

THE FRONTIER

BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

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Airplanes are rather more numerous overhead than automobiles along prairie roads.

The ne'er-do-wells and complete failures are the one who "don't like" their home town.

If our unicameral can influence congress to set the clocks right, the session is going to be pretty nearly worth it.

Hens clucking, horses shedding the winter coat and insects coming to life indicates the near approach of summer.

The high plane of popularity of the overall is a good sign. There is nothing like the blue denim to make us all "average Americans."

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred James and son, Paul, are moving to Rock Falls, on the Eagle, having rented the Vequist ranch in that neighborhood.

The mistress of the aristocratic home who has breakfast brought to her bed, the golf champion, not excluding such as the writer, are alike worthless to a troubled world.

Maybe in the wisdom of our honored but harassed and befuddled rationing heads it is all right to take the candy bar from the child but impose no restriction on dad's booze and smokes.

By combining forces, neighbor uniting with neighbor and shifting from one farm to the next, a lot can be done to overcome the shortage of help and machinery. Four or five neighbors pooling their work, more can be accomplished in a given period than by each going their separate way.

A Scotts Bluff county patriot has gone to the supreme court over a little matter of \$24,657 taxes against his land. I see some town homes throughout the state are carrying loads in excess of a thousand dollars delinquent tax. From a commonwealth of home owners are we to be taxed into a land of the homeless?

Shep, a handsome and friendly brown and yellow dog of noble shepherd breed at the home of neighbor Friedrichs, has one eye missing, the result of a violent rap from the hoof of a pinto saddle pony. But that has not discouraged Shep from taking in after obstreperous horses and cattle that are being corralled.

Senator Asimus is in tune with home folks in voting against salary increases for state institutional heads. Were the increases somewhere within reason little objection would be raised. A lot of us must worry along with no increase of income, and if these institution heads can't, there are others to be found who can.

Mrs. Fannie Riley started the fishing season with a 20-pound catch. Maybe the boys at O'Neill who makes annual pilgrimages to northern lakes would like to know how it is done. Mrs. Riley caught her with a pencil and paper, making up a list of fishes a Minneapolis concern did not deal in. Her was the longest submitted in a contest, and she was awarded a 20-pound pail of mackerel.

America, or that section of America on which the U. S. brand has been run, continues to be the treasure house, the mount of plenty of all things material, to which lesser and greater countries, lesser as well as greater in acres and population, hold out the hand to be filled. China wants help, Russia, the Balkans, the Netherlands, the Scandinavians, Uncle Sam is doing his level best for them, does it more than willingly, and finds quite a demand to be met at home.

What weather there is in store for the end of February can not be forecast other than by experts. Today, the beginning of the end, held an invitation to the open air, the open air that has for us an inspiration after the crushing cold that has kept us within through the melancholy weeks of winter. The day has been comparable to a sun-drenched day of early autumn—a day to leave cap and mittens, coat and other protec-

Mrs. William Haynes

Louisa Jane Smith was born in the state of Indiana on March 30, 1861, and died at O'Neill, Nebr., on February 17, 1943, at the age of 81 years, 10 months and 17 days. She was united in marriage in the year 1882 to William Haynes, at Boone, Iowa. She and her family moved to Holt county some forty years ago from Boone, and have since made their home here.

Her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Grace Crawford and Mrs. Claud Hull, preceded her in death. She is survived by the following children: Ray Haynes, Saco, Mont.; William Haynes, Nevada, Iowa; Cecil Haynes, Farmalee, S. D.; Melvin Haynes, of O'Neill; Mrs. Della Orr, Dustin; Ray Haynes, Dustin, and Clifford Haynes, O'Neill.

She has always been a loving mother to her children and always ready to help a neighbor or friend in time of need.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Le-onie church and burial in the cemetery nearby, Rev. Dawson Park of O'Neill having charge of the services.

Twenty-seven More Holt County Boys Inducted

Following is an incomplete list of the boys and their addresses who were inducted into the armed forces the forepart of the week:

Donald Wayne Asher, O'Neill
Fred Leo Barnes, Atkinson
Gail Delois Boies, Ewing
Neil Francis Brennan, O'Neill
Lavern Harry Cadwallader, Stuart
Milford Henry Coats, O'Neill
Michael James Gallagher, Inman

Benjamin William Haigh, Stuart
John F. Hart, O'Neill
Charles Leonard Havranek, O'Neill

Francis James Hickey, O'Neill
Paul Robert Kubitschek, O'Neill
Leo Walter Latzel, Ewing
Lavern Donald Lynch, O'Neill
John Hamilton Prouty, Spencer
John Samuel Ressel, Chambers
John Nicholas Schmit, Atkinson
Herman R. Schrader, Atkinson
George Wesley Stull, Atkinson
Glenn Taylor, Chambers
John Chenoweth Watson, O'Neill

Harold Joseph Weller, Atkinson
Robert T. Wilburn, Atkinson
Veldon L. Wyant, O'Neill
Lyle Leslie Clark, Ewing
Kenneth Elmer Ellingson, Amelia
Donald Royal Smith, Atkinson

County Court

Joseph Katzar was arrested on February 22 and charged with assault. He was fined \$5 and costs of \$3.10.

