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BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

By Romaine Saunders
Atkinson, Nebr., Star Route No. 5.

O'Neill business concerns set a record last week for advertising. Citizens out on the prairie accept these cheering greetings as genuine expressions from their friends at the county seat.

During the last war Mr. Wilson had 48 persons on the White House payroll in July, 1917, at a monthly outlay of \$164,000. On Sept. 1 last Mr. Roosevelt had on the White House payroll 906 persons at a monthly outlay of government funds of \$2,999,460.

Maybe the proper treatment for the "intellectual crackpots and smart alecks" Mr. Curtis tells about down at Washington would be to put them into uniforms, a 60-pound pack on their backs, a heavy gun to tote and send them to the front over seas. I imagine that would jar anyone out of "maniacal theories."

A Lincoln merchant advertises "college bred pumps and oxfords." Our capital city is noted as a highbrow center but its a bit of news to out-state clodhoppers that even footwear is given a college degree from the classic halls of learning. By the same token, I have worn a pair of "prairie bred" boots since early autumn.

The first day of January, mild as early September, closed at sunset in a flame of gold and purple that held ominous portend for the weather-wise prairie dweller. None the less, the picture held a fascinating charm. The clouds, hung above the horizon, caught the glow of departed day and flung the twilight colors heavenward. The picture lingered for a time in transcending loveliness. As evening clothed the landscape in its dark curtain stars began to glow from out the night sky. And then the second day dawned cold and gray, the brown prairie land, stretching out to limitless distance, powdered with silver. The bare arms of the trees were outlined in frosty chill against the gloomy aspect of threatening clouds. A day to abide where glowing embers invite to the warmth and cheer of home. The threatening clouds brought a slight snowfall to the southwest, a bitter wind and near zero temperature.

Rationing thus far has deprived no one of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The curtailment of sugar in the homes seems to have failed to reduce the table bounties and cars still rattle along the roads regardless of gas rationing. A cup of hot water may not gratify the taste but is recommended as a wholesome substitute for the supposed necessary morning cup of coffee. Many American homes are fortified against the rationing of products in cans by well stocked shelves in the cellar where fruits and vegetables glow in green and ruddy and golden richness in Mason jars. Fresh eggs, butter, cream, milk are commonplace with rural citizens, but the dairy supplies are threatened in many communities as dairy herds are sacrificed to the slaughter because of labor conditions combined with feed prices and price ceilings. Maybe one thing rationing will do is to show us that some things long regarded as necessary in daily living are not needed at all.

Hurrah, For Three Rural Schools

Hurrah! For the rural schools. Miss Madolyn Hynes, teacher of Dist. No. 16, and Mrs. Teresa Parks, teacher of Dist. No. 27, had their Christmas programs together. After their program they sold a peanut for the infantile paralysis fund, which netted \$25.20.

Miss LaVern Borg, teacher of Dist. No. 27, sold a goose after her program and turned the proceeds to the fund for infantile paralysis, which was \$45.

Thanks, teachers and patrons. County Chairman of Infantile Paralysis Drive.

Marriage Licenses

Elmer M. Faust, Lucas, S. D., and Miss Leona M. Wetzler, Herick, S. D., on December 26, 1942.
Marvin A. Yarges and Miss Ethel Vera Stracke, both of Stuart, on December 26, 1942.
Troxel Green and Vendia Rothchild, both of Chambers, on December 31.

68 Boys Register During December

The following is a list of the boys who registered for selective service in the county during the month of December, 1942:
The first number is their Order Number, the second number their serial number:

