

# THE FRONTIER

## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee—  
One clover, and a bee,  
And revery.  
The revery alone will do  
If bees are few.—Emily Dickinson.

To make a prairie it takes a level land  
And here and there a rounded hill,  
And grass and birds, and heaps of sand.

In a newspaper editorial I find this "with quotation marks around it: "The nations used to be sure of themselves. This is true of every nation in the world, including our own." In the gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 21 foretelling the great event of all time, verse 25, I read these words: "Upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity."

The Nebraska legislature appears to be outdoing all previous single or double-barreled law enacting assemblies in trivial, if not nonsensical, legislation. Much of the products that has gone into the hopper is, however, harmless as it carries no appropriations.

The home surroundings at the Riley ranch have been brightened the past week by the erection of a gleaming white picket fence enclosing the yard.

Bernard Kennedy has ventured into the mutton and wool industry with thirty-three ewes. The largest band of sheep I know of in the community is some five or six hundred head feeding on the meadows at the old West ranch just east of Inez.

Mr. and Mrs. Roblyer of Atkinson, were out this way a day last week visiting friends and former neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baker made a business trip to Albion Monday.

A. S. Younkin, a resident of southwest Holt during the years of the Kinkaid homesteaders, died last Friday at the family home in Omaha at the age of 95; thus taking another of the well-nigh extinct G. A. R. The remains were taken to Lincoln for burial.

Do you ever get disgusted with your job—feel that in whole or in part you qualify as a humbug? Read this from a gentleman who signs himself Ex-Lawyer: "It was not law I practiced, not the balancing of equities or the application of legal formulae. I was merely adept in the juggling of facts to suit the pattern I desired. I couldn't go on pulling rabbits out the legal hodge podge to save some weasel-minded debtor from his honest debts. I couldn't go on telling half-witted witnesses to remember this and that, when the simple truth would blow my case higher than a tailless kite. And somehow I am too dull to see any difference between my defending a known scoundrel and his committing the crime itself. It all seemed such a hypocritical play on words in a world long weary with hypocrisy."

The group sat in the old Evans hotel lobby listening as Gus Doyle read the war news in the early stages of the German onslaught in 1914. Doyle was giving it his best dramatic rendition and drew to an impressive climax in the story from Berlin of the move of Japan against German interests in which Kaiser Bill was made to say: "War to Nippon!" That broke the dramatic spell and Gus caught the humor of it, exploding in a good old Doyle laugh. When Doyle had taken the oath of office as Mayor he called the saloon men together and informed them he was going to enforce the Slocumb law. "If you think," the Mayor said, "you can evade the law during my administration you have reckoned without your host." I fancy if the genial Gus was alive and still with

## ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Mary A. Gallagher passed away at her home in this city at 12 o'clock last Monday, after an illness of about one month, at the age of 77 years, eight months and six days. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church last Wednesday morning, solemn high mass being celebrated by Monsignor McNamara, assisted by Father Parr and Father McDonnell. Considering the inclement weather the funeral was largely attended.

Mary Ann Mann was born at Gilbert, Illinois, on June 11, 1863. The family later moved to Darlington, Wisconsin, and came to this county in the spring of 1883. On February 18, 1889, she was united in marriage to Edward F. Gallagher. Two children were born of this union, Edward M. Gallagher, of this city and Donald, of Washington, D. C. Both sons were with her at the time of her death. She is also survived by several grandchildren and one brother, J. A. Mann of this city, who are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother, grandmother and sister.

In the passing of Mrs. Gallagher Holt county and O'Neill has lost another of the pioneer residents of the city and county. She had been a resident of this city for fifty-eight years and always took an active part in the social affairs of the city. She was a charming woman and had a host of friends in this city and county. She had always enjoyed good health until about a month ago when she was taken down with an attack of the flu, which did not respond to treatment and other complications set in which caused her death. The ranks of the old timers of the city and county are thinning fast and it will be but a short time until there will be but few left of the real old pioneers who came here in the latter seventies and the early eighties. They are passing away and their places will be filled by the rising generation, but the latter will never know the thrill experienced by the old timers when they saw the city and county of their choice grow and expand, as this has done in the past sixty years.

