

SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

As the news story had it, one of those Hollywood celebrities seeking her freedom from matrimonial ties at a Nevada divorce colony, blushed under her seashore tan when questioned as to a new romance. A Hollywood divorce is not news but it is news to learn that a blush can come out of this modern sodom.

Mrs. Bernard Kennedy was in Stuart and Atkinson most of last week with a very sick little girl, 6-yr.-old Coleen. She was able to bring the child home at the end of the week.

We have no accurate way of measuring either rainfall or velocity of the wind which takes our sombrero spinning, but a safe guess on the rainfall is 2 inches on May 19 and 20. The past two Sundays stirred up a gale like in the days of Jonah, when "the sea wrought and was tempestuous."

Rev. Mr. Petersen of the Free Methodist church enjoyed a visit from his mother and sister, who were here from Lincoln a few days last week. They all went over to Butte Friday to attend a district conference.

Tom Baker chased out of bed the other morning when Mrs. Baker raised the cry of Wolf! A pesky coyote got in with some cows that had little calves, had badgered the cows around and made a leap for a calf just as Tom, both shoes on but only one suspender hooked up over a shoulder, got on the scene with a shotgun. At a mighty yell and a roar of powder and shot the coyote made his get-away. Tom don't know whether it was the shotgun or the yell that saved the calf.

The funeral of George Traever was held at Amelia last Thursday and burial at Atkinson. The deceased had been a resident of Holt county for 55 years, coming to O'Neill in 1886, but for many years his home has been on the ranch a few miles north of Amelia. Mr. Traever and I had been on the intimate terms of those who address each other by the given name. We were in the bloom of youthful vigor when thrown into more or less close association by mutual fancies in the frontier town that has now become somewhat of a metropolitan county seat. I did not get to the funeral but knew George had been in declining health the past three or four years, his friends hoping against hope for his ultimate recovery. He was a splendid citizen, a Christian gentleman, a devoted friend, father and husband, and the community where he pioneered in early manhood has sustained a distinct loss.

An immortal bard has said that one whose soul is not stirred by the concord of sweet sounds is base enough for any villainy. Holt county music lovers have been amply entertained in recent weeks with the golden notes of song and harp brought to us by a fine group of school boys and girls. I have seen some of these groups but was unable to tarry for their program. The southwest has its daily program on nature's vast quivering harpstrings—the hum of insects, the song of birds, the wind in the treetops, the patter of rain on shingle and pane, the roll of thunder and the throbbing of the storm King's mighty soul as it sweeps across the prairie. "Let me tell you, O my brother, if you haven't learned to hear All the music that is swelling daily round you year by year; If you haven't caught the melodies that nature plays and sings, You are missing all the music of Jehovah, King of Kings." "All the music, O my brother, O my sister, is for you; Will you not, then, listen for it, as your journey you pursue? It will fill your life with sunshine, it will banish pain and care, If you only catch the music that is swelling everywhere."

Vernon Harley, of Bliss, was arrested on May 22 by Patrolman Meistral for speeding. He appeared before the court on May 26 where he pled guilty, and was fined \$10 and 3.10 costs.

St. John's Round-up Club

On Tuesday evening, May 20, the members of St. John's 4-H Round-Up Club held another meeting at St. John's Hall. Several different club topics were discussed and health bulletins were distributed among the members.

These bulletins are to be carefully studied and will be the main topic for discussion at our next meeting.

Candidates were nominated for a song leader, Kathryn Funk receiving the highest number of votes. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10th, at 8 p. m.

Kathryn Funk, News Reporter.

Roosevelt In Fire Side Chat On Tuesday Night

President Roosevelt in a fire side chat last Tuesday night proclaimed the existence of an "unlimited national emergency." He declared that America would do all in her power to continue her help to England and bluntly stated that America would "actively resist" any attempt by Hitler to gain control of the seas. He said Hitler and the axis powers wanted to conquer the world and "strangle the United States of America." Assured that war was "coming close to home," and warned that "we will not hesitate to use our armed forces to repel attack."

He called upon manufacturers to give precedence to materials the nation needs and "upon our loyal workmen as well as employers to merge their lesser differences in the larger effort to insure the survival of the only kind of government which recognizes the rights of labor or of capital."

He also referred to the labor problem in these words: "The overwhelming majority of our citizens expect their government to see that the tools of defense are built and for the very purpose of preserving the democratic safeguards of both labor and management, this government is determined to use all its power to express the will of its people, and to prevent interference with the production of material essential to our national security."

