

Other Editors

Tourney Visit . . .

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How to keep from growing old? Want to know the secret formula? Just accompany a bevy of high school youngsters on a basketball trip—share their mercurial emotions, one moment ecstatic joy, the next apprehension and despair effervescing into gaiety again. Although your hair is sprinkled with "dust from the road of life" and the hand of

time restrains you from entering the magic circle, just being on the outer fringes infects you with enthusiasm and zest. The spirit lifts and dull care slinks around the corner to await another day.

Nothing again, can quite equal the fun "we" had on our trek to the basketball tournament at O'Neill last weekend. Of course there were minor inconveniences such as

a) A ruined tire costing enough precious minutes that we reached our destination barely in time for the game Thursday night, and

b) No hotel reservations in advance, so six girls had to sleep

(?) in one room—but who said that didn't come under the heading of fun?

To visitors from Gordon—O'Neill will always be remembered as the city hospitable. Everyone with whom we came in contact—at the hotel, in restaurants, in stores—was gracious and friendly, each doing his utmost, it seemed, to make us feel welcome and at home. After the game Friday night, when Gordon by a two-point margin had blasted O'Neill's hopes of the state tourney, a representation of Pep club members ran across the floor to our girls and through tears of disappointment, congratulated them. "Of course we hate not winning," they said in effect, "but if we had to lose, we'd rather Gordon beat us than any other team in Nebraska!" I hope our girls will always show that brand of sportsmanship.

And we were proud of our young people. "Well behaved," "mannerly" we heard them described. Mr. Ledford was treated to a steak dinner on Friday because the restaurant where our basketball boys had their meals wanted to show appreciation for their good conduct and absolute lack of rowdiness. People at the hotel likewise commented on these attributes of the Gordon team.

Spectators at the games lauded the sportsmanship of the Broncos—here is a typical observation written by an O'Neill merchant, "You have a fine clean bunch of boys."

That, to me, is worth vastly more than all the championships in the book.

Mr. Ledford was constantly paged at the O'Neill hotel to receive another sheaf of telegrams from Gordon well-wishers and sports fans. Those messages were definitely morale boosters and had a bolstering effect, I think, on the Broncos' determination to win. They knew the folks at home had confidence in their ability, and they were out to justify that confidence.

Wayne Taylor, beating, twisting and wringing his hat through the tensions of the Friday night game. Later, viewing the wreck in surprise, he ruefully remarked, "Guess I'll have to buy a new hat, but it was worth it!"

After the Plainview game Thursday night, one Bronco fan, tears streaking unashamedly down his cheeks, leaping over several tiers of seats to clasp the hands and thump the backs of the victorious lads. Other days in the week dignified and deliberate, he could not understand right afterward how he did get to the floor so quickly.

A phenomenon I never expected to see—my daughter and three of her pals practically speechless for once in their loquacious lives. So excited were they that they didn't know whether to laugh or cry, so they did both at the same time. No wonder when they were confronted with a mike in the hands of a radio reporter, George Hammond of the "Voice of The Fron-

tier," who was tape-recording proceedings, they were hard put to stammer out their names between gulps and sobs. But when he asked how they felt about the victory they fairly blasted the instrument right out of his grasp!

Fact or Fiction? . . .

(Creighton News)

To the west of Knox county is Holt county. In that county is a town—O'Neill. In O'Neill there is a newspaper—The Frontier. The editor and publisher of The Frontier is Cal Stewart—known as "snow editor" of Nebraska. Knowing Cal rather well we can vouch for the fact that he is one of Nebraska's most progressive weekly newspaper men. And when there is no storm he is as normal as any newspaper man can be. Unfortunately O'Neill is located so that it catches the worst of any snowstorm in Nebraska. We know that is true because Cal says so in his paper, even though our nine-foot drifts keep us at home so we can't get to O'Neill to see those 18-foot drifts.

Cal, at one time, wanted to develop some angle rather than snow, so he conceived the slogan something like this: "O'Neill is the buckle of the hay belt."

But Cal forgot to get the county assessor lined up on his side, or else the state tax commissioner made an error in compiling statistics.

It seems that, according to assessment schedules, Holt county ranks 24th in the state in number of tons of hay in 1952. Even poor old Knox county, which can't muster as much snow, has more than twice the amount of hay—10,605 tons. Then there's Antelope with 4,721 tons and Pierce with 5,433 to beat Holt. Yes, there are 23 counties producing more hay than Holt county, according to assessors' statistics.

(The Frontier editor's note: The "hay buckle" is a Lions club product, and, if you please, Mr. Creighton Editor, we'd have O'Neill known as "America's Winter Sports Capital"—CWS.)

435 Attend 4-H Fun Night Event

Some 435 4-H club members, parents and leaders braved adverse weather conditions Saturday night to attend the annual 4-H family fun night party at the O'Neill high school auditorium. The evening was spent enjoying musical games and songs. Numbers were put on by the various clubs throughout the county, but many clubs were unable to give their numbers due to lack of members being there.

Climax of the evening was the awarding of the awards for 1952. Gold watch—Benton Mellor, state winner on yard beautification. Since Benton is in the armed service, he wanted this watch presented to his father, J. B. Mellor.

Melba Dobrovolsky, food preservation; Carol Schultz, frozen foods; Lois Puckett, food preparation; Doris Pierson, homemaking; Mary Schmitz, homemaking; Doreen Glead, homemaking; Frances Ernst, homemaking.