## Pleasant Dale School

Miss Ella Kazda, Teacher  
None of the pupils had a perfect attendance this past month because of the flu and inclement weather.

Visitors at the school this past month were Mrs. Paul Hoehne, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Tushla, Mrs. John Kee and Miss Nayadene Kee.

On Friday, February 14, the teacher and pupils enjoyed a Valentine party. After playing many games the beautiful Valentines were passed out. Then we all enjoyed a freezer of ice cream and cookies.

us he would see in the Italian situation that somebody had reckoned without his host."

Weather developments Thursday of last week forced the conclusion that the ground hog gave us a rotten deal—or was it a new deal. Days of mellowing sunshine, nights of calm with the brown prairie lying silent under the glow of a full moon, held promise of early verdant blooms and budding rose. Wednesday morning brought an overcast sky which sprayed a mist as the day wore on and when by late afternoon rain beat against the window panes one wise in Nebraska weather changes knew soon there would roar from out the arctic something more severe. We county printer and writer a word have as an heiritage from a Holt which comprehends the sum total of a violent winter storm. Holt county citizens should not forget that one of their number, O. C. Bates, gave to the world that picturesque cognomen—blizzard. The blizzard came, blew its breath of ice across our brown prairie for a night and day, and when the moon and stars appeared the southwest again lay shrouded in a foot of snow.

## "B" BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HERE STARTING TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 4

Will Continue Wednesday and Thursday Evenings And Final Contest for Championship Will Be Held on Friday Evening, March 7

At a meeting held in O'Neill last Saturday, of the various coaches of the basketball teams in this Class B district, the schedules were drawn and the referee for the tournament appointed.

The tournament will open on Tuesday evening, March 4, and continue on through Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, no games being played in the afternoon. "Pat" Patterson, of Bassett, was chosen as the chief referee.

Following are the drawings for the opening games of the tournament:

Butte vs. Spencer.  
Atkinson vs. Springview.  
Page drew a bye.  
St. Mary's of O'Neill vs. Orchard Long Pine vs. Stuart.

Lynch drew a bye.

At the present time it appears that the championship match will be played on Friday evening for the "B" championship, and that the winner of the Class C district tournaments, which are to be played at Atkinson and Cody will meet here in their play off to determine which team goes to Lincoln, to compete in the state contests.

While St. Mary's Academy is acting host to the Class B tournament, in the new High school gym. O'Neill High will journey to Norfolk, where they will compete in Class "A" and will meet Stanton in their opening game, which is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, March 6th.

## Joe Nikoliczak, Sr.

Joe Nikoliczak, Sr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Nikoliczak, was born in Columbus, Nebr., on June 15, 1870, and departed from this life February 12, 1941, at the age of 71 years, eight months and 12 days. He was one of three children.

He was united in marriage in 1894 to Katie Swestack and to this union nine children were born. They are: Eva Kaczor, Michael, Thomas and George, of Ewing; John, Joe and Frank, of O'Neill; Julia Yelli and Sophia Kemiech, of Orchard.

For a few years he farmed near Columbus, then moved to a farm west of Ewing where they lived thirty-eight years. Two years ago he moved to Ewing.

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Shirley Ann Yelli.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife, nine children, twenty-six grandchildren, one great grandchild and many other relatives.

Funeral services were held from St. Peter's church at Ewing and burial in the Catholic cemetery.

He was always a good father and lent a helping hand to his neighbors and friends, of which he had many as was seen by the size of the funeral, which was one of the largest seen in Ewing. Friends and relatives came from Fullerton, Geneva, Spalding, Greeley, Center, Orchard and O'Neill.

## St. Mary's Young Basketball Stars Made Good Record

The grade school basketball team of St. Mary's has had a pretty fair season, winning three out of five games and being runners up in the Atkinson basketball tournament.