James Henry McCue of Grand Island was arrested on February 17 by Patrolman Meistrell and charged with failure to display flares. He was fined \$40 and costs of \$3.10.

Luke Rakow of Page was arrested by Patrolman Meistrell on February 17 and charged with overweight on capacity plates. He was fined \$10 and costs of \$3.10.

Mrs. J. L. Sherbahn and Mrs. Ambrose Rhode entertained sixteen guests at a buffet supper at Mrs. Sherbahn's home on Wednesday evening. The evening was spent playing bridge. Mrs. L. A. Burgess won high score, Mrs. J. R. Miller, second high and Mrs. Harrison Bridge won traveling.

tions needed other days hanging on their pegs, to go out into the sunlight coatless and capless. On the brown hills horses and cows stood in lazy enjoyment of returning warmth or browsed indifferently on the dry grass. At intervals all day airplanes roared overhead. A lone eagle drifts in from out of the distance and soared on stately wings across meadow lands in search of a morsel. The lordly pheasant struts from his hiding with magnificent insolence. Barnyard hens range far out in search of a change of feed and cackle with disgraceful abandon when they have added one more to the store of 30c eggs. A harassed editor and friends drove in and hijacked me out of a promise to help him for a few days. At evening strips of clouds gathered on the horizon; as the sun lowered below the prairie rim bars of gold hung in yellow streamers across the sky. Another night enshrouded the prairie land. Stars dotted the night sky as the clock tolled off the passing hours, and a full moon came from out the east to add a huge ball of golden glory to the celestial scene. Good night.

The Frontier's Price & Ration Guide

War Ration Book 2: Registration for War Ration Book 2 (point rationing of canned and processed foods), February 22 to February 27, inclusive. Each family clips one Declaration Form from newspaper, completes it, and takes it with all War Ration Books 1 (sugar and coffee book) for entire family to school when registering. Persons not registering this week cannot get their new books until after March 15.

Rationing
Processed Foods Rationing: Begins March 1st. You must then use the "points" you have in War Ration Book 2 in buying canned fruits, vegetables, juices, soups, baby foods, or dried fruit, or frozen fruits and vegetables.

Shoes: Stamp No. 17 of War Ration Book 1 is valid for one pair of shoes until June 15th, 1943. Stamps are interchangeable among members of one family living under the same roof.

Sugar: No. 11 Coupon, War Ration Book 1, valid February 1 until March 15 for three pounds of sugar.

Coffee: No. 25 Coupon, War Ration Book 1, valid for one pound of coffee from February 8th to March 21, inclusive.

Gasoline: No. 4 Coupons of all A books valid for 4 gallons. All holders of B and C ration books expiring March 1 may make application for renewal by mail to local board. Request by post card Gas Renewal Blank R543.

Tire Inspections: Holders of B, C, and T gasoline ration books must have their tire inspections completed by February 28. For local ration boards to issue certificates for tires, tubes or recapping services, commercial vehicles must be inspected and approved by authorized OPA inspector every sixty days or every 5000 miles, whichever is attained first. Holders of A gasoline ration books have until March 31.

Fuel Oil: Period 4, each one-unit coupon is valid for 11 gallons until April 12; Period 4, each ten-unit coupon is valid for 110 gallons until April 12.

Incubators and Brooders: All operators of incubators and brooders may obtain all needed fuel oil and kerosene for capacity production of the equipment. Increased poultry and egg production is essential to the war effort.

Dairy Rooms and Separator Houses: Operators may obtain all needed fuel oil for heating this space.

Oil-Burning Heating Stoves: Rationing boards will consider applications for permission to purchase new coal-burning stoves to replace or supplement oil-burning heating equipment.

Prices
Coffee Substitutes and Compounds: Maximum prices set for seven new brands.

Canned Chili, Shoestring Potatoes and Canned Prune Juice: These are now subject to price control. Under the regulation the retailer will be permitted to pass on increased production costs to the consumer.

Fish Meal and Fish Scrap: Placed under ceilings—Revised Regulation No. 73, Amendment No. 2.