11295, W 1, Robert Lee Wood, Page.
11296, W 2, James Patrick Higgins, O'Neill.
11297, W 3, Leonard James Rotherham, Ewing.
11298, W 4, Marvin Gale Rohdes, Stuart.
11299, W 5, John Edward Troshynski, Atkinson.
11300, W 6, James Robert Finley Orchard.
11301, W 7, Donald Alois Kaup, Stuart.
11302, W 8, Edward Raymond Jordan, Page.
11303, W 9, Albert Myron Watson, Atkinson.
11304, W 10, Walter Spangler, Ewing.
11305, W 11, Joseph Herbert Schmidt, O'Neill.
11306, W 12, Richard Roy Pruden, Ewing.
11307, W 13, Walter Eric Mayborg, Ewing.
11308, W 14, Gordon Frank Frisch, Star.
11309, W 15, Benny Raymond Wetzler, O'Neill.
11310, W 16, John J. Rosser Buford, Stuart.
11311, W 17, George Paul Hamik, Stuart.
11312, W 18, Keith Lavern Jones, Atkinson.
11313, W 19, Arlo Dean Burge, Emmet.
11314, W 20, Donald Dwaine Marcellus, Stuart.
11315, W 21, John Donald Jacox, Atkinson.
11316, W 22, John Clement Allen, Page.
11317, W 23, Stanley Ervin Primus, Ewing.
11318, W 24, Joseph Eugene Earley, O'Neill.
11319, W 25, Fred Charles Howard, Page.
11320, W 26, Dean Martin Rouse Amelia.
11321, W 27, Austin Andrew Searles, Redbird.
11322, W 28, Clifford Francis Burival, O'Neill.
11323, W 29, Donald Alvin Loy, O'Neill.
11324, W 30, Gilbert John Shald, Stuart.
11325, W 31, Charles Edwin Henery, Spencer.
11326, W 32, Francis Joseph Musil, O'Neill.
11327, W 33, Raymond John Noble, Star.
11328, W 34, Emrick Rocke, Atkinson.
11329, W 35, Clarence Edwin France, Jr., O'Neill.
11330, W 36, Kenneth Lloyd Coover, Page.
11331, W 37, Stanley Joseph Peters, O'Neill.
11332, W 38, Raymond Peter Walnofer, Stuart.
11333, W 39, William Nicholas Wilson, Redbird.
11334, W 40, Howard Jean Hovey, Stuart.
11335, W 41, Kenneth Eugene Davidson, O'Neill.
11336, W 42, Delbert Roy Nissen, Chambers.
11337, W 43, Joseph Paul Fiala, O'Neill.
11338, W 44, Richard Lee Asher, Page.
11339, W 45, Stanley Joe Lambert, Ewing.
11340, W 46, Donald Roy Taylor, Opportunity.
11341, W 47, Hubert Clement Kohle, Stuart.
11342, W 48, Raymond Wesley Whaley, O'Neill.
11343, W 49, Edward William Gamel, Page.
11344, W 50, Robert Edward Friedel, Stuart.
11345, W 51, William Howell Rees, Amelia.
11346, W 52, Ralph Albert Alton, Atkinson.
11347, W 53, Robert Primus Summerer, Ewing.
11348, W 54, Justin Calvin Dierks, Atkinson.
11349, W 55, William Earl Sorensen, Page.
11350, W 56, Edwin Anthony Strake, Stuart.
11351, W 57, Donald Sylvester Walter, Ewing.
11352, W 58, Bernard Edward Bolin, Page.
11353, W 59, Rolland Gene Harkins, Ewing.
11354, W 60, Robert Leo Hanley, O'Neill.
11355, W 61, Harold LeRoy Bartlett, Stuart.
11356, W 62, Keith Edward Vincent, O'Neill.
11357, W 63, John Hamilton Prouty, Spencer.
11358, W 64, Robert Wallace Carr, Atkinson.

Pioneer Holt County Woman Celebrates Her 90th Birthday

On January 1, Mrs. Clara Cole (Grandma, as she is known to her friends), celebrated her ninetieth birthday by having open house. Thirty-nine persons called at her home to wish her a happy birthday and were served doughnuts, angel food cake and coffee. Many more friends and relatives called her on the telephone and sent her greetings, and letters from five different states.

Among her many gifts was a birthday cake from the Dahms family, which was decorated with fruit and nuts sent to them by their soldier boy in California.