At the tournament they first defeated Bassett 9-17 and then defeated Long Pine 11-19. In the finals a strong Valentine grade school swamped St. Mary's 34-7.

George Janousek was high point man during the season, scoring 54 points. The others on the team are: Bill Froelich, Ed Campbell, Don Willson, Jim Merriman, Bernard Daily, Joe Ryan Bill Kelly, Dick Minton, Joe Biglin, Jim Golden and Bob Wallace.

—Dick Cronin.

Gordon Anderson, of Yankton, S. D., arrived here on Saturday to spend a few days visiting friends.

## St. Mary's Cards Defeated Inman Monday Night

Monday night St. Mary's turned back Inman High school 54-18.

The first quarter Inman got off only one shot at the basket from out in the court, but their ability to hit from the free throw line kept them remaining scoreless.

Although St. Mary's did not take full advantage of many set-ups the first two quarters they were never in any real danger, holding a lead of 19-11 at the half time.

The second half the Cardinals turned on the steam dropping in thirty-five points while holding Inman to seven points.

The Cardinals seconds came through with a win over the Inman seconds by a score of 26-12. Gallagher led St. Mary's with 14 points.

## Southern Holt Pioneer Passed Away Last Week

George Herzog, one of the pioneers of the southern part of the county passed away at his home near Chambers on February 10, after being in failing health for the past six years. He was about 68 years of age. George Herzog came to Holt county with his father, his mother having passed away, in the spring of 1884 and ever since he had been a resident of the southern part of the county. He was one of the finest citizens in the county, always willing to help others less fortunate than himself, and always took an active interest in the civic affairs of his section of the county and the county as a whole. We have lost a real friend in the passing of George Herzog as have many other residents of the county. He is survived by his wife, their only child a son, having passed away on June 11, 1933. Our sympathy is extended to the widow, who came from one of the pioneer families of southern Holt.

## COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS WIN AWARDS FOR 4-H WORK

Margery Rees, of Amelia, who is attending the University of Nebraska, will receive a gold medal for rendering the most outstanding service to 4-H clubs in Holt county last year.

She is one of 46 club members in the entire state to be selected by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben for this special recognition according to word just received by county agent, Lyndie R. Stout.

These handsome medals were offered this year for the first time, to be awarded in counties taking part in the Ak-Sar-Ben livestock show at Omaha. Similar awards will be made again next year for outstanding services to 4-H club work.

Medals for champions selected by the 4-H county committees were also received as follows:

Home Economics, Mabel Forbes, Amelia.  
Meat Animal, Bill Rees, Amelia.  
Girls Room, Florence Spease, Stuart.  
Cooking, Mac DeLong, O'Neill.  
Winter Clothes Style Show—Helen Wilkinson, Atkinson; Evelyn Elder, Atkinson; Donna Shellhase, Atkinson; Ailene Wilkinson, Atkinson.

These boys and girls will receive these awards as a result of their outstanding club work. They are to be complimented and encouraged in their work and their awards will create more interest in 4-H work in the county.

## O'NEILL HIGH WINS TWO MORE GAMES

Thirteen points was no unlucky number for O'Neill but it was for Plainview as their basketball team couldn't move off thirteen for nearly a quarter during which they dropped behind in the basketball game here Friday—not Friday the thirteenth—and finally lost 28-20.

Plainview opened the scoring after which O'Neill caged two baskets to take the lead. Plainview tied the score and then went ahead and had a one point lead 9-8 at the end of the quarter. O'Neill's defense tightened and two baskets and a free throw put the home team in the lead 13-12 at the end of the half.

Shortly after the second half Plainview tied the score with a free throw but stalled there for the remainder of the period while O'Neill picked up six points. O'Neill played it safe during the last quarter trying to protect the lead and during the last three minutes elected to take the ball out of bounds following personal fouls rather than try the free throw and give Plainview the chance at getting possession of the ball.

The second team game was also a thriller with O'Neill coming out on the long end of a 22-24 score. Yantzie poured in five field goals while Cole made five free throws in seven tries to lead the home scorers.

