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## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Lyman Waterman, a resident of O'Neill thirty-five years ago, and at one time a promoter of a railroad for Chambers, died at Lincoln January 26, at the age of 84. He was buried at Tekamah.

When Col. Lindbergh spoke his mind in Washington, in Berlin they said, "Hats off for his courage." I understand if you speak your mind in Berlin your head comes off with the hat.

What authority has either the legislative or executive branches of government to lease, lend or give to another nation and assess the cost to the taxpayers?

I don't know of such a creature as a groundhog in this section but for the purpose of the symbol a ground squirrel does as well. If he stuck his striped nose out Sunday morning there was no shadow to frighten him back into hiding.

Forty years ago certain citizens were—so to speak—tearing their hair about Russian thistles getting a start on us. Laws were promulgated providing all but hanging for the unhappy chap caught with a thistle on his premises. But the weed stayed with us and now makes a feed element for stock. Of late years maps are made and the cry of alarm spread from the Missouri river to Scottsbluff about a rather pretty little trailing vine they call bindweed. Those who take to their heels on the run at every alarm raised by our agricultural "experts" think there is no hope for Nebraska if this little twisting vine is not eradicated. Four years ago I noticed some bindweed had started here at home. I did nothing with it. Today there is none. Native grasses will run out any sort of a weed in a few seasons if given a chance anywhere on our prairies, is the observation I have made from more than a half century as a prairie dweller.

A gentleman of science comes forward with a bill of fare he says will furnish all the nourishment necessary for an adult, with a few sips of tomato juice to get vitamin C, at a yearly total cost of \$1.80. That is a pretty cheap meal ticket for a whole year's run but the most of us will prefer to pay for the fun of eating, at standard prices, our regular three squares a day.

The old horse, superannuated, stiffened and crippled, but with head erect and ears pointing straight ahead stood watching, it seemed somewhat wistful, as a half dozen young horses broke into a run at the barking of a dog and raced in unrestrained abandon to the far limits of their enclosure. The old horse hobbled on a few steps to join them but was saved the pains when the young herd wheeled about and came bounding toward him. Does the old horse share emotions of an old man whose lonely hours are brightened when he sits and watches children at play, the while fancies bring again through the melodies of memory, the laughter and happy shout of the golden days of childhood?

From an advertisement in the Washington Times-Herald I take this list:

- Silk Grosgrain Opera Hat...\$12.50
- Lucite topped evening cane ... 7.50
- White figured silk scarf ..... 5.00
- White kid gloves ..... 3.50
- White mother-of-pearl dress set ..... 10.00
- Black Patent leather shoes ... 8.75
- Tail coat of black unfinished worsted ..... 45.00
- White cotton pique vest ..... 8.50

Just how would a bow-legged old timer from the prairies look in that outfit without the pants?

## Sheep and Wool Growers Meeting, February 11

The increased interest in sheep production in Holt county has brought about a demand for some information on feeding and management problems. Sheep and wool growers in the county will gather at the farm of Frank Beelaert, located 1 1/2 miles south, 1 mile east and 1/2 mile south of Page, at 10:00 A. M. Tuesday, February 11, to obtain information on problems about sheep.

Walter Tolman, Extension livestockman from the Nebraska college of agriculture, and Marshall Ross of the Midwest Wool Marketing Association will be present along with the county agent, Lyndle R. Stout, to answer questions and present the latest information in this field.

The morning program on the farm will take up a discussion of feeding and management along with a demonstration of docking, castrating and drenching.

A free lunch will be served at noon with the compliments of the Midwest Wool Marketing Association and in the afternoon a special feature will be a motion picture of Nebraska farm flock management practices taken by Tolman last year. It will also include portable dipping vats which have become more popular and some good shearing practices. Marketing problems will also be discussed. The afternoon program will be held in the Page I. O. O. F. Hall and everyone interested in sheep production is invited to attend.

