

## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Automobile and tire dealers will have to make a living some way, say the WPA will continue to function.

Nebraska citizens would be just as happy without a lot of things, among which is a game and fish commission.

The mistress of the White House regrets that women were not included in the registration. Most of the young gents would be glad to step aside and let the ladies put on the uniforms.

After the fanfare and showmanship, the resplendent strutting and waving of plumes; after the bubbles of bombast and superlatives have exploded and the last play made to the galleries, where there is the biggest crowd, a Lincoln somewhere among us will stride into the picture and coordinate the American might for effective blows, or we are no longer worthy the heritage of our fathers.

Someone mailed one of the 94-page Tapeline editions of the Hastings Daily Tribune of February 9th. I can make a good guess on who sent it and am not unmindful of how such courtesies keep fresh the fragrance of friendship's memories. It is a remarkable achievement in journalism to come out of a city the size of Hastings, which could not be surpassed in the newspaper plants of the country's great cities.

Many state papers have been content with a mediocre existence while the Tribune has attained national recognition as the best in its class. Forty years ago the Tribune was a notable among Nebraska weeklies, Adam Breede's cheerful bits of verse glittering in brilliancy at a time when Doc Bixby and Walt Macon were writing jingles. Among the group of pictures of the force of workers employed by The Tribune I see the smiling face of Mark Miller who I knew as a pressman down at Lincoln. He has apparently abandoned the noisy rumble of presses for the pleasanter occupation of a compositor.

Winter clouds obscured the prairie sunsets for many days. It was mid-February, with the coming of biting winds blowing an icy breath across the land, before the mists and fogs and clouds were blown from the sunlit blue of azure skies. On that first clear evening the sunset glow spread its reddened flame across the long prairie rim and reached high its paler tints to the darkening purple of coming night. An hour later a bright strip of new moon hung in concave beauty above the point where the sun was last seen. Stars glow like far-off lights as the calm night settles once again over the prairie. In early morning the planet Venus is seen like a ball of fire through the treetops to the east. And then we are given a cloudless day, drenched in sunlit beauty. To shut out the noise and confusion of a world gone mad; to feel the spiritual inspiration in a bit of quite contemplation away from the multitude of maddening voices, get out in the open alone, with eyes lifted to the heavens. A lot of life's vexations will then seem less important.

Behind the counters in a well-appointed sanitary little store dealing in food stuffs immaculately groomed girls waited on customers with deft and dainty fingers, never once touching an article of food with those fingers, but first placing a bit of sanitary paper over it before handling the customer's order. A more common experience is to enter a food store where everything is handed out with bare, unwashed hands. Factory wrapping, on much which comes from grocery shelves is a measure of sanitary assurance to the public but not everything is so wrapped. A cheerful faced cuss juggles a quarter of beef, cuts off a hunk and wraps it for a customer. Goes to the next who is waiting at a candy case and paws the sweet morsels out of a tray with unwashed hands, sacked up the purchase and goes to the next who happens to be a fellow waiting for a pound of cheese and a dozen of doughnuts. Then he has to put coal in the stove which adds

## Hospital Notes

Mrs. James Sobotka, a boy, Tuesday.  
Mrs. Daniel Hitch dismissed Wednesday.  
Mrs. Phil Ziemer dismissed Saturday.  
Harry Hollenback dismissed Tuesday.  
Richard Sholes of Inman dismissed Tuesday.  
Mrs. Susie Porter of Chambers admitted Sunday for medical care.  
Lloyd Hoerle of Chambers very much improved.  
Mrs. Art Barnes entertained the Last Minute bridge club at her home Wednesday afternoon. High score was won by Mrs. Emery Peterson, Mrs. Wm. Bruegman traveling and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson, low.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Allendorfer and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. DeBolt and family spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Allendorfer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lashmett at Newport.

another assortment to soiled hands. An old scout calls for a plug of tobacco, then a lady is served with a couple of fish from a box of ice. And so it goes through the day handling a hundred things that go into the mouths of adults and children. In the first instance the serving of the immaculately groomed girls becomes a gastronomic inspiration, while the latter has to be taken with eyes closed.

War takes its toll alike of noble and depraved souls. Poet and rowdy go down in the mighty crash of nations. There has been lost to America a bright star that flashed for a brief moment and is gone. A nineteen year old citizen of the United States, John Magee, Jr., was reported killed in active service with the Canadian Royal Air Force. Listen to these lines the young American scribbled on the back of an envelope after one of his first flights:

"Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughing silver wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sunlit clouds, and done a thousand things  
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence.  
Hov'ring there  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, nor even eagle flew—  
And while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high, untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God."

