of Inman, Nebr.; and two sons, Albert M. Clark, of Waltham, Nebr., and Edgar C. Clark, of Harrison, Nebr. Besides these she leaves to mourn seven grandchildren, one great grandchild, other relatives and a host of friends.

In her childhood she became a member of the Presbyterian church and was still a member of this church at the time of her death. When we've ended our combat and struggles on earth, When the fire's gone out and cold in the hearth, May we find at sunset in Heaven above, A spot so quiet and full of love. \*\*\*

## RED CROSS NOTES

The response to the call of the Red Cross for volunteer workers for refugee sewing, knitting and crocheting has been most gratifying. In Holt county units have reported from Stuart, Emmet, Chambers, Inman, Ewing, Paddock and six clubs in O'Neill have volunteered for sewing and knitting. Atkinson and Page are still to be heard from although individual work has been done in each of these towns. In O'Neill the production will be carried on through the various clubs and by individual workers. Any club or individual wishing to volunteer please call your local chairman.

The following is the organization for Holt county:

General Chairman, Mrs. Dave Stannard; with the chairman of their respective groups as follows: Mrs. Bessie Farmer, Stuart; Mrs. Robert McGinnis, Emmet; Mrs. Alma Ferrier, Chambers; Mrs. Walter Jacob, Inman; Mrs. Brion, Ewing; Mrs. Axel Borg, Paddock; Mrs. Harold Lindberg, Secretary; F. N. Cronin, Treasurer.

During the absence of Mrs. Stannard, Mrs. F. J. Dishner will take her place as chairman. Saturday has been designated as general meeting day for issuing supplies and receiving finished garments to be packed for shipment before March first, meeting to be held at the Golden Hotel until further notice. We hope to have one hundred workers in this county to carry on the work. If the spirit moves you to help in this worthy cause, call the chairman of your nearest branch. Your help will be appreciated.

Most of the overly vociferous persons favoring our immediate entry into the war are beyond the age of conscription or enlistment.

Wendell Willkie has gone to Great Britain. Wonder if he is going to check up on Harry Hopkins?

If Mussolini doesn't know how to get out of that hole in Albania why doesn't he call on Dick Tracy for advice?

## Nebraska Advertising Commission After New Defense Industries

Nebraska will continue its efforts to secure new defense industries through the pages of nationally circulated business magazines, according to an announcement by the Nebraska Advertising Commission. Full page advertisements, headed "Safe for Defense Industries," will appear in the February issues of Nation's Business and Business Week, magazines which are widely read by prominent business men and national defense officials throughout America, and which will be on the news stands about February 1. Featuring Nebraska's strategic location and natural protection against coastal bombing in time of war, these advertisements point out that Nebraska lies over a thousand air miles from either sea coast, hundreds of air miles from the two international boundaries to the north and south. Business leaders who are assisting in the location of defense industries are invited, through these advertisements, to write for a copy of Nebraska's new "Defense Brochure" which gives complete information about Nebraska's advantages for defense industries and military operations.

## On The Sidelines

By Observer

Well, well, so now we have to look at the city dailies to get the low-down on what's going on in our own town. It seems as though between now and the last time you read this column that the old rivalry between the two town schools was again pulled out of the moth-balls and that O'Neill defeated St. Mary's by a score of 30-27 in an overtime game. From our viewpoint we would say that must have been quite a game, but when and where was it played, and why didn't anybody in this vicinity know anything about it until they read it in the dailies. We can imagine that Yehudi was high scorer for O'Neill while Nobody's Baby played a bang-up game for St. Mary's.

All week we've heard, "Well, I knew that Observer didn't know anything about picking games." Well, I must say it sure doesn't look as though I have luck on my side, in reference to the Butte-St. Mary's game which incidentally came out 55-34 with Butte taking the honors.

But from our viewpoint Butte was hot. Every time they took a step over the half way line they were a scoring threat and when a team does that then they really have what it takes. But from this point in the season we'd say they have nothing to worry about when the "B" Tournament comes along in March or April.