Bakery Goods: Doughnuts other than cookies, pastries, sweet yeast raised goods and pies, under new cost-plus mark-up pricing. Retailer's prices determined by multiplying supplier's ceiling price by 1.25. Prices are to be printed on all packaged goods.

Butter: Priced on percentage mark-up basis. Nebraska maximum for 90 score butter in pound and half-pound cartons, 55 cents; parchment wrapped, 54½ cents.

Northern White Cedar Fence Posts: Priced at retail on percentage mark-up basis. Retailer will buy from his supplier at a fixed dollars and cents price, add his transportation costs, and figure his mark-up over the two costs.

1942 Grown Onions: Set at highest price from February 10 to February 14.

Shellac and Varnish: Placed under mark-up over cost pricing plan at all levels, including retail.

Macaroni and Noodle Products: Priced on simplified mark-up formula by multiplying net cost by percentage mark-up.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Johnson a daughter, Karen Lu Ann, born February 18.

Ensign Jack Spittler of New York visited relatives and friends here on Wednesday.

Switzer-Asher

Miss Martha Elizabeth Switzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Switzer of O'Neill, and Staff Sergeant Ben F. Asher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher of Page, were united in marriage in the Methodist church in O'Neill on Sunday afternoon, February 21, 1943, Rev. Dawson Park, pastor, performing the single ring ceremony, in the presence of a few of the relatives and immediate friends of the couple. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

The attendants were Miss Helen Appleby and Harold Asher, brother of the groom. The bride was attired in a street length dress of dusty rose, with black accessories. Her attendant wore pastel blue with brown accessories and each wore a corsage of red roses. After the wedding the young couple and a few friends were entertained at supper at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Asher is a graduate of the O'Neill High School with the class of 1939. Sgt. Asher is located at Camp Crowder, Mo. The young couple have many friends in this city and vicinity who wish for them many years of wedded happiness and prosperity.

Practice Conservation And Produce More

The production of the food needed for 1943 will be one of the biggest jobs the American farmers has faced in the history of this country. Food must be available to accompany every striking force launched by the United Nations as well as to maintain those already in action. Food must be available to keep the home fronts strong and food must be available for the peoples set free to help them add their strength to the fight against the axis.

We just can't produce too much of the needed farm products next year. The necessary increase in production cannot be met by increasing acreages alone. A large part of this food production must come from more efficient production. Conservation practices can most effectively increase production if crops are selected to fit the proper kind of land. There are a number of conservation practices that can be applied by the farmer with a minimum of technical assistance.

Below is a list of practices selected by the local War Board that will increase production:

1. Choose crops to fit your land for maximum production.
2. Seed land not available for cultivation to pasture and hay.
3. Use pasture properly for maximum production.
4. Store forage during years of plenty to carry livestock through drought periods.
5. Maintain yields on irrigated land by use of alfalfa in the rotation.
6. Improve permanent pastures and secure greater production.
7. Fertilize and increase production.
8. Temporary pastures increase production and saves labor.
9. Increase production by proper use of residues.
10. Refrain from fall plowing and produce more.
11. Increase yields by wind-strip-cropping.
12. Contour farming produces more food now.
13. Produce additional feed by seeding gullies.
14. Increase production and income by harvesting grass seed.

A discussion of each of these practices will appear in future issues of this paper.

A GOOD HOG STORY

In the spring of 1939 Carl Krogh of Redbird bought a year old Spotted Poland China sow from Floyd Luber, paying the sum of \$24. At that time he was kidded by many as "paying too much for his whistle," but Carl didn't give up.

About two weeks ago Carl sold this sow on the fat hog market in O'Neill. Her weight, 520 pounds, at \$13.70, brought him \$71.24. On the way to market Carl had expressed to a neighbor that if he received \$1 for each live pig she had raised for him he'd be well satisfied—and she did—with just 24 cents over.

She brought him two litters a year, a total of 75 pigs, but only 71 live ones. So Carl concludes that this sow really made him some money—and this is quite a record at that.

Carl added that she brought enough to buy a 3-year-old horse for \$50 and just lacked \$4.76 in paying for a two-row lister.

O'Neill High's Winning Streak Broken In Game At Neligh Tuesday Nite

O'Neill lost their last game of the season to Neligh by a score of 27 to 24. It was O'Neill's first defeat of the season.

Neligh went into the lead early in the ball game and led at one time 15 to 4. Bob Jonas started the ball rolling in the second quarter to cut down Neligh's lead 15 to 10 at the half. Baskets by McKenna and Calkins brought O'Neill to within one point of Neligh but the Eagles couldn't find the spark to forge ahead as Neligh held them off to win by three points. Jonas and Calkins led O'Neill with six points each.