In one of those cheerful centers of democracy and social equality where neighborhood living is the simplest and at its best, a country grocery store, a customer or two stood at the counter. Others hovered about in a radius of the warmth drifting in waves from a stove and discussed the price of cattle or spoke of the big wages a son or nephew was making in a factory turning out airplanes. A lady came in with a pail rounded full of eggs which she deposited on the floor to be counted when a clerk could get to it and then moved to the stove to thaw out. With the easy familiarity of a group in a country store even though strangers, a gent on the side lines taking in the scene remarked to the lady she had brought in a pail of nice eggs. "The hens are doing very well," she replied to the compliment. "I bring three pails full every week to the store now." "You will have to get a larger pail, as they are about to roll off that one," observed the sociable gent. "Yes, or come oftener," said this pleasant farm woman. The 1942 goal set for the nation's hens is fifty billion four hundred million eggs, if you care to count them. Nebraska hens are supposed to have a part in meeting this goal to the extent of one billion four hundred sixteen million eggs. To meet this demand the three pails a week contributed by the lady's flock will have to be multiplied many times by a dozen of doughnuts. Then he has to put coal in the stove which adds

## St. Mary's Loses Two More Games

Saint Mary's Cardinals lost two more basketball games this last week; they just couldn't seem to get going. On Friday night the Cardinals lost a hard game to Plainview in an overtime 27 to 25. Saint Mary's played good ball the first half but the last half they couldn't seem to get going and Plainview tied it up in the last few minutes and in the overtime went out and won.

Saint Mary's has played three overtime games this year and they have lost all of them. They just seem to get tired and they don't have enough reserves to send in for replacements.

Sunday, in the last game, the twenty-sixth of the season, the Cardinals were hosts to the Sacred Heart (Norfolk) quintet and the Sacred boys won easily 28 to 10. Grady and Janosek, two forwards of St. Mary's, couldn't play. Grady was sick and George Janosek had his eye hurt in the Inman game and he has yet to recover from it. Grady will be able to play in the District Tournament but Janosek won't.

The Cardinals felt the loss of three forwards when they just couldn't seem to get going. With half the first quarter gone in the Cardinals lead on Hartly free throw, then Sacred made a basket and a free throw to forge in front 3 to 1. Then Hartly made a one hander to tie it up, but this was short lived as the boys from Norfolk made two baskets in a row to lead at the half, first quarter 7 to 3. During the second quarter the Cardinals played what can be called rotten ball as the cagers from Norfolk made three baskets and two free throws while holding the Cardinals scoreless, and the half ended 15 to 3.

After intermission the Cardinals made a basket right away to make it 15 to 5 and for a few minutes it looked like the Cardinals might tie it up but Sacred Heart made two more baskets that quarter and the Cardinals made one more and the third quarter ended 19 to 7. The fourth quarter was all in favor of Sacred Heart; they started it out by making it 22 to 7. Then the Cardinals made three points to make it 22 to 10 but Sacred Heart made two more baskets to end the scoring 26 to 7 in their favor.

## Red Cross Asks Ladies Aid

All Women of O'Neill and vicinity who are willing to volunteer their services to the American Red Cross are asked to attend a meeting at the Golden Hotel Saturday February 28, at 2:00 o'clock. This meeting was postponed from last Monday on account of the storm. Volunteers are needed for knitting, sewing, making of kits, the raising of funds, packing, planning and shipping. Many have expressed interest in first aid classes, which will be organized, if there is sufficient demand. Remember Pearl Harbor and be prepared.

Mrs. D. Starnart, Branch Chairman.

Miss Rachel Salmans received a Civil Service appointment from Washington, D. C., Tuesday and she left Friday Morning. Miss Salmans will make her home with her aunt, Mrs. Oscar Marcotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Clocker went to Pierce Friday to visit relatives.

Mrs. V. C. Wright left last Monday for Alhambra, California, where she will visit her son, W. H. Wright and sister, Mrs. Earl B. Elder.

## Pioneer Move To The State Of President

Ross E. Taylor, who was an old time resident of the Page section of the county, had a sale last week and disposed of all of his personal property. He was in this city Saturday and informed us that he was leaving for Troy, Ohio, where he expected to make his future home. He ordered The Frontier sent to him at his new home, so that he could keep posted on the affairs of this county, where he lived for so many years. Mr. Taylor lived for forty years on the same farm and has a host of friends in the eastern part of the county, who wish him happiness and prosperity in his new home.

