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SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders
Patriotic citizens like to have confidence in their leadership. That leadership has done but little these many months to inspire confidence.

Tom Baker recently received a letter from his brother in England. They have their spies and traitors to deal with, but there is no other thought in the minds of English citizens but press on to victory.

Many and June have been about the dampest period this section has experienced in many years, and unless the sun breaks through and dispels the mists it is going to be difficult to take care of a whale of a hay crop.

Hanging the family washing on the line Monday is a tradition of the American housewife. One lady tells me she doesn't get it done as she has to rest on Monday from being worn out cooking and entertaining company until a late hour on Sunday. It is quite probable a lot of good folks wear out their welcome at other places also.

The Glen Doolittle assaulted with three charges of shot as he was at work in a field on the farm 12 miles south of Lincoln a day last week is a nephew of Tom Doolittle of Amelia. Glen was cultivating corn when the shots were fired by someone concealed in a fringe of timber along the field. He was struck in the head, arms and back, but not fatally hurt.

Cap Addison was the first to start a mower in the meadows of this section, and with rain and clouds about every day to hinder, most of last week he was occupied at D. L. Withers in the Inez neighborhood. The man with a tractor mower is in great demand this season. This Monday morning forecasts a good week for haying out this way.

"I said I would and so I will! I'm Honest John from Bunker Hill!" A declaration like that coming from one of a group clustered about one of those contraptions that you hit with a maul to see how stout you are had an appeal to a 10-year-old boy out to celebrate the 4th. Bunker Hill! Wasn't that the biggest thing associated with the 4th of July? And here was an Honest John direct from there. Nothing of that 4th of July remains in the memory of that 10-year-old boy but that one center of attraction on a street in a Wisconsin town. John was an artist among his kind.

With a lingo to outclass any auctioneer he kept the yeoman from the country districts flocking about him like flies on a bowl of sweets. When a husky belted the shaft to or above a given figure, the magnanimous John would reach for a cigar in a box and with a flourish hand it to the strong-armed gent as he declared "I said I would and so I will! I'm Honest John from Bunker Hill!" The 4th of those long gone years was a day of contests, noise making, social contacts, lemonade and peanuts. As we come into another 4th we are in a grave hour, an hour in which we sense anew our obligation to sustain at any cost—again the cost of blood and tears and treasure—the national heritage bequeathed us by American patriots.

The passing of Dick Murray removes about the last of the pioneer dwellers who more than a half century ago drove the homestead trails out across the open flats leading in to O'Neill from the east, what is now known as the Page country. Parker, Hainesville, Middle Branch and a little to the north Minneola, were the community settlements of our fathers. It was a tossup as to distance from my father's landed interests to either Parker or O'Neill and there was much wagon, horseback and foot traffic by our "front yard." Dick Murray was among them on periodic trips in to town. And there was Bill Pettis, George Haynes, Jim McTaggart, Alex Boyd, Nick Grass, and others whose names have faded from the fog of the past. Even the kids liked Dick Murray. When children put their trust in one of mature years there is nothing more to say. Dick Murray was one of the stalwarts of a breed of stalwart men and women—men and women who "had what it takes," as a picturesque wording

FOUR HOLT COUNTY PIONEERS PASS AWAY DURING PAST WEEK

R. H. Murray, Henry Cook, Mrs. John Boshart and Miss Nora Sullivan Laid To Rest Since Last Week. All Were Pioneers Of Holt County.

R. H. MURRAY
R. H. Murray passed away at his home in O'Neill June 25, 1942, after a lingering illness, at the age of 86 years, four months and four days. He was born in Tyrone, Iowa, on February 22, 1856, and came to Holt county in 1884 and homesteaded east of O'Neill ten miles where he lived until 1920 when he retired and moved to this city.

In 1885 he was united in marriage to Agnes Roach. To this union ten children were born. One daughter preceded him in death in 1935. Mrs. Margaret Hagen of Ashland, Mo. The children are as follows: Ellen Blomberg, Gill, S. D.; Catherine Perkins, Ainsworth; Annastasia Williams, Seattle, Wash.; Lauretta Jones, Miles City, Mont.; George E., of Lead, S. D.; Winifred Matthews, Lincoln; Mattie Soukup, Gertrude Streeter, Elsie Streeter, all of O'Neill.