All of Grandma's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who live in Nebraska, were there, and when the last group of grandchildren were there they finished the occasion by singing the birthday song.

In using her own words, "This was one of the happiest days of my life. I heard from or saw every one of my loved ones, and I thank God they are all well and as happy as can be in a horrible war. And I am happy to be loved by so many kind friends."

Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. P. W. McGinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lowery and daughter, Mrs. John Conard and daughter, Mrs. Lou; Mrs. Leon Beckwith and daughter, Leona Fern; Mrs. Guy Beckwith and children, Mrs. C. F. Abart, Mrs. Bert Gaffney, Mrs. D. H. Allen, Mrs. John Lowery, Mrs. T. J. Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dailey and Miss Gladys Schomrod of Emmet; Mrs. Esther Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Hickey, Mrs. Lizzie Donohoe and Miss Joan Burgess of O'Neill; Mrs. Louise Anspach of Ainsworth, and Miss Anna Zerkovich of Sioux City, Iowa, who will join the Waves this week. Everybody wishes Grandma Cole many more happy birthdays.

Former O'Neill Boy Stands High In His Adopted State

Secretary of State Lester C. Hunt, Democratic governor-elect, said today that Joseph R. Sullivan, prominent Laramie Democratic attorney, had declined an offer to become attorney general.

Hunt said he had offered Sullivan appointment as attorney general effective with his assuming the governorship in January—or "anything he wanted." Sullivan, former Laramie city attorney and now Albany county democratic chairman, was one of four men mentioned as possibilities for the important post.—Cheyenne, Wyo., telegram to Denver paper.

Joe Sullivan is a Holt county boy, being raised in the Michigan settlement, where he lived until he went to Omaha and entered Creighton and took a law course. After his graduation he went to Laramie, Wyoming and entered upon the practice of his profession, in which he has been remarkably successful. He is a younger brother of the late M. R. Sullivan, former O'Neill postmaster.

O'Neill National Bank Makes A Splendid Showing

In another column will be found the quarterly report of the O'Neill National Bank for the quarter ending December 31, 1942. This is the finest report ever issued by this popular banking institution, being the largest statement ever issued, which tends to prove that the people of this section of the state are again prosperous.

For the second time in its history the footings go over the million dollar mark, the total figures for this quarter being \$1,128,219.66. The deposits are nearly \$1,000,000, totaling \$977,260.50. The standing of the bank among the people of this county speaks well for the confidence the public have in its reliability and the high character of its officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook gave a watch party at their home New Year's eve. Pinocle was played. Mrs. Vic Halva and John Schmidt won high prize, Mrs. Palmer Schulz and Vic Halva low, and Robert Schulz traveling prize. Lunch was served at midnight.

11359, W 65, Maurice Cavanaugh, Jr., O'Neill.
11360, W 66, Joseph Edward Ritts, O'Neill.
11361, W 67, Bevern Edson Wanser, Page.
11362, W 68, James Clare Taylor, Amelia.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX MATERIAL

The federal income tax is, as the name implies, a tax levied upon incomes, and it is payable in relation to incomes. Income, for Federal income tax purposes, means in general any compensation for one's services, whether the compensation be in money or in goods or other services; it includes also the net value received for the product of one's labor, as farm produce in the case of a farmer; income from investments; profit from business operations; and other gains from sales and exchanges of goods and property. Certain limited categories of incomes are, however, tax exempt, and to the extent of such exemption are excluded in computing the tax.

Because of exemptions from the tax given to persons having less than certain stated amounts of income, as well as because of various deductions and credits allowable, only a small proportion of the number of persons receiving income have until recently been subject to the tax. Thus, of the estimated 55 million persons in this country who received income in one form or another during the calendar year of 1941, only some 26 million persons were required to file Federal income tax returns for that year, while of these same 26 million, more than 9 million were not taxable due to credits and deductions allowable.