## Davidson-Bruning

Word has been received by relatives here announcing the marriage of Eileen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson of this city, to Cyril Bruning of Los Angeles, California, on Saturday, February 21, 1942, at St. Augustine's Church in Culver City, California.

The bride was attired in a suit of brown with rose accessories. Attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson of Culver City. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to relatives and close friends of the couple at the Adams Hotel in Los Angeles.

The bride was a graduate of St. Mary's Academy with the Class of 1934 and St. Joseph's Hospital school of Nursing. Since graduation she has been employed by the Union Pacific railroad as stewardess on the Challenger.

Mr. Bruning is a resident of California and is employed by a Power and Gas Company of Los Angeles. After a ten day trip to Lake Arrowhead the young couple will be at home at 4078 Lincoln Avenue, Culver City, California.

## Holt County Pioneer Celebrates 86th Birthday

Richard H. Murray, one of the pioneers of this section of the county, celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday last Sunday with a dinner at his home, which was served by his daughters, Mrs. Clyde Streeter, Mrs. Dean Streeter and Mrs. Mattie Soukup. Other relatives who were present were his son, George, of Lead, S. D., who came down for the occasion and his daughter Mrs. J. E. Perkins and son, Robert, of Ainsworth, besides the O'Neill relatives.

"Dick" Murray is one of the real pioneers of this county. We have known him for about sixty years, and during all that time, while we differed radically in political matters, we were always close friends. Dick Murray, in the days of his youth was a real man, and even today, although years younger, we would hate to tackle him in combat of any kind or character. He was one of the men that built up this county and made it possible for the boys and the girls of today to enjoy the freedom that they enjoy. Long live to Dick Murray and here's hoping that he lives to be over 100.

The Nebraska Victory Home and Garden Program meeting was held at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon at the Court House under the auspices of the local County Agent, Lyndle Stout. The purpose of this meeting, was to plan, raise and store enough vegetables for home use.

Mrs. Ray Lawrence entertained the O. T. Club at her home Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in sewing for the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rohde of Cheyenne, Wyoming, arrived here Tuesday to visit Mr. Rohde's mother, Mrs. Bridget Rohde and other relatives for a week.

## County Court

Bill Dexter of Atkinson was arrested by Patrolman John T. Meistrell and charged with overweight on capacity plate. He appeared in County Court on February 19, 1942, pled guilty and was fined \$10.00 and costs \$3.10.

Pete Kelly of Newport was arrested by Patrolman John T. Meistrell and charged with overweight on capacity plate. He was before the County Court on February 21, 1942, pled guilty, and was fined \$10.00 and costs \$3.10.

Roland Crawford of Valentine was arrested by Patrolman John T. Meistrell and charged with overweight on capacity plate. He was before the County Court on February 21, 1942, pled guilty and was fined \$10.00 and costs \$3.10.

Gerald Moore and Dominic Kubik of O'Neill had a complaint filed against them by C. H. Switzer, special policeman at Danceland, for disturbing the peace at Danceland. They were before the County Court on February 23, 1942, pled guilty and was fined \$3.00 each and costs \$3.10.

## Class C Basketball Tournament Playing To Large Houses

Butte got off to a good start in the class C District Tournament here at O'Neill when Butte slaughtered Springview 46 to 22. The Tournament started at 6:30 P. M. Wednesday and will end at 9:00 P. M. Friday. Butte played rotten ball the first quarter, way off their usual playing were behind 6 to 5 at the end of the first quarter. But at the start of the second the Butte team decided they better get down to business and made 14 points while holding Springview to 5. The half ended 20 to 10.

At the beginning of the third quarter Butte again began to play ball and made 14 points while Springview made a basket and a free throw. In the final quarter Butte made 14 more points and could have made more if they wanted to apply more pressure but in the last quarter Springview was not idle and they made 9 points. The final score was 46 to 22.

Saint Mary's who won the class B Tournament last year, defeating Atkinson, won the best game during the evening 27 to 26. Saint Mary's played good ball the first quarter and it was not until the last minute before Stuart scored and the Cardinals were ahead 7 to 2. After the first quarter Saint Mary's decided that it wasn't going to be a rout and Stuart made 3 baskets while Saint Mary's made only one but Saint Mary's lead at half time 9 to 8.

