

BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

By Romaine Saunders

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kennedy and little daughter arrived in Amelia last Saturday night from Las Vegas, Nevada, for a few days' visit with relatives. Maurice is employed in government defense work and cannot remain away long.

Petitions now on file down at Lincoln for three so-called independent candidates for United States senator disclose the confusion of that group of citizens who are without the anchor of definite political convictions. Men are needed just now in important government places who stand for something and know why.

John Bower is at Sidney, at this writing, with his lawyer, defending his right in court to collect for the sale of a bull a year ago at South Omaha. The bull carried the brand of a rancher in the Sidney neighborhood. When the animal was offered on the market payment was held up by this rancher who claims it was stolen from his herds. Mr. Bower had bought the bull at a public sale in this county and goes to bat in court to establish his ownership.

We Nebraskans have known Salt Lake City because of the lake from which the city derives its name as well as the great temple of worship which raises sacred spires to the mountain air. I am indebted to John T. Brennan, eldest son of one of O'Neill's sturdy pioneers, for tangible evidence that this center of a great people is also a productive region. He has just sent me by prepaid express a crate of peaches that are the finest specimens of this delightful fruit I have yet seen. John is no piker nor are his peach trees—which, if this crate is a sample, hang their bending bows with pink lusciousness not quite the size of croquet balls. Very generous of you, John; a simple thank you seems pitifully inadequate.

Three airplanes, apparently under government sanction, roared high overhead Sunday, outlined in clear relief against the deep azure of a cloudless sky. By nightfall one or all may have circled a landing field at a far distant point, settled to rest and disembarked important personages on serious missions bent, and here in calm security we are allotted another masterpiece of nature's handiwork—the red and purple glow of a prairie sunset that sets aflame the distant horizon this early autumn evening. The airplanes, friendly planes, a part of our great national life now shaking itself into an irresistible force, have long since passed from view in the flight from distant point to distant point, but OUR planes—not an enemy's black messengers of death that have scoured other lands. And as the dwellers of the prairie lands sense the horrors of earth's lazar house, they freely give of their goods and sacrifice sons to end this monstrous wrong.

If fathers and mothers are doing nothing else for their boys and girls they are going the limit in school buildings and equipment for their education. Gyms, football fields, libraries, lecture rooms, instructors fortified with university degrees, coaches, domestic science and even transportation furnished. The prairie homesteaders' kids had none of this. Often "school was kept" in the homesteader's dwelling, uncertainly warmed in winter, never heated, by a puffing hay burner, the teacher maybe wearing felt boots to impart some comfort to otherwise cold feet. A rising young Demosthenes would stand by the old cook stove and proceed with his readin' lesson, "Give me of your bark, O birch tree! of your yellow, white-skinned wrapper!" Arithmetic, spelling, and maybe a bit of grammar completed the day's schedule. But don't think the boys and girls didn't have their fun or grew up ignorant. With all our magnificent schools—which we would not wish to part with—I fear Holt county will never produce an abler bunch of go-getters than was functioning a generation ago.

Pfc. Billy Miller, who had been here visiting his mother, Mrs. Catherine Miller, and other relatives for two weeks, returned last Saturday to Fort Eustis, Va.



Don't Let That Shadow Touch Them
Buy WAR BONDS

New Bond Poster.—Now being displayed throughout the country is this impelling poster pointing out the urgency of buying War Bonds now before it is too late. This is part of the general War Bond Campaign in which everyone is asked to invest at least 10 percent of his income in War Bonds. Illustration is by Laurence Beale Smith.

Harry E. Ressel Is New Chairman Salvage Com.

Harry E. Ressel of Chambers, present chairman of the Holt County AAA, was appointed chairman of the Salvage Committee of the Holt County Council of Civil Defense by Chairman Julius D. Cronin on Wednesday and promptly entered upon his duties, presiding at a county-wide meeting Wednesday evening when plans were mapped for an aggressive campaign designed to obtain all of the scrap metal in the county in the next three weeks.

James W. Rooney, who had been chairman of the Salvage Committee for the past seven months, resigned last week because of the demands of his business upon his time. After efforts to induce him to reconsider had failed, his resignation was accepted with thanks for a difficult job well done.