As a result of the lowering of exemptions, many more persons are now subject to the Federal income tax than before, and for the calendar year 1942 it is estimated that more than 35 million persons will file Federal income tax returns. To the large number of persons now subject to the Federal income tax, who have never reported income before for Federal tax purposes, an understanding of the law and applicable regulations is of prime importance.

An income tax return is a declaration on the part of the taxpayer of his total taxable income for the year, together with the various deductions, exemptions, and credits to which he is entitled. It is in reliance upon voluntary disclosure, and the integrity of taxpayers generally, that the cost of administration of the income tax can be kept at a minimum. Though the return is a voluntary statement, any person who willfully makes a return which he does not believe to be true and correct in every material matter is subject to the penalties provided by law.

The first requirement of the law is the filing of an appropriate return. For individuals generally, this must be done by March 15 following the end of the calendar year. The return must be filed with the appropriate Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which is located the legal residence or principal place of business of the person making the return.

Under the present law every single person, and every married person not living with husband or wife, having a total income (earnings, together with other income) of \$500 or more, and married persons living with husband or wife throughout the taxable year, who have an aggregate income (total earnings of both husband and wife, together with other income) of \$1200 or more, regardless of the amount of net income, must file a return.

Robert J. Harte, 23, Of Inman, Selected For Specialist Training

Robert J. Harte, 23, son of Mrs. M. E. Harte of Inman, Nebr., has been selected to become a specialist in the Navy and is enrolled in the school for Machinist's Mates at the Service School of the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill. Upon completing the 16-week course he will be eligible for advancement to a petty officer rating.

He was assigned to the school after displaying an aptitude for this type of work in a series of tests taken during his recent training. Upon graduation he will serve under veteran petty officers in his specialized field, receiving more practical instruction and experience.

Nineteen of the 49 specialist trades used in the Navy are taught in the Service School at Great Lakes.

Miss Verna Coyne, who attends Rosary College, Chicago, returned to her school duties on Monday, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne.

Commercial Club Meeting January 12, 1943

The regular monthly meeting of the O'Neill Commercial Club will be held at the Golden Hotel, next Tuesday evening, January 12, 1943.

This is an important meeting and all members are urged to try and be present on that date.

Former O'Neill Boy Lieutenant After Three Days As A Private

A three day career as a private—then a commission as a first lieutenant.

That is the story of Harry E. Hubbard, 32 year old veterinarian and son of Mrs. H. B. Hubbard, 1909 F.

Lieutenant Hubbard entered the army November 2 and was inducted at Camp Barkeley, Tex., six days later. On November 11 he was notified of his commission as a first lieutenant.

He is a graduate of Kansas State and has attended the University of Nebraska. For the past five years he has been employed with the U. S. department of agriculture at Madison, Wis.

Lieutenant Hubbard arrived here Thursday night to spend Christmas day with his mother, wife and daughter, with Constance Ann. He is now stationed at Kansas City, Mo.—Lincoln State Journal.

Lt. Hubbard is a former O'Neill boy. For several years his parents lived on a farm northeast of this city and his father, the late H. B. Hubbard was for many years a prominent farmer and stockman of this county. He later retired from the farm and moved to this city where he made his home for several years until they moved to Lincoln a few years ago. During their residence in this city Mrs. Hubbard was prominent in the activities of the ladies organizations and served for several years on the O'Neill School Board.

Former O'Neill Woman Dies At Her Home In Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McCarthy received a telegram Tuesday announcing the death of their daughter, Mrs. Edna Knapp at her home in North Prairie, Wis., Tuesday morning. She is survived by her husband and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McCarthy of this city, two sisters, Katherine, of Grand Island and Jeanne, of O'Neill; three brothers, George of this city, James of Pocahontas, Idaho. George and John went to North Prairie to attend the funeral services. She was born in O'Neill on September 3, 1904. On October 31, 1942, she was united in marriage. She had made her home in Wisconsin for several years.

Anton Toy, Jr., Now In Iowa Navy Pre-Flight school, Iowa City

Anton Toy, Jr., of this city, was among eleven Nebraska boys who reported to the Iowa Navy Pre-Flight school at Iowa City, Iowa, according to an announcement of the Public Relations officer, on January 6th. There were 387 students reported there the forepart of this month.