His pledge that whatever may be necessary to get the goods to England would be undertaken—promptly construed in some quarters as a possible forerunner of the convoy system—was prefaced by a disclosure that the Germans were sinking merchant ships at a terrific rate, more than twice as fast as English and American ship yards can replace them.

He asked whether, in view of the world situation, the nation should "hesitate to take every single measure necessary to maintain our American liberty." The President further declared, "heretofore, with profound consciousness of my responsibilities to my countrymen and to my country's cause, I have tonight issued a proclamation that an unlimited national emergency exists and requires the strengthening of our defense to the extreme limit of our national power and authority."

M. J. C.

Opening Concert of the O'NEILL BAND

Saturday Evening, May 31 8:00 o'clock

Patriotic

1. March—"Ramparts We Watch"—Berlin.
2. March—"Bugles and Drums"—Goldman.
3. Ballad—"There's a Long, Long Trail a Winding"—Eliot.
4. Selection—"Over There", Medley of War Songs of 1917-1918—Lake.
5. March—"Semper Fidelis" Sousa.
6. Patrol—"Spirit of America"—Zamcenik.
7. Marching Song—"It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary."
8. Vocal Solo—"Till We Meet Again"—John V. Sullivan.
9. Descriptive Selection—"There's Something About a Soldier"—Gay.
10. March—"Stars and Stripes Forever"—Sousa.
11. "Taps"—Davene Loy and Dorothy Yocum.
12. National Anthem.

County Eighth Grade Exercises Held Saturday

The annual eighth grade graduation exercises for Holt County, were held on last Saturday afternoon, commencing at one-forty-five in the afternoon in the auditorium of the new high school. Two hundred and twenty-three graduates from all over the county were awarded certificates of graduation.

Following is the program given at the exercises: Invocation, Rev. John Spencer; Accordion Solo, Clarence Juracek, of District No. 49; Musical Selection, District No. 183; Address, "Air Castles," W. H. Munson; Instrumental Sextette, O'Neill Public School; Presentation of Honors and Diplomas, County Superintendent, McCullough; Entertainment, "Smile Magic," Morton, Lincoln, Nebraska. W. H. Munson, of Beatrice, Nebraska, who gave the principal address, is the County Superintendent of Gage county.

Eleven pupils over the county maintained a very high scholastic standing in their examinations, all attaining an average of 94 percent or over. These pupils are: Gloria Ott, District No. 228; Verna Miller, District No. 56; Jean Wanderer, District No. 134; Lovinna Kloppenborg, District No. 20; Leo Hawk, District No. 108; Eugene Hamik, District No. 203; Norma Fox, District No. 38; Ruth Harris, O'Neill; Marie Gibson, District No. 134; Luetta Lenz, District 107; Thelma Morgan, O'Neill; and Frank Murphy, St. Boniface.

Winners of the T. B. essay contest, which is sponsored every year by the T. B. Association and the County Superintendent are: Lorraine Kallhoff, District No. 227; Delores Johnson, District No. 144; Loretta O'Malley, District No. 167; Joseph Miller, District No. 227; Mary Menish, District No. 9; and John Sweet, District No. 86.

33 Graduate From St. Mary's On Thursday

Thursday morning thirty-three seniors from St. Mary's Academy were awarded their diplomas at Commencement Exercises held at St. Patrick's Church at 10:30 o'clock with Rev. Burke of Plainview delivering the address and Monsignor J. G. McNamara conferring the honors.

The entire class attended a High Mass at St. Patrick's church at 8:00 o'clock, all receiving Holy Communion.

Class Day Exercises were held Wednesday evening at St. Mary's Academy and the following program was given:

Class Day

Grand March Miltaire, Wollenhaupt—Sheila Barrett. Greetings—George Hammond. Roll Call—Constance Biglin. Violin Duet—Darlene Dalton, Dorothy Valla. History I—Etta Meyer. Vocal Solo—Charlotte Buell. History II—Irma Langer. Flute Solo—Lillian Peter. History III—Dale Kersenbrock. Vocal Solo—George Hammond. History IV—Junior Shoemaker. Senior Chorus. Class Motto—Donna Fronck. Mixed Quartette. Class Colors—Mildred Cavanaugh.

