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SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

The Battle Creek Sanitarium, for over half a century a notable health institution and the progenitor of the present day breakfast cereals, has been sold to the government for hospital purposes.

Tests made on 22,231 Nebraska men for military service, 189 are reported by the public health service rejected because of venereal diseases. Still some medical missionary work to do in the eradication of these diseases.

Rationing of gasoline may or may not be necessary, but we will smile anyway, knowing that if there is not more or less fumbling and conflicting edicts our numerous bureau bosses have to be more than human.

The union printers have shown their usual good sense during the strife on the labor front and keep steadily at their job turning out books, papers, multiplied printing forms and works of art. So far only four printers have staged a walkout, and that was in a small plant in Lincoln.

See who's here—our old friend, Charley Bryan, with a whole bag full of new and ancient tricks to catch the votes. At three score and fifteen years most men care no longer for the strenuous life of a politician, but not so an indomitable Bryan. Still inspired by a mission to reduce taxes, raise the pensions to \$30 and a few other propositions which during three terms as governor he failed to materialize, Mr. Bryan seeks now the nomination for the fourth try at it.

From across the prairie came the deep-throated roar of an enraged bull, then a human voice that was neither a cry nor a call sounded above the maddened roar—a voice of terror, an indescribable cry, the very dregs from out the pit of human agony, that sent a chill of horror up to the roots of a listener's hair. Invisible, but no mistaking that terrifying roar, that human sound of despair. A prairie dweller was being battered to death by a bull gone mad. Then I roll over in bed, eyes open to another day and feel relieved that it was only a dream, but the chilling horror still lingers.

Amid the larger tragedies falling hourly on a troubled world the news columns have space for only four lines telling of the drowning of a 10-year old South Sioux City lad in the muddy waters of the Missouri river a day last week. Fatal accidents, butchery in battle, bodies blown to bits, sunk in miles of ocean's depths, are so frequent, so common every day, every hour, that little thought of sympathy goes out to a single desolated home. The overwhelming loss to the parents of that 10-year old boy who went to his doom in the river waters is not compensated with the thought that sustains many fathers and mothers whose sons are being sacrificed on the altar of freedom, and their grief must be the more poignant.

The feathered tribe scratching the barnyard and chasing down the festive grasshoppers have always been known as poultry, little concession being made to the more exclusive if less elegant term fowl. Now the legal classification goes into effect in Wisconsin that the cackling hens and crowing roosters are domestic animals. It makes no difference to the speckled biddy when she drops her egg if the learned men haggle over whether she is a hen, poultry, fowl or domestic animal. Perhaps the legal mind reasons from the starting point of animal, vegetable and mineral—the three kingdoms of our school days. Certainly a chicken is not a domestic vegetable nor a foreign mineral, though some tough specimens that have been served at table could nearly qualify as related to rock. Hence the only classification, reasons the legal mind, left for the chicken is domestic animal.

Up in the sand hills west of Wood Lake, where his ranch is located, Sam McKelvie felt it worth mentioning in his Nebraska Farmer that he had ridden a horse to a neighbor's five miles

John I. Cork

John I. Cork of Page died at a Tilden hospital last Saturday morning at 12:30 a. m., after an illness of eighteen days, of uremic poisoning, at the age of 58 years and fourteen days. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church at Page, Rev. Vincent Bee officiating and burial in the Page cemetery.

John Ivis Cork was born at Turin, Iowa, on May 22, 1884, where he lived for many years. On April 24, 1907, he was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Leff, the ceremony being performed at Sioux City, Iowa. Five children were born of this union, four of whom, with their mother, survive and are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. Three children are: Mrs. Vivian Steinberg, Page, Harold, Spencer, and Lloyd, Page. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Emma A. Cork of Oakdale and one sister, Mrs. Lula Clemenson, of Oakdale.

Mr. Cork had been a resident of this county since 1919, when he came here from Tilden, Nebr. For many years he ran a filling station at Page, until failing health compelled him to dispose of his business about a year and a half ago. He was a good citizen and had many friends in the eastern part of the county, where he was well known.

