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BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

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

Glasses are not needed to look on the bright side.

J. B. Van Houten, of Taylor, bought a Short Horn bull of Tom Baker a week ago.

I have the rationing book No. 2 and now need the services of a Philadelphia lawyer to tell how to use it.

With young huskies out look-for farm work, maybe the "labor shortage" is just another specimen of our Yankee surplus talk.

If your taste is none too fastidious and your digestive force is equal to it, store cookies are not in the list of "processed foods."

The remedy of the wets for bootlegging was repeal. It would be interesting now for the "Old Judge" to give us his remedy for bootleg meat.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

A group of boys from the high schools of Holt county could produce something about as worthwhile as what seems at this time will be the net result of the 1943 legislative session.

The thermonmeter registering 8 below the morning of March 2, we trust it is the farewell salute of subzero temperature for this season. A clear sky, a blazing sunburst coming out of the east and the artic wind sunk to a whisper there is a promise of just that.

The glitter and glow, the ease and bounty, the bread of abundance and kultur-ordered lives promised the peoples of prostrate Europe by German invaders turns out to be ashes of desolation, the horror of haunting fear and the specter of gnawing hunger. Such have ever been the fruits strewn across empires by a vain mortal posing as diety, who ignores the lesson written large on the scroll of the ages.

Quoting from a personal letter: "The speaker told of a man who visited Chiang Ki Chek and in a devotional meeting the generalessemo prayed that his people would not become discouraged and that they would not hate the Japs, including a prayer for Japanese Christians." I wonder how many of us put such an interpretation on our own Christianity. But did not the One who hung on the cross pray, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

On Sunday night eight million Methodists will gather in their 42,000 churches of the country for spiritual rededication to defeat efforts to weaken or replace Christian faith and idealism by principles of barbarism, paganism and materialism." A resurgence of the zeal, an endowment of the humality and the piety of the Wesleys, rather than reliance on numbers, would do something to a body of eight million believers.

After 55 years the memory of January 12, 1888, lives on. The Frontier has brought us again the list of those who perished in this county during that storm and paralyzing cold. Providence intervened by five minutes in my boyish belief that morning. The '88 blizzard stands out as the most tragic in our history. It brought to men and women a strange mixture of human suffering, heroism, physical endurance and death. A winter earlier in the eighties saw a great loss of livestock, but few if any of the prairie dwellers perished. Outlying ranches suffered irreparable loss. From carcasses cowboys salvaged the hides by adopting a method of skinning said to have been introduced by John Kearney, who later retired from the range and became the head clerk in M. M. Sullivan's. large store. The hide was slit from head to tail, a rope looped over one end, snubbed to the saddle horn and the spurs applied to the broncho. Something was thus saved but the losses sustained, combined with incoming settlers and the breaking plow, left many "cattle barrons" permanently broke. There was good picking for the prairie wolves as it makes no difference to one of the kind if the beef be frozen. Whether or not another weather cycle has laid a moderating hand across the land, we are not having such winters; but should there again be, both man and beast now have adequate protection available. We stepped from that somewhat romantic era into another that produced the Art Mullen's, raised the cry against the "crime of '73" and introduced the political newcomers, populists and "Abe Lincoln republicans." Again we are passing out of another era, that of the New Dealer. And the troubles of mankind multiply.

Atkinson Wins Class B District Tournament

The Atkinson Hay Balers surprised the experts as the Hay Balers defeated Wood Lake last Friday night for the Class B District Championship at Atkinson before a capacity crowd. The game went one overtime and when the final whistle blew the score read Atkinson 30, Wood Lake 28. Atkinson will now go to Norfolk and if they can win the four team tournament there they will have the privilege to go to Lincoln for the state championship. All the Saint Mary's and O'Neill people wish them much success, and we hope that they can win at Norfolk and make a good showing at Lincoln.

In the semi-finals Thursday night Atkinson surprised the crowd with a 35 to 24 win over the boys from Long Pine. Atkinson led almost all the time and gave the crowd some good basketball. In the other semi-final the quintet from Wood Lake won over Newport. Newport seemed to have a good team and they had the boys from Wood Lake worried, but the final score was, Wood Lake 27, Newport 22.

The tournament was a grand success. They had very large crowds and all the teams showed fine spirit, and we again want to congratulate Atkinson and give them our best wishes when they go down to Norfolk for the playoffs. The tournament scores were as follows:

Second Round Scores

Atkinson 26, St. Mary's 13; Newport 33 Inman, 31; Wood Lake 43, Johnstown 17; Long Pine 29, Butte 21.

Semi-Finals

Atkinson 35, Long Pine 24; Wood Lake 27, Newport 22.

Finals

Atkinson 30, Wood Lake 28, (overtime).