Mrs. Murray passed away January 28, 1937. Since that time Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter and family have made their home with Mr. Murray, in his home on east Douglas street.

He was president of the O'Neill National Farm Loan Association O'Neill for several years and at the time of his death he was a director of the organization. During his earlier years in the county he always took an active part in the county's political affairs and the civic affairs of his township. For thirty years he served as treasurer of School District No. 23; a member of the county board for several years. He was a devout and faithful member of the Catholic church.

Those who attended the funeral from out of town were: Mrs. Agnes Parkis, Mrs. Nellie Knowles and Mrs. Maniel Day, all of Melrose, Iowa, nieces of Mr. Murray Charles Knowles, of Omaha, nephew; Mr. and Mrs. John Sutherland, of Ponca; Mrs. P. Streeter, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Baker, Frank Farrell and daughter, Donna, all of Brunswick, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on May 5, 1935, and all of the children were home at that time. They were all in attendance at the funeral except Mrs. Ray Williams and she arrived home Monday from Seattle, Washington, for a visit. xx

HENRY J. COOK

Henry Cook died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Donohoe, north of this city, Mrs. Donohoe is a sister of Mr. Cook, Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, after an illness of five years, at the age of 87 years and twenty-seven days. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock from the Catholic church in this city and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Henry J. Cook was born in Scranton, Penn., on June 10, 1855. In 1878 he came to this county and had been a resident of the county ever since, a period of 63 years. On his arrival here he took a homestead about eight miles northwest of this city, where he made his home for many years. He was a good farmer and prospered. He was frugal and industrious and accumu-

of our day defines the solid citizen. He was direct, straightforward and to a tranger brutally frank. I saw him run once. We were branding cattle. A 3-year-old got up from the sizzling iron and made for Dick, leaning on a pitchfork nearby. He brought the fork into action but the steer kept on coming. It was then Dick dropped the fork and run. An apostle of good cheer, blending the humorous with the serious fact of life, in this instant discretion proved the better part of valor. Time, inexorable, relentless, remorseless time moves on without haste, without slacking the motion. The lengthening shadows are gathering over the remnants of those who started the homes, the farms, the ranches of Holt county's vergin sod. We would want our tribute to the memory of the dead, to the honor of the living, to be something deeper, wider, more enduring than sentimental gesture—an imperishable gratitude for an heritage of courage and fortitude transcending time and space.

lated a competence and at the time of his death was the owner of about a section of good land as well as some city property.

Henry never married and he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nell McHugh, of Butte, Mont., and Mrs. T. J. Donohoe of this city, and several nephews and nieces. His sister, Mrs. McHugh, is coming from Butte for the funeral services.

Henry rented his farms and moved to town in 1906 and he was a resident of this city until 1927, when failing health caused him to move to the farm home of his sister, Mrs. T. J. Donohoe, where he made his home until his death.

Henry Cook was one of the real old timers of the county. The first colony came out here in 1874 with General O'Neill and Mr. Cook was a member of a colony that came from the coal mines of Pennsylvania four years later, practically all of whom took homesteads northwest of this city. They were all hard workers and the colony prospered. There is but one of the real old settlers of the Pennsylvania colony left, Mrs. Menish, who is well along in the nineties, but in splendid health, mentally and physically alert and active.

Henry was one of the real characters of the early day. He was an Irish gentleman of the old school, with politeness and a sense of humor one of his great characteristics. Like all the other old timers he went through many hardships in the early days of Holt county, but he persevered and prospered and until his health began to fail enjoyed himself. For the past fifteen years his health has been poor and for the past five years he has been bedfast. He had many friends among the residents of the county, who will regret to learn of his passing.

MRS. BARBARA BOSHART

Mrs. Barbara Boshart passed away at a hospital in Yankton, S. D., last Sunday afternoon, following an operation on Thursday, at the age of 82 years, three months and sixteen days. Biglin's ambulance went over and got the body and brought it to O'Neill. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Presbyterian church, Dr. John E. Spencer officiating, and burial in Prospect Hill Cemetery at the side of her husband, who passed away in January, 1934.