## High School Pupils Are Studying The Science Of Aviation

Fourteen pupils are enrolled in a course new to O'Neill High this semester called "An Introduction to the Science of Aviation." The course is open to Juniors and Seniors who have had two years of mathematics and it is offered as a science subject. The Nebraska State Department of Education has outlined the material to be covered in the course, which is being taught by Mr. Anderson. Textbooks used are Civil Aeronautics Bulletins covering Civil Air Regulations, Navigation, Weather, and Aerodynamics. This is the same material as is used for the ground course work in the Civil Aeronautics Authority Civilian Pilot Training program. This is a National Defense course that is being taught in some of the larger schools in Nebraska.

## Grattan Project Club

Eight members and one visitor motored through the mud to the home of Mrs. Lawrence Larson on January 30, where the lesson on "Conserving Energy," was interestingly given by Mesdames Dorothy and Agnes Lawrence.

Bulletins on "Handy Mechanical Hints for the Home," and "Farm Building Repair," were given to those present.

A very delicious luncheon was served by the hostess and the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Larry Barrett on February 25, if weather permits.

## The Weather

The weather for the past week has been almost spring like, with the temperature rising to 50 degrees last Friday. On Saturday night, one of the heaviest fogs that we have had this winter rolled in very suddenly, and continued until Sunday morning, with a light freezing mist. Wednesday night the temperature took a sudden drop registering nine above on Thursday morning with a very stiff wind from the north and light flurries of snow. The weather chart for the past week is as follows:

	High	Low
January 30	44	29
January 31	50	28
February 1	47	30
February 2	36	26
February 3	32	26
February 4	46	25
February 5	46	31

## ST. MARY'S CARDS TRIM ATKINSON IN A THRILLER

In a game that had a capacity crowd on its feet from the beginning to end, the Cardinals of St. Mary's defeated Atkinson High on the home floor 27-25.

From the first whistle, the game was a slam-bang affair, first one team ahead by a point or two and then the other team leading by a similar margin. The only time either team had a substantial lead, was at the first quarter when St. Mary's led 7 to 2. At the half, Atkinson had drawn close, but still trailed by two points 11 to 9.

The second half was full of even faster, more bruising basketball, with the teams matching each other basket for basket. At the third quarter the Cardinals still held a slim lead of one point, 18 to 17.

Early in the fourth quarter St. Mary's again took a slightly larger lead of three points, but with several minutes left to play Atkinson staged a rally to tie the score 23 to 23. With about a minute to go, Shoemaker raced down the floor to sink a setup giving the Cardinals a two point lead, which was short lived for Atkinson immediately tied the score at 25 all. Schultz, Atkinson forward, missed the free throw which would have put Atkinson ahead and once more it was Shoemaker, who made the basket that gave St. Mary's a 27 to 25 victory.

Duke Kersenbrock, Cardinal center, led the winners with nine points, but McKee, of Atkinson, led both teams with twelve points. Atkinson reserves, using their superior height and numbers to good advantage, downed the Cardinal seconds 26 to 16 in an exciting game.

St. Mary's grades won from Atkinson grades 25 to 12.

## St. Mary's Honor Roll For Third Six-Weeks Period

Seniors—Darlene Dalton, Margaret Hamilton, Eileen Kelly, Etta Meyer, Catherine McNichols.

Juniors—Constance Golden, Chickie Iler, Mary Ann Janousek, Jaul Kubitschek, Vera La Pointe, Matilda Peter.

Sophomores—Bert Brennan, Stella Crowe, Margaret Higgins, Martha Janousek, Lois Kaup, Corrine Kubitschek.

Freshmen—Bill Brennan, Donna Gallagher, Dorothy Koci, Mary Miles, Alvara Ramm, Rosemary Ryan, Yvonne Sirek.

## FCI Crop Insurance

Applications for 1941 spring wheat crop insurance may be submitted to the Holt County Agricultural Conservation Association during the month of February, 1941.

FCI Regulations provide that an application may be submitted covering only spring wheat to be seeded on a farm where winter wheat has been seeded on acreage other than the acreage to be seeded to spring wheat, but the total production of wheat for the purpose of determining the amount of loss under the insurance contract shall include the production from both winter and spring wheat.

