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## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders  
Anyway, the Nebraska Johnsons seem to all be Republicans.

Aisa for the Asiatics is all right with us if they are contented with that.

Cunning politics embraces neither statesmanship, business ability nor moral worth.

First waste, then want; curtailment of production, then rationing; all out agricultural effort—then what?

Wits are suggesting names for the war. Nothing quite to the point has appeared on the horizon. How about M . . . but that's a military secret.

On the old-fashioned schedule of ten hours work a day some class of workmen at the Lincoln defense construction draw \$12.50 a day. The payroll of a force of men at that stipend makes a sizable hole in the contractor's bank roll each week, but Uncle Sam keeps it replenished.

Gentlemen will not discuss the ages of ladies. The "touchy" periods of the male of the species are downy youth and venerable age. But if you get anything from Uncle Sam he has to know your age, weight and color of hair. "Verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity."

This comes out of Fremont: An old timer, a little hard of hearing, after a lengthy wait finally lined up at the registrar's desk for his sugar rationing book. "Your height," asked the fair one at the desk. "Five feet 10 inches," he replied. "Weight," came the second question. "Wait," the old timer roared, "I've waited too darn long already."

Again "little business" suffers. That picturesque individual behind a long apron, hammer in one hand, and in the other and shoe pegs in his mouth—the cobbler—together with his entrancing little shop with its row of old shoes and the smell of leather, is definitely on the way out in larger cities. The big shoe stores have equipped their "economic basements" with out fits to rebuild shoes "like new." So another notable institution is about to fade into the mists of the past.

Pausing a moment while Mary Ann Winkler made the final stroke with the pen before handing me two of the war ration books, overtime pay for teachers was mentioned. Miss Winkler remained at her desk some three hours extra each evening last week. "I do it for my country," she said. That's simple, direct, understandable—no union racketeer sentiment about that. Do it for my country! Don't that knock the grouch out of you? A country school at \$50 a month is no snap for a young woman. While we honor the heroes in uniform, how about a bit of tribute for the heroine who stays late in the little one-room school house and with a smile makes out our sugar rationing documents, and will "do it for my country."

If you enjoy "raising a row" so you can sit back and watch the fun just suggest that some official setup might be dispensed with. See the gents whose affections are attached to the payroll jump to their feet. Voices that sometimes accomplish things are first heard from the far-back places. A few voices are raised, questioning, the value of the services of the so-called railway commission, and a shout comes back asserting great savings in freight and other rates. Maybe so. Regulations, taxes and loss of business has broke the back of the only railroad across north Nebraska and the service it is able to give is a transportation joke. Before other means of transportation came under official regulation you could get a neighbor with a truck to do a turn for you and pay him what he asked, that being less than authorized hauling collect now. Maybe things are as they should be—patriots like to have something to "crab" about.

Indulging a "love feast" of things good, bad and indifferent past, present and future with Elsworth Mack on the street up at Atkinson the other day an old timer from out to the west paused

long enough in passing to tell us a chick with five legs had been hatched at his place. Even the poultry is being prepared for something unusual. You will find it pleasant, profitable, informative to spend a while with those who have traveled the same rugged road reviewing our history, our people—a people that were every inch alive, many vicious, many more noble hearted, and all brave. The record has closed for most of them. We draw the veil of charity over much of the past, and lift the veil on much more for which no descendant need blush. Elsworth came to the country as a young man in the autumn of 1884 and now faces the golden sunset. Through the long years as official, on the ranch, in business or in contact with men of good or evil designs, he has been a square shooter and every inch a man. Vigor of mind and body belie his years, though having withdrawn from the strenuous past that characterized his earlier life.