Violin Solo—Darlene Dalton. Class Flower—Catherine McNichols. Trombone Solo—Robert Parkins. Class Patron—Mildred O'Malley.

Vocal Solo, "Ave Maria"—Verne Coyne. Class Prophecy—Eileen Kelly. Boys' Quartette. Class Will—Rose Anne Schulte. Valedictory—Robert Parkins. Senior Chorus. Accompanist for musical numbers—Mrs. F. E. Parkins.

Class Officers

President—George Hammond. Secretary—John Shoemaker. Vice-President—Constance Biglin. Treasurer—Eileen Kelly. Class Motto—True to God; true to self. Class Flower—American Beauty Rose. Class Colors—Blue and Gold. Class Patron—Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Class Roll

Constance Biglin. Mary Brophy. Charlotte Buell. Mildred Cavanaugh. Verne Coyne. Darlene Dalton. Dorothy Dalton. Norbert Fernholz. Donna Fronck. (Continued on page 4)

MISS GRACE MILLARD

Miss Grace Millard died at her home in this city on Monday afternoon, about 4:30, at the age of 48 years, four months and twenty-eight days. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Deceased was born in this city on December 28, 1892, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Millard, pioneer residents of this city and county. She had been a semi-invalid for several years, but her last and fatal illness was only of two weeks duration. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Charles C. Millard, who has lived in the city of O'Neill for more years than any other inhabitant. Two brothers and two sisters. They are: Fred, Omaha; Ralph, O'Neill; Mrs. L. B. Massacra, Omaha; Mrs. L. E. Hughes, Denver, Colo., all of whom were present for the funeral services. The ballbearers were life long friends of the family, most of them having been residents of this city and acquaintances of the deceased for over a quarter of a century.

The Third Annual Session Bicameral Adjourned Friday

The third annual session of the bicameral legislature concluded their session last Friday afternoon. In some things we are of the opinion that they made a fairly good record, while in other instances their efforts do not receive much commendation. The law passed relieving hardpressed taxpayers of interest charges prior to 1939, provided the taxes are paid before July 1, 1942, will be of benefit to a great number of people over the state who have been hard hit by the long period of depression and it meets with general approval in this section. The congressional redistricting bill does not receive much favor in this county. We were taken from the Third Congressional district and put over in the Big Fourth district, now represented by Congressman Coffee of Chadron. Most of this district is predominantly cattle and irrigation. We have a lot of cattle here, but we do not have irrigation and our people would have been much better satisfied to have remained in the Third district, a purely farming district. But we have been changed and will have new companions for at least ten years.

At the end of the program Mother Virginia presented Lillian Peter and Robert Parkins with certificates awarded by the Nebraska High Schools Activities association in recognition of their musical ability displayed here at the district music contest, which entitled them to compete in the national contest at St. Paul where both received high ratings.

The O'Neill Country Club cordially invites all the Junior Members of dancing age to attend the first annual Jitterbug Ball on Monday evening, June 9th, at eight o'clock.

Garfield Lodge Entertains At Bridge Thursday Eve

Garfield Lodge A. F. & A. M. Entertained members of the order of the Eastern Star and invited guests at Bridge Thursday evening, May 22, at the I. O. O. F. Hall.

Features of the evening were a piano solo by Mrs. John Harbottle, a trombone selection by Miss Patsy Kruse, a vocal number by Miss Genevieve Graves and a musical reading by Mrs. Howard Manson. Hot weinle sandwiches and coffee were served to thirty-eight at the close.

Mrs. Mary Hewitt of Atkinson visited here on Monday with her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Parker and Mr. Parker.

St. Mary's Alumnae Ass'n Holds Annual Reunion Sunday

The Annual Reunion of the Alumnae association of St. Mary's Academy was held in the gymnasium on Sunday, May 25. Following the banquet, during which St. Mary's band, under the direction of Prof. Ira George, played several selections, the following program was given:

Under the able and witty direction of Margaret Hammond, who was a witty and gracious toastmaster, Jane Parkins paid a fine tribute to our Alma Mater. Verne Coyne then sang two solos, "Fairy Roses" and "America, I Love You." Stephen Price followed with a stirring toast to "Our Clergy," Charlotte Buell then sang "Sylvia" and "At The Balalaki." A mixed quartette, consisting of Verne Coyne, Bob Parkins, Eileen Kelly and George Hammond gave a beautiful rendition of "Sundown."