Church School Program

On Sunday evening, June 14 at 8:00 o'clock the Daily Vacation Bible School of the Presbyterian Church will present its Children's Day program. This program will be of interest to all inasmuch as it is patriotic as well as Biblical. It will consist of salutations to the American and Christian flags and to the Bible. The song, "Nearer, My God, to Thee" will be pantomimed by seven girls. Also the parable, "The Lost Sheep," will be dramatized by ten of the junior young people. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come and enjoy this program.

Too Many People Words Fail To Come

Ensign Donald F. Mason, nephew of H. F. Gilday of this city, who didn't waste words in his "Sighted Sub, Sank Same" message, couldn't find any at a city hall reception for war heroes Monday in New York, when he was asked to make a speech. "I am speechless," he said. "We could use you in the City Council," commented Mayor La Guardia.

Ensign Mason, along with fifteen other British and American war heroes, were greeted Monday by crowds of cheering New Yorkers who laid down a barrage of welcome to them at the start of a nationwide tour. After a formal reception given by government, city and British officials they rode in automobiles along a parade route which reached from the Battery to city hall, and then continued uptown along Seventh Avenue to the Father Duffy statue in Times Square.

Ticker tape rained from skyscrapers as the cars pushed thru crowded cheering throngs in the downtown area where many institutions gave their employees time off to witness the show.

distant. Not to create a controversy nor detract any from the equestrian accomplishments of another, our former governor has nothing on this humble pilgrim. I swung onto a saddle horse at Atkinson an afternoon last week and made it out twenty odd miles to my layout by 6 that evening, and probably the frosts of several more winters rest upon me than on Mr. McKelvie. I have made the trip many times between home and Atkinson, but that afternoon was the first time I got a look at the country. Rolling along in an automobile you see nothing but a track to follow. On the back of a horse the whole magnificent scene is open to you—the rounded hills, the level meadows and miles of pasture lands where countless herds graze, the lakes and water course from which wild ducks take to wing as you ride by, the flowers and birds, the open country and here and there the evidence of the security of a home set among a grove of stately cottonwoods. I learned to ride and handle a horse when riding was a necessity. Looks like it may come to that again, and if it does Billy Biglin is going to be helpless.

Congressman Coffee Files For U. S. Senator



Harry B. Coffee, of Chadron, who now is serving his fourth term as Congressman from Nebraska's "Big Fifth" District, filed Tuesday as a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States Senator.

A consistent non-interventionist before the attack on Pearl Harbor, Coffee asserted, in making his announcement, that "whether we wanted to get into the war or not is no longer an issue."

"We have been attacked. Everything America and democracy has meant to us is threatened by our enemies. We must fight our way to victory and a lasting peace with every ounce of strength and courage we possess," Coffee declared.

At the same time, however, Coffee said he is firmly convinced the people and the Congress must maintain constant vigilance against subversive efforts to destroy American standards and institutions from within.

"I have vigorously opposed, and I shall continue to oppose the activities of any individual or group of individuals seeking to take advantage of the emergency war effort to advance their own selfish interest," he said.

"There can be no compromise in our efforts to preserve our democratic institutions," he added. "When the war is over, we must make certain that there is a speedy return to democratic processes of government and to the liberties which we are fighting to preserve. We must be prepared to extricate ourselves from the war-born grip of a controlled economy."

During his eight years in Congress, Harry Coffee has been a member of the House committee on Agriculture.

He was the author of the amendment which authorized the granting of 85 per cent of parity loans on wheat and corn.

Wheat growers in Nebraska received 15 million dollars more for their 1941 crop as a direct result of that amendment and at a time when increasing surpluses threatened a further depression of the market prices.

Coffee was also the author of the present Federal Seed Labeling Act, which has saved farmers millions of dollars in losses they might otherwise have sustained through use of poor and unadapted seed.

He was primarily responsible for the law authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to dispose of surplus agricultural commodities through relief channels and subsidized exports.

The Food Stamp program, which later solved many of the country's relief problems, resulted from that original legislation.

Asserting that the "Triple-A" farm program must, in his opinion, be continued and perfected, Coffee said this program "is essential to securing the maximum contribution from agriculture in the war effort, and to meet the future emergency needs of agriculture."

Harry Coffee was born 52 years ago on a ranch in Sioux county, Nebraska, and was graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1913.