## Alfred Drayton Donates Calf That Brought \$53; Given USO; Navy Relief

Alfred Drayton, O'Neill, donated a calf which was sold at the livestock auction last Monday. The receipts of which have been equally divided between two worthy organizations, the USO and the Navy Relief. The calf, through several sales netted a total of \$53.00. Following are the contributions:

Axel Borg	\$18.00
O'Neill Livestock Com. Co.	20.00
Rex Beckwith	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53.00</b>

## Work On New Store Building Progressing Very Rapidly

Charles Melena, who has the contract for the new Mable Gatz store building, being erected adjacent to the brick occupied for many years by the Council Oak store, has the work well under way and if things go right Charles expects to have the building completed by August 1. The basement is dug and side walls built and the first of the week work was commenced on the rough floor for the first floor. Practically all of the material is on the ground and work is expected to progress rapidly. The east wall of the old building is to be torn out and both buildings made into one, which will make a store room of about 42x100 feet, and will be one of the finest store buildings in the city.

When completed it is to be occupied by the J. C. Penney company. It will be a splendid building for them as it will make lots of floor space to display their merchandise and it will be a great addition to the south side of Douglas street, which has already a number of nice new buildings.

## Lincoln Suffered From Flood Waters Monday

Lincoln was visited with a cloud burst last Monday afternoon, which resulted in the flooding of twenty miles of Lancaster county and left 300 families homeless. The property damage, while undetermined Tuesday noon, is estimated to run into the million's of dollars. Salt Creek, a little stream that runs through the south and southwest part of Lincoln, was a raging torrent. It is said to have been the highest water in the capital city since 1908. The fall of water is said to have been from 6 to 9 inches and fell in the southern part of Lincoln about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. Lincoln proper had only .31 hundredths of an inch of rain during the night.

Lincoln was apparently the center of the worst storm through the flood extended to Crete and Beatrice and struck hard in the vicinity of Hickman Roca and Sprague-Martel. The Missouri river at Nebraska City Monday night was 16.7 feet, more than a foot above flood stage, but the only flooding reported was opposite Nebraska City where more than 50 acres of low land was under water.

Miss Lanore Miles of Norfolk spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Miles.

## O'Neill Musical Students Fared Well At Omaha

Forty-one students of music from the O'Neill Public School and St. Mary's Academy competed in the ninth regional division of the National Music Contest, in Omaha on May 8 and 9. The O'Neill participants appeared in fourteen different entries, seven from each school, all on Saturday, and the results were gratifying.

Five possible ratings may be earned in the Regional Contest; they are Highly Superior; Superior; Excellent; Good; and Average.

**Ratings Earned by O'Neill School.**  
1. Tuba solo, Richard Selah.  
2. Girl's medium voice, Bonnie Yarnall.

Girl's trio, Florence Bowers, Adeline Green, and Ruth Burge.  
Girl's Sextet, Clara Lowery, Betty Williams, Adeline Green, Phyllis Johnson, Dorothy Davidson, and Florence Bowers.  
Clarinet Solo, Keith Vincent.  
Cornet trio, Dorothy Lowery, Roy Johnson, and Patty Schaffer.

Every individual who earns a Highly Superior, in either solo or group competition, is awarded a silver medal. Fourteen O'Neill High School students will receive medals.

3. Brass Sextet, Roy Johnson, Dorothy Lowery, Betty Harris, Meredith McKenna, Warren Burgess, and Richard Selah.  
Cornet solo, Dorothy Lowery.  
French Horn solo, Roy Lundgren.  
Trombone solo, Patsy Kruse.  
Girl's High Voice, Genevieve Graves.

4. Girl's High Voice, Clara Lowery.

**Ratings Earned by St. Mary's**  
1. Girl's trio, Helen Kubitschek, Nancy Froelich, and Patty Keiser.

2. Brass Sextet, James Golden, Tom Harty, Bob Wallace, Bill Froelich, Bill Brennan, and Jack Harty.

Each of these nine individuals in the two groups above will receive medals; gold medals to the Girl's Trio, and silver medals to the Sextet.

