

This is Sport ... In South Wales



This ancient custom, known as "Beating the Bounds," which entails a 21 mile walk around the borough seemed rather odd to some Americans, but Mr. Meyler of Wales thought our own Holt County Rodeo was the strangest way of spending a Sunday afternoon that he had seen.

As we go to press Mr. William A. Meyler of Laugharne, South Wales, Great Britain will be on the high seas, out in the Atlantic far enough that he will per chance be exchanging his good old American money into coin of the realm.

The ships purser aboard the Queen Mary will be handing him back a pound note for \$2.81 which is the rate exchange between the two countries at the moment. At times the balance might swing the other way. Mr. Meyler felt the money pinch with products selling for twice as much as at home and his money worth a third less on the board of exchange.

Mr. Meyler spent June and July here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Albert (Menna) Derickson, who was a 1946 war bride to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Derickson have two children, Gregory and Pamela, whom Mr. Meyler had nev-

er seen and a separation of 14 years to catch up on in the way of news and the many bits of information that never gets written.

Mr. Meyler was born in the quaint little town of Laugharne, South Wales, Aug. 25, 1894. He was retired from his position as Minister of Supply in 1959 at the age of 65 and receives a civil service retirement pension that parallels our pension service here.

Wales differs from the United States in many ways and in many ways they are quite alike. Wales raises wheat, barley, mangoes and turnips to fatten their live stock. Their cattle are mostly dairy type and few hogs are raised. Lamb and sea food are the nation's choice of meat products. They can little other than black berries and logan berries for pies and jam.

Tomatoes are only products of the green house and they do not

have the stringbean-only kidney and the broad bean that resembles our limas.

Red Sussex and Rhode Island Reds are popular breeds of chickens and they raise muscovy ducks and other breeds popular here, also geese.

Since Wales is a peninsula the waters surrounding it afford fishermen with a means of livelihood with inlanders still using the coracle of the ancient Britons and the primitive salmon fishing methods.

Mining is the principal occupation in the Rhonda valley with collieries mining coal for home use. Although electricity is used there most all the inhabitants depend on fuel stoves for cooking and heat.

Wales is mechanized and cars are the principal mode of travel driving on the wrong (to us) side of the road. Petrol is the fuel burned in the motors.

The schools are much the same as here except that they speak of standards as we speak of grades. Only those who pass a special test are allowed to enter high school.

The town of Laugharne is about the only borough form of government left in the kingdom. The portreeve (corresponding to our mayor) is elected every three years. He is aided by a recorder, two constables and a magistrate court in governing the borough. Burgesses acquire their office through heirship and relationship does not count. While Mr. Meyler paid for his share in the Laugharne Corporation when he was 21 years old he only has been a Burgess for the past several years, receiving his share of the rentals entailed.

When a portreeve is elected he is carried in a chair by hand bearers three times around the court house according to the ancient custom. The portreeve acquires a gold chain upon which is strung pure gold cockle shells, one for each portreeve. This chain is worn whenever he serves in his official capacity.

The present borough system of government was set up by Sir Guy de Brian in the fourteenth century when he also rebuilt the twelfth century castle which is still there.

An ancient custom perpetuated over the centuries is the custom of "Beating the Bounds" when any who are able and care to meet at 5 a.m. for the circumlocution of the borough, a distance of 21 miles on foot.

The women and others may meet them at noon with food for the bounders. A questionnaire is in progress and those who fail to answer the question addressed to them are turned upside down and paddled. Each who finishes the 21 mile journey receives pay according to his station. The men receive a guinea down to the children who get two shilling-six pence.

A New Years dance is a national custom and is attended by men, women and children. An orchestra furnishes the music for dances that are popular here.

Most of their dances are benefit dances for a church or a charity fund.

Mr. Meyler is secretary of Laugharne and District 1914-18 Old Comrades association and served four years and eight months in France and Germany in World War I and was a member of the Home Guard in the last war.

Mr. Meyler carries with him the pleasant memories of new-found friends and new impressions of our western hemisphere. A farewell banquet was held in his honor by his friends in Wales on the eve of his departure to America and his friends here gave him a farewell at his leaving-taking so he carries nice memories home with him of us in America.

A new found friendly couple, Jim and Leona, gave him a record with the song, "God Bless America" on one side and "Among My Souvenirs" on the other that appealed to him as he heard it played. This record (which will be played on a friends machine) and the rodeo pictures from the Frontier along with clippings cut from back numbers of interest will accompany him as he begins his "Sentimental Journey" back home.

Atkinson News

JGM Club Meets

The JGM club met last Monday evening for a 7:30 breakfast at the home of Mrs. Fern Livingston. Twelve members and two guests, Mrs. Marie Wilbern and Mrs. Vera Paddock were present.