Last week at Atkinson once again a St. Mary's team lived up to its reputation and became runners up in the Atkinson Grade Tournament. It was the St. Mary's Grades who came off the floor defeated 34-7 by a strong Valentine team.

## Sidelines

Once again both O'Neill Grade teams will go into Tournament competition when they go to Ewing on February 5-6, for their annual tourney.

Orville Lewis, who has starred on the Alliance High team for the past few years has enrolled in the O'Neill High School.

The O'Neill Grades turned back the Ewing Grades Tuesday afternoon to the tune of 21-9.

## Sports-Comings

Jan. 31—St. Mary's over Elgin. Febr. 1—Atkinson over O'Neill. Febr. 3—Atkinson over St. Mary's (I hope we're wrong).

Feb. 6—St. Mary's over Sacred Heart (Norfolk).

## Unfortunate

The British, a misanthropic local business man remarked this morning, haven't yet been able to hit Hitler's personal headquarters in Berlin, but whenever they draw a head on the treasury in Washington they hit the jackpot every time.—Jack Harris in the Hutchinson, Kan., News.

## BLUEJAYS WIN ONE AND LOSE ONE

Last Friday, O'Neill defeated Creighton in basketball 23-16 at Creighton. Taking a lead in the first period the Blue and White squad was ahead 9-5 at the quarter, 14-7 at the half and 21-13 starting the final period.

Don Lowery made good on five free throws in six tries and carried two field goals to lead O'Neill's scoring.

After three games away from home, O'Neill plays Ainsworth at O'Neill this Friday, January 31. Ainsworth is one of the leaders in the North Central Nebraska conference and features two sharpshooters in Richardson center and Grubba forward. O'Neill's Junior High team will play St. Mary's in the preliminary game starting at 7:30.

O'Neill (23)	fg	ft	pf
Lowery	3	5	0
French	0	1	2
Vincent	3	1	2
Burgess	0	0	1
Leach	0	0	4
McKenna	1	0	1
Cole	0	0	0
Calkins	1	0	2
	8	7	12

Creighton (16)	fg	ft	pf
Higgins	2	3	0
Carder	0	0	0
Hladik	1	0	2
Hazplug	0	0	2
L. Burt	1	0	3
J. Burt	2	1	2
	6	4	9

A rousing last quarter gave Atkinson a 29-24 win over O'Neill's basketball team last week. Atkinson served first but after McKenna's fielder tied the count, O'Neill went ahead and lead 7-3 at the quarter. A mental lapse by O'Neill in the last minute of the half gave Atkinson two baskets to cut O'Neill's advantage to 13-10. The third period ended 16-16 and until the middle of the final quarter it was nip and tuck. Then Atkinson connected for a couple of long goals and O'Neill dropped behind.

A big second quarter gave Atkinson's second team the preliminary game 28-18. Playing evenly for most of the first quarter O'Neill's passing went bad and Atkinson built up a ten-point lead that O'Neill couldn't overcome.

O'Neill (24)	fg	ft	pf
French	1	4	0
Burgess	0	0	0
Lowery	5	0	2
Vincent	0	1	2
McKenna	2	0	2
Leach	0	0	0
Mitchell	1	1	3
Calkins	0	0	1
Cole	0	0	0
	9	6	10

Atkinson (29)	fg	ft	pf
McKee	3	1	4
Schultz	0	0	0
H. West	4	0	4
Seibin	3	0	1
Bacock	1	1	2
Pock	0	1	1
W. West	1	0	0
Millet	0	0	0
Smith	1	0	1
	13	3	13

## Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued recently by the County Judge include:

Walter Fressler of Ogallala, and Genevieve Dierks, of Ewing, on January 24

Earl Sybrant of Bassett, and Phyllis Brown, of Bassett, on January 29.

Lester Fernam of Naper, and Fern Brauslaugh, of Butte, on January 24.

Philip Bohnet of Burke, S. D., and Shirley E. Alexander of Naper, on January 18.

Edwin Elmer Kahn, of Bonesteel, S. D., and Alta M. Whealy of Herrick, S. D., on January 18.