3. Clarinet solo, Donna Gallagher.  
Cornet solo, James Golden.  
Trombone solo, Bert Brennan.  
Girl's High Voice, Sheila Barrett.  
Girl's Quartette, Sheila Barrett, Patty Keiser, Nancy Froelich, and Stella White-muth.

4. Clarinet Quartette, Donna Gallagher, Yvonne Serek, Margaret Ryan, and Marilyn Moore.

5. Girl's Sextet, Stella Wohlgemuth, Martha Janousek, Helen Kubitschek, Mary Miles, Agnes Meier, and Kathleen Flood.

All contestants compete on an equal basis irrespective of the size of the school they represent. Faculty members making the trip were Marjorie Graybill, Mother Virginia, Sister Flores and Ira George.

More than 3,000 music students from seven states engaged in this competition.

The faculty and students from both schools wish to express their thanks to the people of O'Neill whose timely assistance made the trip possible.

Names of persons who furnish cars to take contestants to music contest.

Mrs. J. P. Brown, Mrs. Lundgren, Mrs. Harold Lindberg, Mrs. W. B. Graves, Mrs. W. J. Froelich, Mrs. E. M. Gallagher, Mrs. Lod Janousek, Mrs. Helen Sierk, Mrs. L. A. Burgess, M. J. Golden, and Clarence Hicks.

Names of those accompanying the attendants.

Mrs. Ed. Campbell, Mrs. Tom Brennan, Mrs. Frank Parkins, Mrs. Mabel Gatz, Mrs. Max Golden, Mrs. P. B. Harty, Mrs. P. A. Lindberg, Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek, and R. E. Moore.

General chairman of band fund, Mrs. H. G. Kruse.  
Chairman of Food Sale and Bingo, Mrs. Ed. Campbell and Mrs. P. B. Harty.  
Transportation Committee, Mrs. W. J. Froelich, Mrs. C. E. Lundgren and Mrs. Larry Barrett.

## Scholtz-Grady

During a nuptial mass solemnized at 8:45 o'clock Monday morning in St. Mary's cathedral at Grand Island, Miss Cres Scholz, daughter of Charles F. Scholz of Stuart, became the bride of John F. Grady of Denver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grady of O'Neill. Relatives and friends of the couple were present when Rev. Leo Keating officiated at the single ring service.

Miss Martha Scholz, Grand Island, a sister of the bride, and Ben Grady, O'Neill, a brother of the bridegroom, served as attendants, and Miss Mary Moody, organist, played the nuptial music. The bride wore a navy blue dress with blue and white accessories. She carried a white prayer book and her corsage was of gardenias and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid was gowned in aqua crepe with beige accessories and her corsage was a pink rose and lilies of the valley.

After the church ceremony a breakfast was served to 14 in the Scenic room at Hotel Yancey. A crystal bowl held snapdragons and roses, and garlands of smilax were at either end of the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady left for Denver immediately after the breakfast. The bride is Vice President of the First National Bank of Stuart. Mr. Grady a recent graduate of the University of Denver, and employed as a certified public accountant, will be inducted into the army May 29. Mr. Grady will return to Stuart about June 1 to resume her duties at the First National Bank.

Guests from out-of-town present were Charles Scholz, Mr. and Mrs. Florian J. Scholz of Stuart; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grady, Ben Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Art King, O'Neill; and Technician Paul H. Scholz, Fort Frances E. Warren, Wyoming.

The many O'Neill friends of these young folks wish them many years of happiness and prosperity.

## George-Switzer

Wedding bells sounded at 10 a. m. Tuesday, May 12, 1942, for Miss Phyllis Mae George, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. George of O'Neill, Nebr., and Mr. J. Darrol Switzer of Salina, Kans., the older son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Switzer of Ewing, Nebr., when they were united in marriage at the home of the brides parents, Paul C. Nielsen of Colton Calif., officiated. The couple were attended by Mrs. Stanley Rieker of Neligh, a friend of the bride, and Mr. Ronald Switzer of Clearwater, cousin of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Switzer both graduated from the Ewing High School in 1938. She attended Minnesota Bible University for 2 years, and for the past year worked as long distance operator for the Bell Telephone System in Pomona, Calif. Mr. Switzer is a graduate of Boyles Business College of Omaha, upon graduation he began working for Marsh-Patterson, Walker, Condon Contractors at Salina, Kans., where he is pay-master.