He volunteered and served in the first World War as a Lieutenant in the Air Service.

Steel Creek Calf Club

The Steel Creek Calf Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Siders on Saturday night, May 23. All nine members were present. The record books were passed out. The discussion centered around choosing the right kind of calf. It was decided to have the next meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Flora Knight and the meeting was adjourned. After the meeting a delicious lunch was served.—Glen Knight, News Reporter.

Pioneer Settlers Observe Wedding Anniversary

On June 6, 1917, the marriage of Miss Angela O'Neill, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Neill of Anncarr, and Blake Benson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Benson of Meek, was performed at Fremont, Nebr. Julia O'Neill and Carroll O'Neill, sister and brother of the bride, were the attendants. After a short honeymoon the couple returned and started housekeeping on the farm of the groom's parents, where they still reside.

On June 6, 1942, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Benson celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. At about 1:30 p. m., 65 relatives and friends gathered at their home to help them celebrate the day. The afternoon was spent in visiting, playing cards and taking pictures. Two beautiful cakes, baked in the form of bells and decorated with roses and silver, adorned the table. A delicious lunch was served at 5 o'clock, which everyone enjoyed.

A beautiful 14-piece set of silverware was given to them by their children: Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Benson of Los Angeles, and Miss Inez Benson, also of Los Angeles, and Hugh, Demaris and Stanley at home. A silver pitcher was presented to them by friends and relatives.

Much credit must be given to Mrs. Arthur O'Neill and her helpers for the success of the party. Mr. and Mrs. Benson have the heartiest congratulations of their many friends who wish them many more years of happiness and prosperity.

Those who helped them celebrate last Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young, Alice, Robert and Marvin; Mr. and Mrs. Orton Young and Ruth; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young, Dorothy, Richard, Mary and Stanley; Mr. Young, Lawrence and Inez; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse, Lloyd and Delbert; Miss Maude Rouse, Arthur Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rouse and Marvin; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters, Florence, LaVonne, Allen and Arlene; Mrs. F. H. Griffith, Leonard Lorenz and George Rock.

Descendents of Pioneers Celebrate Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on June 7. They were married twenty-five years ago at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rouse, in O'Neill.

Those who helped them celebrate last Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young, Alice, Robert and Marvin; Mr. and Mrs. Orton Young and Ruth; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young, Dorothy, Richard, Mary and Stanley; Mr. Young, Lawrence and Inez; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse, Lloyd and Delbert; Miss Maude Rouse, Arthur Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rouse and Marvin; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters, Florence, LaVonne, Allen and Arlene; Mrs. F. H. Griffith, Leonard Lorenz and George Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Young's children were all here for the occasion, Leonard, Thelma, Edward and Helen. A fine dinner was partaken of at 12:30, which all enjoyed. As evening drew near all left for their homes after extending congratulations and hoping that they would be able to celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary.

New Bulletins Available At County Agent's Office

Several new circulars on subjects of current interest at this time have just been published by the Agricultural Extension Service. Some are CC 50, "Home Grown Proteins," and CC 52 on "Saving Labor on Farms." Extension Circular 9950, "Ways to Save Sugar When You Put Up Fruit" has just been published.

It includes information on canning fruit crushed, in slices, or in halves, or large pieces with the shape preserved, and the making of jams, jellies, and preserves, so as to cut down on sugar.

A free copy of all three may be obtained from the County's office in O'Neill.

The Weather

June 4	90	66
June 5	90	64
June 6	87	61
June 7	70	65
June 8	77	63
June 9	77	65

Precipitation for the week .95 inches.

American Soldiers Pay Raised To \$50 Per Month

A \$50-a-month pay scale for the personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard had the overwhelming approval of Congress, which voted on Monday.

In a 58 to 20 vote it instructed its members of a joint conference committee to accepthouse amendments to the military pay adjustment bill which would give army buck privates and navy apprentice seamen \$50 a month.

In the same action, the Senate voted to raise the pay of first class privates and second class seamen to \$54 and to make all of the increases for ranks up to and including second lieutenants retroactive to the first of this month.

The House meanwhile passed and sent to the Senate for action a compulsory pay allotment and allowance bill for dependents of service men.

