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## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Much is said at the fountain head about "taking steps" to prevent rising living costs. And living costs keep on soaring.

The pledge against strikes of workers in automobile factories, now turning out equipment for battle, has already joined other "scraps of paper." And they picked one of the biggest in which to call a strike.

Laws probably must be enforced but I would not have the heart to summon a woman before a court for exercising her God-given right to cast a hook and line for a fish.

Whatever may be the need for food rationing should not be left either to politicians or school teachers, but to a committee of representative American housewives. Let the women continue to plan the nation's meals.

Sheriff Duffy was out this way last week to unite law enforcement efforts with those of individuals to solve the why, wherefore and who of the shooting of eleven lambs in a band of sheep belonging to Albert Lemmers. The lambs were found bullet pierced.

Schools in some districts had closed prior to the inauguration of registering of sugar ration books. And for the purpose of registering these districts combined with district with schools still in session. It requires a little effort to keep sweet.

That we are here attests to the fundamental fact that we have been born. To get an official document to that effect is something else again. It cost dad and mother fifty to a hundred when you were born; now you can dig up three dollars and a half to prove it.

Following a dry period during most of April the southwest is being capiously watered with frequent rains. Bluegrass is already over ankle deep and the prairie has turned to summer green. Apple trees are in bloom scenting the air with a charming fragrance. Heavy clouds obscure the sun and mists hang in wet gloom across the meadows. It is something of a tradition that abundance of moisture in May assures abundance of grass for the season.

Feeling it all leads to the open highways to human rights, patriots will forego a lot of things normally taken for granted and maybe cure themselves of gout or other physical infirmities. We may learn something of value from enforced moderation. I have a friend who lived for more than a year on oranges and lemons. Competent physicians in our capital city X-rayed him and sent him home to die from cancer of the stomach. That was more than ten years ago. But he didn't die. Instead he consumed quantities of citrus fruits, like a cow goes after cracked corn, and today is doing his share of the world's work. The Creator hung man's first meals on the trees and the progenitors of the race attained the age of nearly one thousand years on that sort of grub. The combined efforts of doctors, dieticians and cooks have not been able to match those results.

Snow sifted along the deserted street, deserted save for a young lad in bare feet and thin clad, who stood looking into a store window on lower Fourth St. It was early winter and early morning—a winter, as sometimes occurs, a few weeks ahead of schedule. When the proprietor arrived through the morning chill to take up the duties of another day's business at the store, his first customer was not ne for financial profit. There are opportunities that come our way, experiences that touch our lives, which transcend in other values any money consideration. His attention, his interest, his sympathy, was drawn to the lad. "Have you no shoes, my boy?" "No I haven't." "Well you are too fine a boy to have to go around that way. Come on in." This scene, this bit of dialogue, took place between a lad now grown to manhood and a young man now come to the grey twilight of more than four

score years—our old friends who has out-weathered them all in the ups and downs of the mercantile business up at O'Neill, P. J. McManus. That boy left that store that morning with two warm suits of underwear, new clothes, new shoes and stockings, new head-gear and a new light in his eye. And something clicked for P. J. that was more satisfying than a hundred dollar sale.

Liberty; freedom; free people. What is it? Probably as short and accurate definition as any defines these terms as the privilege to disagree. Perhaps the far-out prairie dweller has as near full measure of freedom as anyone. His is not absolute. There are always limitations. Having traced with pen of eloquence the amazing story of mankind from remote ages one of our great historians draws this remarkable conclusion: "If history has proved—does prove—any one thing it is this: Man when least governed is greatest. When his heart, his brain, his limbs are unbound, his straight way begins to flourish, to triumph, to be glorious. Then, indeed, he flings out both hands to grasp the skyland and the stars. . . What men want, what they need, what they one-day will have the courage to demand and take, is less organic government—not more; a freer manhood and fewer shackles; a more cordial liberty and a more spontaneous virtue." But can all this come to pass as long as men are willing to be supervised, inspected, directed and generally wretched from the capitals of the nations.

### Dr. J. C. Gallagher Passes Away At Home In Ohio

O'Neill relatives received word last Sunday that Dr. J. C. Gallagher passed away at his home at Rossford, Ohio, last Sunday morning, after being in failing health for several years. He was about 65 years of age. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and five children, besides many relatives here and in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Gallagher was born in this city the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gallagher, pioneer residents of this city. He was one of a large family three of the sons taking up the study of medicine and have been very successful in their chosen profession. He had been in failing health for the past three years, but was not considered dangerously ill, until a few days before his death.