Peter-Dusatka

Miss Helen Peter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peter of O'Neill, and Leonard Dusatka, son of Gerald Dusatka, of Emmet, were married at St. Patrick's church in O'Neill at 8:00 a. m., Monday, February 22, by Monsignor J. G. McNamara who performed the single ring ceremony. The attendants were Miss Elsie Peter and George Peter, sister and brother of the bride.

The bride wore an ice blue suit with pink and white accessories, a corsage of pink roses and carried a blue rosary. The attendant wore a beige suit with a corsage of yellow roses.

After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents for relatives and a few intimate friends. The happy young couple have many friends in this city and vicinity who extend them their best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Junior-Senior Banquet

After much elaborate planning, decorating and general work on the part of the Junior Class of the O. H. S., the annual Junior-Senior banquet was held Wednesday evening, February 24. It was served in the Golden Hotel dining room by the Bakery.

As the trend this year is not formal dress, all of the guests wore street or sport clothes.

For the theme the Juniors picked the patriotic motto "Thumbs Up." The program was as follows:

Welcome ————— Naydene Kee
Response ————— John Osenbaugh
Toastmistress ————— Patsy Kruse
Vocal Solo ————— Ruth Berge
T-humbs Up ————— Betty Harris
H-apinness ————— DeMaris Benson
U-nity ————— Robert Norvattil
M-'Em Down ————— Phyllis Johnson
B-onds for Bombs ————— H. Calkins
S-tatus Quo ————— Lavin Spangler
Vocal Duo ————— DeMaris Benson
————— Betty Harris
U-tilitarianism ————— Mr. Grill
P-atriotism ————— Phyllis Johnson
Mayor John Kersenbrock honored our banquet by his presence. He also honored us with a donation of ten dollars and a few words.

The tables were decorated with American flags and American Beauty roses. Each person received as a favor a defense stamp album containing one stamp.

We closed by singing the Star Spangled Banner.

After the dinner we went to the school house auditorium for the prom. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with patriotic colors and mottos. The annual crowning of the King and Queen of the Senior Class took place shortly after our arrival. The King and Queen are chosen by the majority vote of the Junior Class. Chosen this year were two very popular Seniors, Lorris Crippen and Harold Calkins.

Our evening of dancing was disrupted when the nickelodeon broke down. The school phonograph was then used. The dancing ended about eleven o'clock. A good time was had by all, we hope.—Reporters: Betty Harris and Patsy Kruse.

Marriage Licenses

Leonard Dusatko of Emmet and Helen Peter of O'Neill, on February 20.

Benjamin Fuelberth Asher of Page and Martha Elizabeth Switzer of O'Neill, on February 20.

Charles William Kreyck of Wood Lake and Betty Loux of Freedom, Nebr., on February 19.

Emil Kenopir of St. Paul and Mary Kramer of Stuart, on February 19.

A birthday dinner was held at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening. It was a decided success, thanks to the committee in charge. Seventy guests attended the dinner.

Point Rationing Program On Canned Goods Starts Monday

Beginning next Monday, consumers of Holt county join those in the rest of the Nation in the Government's new point-rationing program which will assure everyone of getting his fair share of canned and processed foods.

"Shopping with points is a new thing for American housewives, but it is not difficult," declared Chairman Campbell of the Holt County War Price and Rationing Board, in pointing out that the advantages of the new plan far outweigh its inconveniences.

"Besides protecting your family's share, it gives you freedom of choice among all the rationed canned goods," he added. Housewives, however, must learn how to budget points as well as dollars.

This week, during registration for War Ration Book 2, sales of canned and processed food throughout the country have been "frozen," but this restriction will be lifted next Monday.

In pointing out how simple it is to buy canned and processed foods (including canned or bottled fruits, vegetables, soups or juices, frozen fruits and vegetables, dried fruits, and baby foods) with the new ration books, rationing board officials gave the following explanation:

The blue stamps are for canned or other processed foods that are rationed, while the red stamps will be used later for meat.

The number on each stamp shows how many points that stamp is worth, while the letters show a consumer when to use the stamps. Consumers may use all blue stamps marked A, B, and C during the first ration period, but they cannot be used after the end of this first period.

Different kinds of rationed foods will take different numbers or points. A can of beans, for example, may take a different number of points than a can of peas will take. The larger the quantity of the rationed food a person buys, the more points it will take. A large can of peas will take more

points than a small can of peas. The Government will set the points for each kind and size and print an "official table of point values" which grocers must post where consumers can see it.