Any wheat grower in Holt county who desires wheat Crop Insurance on the 1941 Spring wheat crop should call at the Holt County Agricultural Conservation office during February, 1941, and submit an application for spring wheat crop insurance as February 28, 1941, is the closing date for accepting these applications.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Golden and daughter, Constance, drove to Omaha last Friday, taking Mrs. M. McMillian and Miss Mary Markey to that city, where they took the train for Miami, Florida, where they will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gaudrie for the next month. Mr. and Mrs. Golden and daughter returned home on Sunday.

## On The Sidelines

By Observer

From now on our recipe for a good basketball game will be to take St. Mary's team and the Bearcats from Atkinson, put them on a good sized court with a good referee and stand back.

We doped it wrong, but were certainly glad to see that our prediction didn't come true. In our opinion it was the fastest and hottest game seen in this city for a number of years. Most outstanding in the victory was the superior floor work displayed by the Cardinals, which seemed to account for the fact that no one man outshone the other in his performance.

Friday evening the O'Neill Blue Jays went down in a determined fight to a highly seasoned Ainsworth team. Ainsworth displayed some of the best one-hand shots of the current season, but O'Neill was not far behind in their set shots from out in the court.

The same evening the St. Mary's Cardinals came through for their thirteenth win of the season, which in this case didn't prove to be unlucky, by downing the Elgin quintet 42 to 21.

Looking on the sports horizon we have a number of games which should prove to be humdingers. Friday night the High School team will entertain the Page five, while Sunday afternoon the Academy journeys to Spalding where they will tangle with a club which has already suffered defeat at their hands.

## Sidelines

Here's a story on the humorous side: The Boone, Iowa, high school team had lost the last five games by one point. While playing their sixth game they were again a single point behind with thirty seconds remaining. With a lusty one-handed heave the Boone forward swished the net to win the game by a lone tally. The surprise was too much for the local lad. He fainted.

## Sportcomings

Friday, February 7—O'Neill over Page.

Sunday, February 9—St. Mary's over Spalding.

Tuesday, February 11—O'Neill over Orchard.

## Friendly Neighbor Club

The January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Tom Edwards on January 30. A perfect attendance of fourteen members answered roll call. Mrs. Ida Shellhammer being our new member.

The lesson, "Conserving Energy," was presented by the leaders, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Brugesman.

Extension circulars on "Handy Mechanical Hints for the Home" and "Farm Building Repairs" were passed out.

The club planned a "Friendly Neighbor Red Cross Club," with Mrs. Leach as chairman, which will meet once a month to sew for the Red Cross.

A delicious lunch was served by the Assisting hostesses, Mrs. Alice Jansen and Mrs. Harold Fager.

The next meeting will be on February 27, at the home of Mrs. Switzer.

## West Side Project Club

The West Side Project Club met January 28, at the home of Mrs. Leonard Shoemaker with Mrs. Joe McNichols assisting hostess. Five guests were present and all members with the exception of two. Roll call was answered with an important event of 1940. The lesson, "Conserving Energy" was ably presented by the leaders, Mrs. John Hickey and Mrs. Leonard Shoemaker. Circulars were distributed and a short demonstration on "Handy Mechanical Hints for the Home," and "Farm Building Repair," was given by Mrs. Protivinsky. Our next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Protivinsky.

Miss Anna Toy left Wednesday for Omaha where she will spend a few days visiting relatives and friends.

## O'NEILL HIGH LOSES TWO GAMES IN PAST WEEK

O'Neill High lost two basketball games last week, one at Bloomfield 42-22 and one at home to Ainsworth 43-25. In the Bloomfield game the first quarter was fairly even but at the half the score was 16-10, Bloomfield leading, and in the third period they made 16 more points to leave O'Neill far behind.

The second team game at Bloomfield was a thriller. Badly outplayed in the first half to the tune of 14-16, O'Neill came roaring back after the intermission to close the gap to 20-18 by the end of the third period. O'Neill went ahead in the final quarter but with only a few seconds to play the defense went to sleep and Bloomfield got a man under the basket for the tying basket. In the overtime period Wolfe made a free throw and Yantzi a field goal to win the game 27-24. Manzer and Yantzi made 10 points each to lead the scoring.