### U. S. O. Drive Opens Next Week In County

A drive to raise \$500.00 as Holt County's contribution to the United Service Organization's War Fund will get under way Monday, May 11. Solicitors in all parts of the nation will go out Monday in an effort to raise \$2,000,000.00, which will be used for carrying on the work of the USO in army camps and other training centers in this county and in the insular possessions and foreign countries where United States forces are stationed. USO operates nearly 700 units, many of which are located in areas outside the United States.

Wherever there are concentrations of men preparing to carry out wartime duties, the USO finds need of its services. In some places there are especially designed club houses. Temporary rented quarters suffice in some areas, while a number of mobile units are provided for carrying USO programs to the men in the field. USO brings together the services of the Salvation Army, Y. W. C. A., National Catholic Community Service, Jewish Welfare Society and National Travelers Aid Association.

Letters from Holt County men in uniform about the USO praise its work highly. USO is consistently at the service of the boys in uniform and is a medium whereby people throughout the nation can bring some comfort and enjoyment to their sons, relatives and friends in the Army, Navy or Marines.

### Births

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawrence, a girl, Sunday, May 3.  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farr, a boy, Sunday, May 3.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Haglen, a girl, Friday, May 1.  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Spindler, a boy, Friday, May 1.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martins, a girl, Wednesday, May 5.  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boelter, a boy, Sunday, May 5.

### Holt County Students Win Scholarship Honors At Nebraska

Six Holt county students were among the 550 recognized for high scholarship and educational achievement by the University of Nebraska at its 14th annual Honors Convocation, April 21.

Gerald Lewis Sobotka, Inman, senior in the College of Business Administration was recognized for superior scholarship by virtue of ranking in the upper three percent of his class or appearing on the Honors Lists for 4 or more years.

Frederick Bowen Hawkins, Butte, Senior in the College of Medicine, Bonnie Nadine Barnholtz, Page, junior in the College of Agriculture, Paul James Vicas, Monowi, sophomore in the College of Agriculture, and Dale Eugene Stauffer, Page, freshman in the College of Agriculture have scholastic averages which place them in the upper ten percent of their classes in the respective colleges.

Mary Ellen McKee, Atkinson, was awarded a Women's Athletic Association scholarship.

### Pioneer Holt County Woman Celebrates 82nd Birthday

Sunday, May 3, 1942, was the 82nd birthday of Mrs. Mattie Johnson, a pioneer Holt county settler, and in honor of the event her daughter, Mrs. Cora Johnson served a dinner to twenty-seven relatives and friends. The following were guests: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robertson and son Raymond; Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson and children; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and children; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Robertson and son, Warren; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harding and children; Mr. Rock; Mrs. Christina Walters; Mrs. Mary Lewis; Charles Clauson and Clinton McMillan.

Mrs. Johnson, one of the few left of the old pioneers, is hale and hearty. She came to Holt county in 1882 and has lived on the old home place ever since. She endured all hardships of the early days. Can well recall the Indian scare and the blizzard of 1888. Through all the years she has remained cheerful and optimistic with a firm faith in the future.

A most enjoyable day was spent with Mrs. Johnson and about 5:00 o'clock all departed for home, wishing her many more happy birthdays. She received many gifts and card greetings from a lot of friends and relatives who were unable to be present.

### City Council Organized For The Year 1942

The City Council organized for the coming year at the regular meeting in the City Council Chamber last Tuesday evening. There is no change in the Council for the coming year, all those in office, from the Mayor down, having been re-elected without opposition.

The Mayor submitted the following appointments to the council, all of whom were approved. The officers appointed are the same as served in the several positions during the past year:

- Chief of Police, Chet Calkins; Assistant, Bert Peterson; City Attorney, Norman Gonderinger; Engineer at pumping station, Jess Scofield; Medical Advisor, Dr. L. A. Carter; Water Rent Collector, Mattie Soukup; Street Maintenance, Robert Cook; City Dump Man, Roy Lowery.
- The Mayor also appointed the following committees for the ensuing year: Streets and Alleys, Rakowski, Phalin, Wallace; Lights, Yantzi, Alfs, Phalin; Water, Johnson, Rakowski, Yantzi; Sewer, Alfs, Wallace, Johnson; Walks and Crossings, Wallace, Rakowski, Phalin; Parks and Grounds, Phalin, Yantzi, Johnson; Auditing, Johnson, Yantzi, Phalin.

### Hospital Notes

Mrs. L. Putnam and baby dismissed Wednesday.  
Mrs. Albert Boelter and baby dismissed on Wednesday.  
Mrs. Glen Spindler and baby dismissed on Tuesday.  
Mrs. Alfred Martins of Atkinson, a daughter, born on Wednesday.  
Rex Oberle was admitted on Wednesday evening.  
Alice Kibbee was dismissed on Thursday.