Summary		fg	ft	pf
O'Neill	.....	2	0	0
Lowery	.....	0	0	0
Burgess	.....	0	0	0
Vincent	.....	3	1	1
Yantzie	.....	0	0	0
McKenna	.....	2	1	3
Leach	.....	0	0	0
Mitchell	.....	0	0	0
Calkins	.....	5	0	1
French	.....	0	2	2
Cole	.....	0	0	0
		12	4	7

Summary		fg	ft	pf
Plainview	.....	3	1	3
Trube	.....	0	0	1
Carpenter	.....	1	1	0
Jenkins	.....	0	1	2
Albion	.....	0	1	2
Peterson	.....	2	0	2
Thomas	.....	1	0	4
Goos	.....	0	1	0
Boetger	.....	1	0	0
Lingenfelder	.....	0	0	0
		8	4	13

The wind was cold last Tuesday and the furnace wasn't working but the O'Neill High School basketball team turned the heat on Spencer to win 42-28. O'Neill scored in less than five seconds on Lowery's fielder and Vincent followed with two more points before the game was half a minute old. Koenig connected a free throw for Spencer and then Lowery and French connected for two baskets each. Spencer collected a couple of baskets just before the end of the quarter to trail 13-5 after one period of play. Then for three or four minutes play was about even but O'Neill spurred in the last part of the half to take a 24-11 margin at the intermission.

O'Neill went farther ahead in the third period as each player on the team made at least one field goal. Leading 39-19, the O'Neill defense grew careless and Spencer rallied to score eleven points while O'Neill made three—all by free throws.

In the preliminary game O'Neill won from the Spencer reserves, 26-11.

Summary		fg	ft	pf
O'Neill	.....	6	0	1
Lowery	.....	0	0	1
Burgess	.....	0	0	1
Vincent	.....	4	1	2
Yantzie	.....	0	0	0
Manzer	.....	0	0	0
McKenna	.....	1	1	2
Leach	.....	1	4	0
French	.....	3	0	1
Cole	.....	0	0	0
Calkins	.....	3	0	2
Mitchell	.....	0	0	0
		18	6	9

Summary		fg	ft	pf
Spencer	.....	1	1	1
Pucelik	.....	2	0	0
Storjohann	.....	1	2	0
Koenig	.....	1	2	0

## FOUR KILLED IN AUTO CRASH EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING NEAR TILDEN

The Car Traveled Sixty Feet Through Mid Air And Smashed Against Embankment, Splitting It In Two

Four persons were killed and a fifth was injured probably fatally when a speeding automobile left the highway four miles west of here, traveled 60 feet in mid air and smashed against an embankment at about 1:30 a. m. Wednesday.

Highway patrolmen who investigated expressed belief that one of the passengers in the car had grabbed the steering wheel just as the machine was approaching a bridge.

The dead: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cline, operators of a tavern at Oakdale, each 34; William King, 39, Oakdale; and Bernard Hull, 29, Oakdale.

Mrs. Hull is in a Norfolk hospital, unconscious and not expected to recover. The car was owned by Hull, who was driving.

The four were instantly killed as the flying car struck the embankment and was split wide open. Lieut. C. J. Sanders and Corp. E. L. Shottler of the highway patrol believe Mrs. Cline was thrown from the car and her body was found some distance away. Mrs. Hull was removed from the wreckage with difficulty and taken to Norfolk.

Joseph Dunnley, Bartlett, truck driver, discovered the tragedy. He saw the tail light of Hull's car burning brightly as the car lay in the ditch, and stopped to investigate. He hurried to a filling station to spread the alarm.

Patrol officers say the car probably was going at a terrific speed. They deduced that someone in the car became frightened and touched the steering wheel as the bridge loomed in sight. The machine left the highway before the bridge was reached.

Cline, who had operated the tavern for several years after being in a similar business at Royal, had sold the establishment to Hull, who was to take possession Thursday.

The Clines are survived by three children, Clifford, 13; Faye, 12, and Kenneth, 9. Mr. Cline's brother was killed in an automobile accident several years ago.

