

## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

A militant group wants to fight their battles—a sympathetic group wants us to feed "starving Europe." In heavens name, let them starve until they come to their senses over there. The axis powers are responsible. Why load responsibility on us?

Well, our precinct assessors are still functioning. Rafe Shaw, who has inventoried Swan to the satisfaction of all since the memory of man runeth, was around early in April to see what this corner of the precinct harbored that the tax gatherers could get a crack at.

The defense and lease-lend prosperity still leaves the country with nine million unemployed, say labor leaders. And if they decide to lay down their guns in the war zone, what sort of an industrial crash will overwhelm us? Prosperity built upon the accumulated billions of national debt for the purpose of lengthening the black shadow of death and broken bodies of man can in no sense become a permanent asset.

The boys and girls who have been loping by on their ponies on the way to school with a cheery wave of the hand as they pass will now be missed. Last week closed the term in two districts of this neighborhood. Miss Foss, the teacher in the Berry district, entertained the pupils and their parents at a quiet picnic gathering on the school grounds Sunday.

The forecast of horticulturalists and nursery men that the early freeze up last fall meant death to fruit and shade trees that were caught in full foliage proved to be erroneous as to this community. Apple and Elm trees that had carried the dead leaves all winter are now budding to another season of leaves and blooms. Plum bushes have put forth early blossoms. Cottonwoods are the earliest to wave a green plume in the spring and the last to embrace the frosty air of autumn in nude arms.

A gentleman offering incense on the altar of Nehustan, tells Nebraska farmers among their best friends are the native snakes. The claim is based upon the supposition that these crawling creatures destroy rats and other rodents. The Nebraska prairies have been my dwelling place for well nigh a lifetime. I have saved eggs, young chickens, birds and frogs and toads from the fatal embrace of the subtle serpent but I have yet to run onto a streak of mottled ugliness with a rat going down his throat.

H. L. James came out from the city Sunday with bulls to turn into the herds at the ranch. When unloaded from the truck a rope had not been removed from one of the animals. H. L. caught up the rope to hold the bull but his White-Faced Excellence kept on going, with the result that Mr. James was thrown and dragged into the unpleasant mire of a cow corral. There is a fellow sufferer over here who sustained a bunged-up shoulder because of an obstreperous heifer. We might have been able to ride the Chisholm Trail with the best of them in our day, Jess, but have grown too cumbersome and slow to be playing at the cowboy stuff.

Art Doolittle has made a start at tree planting in his section of the ranch country by putting out a thousand trees this spring. There are many magnificent groves in the southwest bearing their mute witness that the tall grass country also produces tall timber.

After 111 years of continuous publication, the Boston Transcript announced it would expire on April 30. Great papers, like great men, have a period of popularity, in-

## Getting Ready For Golf Season Opening

The golf course of the O'Neill Country Club is attracting numerous golfers who are enjoying the beautiful weather and the healthful sport. Ladies in increasing numbers are appearing on the course and are reporting scores that may well be compared with the scores of the best men players. It is believed that, if the ladies continue to show increasing interest, a tournament may be arranged for them. Possibly some of them will enter the state ladies golf tournament which will be held at Norfolk this season.

A membership drive will be held during the month of May, and it is anticipated that the membership will reach a new high in 1941. The club offers a varied entertainment with highlights as follows:

Opening dance, May 22, Invitation tournament, June 15, 16 and 17.

A Fourth of July celebration. The weekly dinner parties, and The stag party.

The ladies Spring Tea, held each year by the ladies, has been set for May 14. At this affair activities for the year will be discussed.

The purpose of the O'Neill Country Club is for entertainment only. Newcomers to O'Neill will find a hearty welcome awaiting them at the club and new avenues of acquaintance will be open to them. The club is the center of social activities for the summer season and is by no means an exclusive organization. Any citizen in O'Neill is welcome to join. R. M. Sauer is the membership chairman and will gladly explain the system of dues, which prospective members will find to be very moderate.