### Knights Of Columbus Initiates Class Sunday

Charles Carroll of Carrollton Council No. 701, O'Neill, Nebraska, initiated seventeen candidates into the Knights of Columbus at the K. of C. Hall on Sunday, May 3, this being the third class within the past year.

The list of candidates were: Harold E. Weier, M. J. Wallace, Robert E. Arbuster, Wallace Bohn, Robert E. Miles, Edward E. Hanley, Frank Fritton, George H. Hammond, Elmer Loeffler, Oswald O. Druke, O'Neill; Conrad Schaffer, James Woslager, James B. Rotherham, Leo Tomjack, Ewing; LaVerne C. Morgan, Arthur Pacha, Stuart; Thomas L. McDonald, Atkinson.

The candidates and members of the council attended corporate communion at the eight o'clock Mass, with Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. G. McNamara officiating and delivering the sermon. The afternoon was devoted to the exemplification of the major degrees.

At seven o'clock the clergy, candidates, Knights, guests and ladies assembled in the gymnasium of Saint Mary's Academy to partake of a banquet prepared and served under the capable direction of Mother Virginia.

Music during the banquet was rendered by members of the Saint Mary's Academy band under the direction of Mr. Ira L. George, band-master. The singers during the program were students of Sister Flores and were accompanied by Mrs. T. J. Brennan.

The following program was cleverly conducted by Wm. J. Froelich, Toastmaster.

Address of welcome, Rev. R. J. Parr.

Girls Vocal Sextet, "In Silent Night," (encore) The Lass With the Delicate Air.

"Message From Supreme Knight," Francis P. Mathews, Wm. J. Kelly, Omaha.

Vocal Solo, "My Lover Is A Fisherman," (encore) "Little Shepherd Song," Sheila Barrett.

Remarks, State Deputy, Dr. J. R. Hughes, St. Paul.

Girls Vocal Quartet, "Ava Maria."

Remarks by the following: Chas. J. McDonald, district deputy, Omaha, Nebr.

George W. Dittrich, district deputy, Norfolk, Nebr.

Edward F. Fogarty, State chairman Insurance Bureau, Omaha, Nebr.

Vocal Solo, "Clavelitos," Stella Wohlgenuth.

Impressions of the day, candidates.

Girls Vocal Trio, Lullaby (encore) Three Little Maids.

Remarks, Rev. John J. O'Brien, Emmett, Nebr.

Main Address, "The Smallest Sovereign State Vatican City," Rev. C. A. Byersdorfer, St. John's Parish.

The program was closed by Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. G. McNamara invoking the benediction.

Many councils were represented from the Eastern and Southern part of the state.

Girls Sextet composed of: Martha Jonussek, Kathleen Flood, Agnes Meyer, Helen Kubitschek, Stella Wohlgenuth and Mary Miles.

Girls Quartet: Stella Wohlgenuth, Patti Keister, Nancy Froelich and Sheila Barrett.

Girls Trio: Nancy Froelich, Patti Keiser and Helen Kubitschek.

### Baseball History Of The Long Ago

John Gunthorpe, who has owned the Plainview News for the past forty years, but who lived in Denver since heck was a pup, is back again at the helm of the News, pending the securing of another manager for his paper. In the early nineties John ran the News, and he made a mighty fine paper of it and it might be, but in 1908 he was one of the managers of the Plainview baseball team; and it was a good one.

Late in the fall of that year he purchased an interest in the Denver baseball club of the Western League and went to Denver, where he was secretary-treasurer of the team. The team ran into hard sledding and John was only with them for a few years when he disposed of his interests there and came back to Plainview, where he again took up his duties as editor of his paper, the News.

John's wife is a daughter of one Holt county's earliest sheriffs, Barnabas Welton, and for that reason we have paid particular attention to his career in business. But now to the story, which concerns baseball.

In his issue of the 22nd of April, John writes what he called "interesting baseball history" of games played in the early days. In some particulars he is right, but on the results he is decidedly wrong and we would suggest that he consult his files before he attempts to write ancient history, for the papers tell the truth. The following is taken from his early days account of early games:

Along to-wards fall of that year the Sterlings went to O'Neill one Sunday and won a fine game by a score of 2 to 0, which went ten innings. This victory sort of riled the Irish of that city and they were itching for revenge. On the following Friday they came to Plainview with seven members of the Omaha Western League team, which had just finished the season, and but two of the regular O'Neill team. Well, to make a long story short, Dunaway pitched for Plainview and let the visitors down without a single hit and only permitted one runner to reach second base. This was Perry Dunaway's greatest feat of his entire career, which was marked by many other brilliant performances for other teams throughout northeast Nebraska.