Barbara Erb was born in Canada on March 12, 1860, and she grew to womanhood in her native country, and on September 10, 1878, she was united in marriage to John Boshart, the ceremony being performed at Wellesley, Ontario, Canada. Eight children were born of this union, three sons and five daughters, two of whom, a son and a daughter, have passed away, leaving six children to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. The children are: Mrs. George Reichert, Hereford, S. D.; Edward Boshart, O'Neill; Mrs. William Phillips, Viewfield, S. D.; Aaron Boshart, O'Neill; Martha Boshart, O'Neill; Mrs. Clarence Wrede, O'Neill. She is also survived by eighteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; and two brothers and two sisters.

Shortly after her marriage the family came to the United States and settled at Seward, Nebraska, from which place they came to Holt county in the spring of 1884 and this county had been her home ever since, a period of 58

years. In fact she spent the past 58 years of her life on the farm they secured when they first came to this county, about ten miles north of O'Neill. After the death of her husband in 1934 the children wanted her to make her home with them, but she preferred to remain on the old place where she had lived for so many years, and with her daughter they made their home there. During the summer months she would visit her children, but always wanted to be back home in the fall and winter. She had always enjoyed good health until the past few months. She was taken sick last Tuesday, while in South Dakota, was taken to Yankton by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wrede, for medical treatment. She submitted to an operation on Thursday, Mrs. Wrede being with her at the time, and she appeared to rally splendidly from it. On Saturday her sons, Aaron and Edward, drove over to Yankton and visited her and she seemed to be getting along nicely. But the shock and infirmities due to advanced years proved too much and she passed away Sunday afternoon.

In the death of Mrs. Boshart, Holt county loses another of its real old pioneers, who suffered many hardships in the early days in this county and helped to build it into a garden spot of the west. She had a great many friends in the northeastern part of the county who will regret to learn that another of the pioneers has joined the ranks of the others who have passed on.

MISS NORA SULLIVAN

The funeral of Miss Nora Sullivan was held from St. Patrick's church last Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, Monsignor J. G. McNamara officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery. The body was shipped here from Butte, Mont., arriving here Monday morning.

Miss Sullivan was a native of Ireland and was born on October 18, 1846. She came to the United States in May, 1870, and settled in Hancock, Michigan, where she had some relatives who had come to the United States a few years before. She lived there for several years and then came to O'Neill in the early eighties, and this city and county was her home until 1926. After the death of her brother, Timothy, she went to Butte, Mont. She lived in Butte but a short time and then went to Jeffers, Mont., to make her home with a niece, Mrs. Katherine Mitchell, where she was living at the time of her death.

She leaves surviving a sister, Mrs. Julia Young, of Hurley, Wis.; seven nieces, Mrs. Nell McMullen, Miss Johanna Sullivan, Mrs. Mary Carney, all of Butte; Mrs. Neil Tierney, in Seattle, Mamie Young, in Hurley, Wis.; Mrs. Katherine Stoddard, in Elgin, Wis., and Mrs. Mitchell of Jeffers. Also a nephew, William Young, in Elgin, Wis., and several grandnieces in Butte and Seattle.

Miss Sullivan was a remarkable woman and one of the real old pioneers of this county. For many years she lived in the Michigan settlement, northeast of O'Neill, until her removal to town, where she made her home for many years. She was sick but a week before she passed away and, despite her age, she was very active up to the last week. Her mind was clear and she could relate incidents of the early days in the county, and in northern Michigan with remarkable accuracy. So another of the real old timers has passed to the great beyond!

Staff Sgt. Hugh McKenna arrived Sunday from Los Angeles, Calif., and will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McKenna, until Thursday, when he will leave for Fort Warren, Wyo., where he will attend Officer's Candidate School for three months.