Mary F. Vitt, clothing; Jackie Taggart, dress revue; Lois Puckett, dress revue; Darlene Grimes, dress revue; Karen Garwood, dress revue; Gary Braasch, field crops; Joelyn Backhaus, meat animal; Jerry Hickman, beef; Jackie Rees, poultry; Clarence Gokie, poultry; Bobby Ries, poultry.

Richard Boyle, garden; Gary Holcomb, garden; Matthew Beha, garden; Frances Ernst, garden; Jim Ries, tractor; Joe Livingston, tractor; Jerry Hickman, tractor; Raymond Wagman, tractor; Helen Martha Vitt, health; Benton Mellor, home grounds; Alice D. Whaley, leadership; Carol Schultz, girls' record; Kenneth Backhaus, boys' record; Darlene Hartley, achievement; Irene Brown, achievement; Jennie Halsey, achievement.

Melba Dobrovolsky, Foley mill; Mary Schmitz, sifter; Carol Schultz, chopper; Joanne Lansworth, fork; Mary F. Vitt, juicer; Lois Puckett, Foley mill; DeMarus Wefso, sifter; Doris Ward, chopper; Bonnie Burival, fork; Helen Vitt, juicer; Clover 4-H club, beef, Gooch trophy; Gary Holcomb, set of tools; Gary Holcomb, 6" crescent wrench.

Riverside, health certificate; Clover club, recreation and rural arts certificates; Riverside Community, recreation and rural arts certificates.

South Fork 212, recreation and rural arts certificates; Up and At It, recreation and rural arts certificates; Inman Boys and Girls, recreation and rural arts certificates; Sandhill Billies, recreation and rural arts certificates; Nifty Needlers, recreation and rural arts certificate.

Doris Pierson, Foley mill; Alice Young, sifter; Mary Schmitz, chopper; Doreen Glead, fork; Frances Ernst, juicer; Mary Agnes Boyle, newswriting certificate; Richard Boyle, club week trip; Gary Holcomb, Ak-Sar-Ben service awards.

Leaders who have headed clubs for five years are: Frank Beelaert of Page, Stanley Lambert of Ewing, Mrs. M. B. Marcellus of O'Neill, Mrs. Lois Miner of O'Neill, Mrs. Vern Sageser of Amelia, Mrs. Frank Vanek of Amelia, LeRoy Holcomb of Chambers, Mrs. LeRoy Holcomb of Chambers, George Mellor of Atkinson, Mrs. Grant Peacock of Emmet, Mrs. Clifford Sobotka of O'Neill.

Leaders who have headed clubs for two years are: Roy

Backhaus of O'Neill, Mrs. George Colman of Inman, Mrs. Francis Curran of O'Neill, Mrs. Quentin Hickok of Stuart, A. H. Kaup of Stuart, Mrs. George Keddell of Stuart, Bob Martens of Atkinson, Mrs. Bennett Sanders of O'Neill, Emmet Slaight of O'Neill, Mrs. John Vitt of O'Neill, Mrs. Emil Colfack of Atkinson, Mrs. Blaine Garwood of Amelia, Mrs. Lila Hull of Redbird, Mrs. A. H. Kaup of Stuart, Mrs. Joe Krobot of Stuart, L. D. Putnam of O'Neill, Miss Ramona Schneider of O'Neill, Raymond Taylor of Page, Mrs. J. W. Walter of Chambers.

In addition to the members and leaders receiving recognition, all the clubs that have been reorganized for 1953 were given special recognition. They are as follows:

Cleveland, Mrs. Herb Sweet, leader; Clover, Helen Martens, leader; Curly Q's, Mrs. John Babl, leader; Eagle Creek, Mrs. Francis Curran, leader; Eagle Hesters, Roger Bowen, leader; Elkhorn Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Peacock, leaders; Evergreen, Mrs. Art O'Neill, leader; Ewing Golden Gleaners, Mrs. Robert Tams, leader.

Fancy Ropers, Mrs. Lois Miner, leader; Green Valley Bluebirds, Mrs. Herman Gans, leader; Happy Girls, Mrs. Alice Widman, leader; Happy Helpers, Mrs. Lloyd Glead, leader; Happy Hollow, Mrs. Lionel Gunter, leader; Hoosier Hot Shots, Mrs. Kenneth Braasch, leader; Kitty Clover, Mrs. M. B. Marcellus, leader; Lucky Clover, Mrs. Guy Hull, leader; Martha, Stanley Lambert, leader; Nifty Needlers, Mrs. Melvin Held, leader; Riverside Community, Mrs. John Vitt, leader; Sandcreek Livewires, Mrs. Quentin Hickok, leader; Sandhill Billies, Mrs. Blaine Garwood, leader; South Fork Community, George Fullerton, leader; Silver Star Sisters, Mrs. Stanley Lambert, leader; Steel Creek, Dale Revell, leader; Sunnyside, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Colfack, leaders; Sunshine Valley, Mary Agnes Boyle, leader; 212 South Fork, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Holcomb, leaders; Up and At It, Mrs. C. M. Pierson, leader; Victory Boys and Girls, Mrs. C. W. Sawyer, leader; Wide Awake, Mrs. J. W. Walter, leader; Willing Workers, Mrs. A. Neil Dawes, leader.

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Roll call was answered by each one bringing their baby picture. The lesson was on "First Aid" and it was given by Mrs. Dale Revell and Mrs. Albert Derickson.

Entertainment consisted of playing games. At the close of the meeting a lunch was served by the hostess.

The next club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lysle Johnson and the lesson will be on "Shopping for Furniture," given by Mrs. Ben Miller and Mrs. Elmer Juracek. — By Mrs. Nelis Linquist, news reporter.

Sunday callers in the Ralph Ledy home were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Livings and Jan of Sioux City.

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