Mrs. Howard Manson of O'Neill friend of the family played the wedding march. Those in attendance were, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Switzer, Wendell and Shirley Switzer of Ewing, Nebr.; Norris George of O'Neill and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nielsen of Colton, Calif.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served the guests following the ceremony. The wedding cake was baked by Norris George, only brother of the bride. The newlyweds left immediately for Salina, Kans., where they will make their home at 837 Merrill Street, which is in readiness for the bride. Their host of friends wish them much happiness and success in the future.

## The Weather

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May 8	65	44
May 9	74	61
May 10	71	54
May 11	60	54
May 12	70	51
May 13	60	51
May 14	53	33

Total of moisture for the week was 3.21.

We have had 5.88 of moisture since April 1, and the normal moisture for the central division for April and May is 5.75.

Cars	150.00
Miscellaneous	3.75
<b>Balance</b>	<b>193.00</b>
Beatrice Harty, Edna Kruse, Etta Campbell.	\$ 40.90
Rooms	\$ 39.25

## Next Week Busy One For O'Neill High Students

On Friday evening, May 15, at 8 o'clock in the high school gym, the pupils of the O'Neill grade school will present a musical program for parents, patrons, and friends. After the program the grade rooms will be open for inspection and teachers and pupils will welcome visitors.

The program will be built around the theme "Americans All; Immigrants All." It will consist of songs learned by the children in their regular music classes, selections by the Kindergarten Rhythm Band, and the Junior Band.

There will be no admission charge, and everyone is welcome.

The school year comes to a close on May 22. Semester examinations are scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday. Report cards will be distributed Friday morning at nine o'clock.

School picnics will be included in the school activities next week. The grades will have their picnic within a two-mile radius from O'Neill with the majority of them at the City Park. An all-high school picnic is being planned for Friday, May 22, at Oak View if transportation can be secured. High school students are urged to go with their classes and not to drive private cars. A parent's permit will be required for anyone going in a car.

Twenty pupils are eligible to receive their eighth grade diplomas from the O'Neill Public School this year. They are as follows: Richard Anspack, Leone Block, Hazel Burgess, Alma Dailey, Mary Ernst, Gordon Hiatt, Earle Hollenbeck, Marvin Holsclaw, Max Kipple, Leo Lawyer, George Layh, Marjorie McElhanly, Fred Osenbaugh, Eugene Porter, Jean Rakowski, Kenneth Stewart, Helen Summers, Alvin Vorce, Lyle Walling and Betty Wyant.

Graduation exercises for these pupils and the High School Seniors will be held in the school auditorium on Wednesday evening, May 20, at eight o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend the graduation exercises.

Forty-two students of the O'Neill High School are candidates to receive diplomas this spring. The various courses that they have followed during their training in high school are College Preparatory, Commercial, General, Normal Training, Secretarial, and Vocational Agricultural.

Candidates for graduation classified according to the courses followed are:

**College Preparatory:**  
Eula Closson, Francis Gunn, Margaret Halva, Dorothea Jardee, Roy D. Johnson, Clara L. Lowery, Roy Lundgren, Ted Manzer, Mary Jane Morgan, Carol Page, Patricia Schaffer, Gerald Topp, Keith Vincent, Benjamin Wetzler, Betty Williams.

**Commercial:**  
Dorothy Kratochvil, Betty Osborne, Anita Murphy, Herbertha Russ, Eunice Schwisow.

**General:**  
Dorothy Bennett, Genevieve Graves, Richard Holsclaw, Gerald Leach, Orville Lewis, Donald Loy, Charles Ridgeway, Darle Stewart.