Mr. Ressel, the new chairman, is a capable, pleasant gentleman with an extensive acquaintance in the county and has behind him a fine AAA organization. He will make an effective, active chairman who will keep Holt county in the forefront of all scrap and salvage drives. His is a difficult, important job performed without compensation for the benefit of us all and is essential to the winning of the war. It is hoped that he will have the hearty cooperation of everyone.

O'Neill and Bloomfield Hi Schools Battle To Tie

O'Neill and Bloomfield fought to a scoreless tie on the local gridiron Friday night, in a windstorm that kept one team or the other in the hole. O'Neill received the kick-off and with Burgess and Calkins carrying the ball drove to the ten yard before losing it on downs. O'Neill threatened again in the second quarter but failed to score. Neither team threatened again until the last quarter when Bloomfield shook loose Wilson on the last play of the game. Wolfe stopped him on the ten as the game ended.

Outstanding in the line for O'Neill was Wolfe, Thomas, McKenna, O. Cole and Brugeman. Burgess and Calkins did most of the ball carrying for the back. Wilson looked best for Bloomfield. O'Neill plays Bassett Friday afternoon at Bassett. Our next home game will be with Creighton on October 16.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Ralph Tomlinson dismissed on Wednesday. Francis Flood dismissed on Wednesday. Mrs. Ted Rustemeyer dismissed Tuesday. Raymond Tunender of Emmet entered Tuesday, an accident patient and admitted for medical treatment. Baby Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard, who is an incubator baby, has gained 1 1/2 pounds since birth.

Marriage Licenses

Earl Elvin Dickau of Atkinson and Cora Edith Wilcox of Stuart on September 26.
Albert Wilhelm Johnson and Nellie Margaret Forsberg, both of Wakefield, on September 28.

Miss Nora McAuliffe, who was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Cronin for several days, returned to her home Tuesday at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rev. V. C. Wright Is Transferred From O'Neill

Rev. and Mrs. V. C. Wright will leave Saturday for Papillion, Nebr., where he has been transferred. Rev. Wright has been pastor of the Methodist church in this city for the past four years and his transfer to another charge is deeply regretted, not only by the members of his parish, but by the citizens of the city generally. Rev. Wright is a polished gentleman and had the happy faculty of making and retaining friends. He and Mrs. Wright will be missed in this city, but their many friends in O'Neill wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home and we can assure the people of Papillion that in Rev. and Mrs. Wright they will have two citizens who are willing to co-operate with all citizens of the town and community for the religious and spiritual advancement of that city and section.

Let Us Get After The Scrap Iron

Now that the rush of farm work is over, let's go after the scrap harvest, so that we may be ready for the great national scrap campaign Sept. 28 to October 17. Holt county did very well in the mid-summer drive, but let's take inventory back of the barn, in the weeds around the work shop, and make our own decision whether we would rather have our son's and neighbor's sons fight for Democracy with guns or without them. The steel mills must have 17,000,000 more tons of scrap before snow flies. If you have no means of transportation, please notify the County AAA Office and the approximate amount of scrap for delivery.

Harry E. Ressel, Chairman,
Holt County U. S. D. A.
War Board.

Class Officers O'Neill Public School

The class officer elections of the O'Neill High School classes places the following individuals in the respective offices as follows:

Class Officer Elections
SENIOR: Sponsor, Mr. Mathis; President, Harold Calkins; Vice-President, Betty Brady; Secretary, Warren Burgess; Treasurer, LaVonna Moler; Student Council, Gene Wolfe and Audrey Reimer.

JUNIORS: Sponsor, Miss Albro; President, Patsy Kruse; Vice President, LaVon Spangler; Secretary, Forrest Riley; Treasurer, Neva Miller; Student Council, Bob Jonas and Betty Harris.

SOPHOMORES: Sponsor, Miss Keenan; President, Vincent Cunningham; Vice-President, Norman Oberle; Secretary, Verna Miller; Treasurer, Larry Schaffer; Student Council, Iola Wilkinson and Russel Moler.

FRESHMEN: Sponsor, Miss Rosicky; President, Shirley Schaffer; Treasurer, Joan Burgess; Secretary, Lois Cole; Student Council, Alvin Vorce and Jean Rakowski.