Kenneth Wherry Seeks United States Senatorship



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Fifty-Four Young Men Left Friday For Army

The following fifty-four young men left here last Friday for induction into the U. S. Army at Fort Crook:

- Cletus Vincent Sullivan, O'Neill
- John Clifford Harding, O'Neill
- John P. Pribil, O'Neill
- William G. Schultz, Atkinson
- Yulan Cook Adams, Dustin
- Alvin John Heiser, Atkinson
- Leonard Eugene Bazelman, O'Neill
- Dale William Foster, Stuart
- Burtis Wesley Wood, Stuart
- Floyd E. Burge, Emmet
- Bernard Otto Baumeister, Dustin
- Melvin Edward Riley, Stuart
- Edward Lyle Kozisek, Stuart
- Foster Frank Farrand, Dorsey
- William Alfred Gross, Atkinson
- Francis Dennis Hynes, O'Neill
- Elvin Raymond Johnson, O'Neill
- Gilbert Henry Echemkamp, Inman
- Jay Benjamin Larson, Atkinson
- Elwin Owen Neal, Dorsey
- Richard William Bollwitt, Ewing
- Lester Ernest Riege, Page
- Edwin Hiram Hubbard, Chambers
- Wesley Charles Taylor, O'Neill
- Claude Vernon Hamilton, Page
- Otho Russell Johnson, O'Neill
- Robert Ward McCartney, Stuart
- Eugene Walter Roth, Chambers
- Maxwell Wolfe, O'Neill
- Jay Comstock Butler, Ewing
- Raymond Earl Hoxsie, O'Neill
- John Thomas McTaggart, Stuart
- Raymond Francis Wilkinson, O'Neill
- Melvin Leroy Hood, O'Neill
- Leo Bernard Valla, O'Neill
- Clinton Smith Doolittle, Amelia
- William Emanuel Farr, Emmet
- Charles Henry Dugan, Atkinson
- Albert Straka, Stuart
- Francis M. Anderson, Atkinson
- Sylvester Joseph Schrad, Ewing
- Don Robert Medcalf, Chambers
- Charles E. Fridley, Ewing
- Douglas Wayne Smith, Atkinson
- John Thomas Sullivan, O'Neill
- John Keith Cunningham, Atkinson
- Silven Blohoveck, Stuart
- Harold James Frohman, Atkinson
- Woodrow Wayne Douglas, Atkinson

"I believe that my long experience as a merchant and farmer gives me an understanding of the problems of the small business man and farmer. That at the present time the representatives of these people should exert their energies to secure equal distribution of the business benefits of the war effort so that wherever possible the small business man will be assisted in surviving merchandise shortages during the war period. Members of Congress should carefully scrutinize every limitation placed on small business and available supplies so that only restrictions absolutely necessary to victory be imposed. After the war, business should be given the benefit of American free enterprise to its fullest extent."

Continuing, Mr. Wherry said: "Now and after the war the members of Congress should make every endeavor to insure the American workingman a job in American industry unrestricted by governmental controls, doles substitutes, or payment of exorbitant fees for the privilege to work."

"We should lighten the present heavy burden placed on agriculture by the war. The farmer should be assured of the fullest benefit of the American market, American invention and industry. One of the country's greatest contributions toward winning the war is by Nebraska's farmers. They are helping feed not only our fighting men but those of our allies. When the war has been won they will help feed the world during the period of readjustment. It is essential that agriculture be strong. Since the nation that has the food will have the advantage in writing the peace, it is necessary to the securing of a just and lasting peace that we not slacken our support of those measures strengthening agriculture."

"We will not hesitate to exhaust our resources to win the war. To make certain that we win, we must refrain from non-essential spending. Non-essential expenditures can lose us the war and wreck the financial stability of our nation."

"Even now the American people should be looking forward to the time when present adminis-

O'Neill Boy Champion Rifle Shot at Ft. Warren

Pvt. John Carl, of O'Neill, now at Fort Warren, Wyo., is the championship rifle shot of that Fort as he outshot 4,500 soldiers using a 30 calibre U. S. Army rifle at 200 yards. He scored 97 bulls eyes out of 100, at rapid fire. He won the medal and also a "jack pot." Carl is a first class mechanic in the Army.

ST. JOHN'S THANK YOU

The Pastor and people of St. John's are deeply grateful to their O'Neill friends who helped to make our War Time Nickel Day a success. "Thanks a heap." Father Beyersdorfer.