We would like to call John's attention to the fact that the first game that he mentions herein was played in O'Neill on Sunday, August 10, 1908, and instead of the score being 2 to 0 in favor of Plainview it was 4 to 3 in favor of O'Neill and only lasted nine innings. This was the first game that O'Neill played that year. (See copy of The Frontier issue of August 13, 1908.) We have the files in the office John if you care to look them over. Primley was in the box for O'Neill and King for Plainview and it was a real game all the way through.

Wilson c.; Twitchell, 3b.; Murphy, 1b.; Brophy, 2b.; Englehaupt, lf.; DeSilva, rf.; Promley, p.; Biglin ss.; Hammond, cf.

On Wednesday, August 12, the O'Neill team went to Plainview for a return game and it was a hummer. The editor of The Frontier was the manager of the O'Neill team at that time and he was, naturally, present at the game. Engelhaupt was on the mound for O'Neill and Perry Dunaway for Plainview.

In that game, and the only one played by O'Neill for several years, we were shut out without a hit. It was a swell game, but Perry had miraculous support in his shut out victory. Frank Tepner played center field for Plainview and made 3 miraculous catches, that prevented six runs from scoring, or the story would have been different. But they won and they were entitled to, for Dunaway pitched a fine game. Following is the account of this game, as written by the writer, on his return from Plainview after the game:

O'Neill 0, Plainview 5. "The above score is the result of the second game between O'Neill and Plainview on the Plainview diamond yesterday afternoon. Perry Dunaway was on the rubber for Plainview and he did not allow the O'Neill boys a hit during the nine innings, being the first time in the history of the game here that a team wearing an O'Neill uniform was let down without a hit. Talk about a rabbit's foot, Perry must have had one in each pocket and a dozen or so around his neck, for he certainly pitched the luckiest game of his life. He had no speed, just "lobbed" them over, sailing them to the plate looking as big as a bushel basket and when an O'Neill slugger connect-

ed with the horse-hide they drove it into the yawning paws of a Plainview fielder. Their fielders had few hard chances, everything that was batted was sent right to them, the errors charged against them being wild throws to first on easy fielding chances, but they were not costly.

"Engelhaupt was on the mound for O'Neill. While he held them to five hits he was wilder than a December Jack Rabbit and gave free transportation to seven and hit one and these counted in the scoring.

"Johnny says we had several members of the Omaha Western League team with us in this game as the league had closed its season. As this game was played on August 12 and the Western League season did not close until the latter part of September, you can readily see that John was off again."

The following is the O'Neill line-up in that game and it will be seen that it is about the same as appeared in the first game with Plainview.

Wilson, c.; Twitchell, 3b.; Powers, rf.; Pringle, lf.; Brophy, 2b.; Foreman, 1b.; Biglin, ss.; Hammond cf.; Engelhaupt p.

### Young Woman Drops Dead After Entering Show Wednesday

Catherine Jane Manson, 32 years of age, dropped dead after entering the picture show last Wednesday evening about 7:00 o'clock. She purchased her ticket and entered the inner lobby, handing her ticket to Mrs. Racely, then fell back against her and sank to the floor. A physician was summoned at once and Dr. Carter responded but when he arrived he pronounced her dead.

Miss Manson was born in Wheeler county, Nebraska, on April 12, 1910. She lived at home with her father, who operates a farm between Chambers and Elgin, Nebr., and had been in O'Neill for about two months visiting at the home of her brother. Her death was a severe shock to her relatives as it was not known that she had heart trouble and when she entered the theatre was feeling as good as she ever had. She is survived by her father and two brothers, John Manson, Nebraska City, Neb., and Howard D. Manson, O'Neill; one step brother, Ottom Manson, New York; one sister, Madeline Clark, Elgin; two step sisters, Mrs. Richard Finwell, Ewing; Mrs. Nelson Finwell, Alameda, Calif. Funeral services will be held at Neligh, the date not having been decided up to noon Thursday.

### HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS ENTERTAIN SENIORS

The Juniors of the O'Neill Public School entertained the Seniors at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet on Tuesday evening, May 5, in the new auditorium.

The theme used was another patriotic scene using "Keep 'Em Flying." The menu carried out the theme consisting of Battle-ship fruit cup, wings, cadet salad, Red Cross buns, clouds over Dover, torpedoes and shells, ceiling zero and black-out.