Forsberg-Johnson

Miss Nellie Margaret Forsberg and Albert Wilhelm Johnson, both of Wakefield, were married at the Presbyterian manse in O'Neill Monday afternoon at two o'clock, with Rev. John Spencer performing the single ring ceremony.

The bride was attired in a soldier blue street length dress and wore a corsage of pink carnations. Mrs. Dennis P. Hynes, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and wore a navy blue dress and a corsage of white carnations. Dennis Hynes served as best man.

Mr. Johnson is an electrician at Wakefield and will leave soon for the U. S. Army. Mrs. Johnson is employed with the Telephone Company at Wakefield and will continue her work after Mr. Johnson leaves for the Army.

Lawrence Clocker has resigned his position at the National Farm Loan office and he and his family left Saturday for Pierce where they will make their home. Mr. Clocker has worked in this office for the past two years. Ed Verzal, who was chief clerk at the AAA office for the past eight years, has resigned and accepted the position vacated by Mr. Clocker and started working there this morning. He had just finished taking a weeks training at the Omaha office.

Mrs. Fred Robertson of Ainsworth was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Fenderson and son, Saturday and Sunday.

O'NEILL CITIZENS PREPARING FOR AIR RAID SERVICE

Holt County Civil Defense Officials announce that a school of instruction for Air Raid Wardens will open on next Monday evening, October 5, at eight o'clock in the basement of the court house annex in the offices of the Civil Defense Council. K. D. Fenderson, operations superintendent of this division of the Consumers Public Power District, who attended a similar school in Lincoln last summer, and who is commander of the Citizens Defense Corps, will be the instructor. Men and women from all the towns of the county have volunteered as Air Raid Wardens for the communities and will be in attendance at the school of instruction, which will be held two or three evenings a week for two or three weeks.

The following named persons from O'Neill have volunteered as Air Raid Wardens and will take the course of instruction:

Harden Anspach, Mrs. R. E. Armbruster, Helen Biglin, Bernadette Brennan, Father Brick, James M. Corkle, Iranæia M. Cronin, Edith J. Davidson, John E. Davis, Marian Dickson, C. F. Grill, Mabel H. Gatz, Gerald S. Graybiel, Lawrence Hanna, Esther Cole Harris, W. H. Harty, Otto M. Herre, Jack M. Higgins, Harold L. Lindberg, Fay A. Miles, Ira H. Moss, Helen E. Mullen, Ryland H. Parker, Frank E. Parkins, Dick J. Rakowski, Neil B. Ryan, Roy Sauers, Dr. J. L. Sherrah, Lyndle B. Stout, Esther M. Tomlinson, Anton Toy, Edward T. Verzal, C. E. Yantzie, Levi Yantzie.

In addition to those above named as volunteering for Air Raid Warden duty, about eighty-five other residents of the city have volunteered for some form of Civil Defense Service. Additional volunteers are wanted particularly for Auxiliary Fire Fighting service. The Civil Defense Offices are in the basement of the court house annex, where those interested may obtain information and volunteer for duty.

Mechanics and Machinery Courses Will Be Taught

Mechanics and machinery courses will be offered by the O'Neill Public School this year in co-operation with the Nebraska State Department of Vocational Education. The mechanic course includes training in the operation, care, and repairing of motors. The machinery course will offer training in care, repair, and construction of farm machinery. In order to be offered, these courses must have an enrollment of ten or more men and women who are 17 years of age and not attending school.

The mechanics course provides preparation in occupations essential to the National Defense on the home front and will be preliminary training for defense jobs. The course will be offered in a shop downtown and the expense of instruction will be paid by federal funds.

The machinery course is available to farmers who will bring their machinery to some central place in order to repair it and construct new machines.

Local mechanics or machine dealers will act as instructors for these courses. The mechanics course was taught last year and proved to be a very valuable course to those completing it. All persons interested in either or both of these courses are urged to contact A. L. Mathis, Voc. Ag. Instructor, or C. F. Grill, Supt. of the O'Neill Public School.