Perhaps one of the most inspiring speeches was given by Mrs. Frank Biglin, whose address was entitled: "Welcome, Class of '41." Her speech made a deep and lasting impression on all who heard it. She concluded with these words: "To Thy Own Self Be True, And it shall follow as the Night the Day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

The response was given by her daughter, Constance Biglin, who is a member of this year's graduation class. Brief talks were given by Monsignor McNamara, Father Parr, Mother Virginia and Mrs. Froelich, who is the retiring president of the Alumnae Association and who for the past two years with the other officers has given untiringly of her time and effort to work for the good of the association.

One of the high lights of the evening was the singing of the "Blue Danube Waltz" and "Amapolia," by Joan Frenking. Although only nine years old, Joan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Frenking, of Omaha, (Mrs. Frenking will be remembered here as Florence McCafferty born and grew to womanhood in this city) has a lovely soprano voice and perfect poise. We predict a rosy future for Joan.

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Jitterbug Ball At Country Club Monday, June 9th

The O'Neill Country Club cordially invites all the Junior Members of dancing age to attend the first annual Jitterbug Ball on Monday evening, June 9th, at eight o'clock.

Cars will be waiting in front of the Court House between seventh and eighth to take parties to the Club.

Roy Carroll of Bassett, Nebraska, was in O'Neill on Monday, attending the Highway 20 convention and visiting old friends.

Program For MEMORIAL DAY

To be held Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the High School Auditorium, followed by exercises at the cemeteries.

- Band—Patriotic Selections
- Invocation - Rev. V. C. Wright
- Boys' Quartette
- Reading - George Hammond
- Address - Rev. John J. O'Brien
- Vocal Solo - Genevieve Graves
- "Taps" - Davene Loy - Dorothy Yocum
- Benediction - Rev. V. C. Wright

Consumers Public Power Announces Cooperation With Local Retailers

Complete cooperation with private firms retailing electric appliances and equipment in centers in which are also located retail merchandise stocks was announced today as a general policy of the Consumers Public Power District.

The policy, outlined by General Manager V. M. Johnson, received the full endorsement of the Consumers Board of Directors, and was ordered by it as the District's permanent policy in merchandise sales.

Consumers President Charles B. Fricke summarized the policy in these words: "While the District contemplates an aggressive program of appliance sales in all our divisions, at the same time this program will never be destructive to our competitors in the retail sales field.

"This means that our quoted price of merchandise will not be embarrassing to other dealers handling similar lines of electrical equipment, nor will our trade-in allowances be ruinous to our competitors."

Hiway 20 Ass'n Meets Here On Monday, May 26

The annual convention of Highway Twenty Association was held in O'Neill on last Monday, May 26th, with over a hundred delegates registered from the various towns between Thermopolis, Wyo. and Sioux City, Iowa. Three delegates from DuBois, Wyo., which is beyond Thermopolis, and which is not on Highway 20 but which belongs to the association, also attended the meeting. The Mayor of Casper, J. F. Cowan, also attended, along with a large delegation from that city.

The day was given over to business meetings, in which various methods of promoting increased tourist travel over Highway 20 was discussed. A representative from the State Engineers office was present and told the enthusiastic gathering that the last link on Highway Twenty in Sioux county would be completed by the middle of June.

Roy Chamberlain, President of the Association, whose home is in Lusk, Wyo., and who was present at the convention, was re-elected president; as were also the Vice-President, George Earl Pelt, of Lusk; and C. W. Erwin, Treasurer, of Lusk. Bert F. Bell, who has served as Executive Secretary Manager for the past year, was also re-elected. Eight new directors for the association were elected, and they are as follows: Dale Hewett, Ainsworth, Neb.; Dr. Y. Ross, Crawford, Neb.; Max Mortimer, Thermopolis, Wyo.; Theodore Burke, Plainview, Neb.; A. J. Copenhaver, Douglas, Wyo.; Sherman McKinley, Sioux City, Iowa; and J. D. Cronin, O'Neill, Nebraska.

The retiring directors of the association, many of whom were present at the convention, are: Tom Miller, Lusk, Wyo.; Hans Grutsch, Hay Springs, Nebraska; Paul Engler, Bassett, Neb.; R. R. Dempster, Chadron, Nebraska; and J. F. Cowan, Casper, Wyo.