Glen Spindler, who is guard at the Ordnance plant at Grand Island, came Saturday morning after his wife and son, and returned to Grand Island that afternoon with his family, where they will make their future home.

George Agnes Falls Dead In Lumber Yard, Norfolk

O'Neill residents were shocked last Saturday morning, when word was received that George Agnes dropped dead in the Joyce Lumber Co. yard at Norfolk, by whom he was employed as city salesman. For seventeen years George was a resident of this city, being manager of the Seth Noble lumber yard and had many friends in this city and county, where he was well known, and the announcement was a shock to them. The funeral was held from the Sacred Heart church at Norfolk, Nebr., Monday morning, his son having come from California by plane Sunday morning. The following account of his death is taken from the Norfolk Daily News of Saturday:

"George S. Agnes, 57, 507 South Sixth street, city salesman for the Joyce Lumber company here, dropped dead after a heart attack while in the company's yard about 8:15 o'clock this morning. "He apparently suffered the attack while in the office and started toward the alleyway in the lumber yard. Just after reaching the door, he collapsed and was dead when three employes, Harold Alstadt, William Sporn and Elmer Uttecht, reached him. "He came to Norfolk a few years ago after having been in the lumber business for many years. For seventeen years he was manager of the Seth Noble company yards at O'Neill, and later managed a yard at Petersburg. "Mrs. Agnes, who is a sister of Federal Judge J. A. Donohoe of Omaha, directs activities of the Newcomers club in Norfolk. "Surviving are his wife, one son, George, Jr., who is in the coast guard at Alameda, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. E. J. O'Hern, Omaha; Misses Virginia and Lorraine, at home, and one sister, Mrs. Frank Coughlin, of Plankinton, S. D. "Funeral services will be conducted at Sacred Heart church here, probably Monday or Tuesday morning, depending on the arrival of the son. The rosary will be said for Mr. Agnes at 8:30 p. m. by the Rev. Robert Burns, church pastor, at the Berge-Therhaus-Howser-Swoboda Home for Funerals. "Burial is to be made in Prospect Hill cemetery."

Attend Silver Jubilee Of Her Sister Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. George Pongratz and daughter, Armella, and Mrs. Harold Given, of Emmet, went to Grand Island Tuesday to assist in the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Sister M. Gereona at the St. Francis Hospital. Sister Gereona is a sister of Mrs. Pongratz. Other relatives attending were, Sister Marcellosis, Sister Edwina, Sister Floreberta and Sister Francesca, nieces of Sister Gereona.

Claussen-Yarnall

Miss Deloris Claussen and Phillip Yarnell, of Englewood, Calif., were married Sunday, June 28, at the Methodist church at Gardena, Calif. Miss Bonnie Yarnell of Lynwood, Calif., sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and Willard Claussen, brother of the bride, was best man. Mrs. Yarnell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Claussen of this city, and is a graduate of the O'Neill High School with the class of 1940. For the past two years she has taught in the rural schools of Holt county and has been a very successful teacher. Mr. Yarnell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Yarnell of Lynwood, Calif., and is a graduate of the O'Neill High School with the class of 1940. Mr. Yarnell is working in the defense plant at Englewood, Calif., where they will make their home.

Filings For Office

William L. Hanley filed July 1 for Supervisor in the third district on the Democratic ticket. Ira H. Moss filed June 30 for Clerk of Court on the Republican ticket. Julius D. Cronin filed June 30 for County Attorney on the Republican ticket. L. G. Gillespie filed July 1 for County Assessor on the Republican ticket. John Alfs filed July 1 for County Assessor on the Democratic ticket. Jack Arbutnot filed July 2 for the Democratic nomination for County Treasurer.

Notice Stockmen!

Due to heavier runs of livestock from now on, we hope to start the hog auction at 11 o'clock a. m., beginning Monday, July 13th.

We will appreciate your cooperation in getting your hog consignments into the stockyards by 10 o'clock a. m. Monday, thus helping us to get off to an earlier start.

O'Neill Livestock Com. Co.