**Normal Training:**  
Eula Ora Lee Closson, Dorothea Jane Jardee, Roy Johnson, Clara Lowery, Mary Jane Morgan, Carol Page, Betty Williams.

**Secretarial:**  
Florence Bowers, Ruby Eveland, Adeline Green, Pauline Kipple, Bonnie Kurtz, Ruth Lawrence, DeLoris Oberle, Margaret Reimer.

**Vocational Agriculture:**  
Hugh Benson, Dean Burge, Ronald Huebert, Ervin Kloppenborg, Rex Oberle, Eldon Peterson.

Graduation exercises for the Seniors and Eighth Graders are scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 20, at eight o'clock in the school auditorium. Diplomas and scholarships will be awarded at that time.

The graduates this year will have the privilege of hearing Dr. W. H. Morton give the commencement address. Dr. Morton is Chairman of the Department of Secondary Education and Principal of Teachers College High School at the University of Nebraska. The topic for the Commencement Address is "Youth Marches On."

The Junior class has charge of the decorations and ushering for the Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises. Everyone is welcome to attend.

will be held this Sunday at eight o'clock in the school auditorium. The processional and recessional will be played by Mrs. F. E. Parkins. Dr. J. E. Spencer, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will give the scripture reading, prayer, and benediction.

The invocation and class sermon will be given by Reverend V. C. Wright, pastor of the Methodist church. The theme of the class sermon will be, "Are These Worth Defending?" The high school mixed chorus will sing, "In the Night Christ Came Walking," and "Were You There."

The Seniors will be attired in royal blue caps and gowns with red, white, and blue tassels.

Everyone is invited to attend this service Sunday evening in the school auditorium.

## Rodney V. Garwood

Rodney V. Garwood, an employee of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha, died in the Golden Hotel about 8:15 last night from the result of a heart attack suffered the night before. The body will be taken to Hastings, Nebr., this afternoon and then to Carroll, Nebr., where funeral services will be held.

Mr. Garwood was coming to this city from Hastings last Tuesday night and when about at Cummingsville, Wheeler county, the four corners, he ran into wind and hail storm that caused considerable damage that afternoon. After his arrival in this city he suffered a light heart attack and Dr. Finley was called and his family notified. His wife and a son arrived here yesterday afternoon a few hours before his death.

Mr. Garwood was a native of Carroll, Nebr., and was 46 years of age. He was a member of the Masonic lodge and the American Legion. He leaves his wife and five children to mourn his passing.

## St. Mary's Senior Class Presents Play Tuesday

The Senior Class of St. Mary's Academy will present the class play, "Spring Fever," on Tuesday evening, May 19, and eight o'clock in the O'Neill high school auditorium. Tickets for this performance will be 25c.

The matinee will be Monday afternoon at 2:00—Tickets 10c. Your patronage is solicited.

**THE CAST:**  
Jack Howard has "Spring Fever" all year, Gene Higgins.  
Price, his married brother, Jim Higgins.  
Ray Butler, his chum, Harry Piery.  
Mr. Knight, the athletic coach, Paul Kubitschek.  
Peggy, Jack's kid sister, Concy Golden.  
Bertha, their mother, Marion Bosn.  
Eulalie Barnes, her sister, Chickie Iler.  
Donna Howard, Price's wife, Mary Ellen Schaaf.  
Spring Billington, Jacky's waitress, Mary Helen Martin.  
Tessie, the general help, Geneva Pribil.

## Firemen Held Election Of Officers Monday Night

At the regular annual meeting last Monday night, at the fire hall, the O'Neill Firemen elected officers for the ensuing year. After the business meeting the members adjourned to the Western Hotel Tea Room where they sat down to a sumptuous feast, which it is needless to say they all enjoyed. Following are the officers for the ensuing year:

G. E. Miles, Chief.  
G. E. Burge, Assistant.  
Norb Uhl, Captain.  
Joe Martin, Head Lineman.  
Frank Clement, Secretary.