Among the ladies who are playing an unusually good game for this early in the spring are Mrs. Fred Harper, Helen Biglin, Bernadette Brennan, Mrs. Max Wanser and Mrs. Robert Smith. Players who are turning in remarkable scores and are sure to be a definite threat in the June tournament are Norman Gonderinger, Allan Jaszakowski, Gerald Classen, Max Golden, and Rev. Beyersdorfer of St. John's Nebraska.

## Hunt-Oetting

Dr. Merle W. Hunt, mayor of Battle Creek, and Miss Gladys Oetting, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Oetting, Battle Creek, were married Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's uncle, the Rev. W. J. Oetting, Madison, who read the marriage lines.

Attending the couple were Richard Thomsen and Miss Norma Oetting, sister of the bride, both of Battle Creek.

The wedding came as somewhat of a surprise to the couple's many friends as Dr. and Mrs. Hunt had previously announced plans to be married in June.

Dr. Hunt is a graduate of O'Neill high school and Creighton university dental school. While at Creighton, he was an outstanding football player. When he moved to Battle Creek nine years ago, his future bride was employed as his office assistant. She later attended Wayne college, and for the past few years has been employed as an assistant in the office of Dr. Hollis Askey at Lincoln.

Dr. and Mrs. Hunt will make their home in Battle Creek.

—Norfolk Daily News.

fluence and usefulness, pass from the picture and are gone, the memory of them drifted over by life's activities and follies of the passing years. But few will even now remember such notable papers as the Chicago Inter-Ocean, the Omaha Bee and many others that wielded a powerful influence over a passing generation, and are now no more. Time—slow, inexorable, brings changes which men like to think of as progress. "All flesh is as grass and the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof fadeth away. But the word of the Lord endureth forever."

## Egg Production Increasing To Assist National Defense

Recent announcements of a nation wide drive to produce every possible egg from present laying flocks this spring and summer will offer farmers in Holt county an opportunity to take part in the national defense and aid to Britain programs according to information received by county agent, Lyndie R. Stout. The announcement that the department of agriculture would support long time egg prices at an average of about 22 cents at Chicago and indications that if necessary corn will be released from the present loan to insure feed will give incentive to poultry raisers to increase egg production by feeding for higher production, culling to remove disease carriers and the use of better flock management.

Comments by poultry men from the Nebraska agricultural college are that where possible it probably will pay to hold over old hens for a second year and to hold pullets which would otherwise be marketed as broilers.

May hatched Leghorn chicks offer greater possibilities for egg production than heavier breeds but hatching after May 15 will not prove profitable at current prices, because of poor hatches and death losses.

## Livestock Prices On Local Markets Steady

Last Monday's offering of livestock stacked up prices fully steady with last week's and the demand was broad on all kinds. Receipts were about normal and the quality was better than a week ago. Brisk action prevailed throughout the sale.

Good lightweight steer calves sold from \$12.00 to \$12.75 with medium grades placing mostly in the \$10.50 to \$11.50 brackets. Heifer calves were scarce and the best that were here brought from \$9.75 to \$10.75. Plain kinds sold for less.

One load of good steers averaging 510 lbs. changed hands at \$11.65 per cwt. Bulk of the yearlings ranged from \$10.00 to \$11.00. Cows were in good demand, especially milk cows. Good young beef cows brought \$6.90 easily. Others not quite so fancy sold from \$5.80 to \$6.70.

Bulls reached an extreme top of \$7.05 with the bulk of these selling from \$5.50 to \$6.95.

A sprinkling of sheep were on hand and sold at fairly good prices. Hogs were here in heavier supply than last Monday. An extreme top of \$8.40 was paid for butchers; practical top was \$8.20 to \$8.25. Pigs sold as high as \$10.35. Sows ranged from \$7.00 to \$7.60.

The next regular auction will be held on Monday, May 5.

## O'Neill High Track Team Makes Good Showing

O'Neill High School's 1941 track and field team makes up in quality instead of quantity.