The House accepted the Senate deduction and allowance rates under which a service man with "Class A" dependents must allot \$22 of his monthly pay to their support, with the government adding \$28 for a wife, \$12 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child.

4-H Judging School Wednesday, June 17

Plans for a combined judging and demonstration school to be held in the O'Neill High School on Wednesday, June 17 are underway.

These events which have been held on two separate days in the past are being combined to save time and travel for those 4-H members who plan to attend.

Team demonstrations will be given assistance by Extension Service specialists in the morning and the afternoon will be given to judging of home economics projects in the school. Livestock judging will be conducted at nearby farms. All 4-H members are invited to be in attendance and take part in the day's activities.

Marriage Licenses

Cleo J. Zinky, Atkinson, Nebr. Margaret Bourne, Atkinson, Nebr., on June 9, 1942.

Neil Ray Williams, Johnston, Nebr., Virginia Ann Baxter, Johnston, Nebr., on June 10, 1942.

Religious Patriotic Celebration at St. John's

Before an estimated gathering of five hundred people, a colorful Solemn High Mass was sung on last Thursday, at St. John's. Seventy children carrying small American flags, led by a Cross-Bearer flanked by two large American flags, marched from the chapel to a beautifully decorated altar at the southwest corner of the parish grounds. In the center of the procession, covered by a canopy, the Blessed Sacrament was carried by Father Byersdorfer, assisted by Father Versderfer of Ewing and Father Parr of O'Neill. During the procession, "My Country 'Tis Of Thee" and "God Bless America" were played on the organ.

Arriving at the enclosed altar, which was trimmed in Gold and White, and small American flags flying from the tops of the enclosure, and "For God and Country" lettered in midnight blue directly over the altar itself, a Solemn High Mass was sung followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

After Benediction special prayers were said for the Boys in the Armed forces of Our Country. The entire congregation then sang the "Star Spangled Banner" closing the ceremonies. Father Byersdorfer is the pastor of St. John's.

Presbyterian Church Dr. J. E. Spencer, Pastor

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. The subject of the sermon will be: "Divine Ideas for the Present Age."

Evening service at 8:00 o'clock. At this time the church school will present its Children's Day program.

Circle No. 2 will meet at the home of Mrs. J. D. Osenbaugh on Thursday afternoon, June 18th, with Mrs. C. E. Jones assisting.

Mary Lois Mohr spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mohr, at Atkinson.

The Methodist Church

V. C. Wright, Minister
Children's Day program, Sunday, 10:00 a. m.

Public Worship 11:00 a. m.
Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p. m.

Summer Institute at Stanton, June 15 to 22. Betty Lou Harris, Phyllis Johnson and Leah Bruegman will go as delegates from O'Neill. Miss Ruth Harris will have charge of the music at the Institute. Rev. Howard Yoder of Lima, Peru, and Rev. Adrian J. Edgar of Nebraska Wesleyan University will be two of the special leaders.

Holt County Boy Wins Two Weeks Scholarship

Two junior students in the College of Agriculture at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, will receive an intensive course of study in live stock marketing at the eighth annual Live Stock Marketing School, to be held in Chicago June 22 to July 2 under the sponsorship of the Union Stock Yard and Transit Company, operators of the Chicago market.

According to William J. Loeffel, head of the animal husbandry department, those who will attend from Nebraska are Miles E. Cadwallader, whose home is in Oxford, Furnas county, and Millard Ickes, Page, Holt county.

The scholarships will entitle them to the two-week course, including all expenses while in Chicago. They will be associated in the school with selected juniors from 17 other state agricultural colleges.

Approximately 100 men prominently identified with the live stock industry at the Chicago Stock Yards will appear on the program of the course, which will reveal the workings of the world's largest live stock market.

Anton Toy, Jr., Enlists In The Naval Reserves

Anton Toy, jr., 20 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Toy of O'Neill, has enlisted as a flying student in the United States Naval Reserve and has been sworn in at the Kansas City Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board. He was graduated from the O'Neill high school in 1939 and has attended the University of Nebraska for two years.

Toy soon will be ordered to a pre-flight training induction center for three months of physical conditioning under several of the nation's leading athletic coaches, and then will begin preliminary flight training at one of the naval reserve aviation bases.