Pre-Nuptial Shower

Mrs. Tom Sullivan and Mrs. G. H. Wade entertained twenty-two guests Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Sullivan with a pre-nuptial miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Edna Simonson, whose marriage to Ralph Walker will take place in the near future. The program consisted of a number of contests, the theme of which was a love story. Refreshments were served at a table decorated with a centerpiece of a miniature bride and groom with their attendants. The favors were of white and red paper in the shape of hearts and were inserted with romantic verses and pinned around photographs of the prospective bride and groom. Miss Simonson received a number of lovely gifts from her friends.

Former O'Neill Lady Has 3 Grandsons In Service

The Frontier is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. John McCaffrey, of Pittsburg, Pa., enclosing renewal of her subscription to The Frontier, which she has read for many years. Mrs. McCaffrey was an old time resident of this county, being the former Mary Donlin whose parents lived northwest of this city. Mrs. McCaffrey says that she has three grandchildren who are serving their country in the armed forces. One grandson, Edward Dullard, is in the army and is stationed at Camp Meade, Maryland. Another, John Dullard, is also in the army and he is now stationed at Hyde Park, New York, with the military police. Another grandson, Thomas Clifford, is in the U. S. Navy and is at the U. S. Naval Training station at Great Lakes, Illinois. She says that they read The Frontier with interest every week, as it keeps them posted on current events in their old home town.

Project Clubs Are Starting New Year

Members of Holt County Demonstration Clubs will continue their part in the nation-wide victory program by starting the 1942-43 year with the demonstration "Vegetables and Vegetable Cookery." The first leaders' meeting will be given at the three training centers on the following dates: Sept. 19 at Stuart, October 1 at O'Neill, and October 2 at Chambers. The demonstrations will be given by Miss Della Lewis, home demonstration specialist, who will headquarter in O'Neill this year. This demonstration will give new suggestions for preparation and cooking vegetables as well as suggestions for getting the most food value possible from vegetables that have been canned or stored to be served this winter. Variety and attractive ways of serving will be emphasized as well as an exhibit of good storage methods.

Club members and leaders have taken an active part in the Victory Home Garden program carried on by the local county agent's office this year. The women are anxious to do their part in the fight for freedom and will want to discuss and determine in their club meetings where their efforts can be most effective.

Sixth Annual Calf, Feeder Auction Highly Successful

Keen interest was shown by a large crowd at the sixth annual 4-H Club calf and feeder auction held at the local sales pavilion last Monday. The show and judging started at 9:00 a. m., with the sale getting under way at noon. Receipts were heavy and prices were favorable throughout the auction.

The Grand Champion Hereford calf, shown by Larry Schaffer, brought \$24.75 per hundred and was purchased by Floyd Ryan, of Manchester, Iowa. A complete story of the 4-H Club calf sale will be found elsewhere in this issue.

In the Commercial calf club division an extreme top if \$16.30 was paid for one small bunch of choice Hereford steer calves scaling 410 lbs. Load lots of Angus steer calves topped at \$15.15, weight 425 lbs. A few choice heifer calves reached \$14.00 on lightweight Herefords. Load lots of Angus heifers scaling 430 lbs. sold at \$13.60. Several loads of steer calves sold at prices ranging from \$13.75 to \$14.75; heifers from \$12.50 to \$13.50.

Lightweight yearling steers reached upwards to \$13.75 or above on a scattered few. Bulk of the supplies ranged from \$12.50 to \$13.50. Heifers made as much as \$13.00 on a few lightweights with the long end selling from \$11.50 to \$12.50.

Since last Monday's sale was chiefly a calf and yearling event, not a large supply of other classes of cattle showed up. Those that were here looked steady to strong in price.

Likewise hog receipts were limited with only 200 for sale here. However prices spurted to new highs. Butchers paid an extreme top of \$14.60 on handy weights with the bulk cashing at \$14.45 to \$14.50. Sows ranged from \$14.40 to \$14.55; feeders made \$15.75.

Next Auction, Monday, October 5, 1942.

Owen La Prath went to Lincoln Sunday on business.

4-H CALF SHOW AND SALE BIG SUCCESS

4-H members and ranchers competed last Monday in what was termed one of the best calf shows and sales ever held in O'Neill. While entries were somewhat lighter in both shows than in some recent years, it was generally agreed by those attending that the quality of calves in all classes in the show were of higher quality than in past years.