The American Legion Junior Drum and Bugle Corps of Bassett, Nebraska, which is the official corps of the association, was present at the all-day convention, and three times during the day, entertained the delegates with their playing and intricate marching. The corps, which is under the direction of Carl S. Carrell, is, in our opinion, easily one of the most outstanding junior drum and bugle corps in Nebraska. It is composed of fifteen boys and fifteen girls, ranging in age from 9 to 17 years, and in their cadet uniforms presented a very neat and attractive appearance. Phyllis Carrell, age 16, is the directing majorette, and led the band through a large number of intricate formations.

The O'Neill and St. Mary's combined high school band, under the direction of Ira George, played a concert on the street at five o'clock, which was very well received.

In the evening, at seven o'clock, approximately three hundred were served at the banquet, which was under the direction of the Presbyterian ladies. Julius D. Cronin served as toastmaster for the gathering, and called upon numerous delegates from the various towns to address the gathering.

The O'Neill high school band played a concert during the banquet.

Mrs. M. F. Meer, of Valentine, is expected to stop in O'Neill on Friday for a visit with relatives. Mrs. Meer will go from here to Rushville, Tenn., to get her daughter, Mary Ann, who is attending Ward Belmont school.

Summary Of New Laws Passed By 1941 Bicameral

Following is a brief summary of the contents of the new laws enacted at the 1941 session of the Nebraska legislature, in which the main changes and provisions are outlined. Those carrying the word "emergency" are now ineffect, or will be if and when the governor signs them. Those not so marked become effective within three calendar months from the date of adjournment. Because of the fact that the governor has five days in which to approve or disapprove bills after they have come into his hands, those upon which he has not acted at this writing are carried in a separate list as are also those which he vetoed. A total of 202 bills were passed of which six were vetoed. Two years ago 144 were passed and five vetoed.

VETOED BY GOVERNOR.

L. B. 29—Provides that if the second half of the previous year's taxes on real estate are the only taxes delinquent it shall not be subject to sale; by Weborg.

L. B. 39—Prescribes the requisite number of percentage of votes cast to carry proposals for internal improvement law; by Gantz.

L. B. 150—Provides a special open season and regulations concerning beaver; by Hanna, Carmody.

L. B. 135—Prescribes procedure whereby cities of the first class which have suffered a decrease of population below 5,000 may reorganize and be governed as cities of the second class and may subsequently if so desired reorganize again as cities of the first class.

L. B. 301—Permitted county boards, in counties of 8,000 or less which now have a district court, to retain the office, by resolution, until the next general election, when people should vote on question; Neubauer.

L. B. 329—Permitted county boards by resolution in counties of 16,000 or more, to retain register of deeds until next election, when voters will pass upon the question; by Mekota.

L. B. 130—Tax moratorium, was also disapproved, but was passed over veto.

IN HANDS OF GOVERNOR

L. B. 212—Empowers the district court to hear all cases where the state of Nebraska or the board of educational lands and funds is the owner of or has or claims any interest in any bonds or other obligation of any drainage, irrigation districts, or any other political subdivision for the purpose of determining the adjudication of the validity of any rights or liabilities; permission given any person to join as in proceedings involving the ownership of the state or board. Intended to clean up defaulted bonds owned by state board. By Howard, Emergency.

L. B. 154—Provides for the organization of the co-operative land companies to facilitate the acquisition of agricultural and grazing lands and prescribes the powers and functions of such companies; permits the making of contracts with the United States, the state of Nebraska or any of their agencies for the purpose of effectuating any plans for rural rehabilitation or with any non-profit corporation organized for such purpose; makes obligations of company secured by first mortgage lawful investment for funds of any insurance company which has conveyed real estate to the co-operative in the full extent of the purchase price. By Peterson.

L. B. 183—Provides procedure and gives authorization of funding of general indebtedness of any political subdivision and to issue bonds at interest rates not exceeding 5 percent without submitting to a vote unless a referendum signed by 20 percent of the voters is filed. By Howard, Emergency.

L. B. 403—Contains a number of amendments to the unemployment compensation law among which are provisions for special benefit rights for individuals inducted into the armed forces; revises the method of determining the weekly benefit amount; eliminates special treatment of part time workers; changes the basis of contribution liability from wages payable to wages paid; provides three year reserve account experience as a basis for future contribution rates; provides for insuring the solvency of the pooled account; consolidates pre-natal peppergrass and Russian

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