## Home Demonstration Meeting Postponed

The annual meeting of the Nebraska Council of Home Demonstration Project Clubs has been postponed until fall was announced by Mrs. George Rector, Holt County chairman at the annual Achievement Day program in O'Neill last Friday. The meeting was scheduled for June 16-18.

The tire situation, need for women on the farm to help with increased food production and the need for planning food preservation immediately, were given as reasons for the postponement.

## Tornado Struck Southwest Of Ewing Monday Evening Killing Four

Tornadoes that brought death and destruction to at least 7 north-east Nebraska communities last Tuesday evening, leaving in their wake 5 dead, 4 injured, 2 critically, scores of head of livestock killed and thousands of dollars worth of property damage. Areas struck were near Ewing, Elgin, Oakdale, Osmond, Foster, Randolph and Niobrara.

Southwest of Ewing Mr. and Mrs. John Leahy and two daughters, Elaine 9, and Barbara 5, were killed and a daughter, Shirley 8, was seriously injured, but is expected to recover.

According to a report of the storm in the Norfolk News the members of the Leahy family were killed as they dashed toward the storm cave from their home. They were apparently picked up and hurled against a building or to the ground. The mother and father and one of the girls were killed instantly, while the other girl lived about two hours.

Father Byersdorfer, of St. John's was in the city last evening, and while we did not get to talk to him, we understand that eleven members of his parish suffered severe property damage, but no lives were lost.

Victor Balliwitz family, in the same neighborhood, as the Leahy family, escaped death by dashing into their cellar a few seconds before the tornado ripped across their farm and destroyed every building.

The Frank Hawk family, living in the same territory were caught in their house by the storm, but as the building stood they were unhurt. All other buildings on the place were wrecked.

Many of the buildings on the John Balliwitz farm near Ewing were reduced to splinters.

The Leahy home was torn to pieces and the parts of the building scattered over a wide area. An automobile stood at the side of the house and was driven away the next morning on its own power, being undamaged.

Northwest of Orchard Mrs. Frank Vrooman, about 60, was killed and her husband seriously injured and may die. Several other people were injured in this section of the state by the storm, but none are considered serious.

## Frontier Readers Continue Renewing Their Subscriptions

The following Frontier readers called or remitted by mail, a renewal of their subscriptions to The Frontier during the past month. We still have a large number of readers on our list who are still in arrears and we hope that they will call during the next few weeks and extend their subscriptions, or remit same direct to us. We desire to express our sincere thanks to the many readers who have extended their subscriptions during the past three months. A good paid up list of readers is a great incentive to a newspaper man to strive to the utmost to give his readers a bright, newsy paper:

Mrs. Arthur Burge.  
Rev. C. A. Byersdorfer.  
Dr. L. A. Burgess.  
Charles A. Spengler.  
R. M. Gannon.  
Agricultural Record.  
E. M. Beaver.  
Eli Hershiser, New.  
Rudolph Brockman.  
Dr. O. W. French.  
Dr. J. P. Brown.  
D. B. Perkins.  
O'Neill Photo Co.  
H. R. Allen.  
Carroll O'Neill.  
Award Spengler.  
George Mellor.  
James Carman.  
Jacob Hoerle, New.  
Frank Oberle.  
Universal Press Clipping Bureau.  
James Davidson.  
John Davidson.

The friends and relatives of James Rotherham gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Flood, his aunt, Sunday, honoring him with a farewell party. Mr. Rotherham was inducted into the service and will report for duty May 16 at Fort Crook, Omaha. A delicious dinner was served by the hostess and the afternoon was spent in playing cards and singing. Before leaving James was presented with a very lovely wrist watch as a farewell gift.

Ann Asher spent Sunday in Norfolk visiting friends.