Former Resident Here Dies

Mrs. Charles L. Jones died at her farm home near Schuyler last Friday and the funeral was held on Monday. She is survived by her husband, son George and a brother and sister of this city, William Storts and Mrs. Eli Hershiser. Mr. Storts and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Clark and Mrs. Eli Hershiser left last Sunday for Schuyler to attend the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were former residents of this county. He is a brother of Hurley Jones, living southwest of town who also attended the funeral.

Ivan Bain, one of the prominent merchants of Gregory, S. D., was in the city Wednesday visiting his father, Frank L. Bain, and his sister, Mrs. James Kelley, and other old-time friends. Ivan says their section had a splendid crop last year and that business in that part of the state was fine.

Miss Margaret Halva, who is a student nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln, returned to her duties on Saturday, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Halva and other relatives and friends over the holidays.

Holt County USDA War Board Notes

The Holt County USDA War Board has appointed the following persons as members of a committee for Farm Mobilization Day. The President has designated Tuesday, January 12th, as Farm Mobilization Day, to be known as "M" Day; G. E. Bunnell, Stuart, Advocate; Ralph W. Kelly, Atkinson, Graphic; G. E. Miles, Holt County Independent; D. H. Cronin, Frontier; R. B. Crellin, Ewing, Advocate; Cleo Alderson, Chambers, Sun; Miss McCullough, County Superintendent; Ed Matousek, Chairman, Holt County Board of Supervisors; Rev. P. J. Wirth, Christ Lutheran; Dr. J. E. Spencer, Presbyterian; Rev. Dawson Park, Methodist; Msgr. J. McNamara, Catholic; Father Brick, Catholic, all of O'Neill; J. Schabaker, Lutheran; Merton M. Cox, Methodist; Albert J. Harris, First Baptist, all of Chambers; T. J. Peacock, Methodist; Father J. F. O'Brien, Catholic, both of Emmet. Father A. A. Lehmen, Catholic; W. C. Birmingham, Methodist; Wm. S. Vahle, St. John's Lutheran; Roland T. Marts, Wesleyan Methodist; W. C. Brewer, Presbyterian, all of Atkinson. Ralph H. Bennett, Celia school house; Curtis Norlin, Federated Church, Fr. J. P. Hill, Catholic, both of Stuart; Rev. E. B. Maxey, Methodist, Inman; Vincent Teebe, Methodist, Page; Ivan Turner, Gospel Mission, Page; J. D. Gibson, United Presbyterian, Ewing; Rev. Carter, Methodist, Ewing; Father O'Flynn, Catholic, Ewing; Father C. A. Beyersdorfer, St. Johns, Clearwater; Judge D. R. Mounts, Selective Service; J. D. Cronin, County Attorney; Wm. Reige, Chairman Holt County Farm Bureau; Al Mathis, Smith-Hughes Instructor of Public Schools. All members of the committee are urged to attend the meeting.

A meeting of the AAA community committeemen will be held at the Holt county annex on "M" Day, Tuesday, January 12. The committeemen will be given instructions on the 1943 Farm Plan Worksheet for Maximum War Production. After the "M" Day meeting each farmer and rancher will be interviewed by one of the community committeemen. In working out the Farm Plan, each farmer and rancher will be asked to increase his production to a maximum. The American farmer and rancher will need to produce more food and food products than ever before in the history of the nation. Food is needed for our fighting men, for our own needs, and those of our allies under the lend lease plan.

An interesting program has been arranged for the "M Day" meeting, which will appear in next week's publication.