After intermission the Saint Mary's quintet played a little better to make 10 points while Stuart made eight, and the Cardinals lead 19 to 16. In the final period it became a fast basketball game. Stuart made 10 points while Saint Mary's made only 7 points but the Cardinals defense held and they won 27 to 26.

Tonight the Cardinals will play Butte, and Page will play Spalding Academy, the two losers will play for third and fourth places Friday night and the winners will play for the championship at 9:00 P. M. Spalding Academy made their points when they wanted them as they buried Spencer 50 to 18. Spalding lead 13 to 3 at the end of the first quarter and they were never in danger of getting beat and Page will have to play the best ball this season if they want to defeat the Shamrocks tonight. At the half the score was 31 to 4. Spencer just making one point the entire quarter.

The third and fourth quarters were the same and the Spalding five made 19 points the second half while Spencer did a little better and made 14 points. In the final game of the evening Page played Lynch high school.

It was a very good game the first half. At the end of the first quarter Lynch led 9 to 8. But the second quarter found Page making 9 points while Lynch made 6 points so Page led at the half 17 to 15. At the half of the game one of the referees blew his whistle and announced the score of the Page-Lynch game during the Spalding Academy-Spencer game the electric clock went off and so there was no way of knowing the score, but the clock will probably be fixed for the semi-final tonight. After intermission Page decided to win the game and so during the last half they poured in many points while holding Lynch to 14 points, the final score was 43 to 29.

Next week we will have a report on the other games in this paper and we want all the people in O'Neill and surrounding territory to come to the finals at the High School Gymnasium at O'Neill, Nebraska on February 27, at 9:00 P. M.

Mrs. Howard Williams was taken seriously ill at the Outlaw Store Monday evening and was taken to the O'Neill Hotel for medical treatment, and where she still remains. Her condition is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Max Golden entertained the Martez Club Tuesday evening at a 7:00 o'clock dinner at a local cafe and cards at her home. High scores were won by Mrs. C. F. McKenna, Mrs. Ira Moss and Mrs. F. N. Cronin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDonough returned Monday from Clyde, Kansas, where they had attended the funeral of M. McDonough's father.

## O'NEILL-ORD

The O'Neill Eagles chalked up another victory, as they trounced the tall Ord five, 41 to 24 on Tuesday night on their opponents own floor.

The first quarter ended with the game tied, 4-4, but at the half the Eagles led 14-12.

At the beginning of the second half, the Eagles turned on the heat to score twenty-seven points and run away with an easy victory.

O'Neill will play Valentine in the first round of the district tournament to be held at O'Neill March 4 to 6.

O'Neill handed Ord their second defeat of the season, Grand Island gave them their first defeat, although to turn the tables, Ord defeated Albion, whose five defeated Grand Island.

Orville Lewis, the Eagles center, scored 14 points to lead his mates. The starting line-up consisted of Orville Lewis, Chet Calkins, Gene McKenna, Gene Wolfe and Warren Burgess. Benny Wetzler, Keith Vincent, John Osenbaugh, Ted Manzer and Francis Yantzi also saw action through-out the game.

## O'NEILL-OAKDALE

Led by substitute guard Keith Vincent and his nine points, O'Neill's Eagles won number fifteen last Friday night at O'Neill.

The Blue and White broke away in the first quarter to build a lead it never lost. Forward Gene Wolfe celebrated his promotion to the first team by pouring in six points in that first period, at the end of which the Eagles held a 10-1 margin. Oakdale got its first field goal with two minutes left in the first half.

The visitors rallied too late to affect the outcome, as they surged over the Eagles to score half their points early in the fourth quarter. O'Neill used many team combinations in that period.

Scoring for the Eagles was almost even. Vincent was high with nine, Wolfe made eight, and Calkins, seven.

Eagle starters included four Juniors: Wolfe, Burgess, McKenna, and Calkins. Center Lewis was the only Senior in the starting lineup.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Loy celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding Anniversary Sunday by having a dinner at their home. Four of their children were present: Mrs. J. M. Kenney and family of Page, Mrs. Ray Lawrence and family, Miss Davene Loy and Donald of O'Neill. Other guests were, Mr. and Mrs. John Walmer of Orchard and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pile and family of Page.

Dr. J. P. Brown, Miss Genevieve Biglin and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur King went to Sioux City, Iowa, Thursday. Mrs. King entered St. Vincent's hospital for medical treatment and the others returned home Thursday evening.