Holt County Boy Is Again Pormoted

Information from Key Field, Miss., brings the information that Corporal Delbert D. Alder has climbed another step up the ladder of military promotions at Key Field recently when he was advanced to the grade of sergeant. Sergeant Alder, son of Mrs. Wm. Alder, of O'Neill, entered the service at Fort Crook, in May, 1942.

Ten Holt County Boys Have Joined The Navy

The following Holt county boys have been inducted into the U. S. Navy, as reported by the Holt County Selective Board:

Boyce Benjamin Schaffer, Stuart
Dale Arnold Kersenbrock, O'Neill.
Lewis William Dickerson, Atkinson.
Wayne Magne Goranson, Ewing.
William John Torpy, Atkinson.
Ellsworth Wendell Stevens, Page.
Benny Raymond Wetzler, O'Neill.
Clarence Edwin France, O'Neill.
Kenneth Eugene Davidson, O'Neill.
Russel Gordon Simpson, O'Neill

County Court

Roy Jeffers of Greeley was arrested on February 28 by Patrolman Meistrell and charged with overweight on capacity plates. He pled guilty and was fined $10 and costs of $3.10.

Harold Savidge of Ewing was arrested February 28 by Patrolman Meistrell and charged with overweight on capacity plates. He pled guilty and was fined $10 and costs of $3.10.

Marriage Licenses

Bernard LeRoy Trease of Orchard, and Marie Loretta Schreiber of Clearwater, on Wednesday, February 24.

The Frontier's Price & Ration Guide

Rationing

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

SUGAR: Number 11 Coupon, War Ration Book One, valid until March 15, for three pounds of sugar.

COFFEE: Number 25 Coupon, War Ration Book One, valid for one pound of coffee from February 8 to March 21, inclusive.

GASOLINE: Number 4 Coupons of all A books vaild 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 R-543.

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 eleven 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.

COAL-BURNING HEATING STOVES: Rationing boards will consider applications for permission to purchase new coal-burning heating stoves to replace or supplement oil-burning heating equipment.

CANNED FISH, SHELL FISH, CANNED MEATS hermetically sealed by heat cannot be sold to anyone until March 28.

Prices

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.

EYE GLASSES: When sold to the user, and certain services involving examination and refraction of eyes now subject to the General Maximum Price Regulation.

MILK: Purchases from producers for resale as fluid milk now subject to price control.

SOY BEANS: Ceilings set at producer level as well as at other levels. Top grades to sell at $1.66 per bushel on the farm. Country elevator to add 4½c per bushel to price paid producer.

FRESH VEGETABLES: Ceiling prices established for: tomatoes, green and wax snap beans carrots, cabbage and peas, at no higher than seller's highest selling or offering price from February 18 to 22. Lettuce and spinach price set at highest selling or offering price during period from February 19 to 23.

WHOLESALERS: Filing time under Maximum Price Regulation No. 237 extended to April 15.

ONION SETS: 1942 crop, placed under ceiling prices. All sellers limited to highest selling or offering price during period from February 10 to 15.

FARM SALE COMBINATIONS: Sellers not permitted to sell farm machinery not under price control in combination with controlled items except when the uncontrolled item is specifically designed to operate with the particular controlled machine. In those cases the sale can be made, a ceiling price must be determined for the uncontrolled machine by using the same formula used to establish the ceiling price on the ocntrolled machine.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Mary Pribil was admitted on Thursday for medical treatment.

Mrs. John Peter, a daughter born on Wednesday.

Mrs. Margaret Agnes and daughters, Mary Virginia and Lorraine, of Norfolk, visited relatives and friends here last Sunday.

Mrs. Annorah Daly

Mrs. Annorah Daly died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Harrington, in this city last Tuesday evening at 9:10 o'clock, after an illness of several years, at the age of 85 years. The funeral will be held from the Catholic church in this city at 10 o'clock Friday morning, interment in Calvary cemetery at the side of her husband, who passed away in January, 1924.

Annorah Ryan was born in Peoria, Illinois, and resided in that state for many years. On December 7, 1872, she was united in marriage to William Daly, the ceremony being performed at Benson, Illinois.

Thirteen children were born of this union, seven of whom survive and are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. They children are: Mrs. J. J. Harrington, O'Neill; C. M. Daly, Omaha; Mrs. W. M. Meals, Seattle, Wash.; J. E. Daly, San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. E. R. Girard, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. P. A. Dolan, Denver, Colo.; F. V. Daly, San Francisco, Calif.

In the spring of 1893 the family came to this county and located in the Minneola section of the county, where they resided for fourteen years. In 1907 they moved to this city and lived here for four years and then moved to Lincoln, where she resided until after the death of her husband in January, 1924. Since the death of her husband she made her home with her children and had been living here with her daughter for several years.

Mrs. Daly was a charming woman and had a host of friends in O'Neill and Holt county, where she spent the greater part of her life. She lived to a ripe old age, but nevertheless her friends will regret to learn of her passing.