Page Reporter To Suspend This Week

Edward L. Jordan, who has been operating the Page Reporter for the past year, having the mechanical work done at Ewing, announced in his last issue that this week would see the end of the paper, as it would be suspended after this issue. Running The Reporter was a side issue with Mr. Jordan as he is and has been for several years the superintendent of the Page Public School. The Reporter was in its thirty-eighth year and at one time was a successful little town paper, but for the past fifteen years there has been hard sledding for a man to make expenses there. It is the same all over the country. The building of good roads hit the little towns hard, as the people then began to travel to the larger towns to do their shopping where they had larger stocks from which to make their selections. Page is the second small Holt county town that has lost its newspaper, the first being Inman, a few years ago.

South Side Improvement Club

The South Side Improvement Club held their May meeting at the home of Mrs. Bessie Burge. On account of the bad roads several of the members were not present. It was an afternoon meeting. Plans were made to re-elect officers at the next meeting, which will be held at Mr. Ralph Fritton's.

Martin Cronin of New York City arrived Friday morning for a visit with relatives and friends. Martin left here about twenty years ago and he misses many of the old faces. He says O'Neill has grown so during the past twenty years that he would never recognize it.

Former O'Neill Girl Has Prominent Part In Washington Club

Archbishop Curley paid his annual visit to the Curley Club of Washington on Thursday night of last week and was presented with a \$1,000 check to be used for Catholic education.

In accordance with his annual custom, His Excellency endorsed the check and turned it back to the club to be used by it for the establishing of Catholic high school scholarships.

At this annual reception to the Archbishop by the Curley Club only the honored guest and members of the organization are present.

The Curley Club was organized many years ago and adopted the Archbishop's name. Its membership represents many States of the Union, for it is composed of Catholic young men and women who left their homes to take up employment in the Capital City of the Nation.

Miss Mary McGee was the founder of the club. The organization meets on the second and fourth Thursdays at the Continental Hotel where social events, including bridge and dancing, are held. These social events have added much to the happiness of the members. There have been many marriages in the organization.

The club's record in establishing scholarships for deserving boys and girls has been a notable one. Many boys and girls have been given a Catholic higher education and invariably have been most successful in their various vocations.

Miss McGee welcomed the Archbishop. She emphasized the responsibility of the members of the club in reaching members of their faith who are serving in Washington. There are many of the Catholic Faith who have come to Washington in recent months, said Miss McGee, and it behooves the members of the club to try to get in contact with them and see that they enjoy the benefits of Catholic associates and environment.

Miss McGee is a sister of Ed and James Earley north of this city and was a former resident of this county, but has been employed in the governmental departments in Washington for several years. There are a few of the old timers here who will remember Miss McGee.

Youths 18-20 To Register For Draft June 30

Nebraska's 105 local selective service boards are being given leeway in making arrangements for the June registration of an estimated 30,000 youths between the ages of 18 and 20, Major H. R. Turner, chief state registration officer, announced Monday.

Local boards will announce the location of registration stations for their respective jurisdictions and decide whether they will use one, two or three days for the job.

"Although Tuesday, June 30, is the official date set for the registration over the nation," the Major explained, "Nebraska boards may spread the task over a three-day period if they wish."

"Boards electing to use three days will begin their registrations on Saturday, June 27. No board will be permitted to take registrations on Sunday, June 28, and all must accept registrations on June 30," Major Turner said.

Youths subject to the June registration are those not now registered who will be at least 18 years old on June 30 but were not 20 years old, or older on January 1, 1942. Young men under 20, who have enlisted, need not register since they are already in the service.

Like members of the 45-65 age group, youths under 20 are not now subject to call to military service. Upon reaching their twentieth birthdays, however, young men who register this month will become eligible for classification and induction, the Major said.

Registration hours will be the same as in the previous four registrations—7 a. m. until 9 p. m.—and volunteer help will again be used.

Mrs. H. G. Kruse entertained the M. and M. Club at her home Wednesday evening. Honored guests were, Mrs. Bachman and Mrs. Howard Richards. High score was won by Mrs. Cole and low score by Mrs. Kersenbrock.