Placing only four men in the Holt County meet, O'Neill returned home with eleven points. Ted Manzer took a first in the 880 yd. run; Dale French ran in 3rd place in the mile event; Erwin Kloppenburg put the shot into 4th place and Gene McKenna hurled the discus 100 feet for 4th position.

At Bassett last Tuesday, Zane Cole soared 5 ft. 3 3/4 inches to place 5th in the high jump, while Manzer had to be satisfied with 2nd place in the 1/2 mile. 22 schools coached at Bassett.

Coach Segel will trek to the Albion Invitational Meet come Friday, May 2nd.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the acts of kindness and messages of sympathy received from our kind friends and neighbors during our recent bereavement in the loss of my beloved wife and our dear mother.

George Sanders, Ervin, Flora, Ethel, Floyd, Velda and Thelma.

## Mrs. Nellie Maring

Mrs. Nellie Maring died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Levi Yantzi in this city, Thursday morning at 4:45 o'clock, after an illness of about three months, at the age of 66 years, two months and sixteen days. The funeral will be held from the Catholic church in this city on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and burial in Calvary cemetery at the side of her husband who passed away last October.

Nellie Murray was born in Colfax county, Nebraska, on February 14, 1875. In the latter eighties she came to this county with her parents and she grew to womanhood in this section. On May 23, 1900, she was united in marriage to Joseph Maring, the ceremony being performed in this city. Three children were born of this union, two of whom preceded their mother in death leaving one daughter, Mrs. Levi Yantzi and four grandchildren to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate Mother and grandmother. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. John Cleary and three brothers, Lawrence, Thomas and Henry, all of this county.

Mrs. Maring was a loveable woman and had been a resident of the county for nearly fifty years. The family lived south of Emmett for several years, then moved to their farm north of this city where she resided until the death of her husband last fall when she moved to this town and had since made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Yantzi.

She had a host of friends in this city and adjacent territory who will regret to learn of her death as it was not generally known that her condition was serious.

## County Project Clubs Held Annual Meeting Last Week

The project clubs of Holt county held their annual achievement program at the auditorium of the O'Neill Public School last Thursday with 230 members and guests attending the event. During the morning each club in the county prepared an exhibit of their work during the year and the annual business meeting of the leaders was held.

At noon a covered dish luncheon was served by the home economics class of the O'Neill High School. The afternoon program which was in charge of Mrs. George Rector, the present county chairman, consisted of musical numbers from both the O'Neill Public School and St. Mary's Academy. The afternoon feature was presented by Miss Elin Anderson from the Nebraska Extension Service who brought some very vital facts concerning rural health and medical facilities which have such a close connection with the national defense measures.

The afternoon program was concluded with the candle lighting recognition service and the presentation of a gift by the O'Neill and Stuart groups to Miss Verna Glandt whose services will no longer be available to the county. A similar recognition was made by the Chambers group to Miss Glandt at a current date.

## Northeast Nebraska Lumbermen Held Annual Meeting Here

The annual meeting of the members of the Northeast District of the Nebraska Lumbermen's Association was held in O'Neill on Wednesday evening at a six-thirty o'clock dinner at the Golden Hotel, with about fifteen of the members present from this district.

Arthur M. King, of the Galena Lumber Company of this city, was elected as a director from this district to the State Board. Herber Killdare, President of the State Association, and Phil Ruymon of Lincoln, Secretary, were present at the meeting, and both briefly addressed the gathering.

Following the dinner and the business meeting about two hours of colored film, depicting the lumber industry was shown.

## Presbyterian Church Honors Old Resident And Church Benefactor

"On April 29, 1907, the congregation of the Presbyterian church of O'Neill, Nebr., was most agreeably surprised in the gift of a bell. This was a gift of Mr. Neil Brennan, a worthy townsman and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The bell weighs 1000 pounds net, and will be placed in the belfry to be rung on Sunday morning, May 12th, for the first time in memory of the 33rd Anniversary of the donors residence here, and I rather think the founding of O'Neill as a town.

"On Sunday morning, the 12th of May, 1907, the bell was rung for the first time and all were very much pleased with it and resolutions were passed by the congregation thanking Mr. Brennan for his handsome and useful gift."