The program speeches of the evening were made up of the word "defenders."

Commander-in-Chief, D. "Defenders, We Salute You," Harold Calkins.

General, E. "Encampment O'Neill Reign," Keith Vincent.

Machine Gunner, E. "Espionage," Mr. Hanna.

Bugler, N. "National Anthem," Mr. George.

Major, D. "Defend With Defense Stamps," Meredith McKenna.

Captain, E. "Ever Victorious," Robert Novratil.

Lieutenant, R. "Remember Pearl Harbor," DeMaris Benson.

Buck Private, R. "SAVE for Defense," Patty Schaffer.

### Seventy-Four Holt County Boys Left For Service Last Friday

The following Holt county young men, numbering 67, left here last Friday morning for Fort Crook, Nebr., where they were to be inducted into the U. S. Army. This is the second largest group to leave here for induction into the service of our country.

Elmer Sylvester Bergstrom, Ewing.

Otto Clement Kallhoff, Ewing.

Kennis DeWight Hansen, O'Neill.

Vincent Edward Obermire, Atkinson.

Floyd Ival McNair, Atkinson.

Lorin Chauncey Keyes, Inman.

Keneth Nathaniel Phelps, Atkinson.

Jacob Frelent Pribil, O'Neill.

Joseph H. Barto, Atkinson.

Wallace Woodrow Mitchell, Chambers.

David Nelson Keidel, Stuart.

Vernon Everett Whitaker, Chambers.

Isadore Fredrick Seaman, Atkinson.

Leonard Walter Morrow, O'Neill.

Paul Elmer Spence, Atkinson.

John Frank Carl, O'Neill.

Bernard Vincent Kalkoff, Ewing.

Arnold A. Sorenson, Atkinson.

John Charles Isaacsen, Ewing.

James Bernard Rotherham, Inman.

R. V. Crumly, Page.

Bernard Otto Baumeister, Stuart.

Lewis Frank Kopecky, Inman.

Frederick Ernest Jungbluth, Chambers.

Robert Clayton Eppenbach, Ewing.

Charles Zahradnick, Atkinson.

Paul Henry Newton, Emmet.

Cecil James Sparks, O'Neill.

Harry Arnold Johnson, Atkinson.

Clarence Henry Grant, Stuart.

Herbert Carl Spahn, Ewing.

Donald Eugene Noring, Inman.

Gifford Barton Rustemeyer, O'Neill.

Sidney Virgil Wilkinson, O'Neill.

Steven Thomas Mikus, Atkinson.

Troy Edward Karr, Atkinson.

Henry Vincent Placek, Atkinson.

Louie James Havranek, O'Neill.

George Edward Schindler, Atkinson.

Cyril Charley Peter, O'Neill.

Philip Martin Hoerle, Ewing.

Earl Otto Rutherford, Stuart.

Edward James Humpal, Atkinson.

Ivan David Baker, Atkinson.

Weslyn Richard Larson, Ewing.

Carl Mathews, Ewing.

Lester Charles Zarnfaller, Atkinson.

Theodore Levi Anderson, Redbird.

Marvin Willis Young, Inman.

John Kleinjan, O'Neill.

Alex Frickel, Atkinson.

Edmund William Evans, Atkinson.

John D. Alder, Opportunity.

Leonard Raymond Miller, Chambers.

Clarence Leslie Korhouse, Stuart.

Wade John Davis, Amelia.

Kazimierz Walter Sojka, Page.

John Herman Anderson, Page.

Ellies John Shane, Atkinson.

Raymond Lawrence Funk, Ewing.

Delbert Delvon Alder, Opportunity.

Joe Mikus, Atkinson.

Leonard James Shane, Stuart.

Charles Earl Worth, Spencer.

Albert Ernest Henkel, Atkinson.

William Lavern Galligan, Atkinson.

Hugh Joseph McManus, O'Neill.

Boys that left Monday morning from O'Neill for the U. S. Army that were transferred from other County Boards.

Wilford George Rideway of Dorsey.

Duane Stevens Gray of O'Neill.

Gilbert Ranson Anderson of Inman.

Billy Alder of Opportunity.

Woodrow Duane Woods of Atkinson.

Grant Woodrow Peacock of Atkinson.

Robert Erielle Ninas of Stuart.

Ralph McElvain and daughter, Margaret Helen and Al Strube went to Omaha Monday, to visit Mrs. Ralph McElvain at St. Joseph's hospital, who is recuperating from a major operation.

Paul Shierk went to St. Charles, S. D., Sunday after Mrs. Shierk, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Marie Petranek for the past week.