## Annual Meeting Of Loan Ass'n Next Week

The Annual Meeting of the O'Neill National Farm Loan Association will be held in O'Neill, Nebraska, Saturday, March 7th, 1942.

A free dinner will be served at noon in the dining room of the Golden Hotel by McMillan and Markey.

After dinner the secretary-treasurer will make his annual report to stockholders. The farmer's place in Civilian Defense will be discussed. Representatives of the Federal Land Bank will be present, one of whom will make the principal talk of the meeting. All Stockholders are urged to be present.

J. B. Ryan of O'Neill accompanied his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Al Gooding of Alliance to Chicago Friday. They visited Mr. Ryan's daughter, Mrs. Emmett Doyle and Mr. Doyle and his son, Robert of Camp Grant, Illinois. Dr. Gooding attended the annual mid-winter Dental Convention at the Palmer Hotel. Mr. Ryan returned home Tuesday and Dr. and Mrs. Gooding remained for the Convention this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robertson of Ainsworth were visiting friends here Wednesday.

Dr. L. A. Burgess left Saturday evening for Chicago, Illinois, to attend the annual mid-winter Dental Convention being held at the Palmer Hotel this week.

## O'Neill High Will Entertain Class B Next Week

Next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights a District Class B basketball tournament will be entertained in the O'Neill High School Gymnasium. At the meeting of the coaches and superintendents on February fourteenth it was decided to seed Ainsworth, Creighton, Neligh and O'Neill. The remaining teams were placed by drawing for the first round Wednesday night beginning at 6 P. M.

In the first round Ainsworth will play Atkinson and Bassett against Creighton; Neligh will play Plainview, Valentine will play O'Neill. The semi-finals will be played Thursday night starting at 8:00 P. M. and the finals on Friday night. The losers in the semi-finals will play for third and fourth places Friday night, unless this tournament is assigned a Class "C" or a Class "D" play. There is a possibility that a Class "C" and Class "D" play-off will be assigned to O'Neill. In that event, the Class "D" game will start at 7:00 P. M., the Class "C" game at 8:00 P. M. and the Class "B" championship game at 9:00 Friday night.

The referees for the Class "B" Tournament are Mr. Decker from Wayne, Nebraska and Mr. Hornby from Martin, South Dakota.

The Nebraska High School Activities Association is providing the trophy for the champion team. The business people of O'Neill are presenting a beautiful trophy to the runner-up team. The O'Neill Public School will award appropriate trophies to the class C or D winners of the third place team if determined.

Members of the Junior Class will have the gymnasium fittingly decorated to greet the schools and fans that will be guests of O'Neill.

The winners in this tournament will be eligible to compete in their class in the state basketball tourney at Lincoln during the second week in March.

## O'NEILL-SPENCER

The O. H. S. Eagles won their fourth straight last Tuesday night when they defeated a game Spencer quintet here, 33-19.

McKenna and Manzer combined to send the winners into an early lead, but Spencer came back to even the count a few minutes later. The Eagles put on pressure to go ahead, 19-6 at the half.

Forward Gene Wolfe led the Eagles assault in the third period. Scoring was almost even throughout the last half, so that the Eagles finished, leading by only one more point than at half-time.

Wolfe led the Eagle scoring with eight points; Wetzler had seven; and McKenna made six.

The starting lineup for O'Neill consisting of Burgess, Manzer, Lewis, McKenna, and Calkins. Substitutes were Wolfe, Wetzler, Osenbaugh, Vincent, Bruegman, Oberle and Van Every.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. James Sobotka, a boy, Tuesday, February 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Snyder of Page, a girl, Friday, February 20.

M. and Mrs. Daniel Hitch, a boy, Saturday, February 21, and died on Monday February 23.

## American Legion Auxilliary Meets March 3

There will be a meeting of all those interested in the organization of a local unit of the Auxilliary of the American Legion held at the Assembly Room of the Court House on Tuesday evening, March 3rd at 8:00 P. M.

All wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of veterans of the first World War are eligible to membership and should not only consider it a privilege, but their patriotic duty, at a time such as we are experiencing, to become a member of an organization of this nature. There is a great work to be done and the need for the work is urgent.

An application for a charter for a unit to be known as Simonson Unit Number 93 is being submitted to headquarters, but all those who wish to become charter members still have an opportunity to do so at the very small membership fee of \$1.00. We have a number of applications signed up, but hope to secure many more.