O'Neill Native Pays Tribute To Late Captain Carney

Captain James V. Carney, U. S. N., the first O'Neill native to die in the service of his country in World War II, had a career that was a hide-and-peek game with death for twenty years. Upon his graduation from Annapolis he was selected to pioneer for the Navy in extra-hazardous flying tactics and soon became known as the greatest acrobatic flyer in America. It was said in 1934 that, in the entire world, only Major Udet, the fabulous German stunt ace, was Captain Carney's equal in the field of aerial acrobatics. Dive-bombing, maneuvering from aircraft carriers, aerial-torpedoing, now so much in the war news, were early fortes of the modest O'Neill boy, who rose to fame in world-wide aviation circles through bewildering skill, nerves of steel and a total indifference to danger. His pioneering work in Naval Aviation will live in every victory American flyers score against the sky legions of the axis.

Fate decreed that Captain Carney die as and where he would have wished to die—flying against the enemy over the sea. For the sea and the sky were his life—and his home.

DR. SPENCER RESIGNS

Dr. John E. Spencer, who has been the pastor of the Presbyterian church here for the past two years, tendered his resignation last week and expects to leave the middle of next week for Scotland, S. D., to which city he has accepted a call. Dr. and Mrs. Spencer made many friends during their residence in this city and their many friends wish him and his estimable wife happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Representative Of Office Defense Administration To Be Here Next Week

J. C. Coupland, examiner for the Office of Defense Transportation, will be in the assembly room at the court house in O'Neill on Thursday and Friday, January 14 and 15 to assist commercial truckers prepare their appeals in connection with their Certificates of War Necessity, and advises truckers as follows:

"A message from the Office of Defense Transportation to all truck, bus, and taxicab owners whose Certificates of War Necessity do not provide sufficient mileage and fuel allotments for their necessary operations:

"First, estimate as carefully as you can what your additional requirements will be, and don't ask for more mileage and fuel than you actually need to carry on your essential operations efficiently.

"Additional you have estimated your additional requirements, proceed at once to request a change in your certificate. If you wait too long to make this request, it may be impossible to correct your certificate before the end of the period in which temporary transportation ratios may be issued.

"This period ends January 31, but all requests for corrected certificates should be in the hands of the ODT long before this. All requests for corrected certificates will be handled as promptly as possible. But the field force is limited. A last minute rush of requests would mean inevitable delay.

"In order to make its field representative as accessible as possible, the ODT is sending men from its district offices into approximately 500 cities and towns in which such district offices have not been established. They will make their headquarters at local chambers of commerce.

"Avoid filing requests for corrected certificates by mail if you can. Much quicker and more satisfactory results can be obtained by talking your problems over with your ODT representative in person.

"When you call on an ODT field representative to make a request for an adjustment of your allotment, take your original certificate with you and be prepared to submit a description of your vehicle operations for the preceding 30 days. The description should include figures on mileage traveled and fuel consumed.

"If it is not convenient for you to visit an ODT field representative, write your ODT district office for instructions on how to make your request for an adjustment in your original certificate.

"If you are operating under a temporary transportation ratio, the amount of fuel allowed by the temporary ration will be deducted from the amount finally allowed you for the period ending March 31.

"In applying for a corrected certificate, take into consideration every opportunity for saving mileage. Remember that the country's more than 5,000,000 commercial motor vehicles must get along on less than half as much rubber as they used up in 1941.

"ODT representatives sitting in cities and town in which there are no regular ODT district offices will not issue corrected certificates, but will make recommendations to their district offices where supplemental certificates will be issued. All such recommendations will be handled promptly."

O'Neill Boy Selected For Specialist Training

Pvt. Raymond F. Wilkinson, of O'Neill, who some time ago was selected by the Army for specialized training in Electricity at the National Schools in Los Angeles, Calif., has just completed this training and graduated with honors. Pvt. Wilkinson is the son of Mrs. Cora Wilkinson of O'Neill.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Verzal a son, Edward Thomas, on December 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bruning a daughter, Susan Kay, born on January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Taggart a son, born on January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich, a son, Charles Edward, born on January 2.

Mrs. James Walling entertained the REH Club Monday evening. High score was won by Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka and Miss Marion Dickson. Mrs. Robert Smith, of Tacoma, Wash., was a guest.