Starting the 4-H show at nine o'clock a. m., with Russ Kendall of Omaha and Joe Watson of West Point, judging, fifty-six boys and girls exhibited their calves in ten classes during the morning. The grand champion, a Hereford steer shown by Larry Schaffer of O'Neill, topped the sale at \$24.75 per hundred pounds. It was followed as reserve champion, by an Angus steer owned by Lois Siders of O'Neill, which was sold for \$23.50 per hundred pounds.

Many of the 4-H calves as well as others were consigned to the sale as Victory calves, which meant that all or part of the proceeds were invested in U. S. War bonds and stamps. The committee in charge secured the services of Ed Hancock to conduct the bond sales booth at the pavilion. A total of \$424.00 of bonds and stamps were purchased.

The Commercial Club committee, consisting of Ted McElhaney, Robert Armbruster, Ed Gallagher and Ambrose Rohde, together with James Rooney and Lyndle Stout wish to express their appreciation to everyone who cooperated so splendidly to make the event a success.

The commercial sale which was held through the regular channels of the O'Neill Livestock Company and those attending agreed that the prices were among the best of the year.

4-H CLUB WINNERS

Following are the awards given in the 4-H Division:

Hereford Heifers: 1st, Jimmy Sire, O'Neill; 2nd, Ella Mae Clark, Emmet; 3rd, Shirley Schaffer, O'Neill; 4th, Darlene Wrede, O'Neill; 5th, Donald Rzeszotarski, Emmet.

Hereford Steers (under 375 lbs.): 1st, Larry Schaffer, O'Neill; 2nd, Verne Wrede, O'Neill; 3rd, Donald Stearns, O'Neill; 4th, Larry McConnell, Emmet; 5th, Raymond Robertson, O'Neill.

Angus Steers: 1st, Lois Siders, Opportunity; 2nd, Robert Sitz, Atkinson; 3rd, Wm. Sitz, Jr., Atkinson; 4th, Audree Siders, Opportunity.

Shorthorn Heifers: 1st, Donald Borg, O'Neill.

Baby Beeves: 1st, Delores Sitz, Atkinson; 2nd, Robert Sitz, Atkinson; 3rd, Raymond Revell, Star; 4th, Evan Garwood, Atkinson; 5th, Gladys Ernst, O'Neill.

Grand Champion: Larry Schaffer, O'Neill.

Reserve Champion: Lois Siders, Opportunity.

Hereford Steers (over 375 lbs.): 1st, Jimmy Puckett, Emmet; 2nd, Wayne Cadwallader, Stuart; 3rd, Kenneth Berglund, Opportunity; 4th, Kenneth Wrede, O'Neill; 5th, Harold Krugman, Opportunity.

Angus Heifers: 1st, Donald Ressel, Chambers.

Shorthorn Steers: 1st, Allen Knight, Opportunity; 2nd, Louis Peterson, O'Neill; 3rd, William Brady, Dorsey.

Bulls: 1st, Delores Sitz, Atkinson; 2nd, Jack McNally, Emmet; 3rd, Lois Cole, Emmet.

Purebred Heifers (over 1 year): 1st, Wm. Sitz, Jr., Atkinson; 2nd, Raymond Revell, Star; 3rd, Lois Siders, Opportunity.

Following are the awards in the Commercial Division:

Hereford Singles: 1st, J. H. Patterson, Emmet; 2nd, Pat McGinnis, Emmet.

Hereford, pen of five: 1st, J. H. Patterson, Emmet; 2nd, S. R. Robertson, O'Neill; 3rd, Harvey Krugman, Opportunity; 4th, Harvey Krugman, Opportunity.

Angus Singles: 1st, Jennie Crosser, Inman.

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Joe Gokie, Jr., was taken to Our Lady of Lourdes hospital at Norfolk Saturday, September 26, where he submitted an operation for appendicitis. His condition is reported as satisfactory. He was accompanied to Norfolk by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keefer and Joe Gokie, Sr.

Miss Marie Welch, who is teaching the seventh and eighth grades at the Niobrara high school, spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Wm. Welch.