Scarce foods will take many points, while those less scarce will take fewer points. The Government may make changes in points, up or down, from time to time, probably not oftener than once a month. These changes will be made in order to steer buying away from scarce items and to make the more plentiful items easier to get. Changes in points will be posted in all stores.

The point-value of each kind of processed food will be the same in all stores and in all parts of the country. The price and the quality have nothing to do with the points. Points will not change just because the prices do.

When a consumer buys, he should take the right amount of blue stamps out of his book and give them to the grocer or delivery man. He should use his 8-points and 5-point stamps first, whenever possible, and save his smaller point stamps for low point foods.

Every person has a total of 48 points to use for all these processed foods during each ration period. Consumers who must use more than one period's allowance at one time because of transportation difficulties, distance from market, or similar difficulties, may apply to the local rationing board for a "ration point certificate." Where the board grants the certificate, a sufficient number of point stamps will be removed from War Ration Book 2 to cover the "advance" ration.

Special needs, such as those resulting from illness, are taken care of by application to the local rationing board.

A person may use all the blue stamps marked A, B, and C, from all books in his household (that is, all persons eating at a common table, including children of any age), during the first ration period.

Don Sutcliffe Graduates At Marine Base In N. C.

Corp. Donald Sutcliffe of this city has graduated from the Quartermaster School at the Marine Base at Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., and has been awarded a certificate indicating his successful completion of the course of study involving a minimum of three months' instruction. He is now available for assignment to duty with a combat unit or for advanced training.

Placek Queries Congress

A letter to every member of Congress demanding protection for country banks against unfair competition of government bureaus is being sent by Emil Placek, of Wahoo, newly elected president of the Country Bank Division of Independent Bankers Association. Mr. Placek announced this activity at a meeting of a committee of the Nebraska Bankers Association held in Omaha last week.

The question, squarely put, seeks an expression of the position of each member of Congress on the retention or elimination of non-essential government subsidized bureaus and agencies. Mr. Placek points out in his letter how the personnel of such bureaus and agencies, if released, would immediately relieve the war labor shortage.

The Independent Bankers Association is an organization of independent bankers all over the nation with national headquarters at Sauk Centre, Minn. One of the important programs of this organization is a determined fight against socialized credit and the competition of needless government bureaus.

Mrs. James Rooney entertained twelve guests at a 7:00 o'clock dinner at the M and M Thursday, followed by cards at her home. Mrs. L. A. Burgess won high score, Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka second high, Mrs. C. E. Lundgren, average, Mrs. Grill traveling and Mrs. Chris Yantzi low score.

Ambrose Biglin, who has been visiting relatives and friends here for the past month, left this morning for his home at Kay Cee, Wyo. The Frontier will visit him weekly in his Wyoming home, to keep him posted on happenings in his "old home town."

St. Mary's, Inman, Wood Lake, Atkinson, Long Pine Win First Round Games

The First B district basketball tournament was held at Atkinson Tuesday and Wednesday, with all the favored teams winning out. The Saint Mary's Cardinals, led by Jack Gallagher, who played a brilliant defensive and offensive game as he rang up ten baskets and one free throw to make 21 points, that helped the Cardinals trounce St. Joseph's of Atkinson 36 to 13. Campbell and Engler came next with four points each, and they also played a good floor game.

The first round results were: Wood Lake 42, Stuart 35. Inman 27, Spencer 10. Atkinson 23, Lynch 11. St. Mary's 36, St. Joseph's (Atkinson) 13. Long Pine 37, Amelia 2.

Wednesday Wood Lake played Johnston, Newport vs. Inman, Atkinson vs. St. Mary's, Long Pine vs. Butte.

The semi-finals will be held on Thursday and the finals will be played Friday night.

In the second round Wednesday night St. Mary's lost to Atkinson 26 to 13; Newport defeated Inman 33 to 31; Long Pine defeated Butte 29 to 21; Wood Lake took Johnston 43 to 17. The third round in the tournament will be played tonight.

Culling Contest Held

Three contestants tied for first place in the Laying Hen Culling contest. Mrs. Levi Yantzi, Mrs. Enard Leach and Mrs. Hugo Holz tied for first place. A flip of a coin made Mrs. Yantzi winner and Mrs. Leach second, each getting a dollar.

This contest was sponsored by Ralph Leidy in connection with the egg production course being taught by A. L. Mathis.

The contest was held in the Agriculture Shop of the O'Neill Public School. Mr. Leidy placed the hens as good, fair and poor layers. After the contest he gave reasons for placing the hens. This contest proved to be very instructive to those who participated. Mr. Leidy furnished the cash awards.

Bob Shoemaker, who attends Creighton University, came home Wednesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shoemaker.