In the Ainsworth game O'Neill had difficulty hitting the hoop and the visitors height prevented many follow-ins. Trailing 9-2 at the quarter, O'Neill played during the second quarter and came to the rest period still seven points behind. Ainsworth forged farther ahead in the third quarter and held their lead in the last period to win 43-25.

This Friday Page plays at O'Neill. The first and second teams both will play. Page was defeated by O'Neill in the Holt County Tournament a month ago by a score of 28-25.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ward, who had been visiting relatives and friends in California for the past month, returned to O'Neill on Friday.

A no-host dancing party was held at the Golden hotel on Friday evening with about thirty-two couples enjoying the dancing and buffet luncheon.

Ted Donohoe, of Chicago, Ill., arrived here Monday and is visiting at the home of Mrs. Francis Brennan and Miss Bernadette Brennan.

Mrs. Bud Thomas left on Saturday for her home at Washington, Mo., after spending the past two weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Protivinsky.

John Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Watson of Inman, has accepted a position with the First National Bank of this city, and entered upon his duties Monday morning.

Miss Teresa Finley, of Chicago, Ill., left on Monday for Omaha, where she will visit her brother, Dr. W. F. Finley, who is in the hospital there. While here she visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Phalin.

Judge L. W. Reimer returned on Monday from Lincoln, where he took his son, Henry, to resume his studies at the University, after spending the week end here with his parents.

Fred C. Watson, one of the real old timers of the Amelia section of the county and former chairman of the County Board, was an O'Neill visitor the first of the week. Fred says cattle are coming through the winter in fine shape.

Mrs. D. H. Cronin went down to Grand Island Tuesday morning for a couple of days visit with relatives and friends and will then go to Lincoln to spend the balance of the week visiting her sister, Mrs. F. H. Butts.

Edward Quinn, of Washington, D. C., who has been here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Quinn for the past two weeks, will leave Friday morning for Grand Island, from which place he will take a train to Washington.

## O'Neill Girl Wins Honors In National Contests

Miss Alice Sexsmith received word the last of the week that she had been awarded fourth prize in a National designing contest, sponsored by the Manhattan Wax and Candle Works of New York City.

This is the second contest that that Miss Sexsmith has received honors in in recent months, having received honorable mention in a soap carving contest, sponsored by a soap company some time ago.

The design with which Miss Sexsmith won fourth place was an ornamental candle, which was distinctive in its originality of shape and form. Miss Sexsmith has until recently been a student of an art school at Kansas City, Mo.

## Prominent Shields Couple Celebrate Wedding Anniversary

Three clubs of which Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt are members gathered at the Schmidt home last Tuesday to help them celebrate their Twenty-eight wedding anniversary. The evening was spent playing cards. Those receiving prizes were: Mrs. James Oppen first; Mrs. George Pongratz, second; Eileen Sullivan, third. For the men: George Pongratz, first; Charles Luden, second; Arch Densberger, third.

A lovely wedding cake was presented followed by a two course luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt were presented with some lovely wedding presents. Everyone enjoyed a merry evening and wish Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt many more happy wedding anniversaries.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Halva and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook spent Tuesday evening at the John Schmidt home.

Mrs. Fay Puckett took Roxanna to Lincoln Saturday, going by way of Crete, Nebr., to visit Betty Jane, who attends Doane College. Roxanna going on to Junction City, Kans., where she is taking a course as Child Technician.

Dr. W. F. Finley, who has been seriously ill at his home here for the past few weeks, was taken to the hospital in Omaha on Friday of last week. His daughter, Miss Mary Jo, of Chicago, accompanied him to Omaha.

Miss Laura Finley, of Chicago, Ill., arrived here on Monday from Los Angeles, Calif., to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank Phalin. She expects to remain here for a few days and then go to Omaha to be with her brother, Dr. W. F. Finley, who is in the hospital there.