Election of officers followed the business meeting with the following members selected: Mrs. Orville Hitchcock, president; Mrs. E. O. Slaymaker, vice president; Mrs. Anton Weichman, treasurer; Mrs. Joe Seger, secretary and Mrs. Earl Penry, news reporter.

This was the last meeting for the summer and the group will not meet until the September meeting.

Mrs. Betty White and daughter Sheryl of Scottsbluff left Monday for their home after spending some time visiting friends and relatives in Atkinson. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McClurg left Monday for San Anselmo, Calif., to spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Rainey and family. They left from Hastings by train.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Anderson and Jerry were overnight guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown in O'Neill on Monday night. They were enroute to their home in Buffalo, N. Y., after spending the past six weeks in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson of Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. George Zaruba of Cairo left last Saturday morning for Lake Okoboji, Ia., where they spent the weekend touring the area. They also took a boat cruise. They returned to Atkinson late Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schenkel of O'Neill spent last Friday visiting with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson and Jim, in Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Steinhauser and Tommy of Stuart were Sunday evening callers at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson, in Atkinson. Sandra Putnam of Butte was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Colfack and family.

The Elmer McClurg family

moved into their new home in Atkinson last Saturday. Those assisting with the moving were: Mr. and Mrs. Warren McClurg of Bassett, Mr. and Mrs. Glen McClurg, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McClurg, Calvin Allyn, Fred Mulford, William Wefso and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McClurg.

Marvin Ronson of Osceola, Larry Olson of Grand Island, and Roger Magill of Lincoln came Sunday to spend the day with their friend, Denton Colfack. The young men were classmates of Denton's when they all attended the Lincoln School of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Colfack and family were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Enal Colfack on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McClurg and Marsha came Friday to spend their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McClurg and Mr. and Mrs. James Allyn. Monday evening they took Calvins parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McClurg, to Hastings where they departed for California to spend a weeks vacation.

Lynch News

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Zink from Bellvue spent the weekend with friends and relatives. Their children returned home with them after spending a week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Micanek.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mulhair were Wednesday evening visitors in the Harold Micanek home.

Mila Kicks of Omaha spent the weekend in the Herman Heiser home.

Mrs. Glen Hull called on Mrs. Pete Mulhair Wednesday afternoon.

Janie Schindler of Omaha spent the weekend in the Frank Fisher home.

Mrs. Albert Schindlers sister and husband are here visiting in the Schindler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hanzlik and family from Pilgrar spent the weekend in the Jim Mally, sr. home.

Pete Mulhair called on Lila Norwood Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bentz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Zink and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Micanek, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Micanek and family, Joe Micanek and Joe Randy and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Miller of Wakefield were Sunday dinner guests in the Lorie Micanek home.

The Rule Progressive club held a picnic at the Bristow Park Sunday.

Janice Crowford came up from Omaha to spend the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moffet and family of Tacoma, Wash., are visiting in the Wallace Moffet home. Mrs. Glen Hull, Mrs. Pete Mulhair, Mrs. Leo Kalkowski and Kevin, Mrs. Neil Bjornsen and children and Mrs. Leonard Havarnek and children were Friday dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Roy Lowery in O'Neill.

Glena Courtney spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Courtney.

Robert Schulz, Gardener With A Green Thumb

A gentleman with a true "green thumb", Mr. Robert Schulz, has lived in O'Neill for twenty-seven years.



If it is edible and can be grown in Nebraska you'll probably find it in Robert Schulz's garden. If it can be transplanted you may find plants growing in your neighbors garden that got their start in one of his greenhouses. A gardener extraordinary, he's O'Neill's authority on fruits and vegetables.

He raises a wide variety of vegetables and flowers from seeds. His customers come from as far away as Valentine, St. Paul and Winner, S. D. to purchase plants. The seeds are started in February in the two greenhouses in back of his home. He has special lights which speed the germination of the seeds. This year he raised 17,000 tomato plants in addition to all the other vegetables and flowers.

Mr. Schulz operated a grocery

store in O'Neill until 1950 and his fresh vegetables were popular in the store.

Mr. Schulz's interest in horticulture is inherited from his father who was a forester for the Kaiser in Germany. Mr. Schulz was born in Germany but began his gardening in the United States in Florida where he grew pineapples. Now apartment houses stand on the land at Del Rey Beach where his pineapples once grew.

There are regular customers

who come throughout the growing season to Mr. Schulz's garden to select their fresh vegetables. He rotates the vegetables to keep a wide selection available. The rows are carefully weeded by hand and the tomato plants pruned and staked. He also has several pear and apple trees in the yard. Mr. and Mrs. Schulz have three children: a daughter, Mrs. Bruce Rummell of Scottsbluff, two sons, Palmer of Portland, Ore. and Luther of O'Neill.



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