F. C. Hullhorst, pastor. At a regular meeting of the session of the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, April 21, it was regularly moved and seconded and the motion was unanimously carried that May the 12th, 1941, and each May 12th from now on be called — Neil Brennan Day — and that the bell be rung five (5) minutes in appreciation of the gift and in honor of the donor.

Session— R. H. Shriner, clerk C. E. Yantzi B. T. Winchell Ed Burge John Meyers R. M. Sauer Dr. J. E. Spencer, pastor

## O'Neill High "O" Club Have Successful Prisk

More than 100 merry makers took to the floor of the small High School auditorium, Wednesday evening, to dance the light fantastic, sponsored by the "O" Club, an O'Neill H. S. organization composed of athletes, who have earned their letter in competition.

Several enjoyable hours were spent by the students of both St. Mary's and O'Neill High Schools. Prancing to the tunes of a "Nicolonian," interspersed by circle dances, gymnastic interpretations, tag dances, a grand march, and a prize dance, everyone went merrily on his way at 10:30 p. m., reporting a happy evening.

## O'Neill Public School May Festival Next Week

On Friday evening, May 9 at 8 o'clock in the high school gymnasium, the children of the public grade school will have a May Festival. The program will feature choruses of the first six grades and the kindergarten rhythm band. Also there will be May dances and poems. There will be a May King, and a May Queen and attendants chosen by the children themselves. Following the program the grade teachers will hold open-house in their rooms so that the parents and friends may visit them if they wish.

There will be no admission charge and the public is cordially invited to attend this grade program.

## The Weather

This section of the state has been blessed with some real wet weather the past week, the moisture amounting to .57 of an inch, up to this morning for the week. This brings the total rainfall for the month of April up to 4.09 inches, as compared to 3.26 inches for April of 1940.

Following is the weather chart for the week:

	High	Low	Prec.
April 24	63	34	
April 25	72	43	
April 26	71	50	.02
April 27	71	45	
April 28	68	47	
April 29	68	52	.06
April 30			.49

Total for the month of April, 1941, 4.09 inches. Total for the month of April, 1940, 3.26 inches.

## O'Neill High Boys Win Honors At Lincoln

The Crops Judging and Identification team, the Crops and Soil Management team, and the Livestock Judging team, with their instructor Mr. Mathis, left for Lincoln last Thursday morning, April 24, to participate in the Twenty-Seventh Annual State Agriculture Contest.

Sixty schools were represented in this contest, making a total of seven hundred and fifty boys. The contest lasted three days and was held at the Agricultural College.

The boys on the Crops and Soils Management team, Francis Murray and Clifford Burival, received a Superior rating as a team. Francis Murray also received an Excellent as individual in this same contest. The Crops Judging and Identification team, Rex Oberle, Clifford Burival, and Francis Murray, received an Excellent rating for their fine work. Francis Murray placed Superior in this as an individual. The Livestock team, Bob Hanley, John Etherton, and George Hendrick, also participated in this state contest.

Superior and Excellent ratings are the only ratings given at this contest. Any ratings below Excellent are not given.

O'Neill can boast that only one team went to this contest which did not bring back a placing. Even if this team did not place, it was excellent experience for the boys, and we believe that the educational value gained was indeed worth while.

Considering the number of schools entered in this state contest, our boys are to be commended highly for their fine work.

## Annual Home Coming At Center Union

The annual Home-Coming at the Center Union church will be held Sunday, May 4th. There will be an all day service and basket dinner at noon.

11:00 Devotionals Clarence Ernst  
10:30 Exposition of the Sunday School lesson Ralph Ernst  
Duet Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hubby  
11:00 Sermon

Rev. Hallgrimson of Ainsworth.  
12:00 Basket dinner and fellowship.  
1:30 Devotional  
Rev. Harold Scaggan of Spencer, Nebr.

2:00 Sunday School Reminiscences J. K. Ernst

Message in Song

Center Union Male Quartet

2:30 Sermon

Rev. P. S. Kindchi, Mitchel, S. D.