Mrs. Lawrence Merriman, Mrs. Dick Jordan, Mrs. Max Wanser, Mrs. Ivan Pruss and Mrs. R. R. Smith, jr., entertained the Catholic Daughters on Tuesday evening at the Golden Hotel. Mrs. Leo Carney won high score at bridge and Mrs. Teresa Connolly low.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conard, of Emmet, entertained a group of friends at a birthday party at their home on Wednesday evening honoring Pat McGinnis. Mrs. Guy Cole won high at bridge and W. P. Dailey low score, while Harry Warner won high in pinochle. Mrs. Esther Cole Harris of O'Neill attended the party.

This office is in receipt of a letter from P. H. Waldron, of Nixa, Mo., enclosing remittance to extend his subscription to The Frontier. Mr. Waldron was raised north of this city and was a resident of the county until some ten years ago when he moved to Missouri, where he has since made his home.

Theo Moss, who has been a resident of the southwestern part of the county since 1887 and is one of the prosperous farmers and Stockmen in that section of the county, was an O'Neill visitor this morning and made a pleasant call at this office, extending his subscription to this household necessity.

## LUKE E. SKIDMORE PASSES AWAY AT HOME TUESDAY

Luke E. Skidmore died at his home four miles south and one mile west of Inman last Tuesday morning at 9:30 a. m., after an illness of several months, but not bedfast. The funeral was held at Ewing this morning at 10 o'clock from the Methodist church, Rev. George M. Carter, pastor of the church officiating, and burial in the Ewing cemetery, at the side of his wife, who passed away in May, 1925.

Luke E. Skidmore was born at Hempstead, N. Y., on April 15, 1858, and his age at the time of his death was 82 years, 9 months and 19 days. He came to Nebraska as a young man and lived for a short time in Thurston county, coming to Holt county in 1883, and located near Ewing and had been a resident of this county ever since.

On July 8, 1891, he was united in marriage to Miss Cora Butler, of Ewing, the ceremony being performed at Ewing. Two children were born of this union, both sons, who are left to mourn his passing. They are: Edward and Lazell Skidmore, of Rocky Point, Wyoming. The boys were unable to attend the funeral on account of sickness. He is also survived by one granddaughter and one sister.

Luke E. Skidmore was one of the best known men in the county, having served the people in official positions in the county for over twenty years. He was a farmer and stock grower living south of Ewing and in 1903 he ran for supervisor from that district and was elected, taking office the following January. He served two terms on the board at that time in 1904, '05, '06 and '07, being chairman of the board during the last year. In the early days a man never ran for but two terms and they were then two year terms. He retired to his farm and in 1912 he was elected to the office of county assessor, being the first county assessor in the county. He served four years in this office. He again returned to his farm. In 1916 Theo D. Sievers, who was the supervisor from that district resigned on account of ill health and Mr. Skidmore was appointed to fill the vacancy and he served until the following January.

He was a private citizen from January 1, 1917, until the fall of 1920, when he was again nominated for supervisor from that district, was elected and he served continuously from that time until January, 1933, being elected three times in succession to four-year terms. He was defeated for re-election in the fall of 1932, the democratic landslide year, by Lewis W. Reimer, the present county judge. On his retirement he moved to the ranch south of Inman, where he was living at the time of his death.

Not many men are given the privilege to serve the people of his county as long as was Mr. Skidmore. He was a good officer and was probably the best posted man in the county on its financial affairs. His long experience on the county board and his two terms as county assessor, made him an expert on the county financial affairs. Skid was a quiet and unassuming man, calm and methodical, without bluster or show of power, but he had it in his hand, for during the past seven or eight years of his service on the county board, he was the board. He had the happy faculty of making the other members see things his way, and things always ran smoothly under his guiding hand. He was a good officer, faithful to the trust reposed in him by his fellow men and he had hundreds of friends over the county who will regret to learn of his passing.

Robert Biglin, a student at the University of Nebraska medical school, at Omaha, returned to his studies on Friday, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Biglin, for a few days.