They had closed the tavern for the night shortly before the accident.

King, who operated an automobile repair shop at Oakdale, leaves his widow, Myrtle; two sons, 15 and 2 years old, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William King, sr. He also lost a brother in an automobile accident.

Bernard L. Hull

Bernard L. Hull was born at Meek, Nebr., on August 7, 1911, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hull. He grew to manhood on his father's farm northwest of this city and attended the O'Neill High school, graduating with the class of 1928.

Shortly after his graduation he started out in life for himself and for several years was a resident of Lexington, Nebr., later of Valentine.

On November 16, 1838, he was united in marriage to Miss Ilene Cork, the ceremony being performed at Ogallala, Nebr. Mrs. Hull is the daughter of one of the prominent business men of Page. Mr. Hull is survived by his wife, who is in a serious condition in a Tilden hospital, his father and mother, living on the farm northeast of here and one brother, Loyal Hull, also a resident of that section of the county.

Funeral services will be held in the Methodist church in this city Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating and burial in the Marquette cemetery, northeast of this city. The relatives have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in this city and county in their hour of sorrow.

## Farm Loan Association Members Have Successful Meeting Here Monday

The members of the O'Neill National Farm Loan Association held their annual business meeting, on Monday, February 17, following a one-o'clock luncheon, which was held at the Golden Hotel in this city.

About one hundred twenty-five members were present at the luncheon and at the meeting, and listened to talks by Don Beaton, of Omaha, a representative of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha, and to L. R. Stout, County Agent of Holt County. A. E. Spittler, Secretary-Treasurer of the Farm Loan Co-operative, also reported on the activities of the past year. His report revealed that the Association has 302 Federal Land Bank loans totaling \$1,113,400.00 on its books and an additional 253 Land Bank Commissioner loans in the amount of \$483,800.00.

The members of the association elected George Shoemaker, of O'Neill and John E. Kee, of Emmet, to serve three year terms as members of the Board of Directors.

Following the annual meeting of the Board of Directors organized for the ensuing year by electing George Shoemaker, President; Ethan J. Allen, Vice President; A. E. Spittler, Secretary-Treasurer, and Anna L. O'Donnell, Acting Secretary-Treasurer of the O'Neill National Farm Loan Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swanson of Herman, and Miss Anna Toy of O'Neill, who has been visiting in Herman and Omaha for the past three weeks, are expected on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Swanson will visit at the home of Mrs. Swanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Toy.

## COACH DON ANDERSON GOES TO KEARNEY

Coach Don Anderson, who came to O'Neill in the fall of 1939 from Ainsworth, to serve as athletic director and science and math instructor, has tendered his resignation to the School Board, and will leave on Saturday for Kearney, Nebraska, where he has accepted a position as science teacher. The members of the School Board have not, as yet, elected a successor to Mr. Anderson, but his position as coach will be taken by Harold Conners, assisted by Dorlin Lockman for the balance of the basketball season.

## O'Neill Girl In Car Wreck South of Lincoln

The following appeared in the Omaha World-Herald of last Tuesday, under a Lincoln date line: "Two University of Nebraska coeds and an army air corps ground school student were injured last night in an auto collision on Highway 77 six miles south of here.

"The girls, Elsie Tomich, Bushnell, Nebr., and Delores Storjohann, O'Neill, Nebr., were not seriously hurt. The soldier, Ray Lienhart, Spencer, Nebr., suffered serious cuts on the face, head injuries and loss of several teeth. The car in which the three were riding, driven by Miss Storjohann, collided with one driven by E. J. Shane of Crete. Shane was not injured.

## The Weather

The weather has been just a little snappy the past week reaching one below zero on Wednesday morning, according to the local weather report. It is fairly warm today and the indications are that the blustery weather is over for a few days and we will have nice weather again. Following is the chart for the week:

	High	Low	Prec.
February 13	.....	32	18 .10
February 14	.....	34	18
February 15	.....	34	19
February 16	.....	33	32
February 17	.....	40	24
February 18	.....	40	5
February 19	.....	7	-1