Evening Service.

8:00 Devotional G. M. Hubby

8:30 Sermon

Rev. R. L. Gowan, Page

Everyone cordially invited.

## O'Neill Bus Center Of This Section Of The State

O'Neill is getting to be quite a bus center. With two buses running between O'Neill and Sioux City; two from Grand Island to O'Neill and two buses running between O'Neill and Ainsworth, daily, three each way daily between O'Neill and Norfolk and a bus running from this city to Bonesteel, South Dakota, each day the traveling public in this section of the state is pretty well looked after in the matter of transportation. Improved highways make this bus transportation possible, but it is hard on the railroads.

## Busy Hour Club

Busy Hour Club met at the home of Mrs. Art Given on April 24th. The roll call was answered by giving a household hint. These were very good.

Games were played, Mrs. Ruby Wayman, Mrs. Glen Splinder and Mrs. Lowell Johnson receiving prizes.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in playing "Bunco" and sewing for the hostess.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. Lizzie Schmor May 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gatz spent the week end visiting relatives in Omaha.

## THE DAYS OF LONG AGO

### Fifty-Five Years Ago

The Frontier, April 22, 1886. John W. Wertz has purchased a half interest in the Stuart Ledger, and already the paper has assumed a brighter, livelier appearance.

### The Frontier, April 29, 1886

Milt and Sol Henoch, of Shamrock, were in town the first of the week.

The rain of last Sunday was worth thousands of dollars to Holt County. By some, it is claimed that seven rainy Sundays always follows a rainy Easter.

### Fifty Years Ago

#### The Frontier, April 23, 1891

Eighteen hundred and ninety-five carloads of hay has been shipped out of this county during the past shipping season. Hay sold last fall for \$4.00 per ton and brought from \$11.00 to \$14.00 per ton during the winter and spring.

Tracy Gwin started for Omaha Tuesday morning. He has secured a position in one of the large packing plants in south Omaha.

The Neligh Leader says that no Italian war ships have been seen to sail up the Elkhorn yet.

#### The Frontier, April 30, 1891

G. M. Cleveland has fully decided to move from O'Neill to Hot Springs, S. D. He had been a resident of O'Neill for about a dozen years, engaged in the practice of law and for a time in the newspaper business.

#### The Item, April 23, 1891

C. S. Handlan is building an addition to his residence in the northern part of the city.

This issue of the Item contains a column article about the antics of County Judge Lowe and a woman companion. The paper demands the resignation of the Judge after giving his side of the story. It was the sensation of the year in the county.

Married, on Tuesday, April 22, at Sioux City, Iowa, Geo. Merritt and Miss Nellie Holden, both of this city.

#### The Item, April 30, 1891

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Welton, on Sunday evening, April 26, a boy.

On last Monday evening Barney Mullen left for Hot Springs, S. D., where he has contracts for erecting four large buildings this summer.

He took George Trigg, Jack Davis, John LaRue and J. H. Pine with him to work on the buildings and two from Atkinson and four from Long Pine.

### Forty Years Ago

#### The Frontier, April 25, 1901

The carpenters have about completed their work at the court house and have two well finished and commodious rooms added to the up-stairs section of the building.

The O'Neill National Bank open for business yesterday morning. It is organized with a Capital of \$25,000.00.

Mrs. Jane Mullen died at her home in this city Tuesday morning at the age of 75 years. She had been a resident of the county for eighteen years.

#### The Frontier, May 2, 1901

The first meeting of the City Council, after it passed from a village organization, was held May 3, 1889, twelve years ago. John McBride was elected Mayor and I. R. Smith, J. P. Weekes, M. M. Sullivan, Will Canton, Frank Campbell and H. Heinerickson were members of the council. For the succeeding years, up to date, the officers were as follows: 1890—Mayor, John McBride; City Clerk, W. McKlocum; Treasurer, Dave Adams; Councilmen: C. C. Millard, J. C. Harnisk, Dave Stannard.

(Continued on page 4)