Tracy Gwinn

Tracy Gwinn was found dead in his bed in his room about 1:30 o'clock last Saturday night. Dr. Carter was summoned and he said that he had probably been dead about three hours. Tracy was found lying face down on the bed, with his clothes and cap on. As he was subject to epiliptic fits, it is thought he took a fit and fell on the bed on his face and smothered to death.

Tracy was born in Iowa and was about 71 years of age at the time of his death. He came to Holt county with his parents in the early eighties. His parents lived in the northeast part of the county on a homestead for a time and then moved into O'Neill where his father went into the jewelry business and operated a jewelry store and repair shop in the building now occupied by the Streeter barber shop. The family left O'Neill in the early nineties and moved to Laurel, Nebr., where they resided for a good many years, and where his father passed away.

Tracy was gone from here for several years, coming back to O'Neill about twelve or fifteen years ago, since which time he had made this his home. He told that most of the time he was away from here that he was in South Dakota.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, funeral services being conducted in the Biglin funeral home, with Rev. Dawson Park officiating, and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Nine Holt County Youths Registered Last Month

The following Holt County boys registered for selective service during the month of February. The first number is their Order Number and the Second Number is their serial Number:

11371 A W-77 A, William Seaton Howell, Page,
11375 W-81 Joseph Raymond Bellar, O'Neill.
11376 W-82, Melvin Leroy Haynes, Page.
11377 W-83 Edward Daniel Coday, Atkinson.
11378 W 84 Floyd Keith Raymer, Atkinson.
11379 W-85 Bob Ray Kirkland, Atkinson.
11380 W-86 Duward Alfred Loughrey, Ewing.
11381 W-87, Clarence Norbert Schrad, Ewing.
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11382 W-88, Max Arden Medcalf, O'Neill.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. John Peter, a daughter, born Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wyant left Monday for Portland, Ore., where they expect to make their home.

O'Neill High Upset By Wisner 38-31

The O'Neill High School Eagles went down to defeat by a strong Wisner team Thursday afternoon in the second round of the District Class A Championship at Norfolk, by a score of 38 to 31.

O'Neill was picked by all the experts to win the game but they had not counted on the beautiful playing of Whitcomb Winser, forward, who made ten baskets and ten free throws to score a total of 30 points. Whitcomb played a great game and seemed to be all over the floor at once. Calkins with 11 and McKenna with 10 points led the O'Neill scoring.

O'Neill got off to a good start, at one time in the first quarter having a 6 to 2 lead, but with Whitcomb making 2 baskets and a free throw to make it 7 to 6. With but a few seconds left in the first quarter O'Neill made a basket to make the score, as the first quarter ended 8 to 7 in favor of O'Neill.

But in the second quarter Whitcomb and his mates got off to a good start and the half time score was Wisner 18, O'Neill 13.

In the last two quarters the Wisner team still seemed to be filled with steam as they kept on making the baskets to take the game 38 to 31. During most of the third quarter Wisner had an 11 point lead but with about five minutes left to play in the game the Eagles seemed to get on fire and for a while it seemed as if they could catch up and go ahead, but they never semed to get enough steam. O'Neill played a fine game and their opponents knew all the time that they were having a ball game.

O'Neill Defeats Valentine

In the first game of the Norfolk Class A District Tournament the O'Neill Eagles took a game from the Valentine quintet without much trouble.

O'Neill got off to a 10 to 0 lead and from there on were never seriously threatened and the game ended with a score of 31 to 21 in favor of O'Neill.

Babl-Dusatko

At an early morning hour on Saturday, February 20, Miss Margaret Babl, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Babl, of Emmet, Nebr., became the bride of Pfc. Bernard Dusatko, youngest son of Jerrold Dusatko, also of Emmet, in a military wedding. The double ring ceremony was performed by Lieut. Fr. Toomey at the camp chapel, No. 5 of the 91st Division, 362 Field Artillery, in the presence of a number of immediate friends.

The bride wore a biege and kelly green suit of military style, with green and brown accessories. Her only jewelry was a sweetheart locket, a gift from the bridegroom. Her corsage was of talisman rosebuds and she carried a treasured rosary, also a gift of the bridegroom. The bride's only attendant was Mrs. Archie Pierce of Medford, who wore a brown two-piece dress lace trimmed with gold and brown accessories. Her corsage was also talisman roses.

The bridegroom, who is assigned to the 650th Engineers as a mechanic, has the distinction of being born during World War I and being married during World War II.

Pfc. Charles Uhl, draftsman for the 650th Engineers, acted as best man. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the wedding party and the chaplain in Service Club No. 1, after which the party went on a sightseeing tour of the camp and buildings.

During the late afternoon a reception was held at the Archie Pierce residence, "Pierce Heights" in Medford. Pouring and assisting about the room were Mesdames Clyde Leonard, Hubert High and Claude Haggard.

A large white cake decorated with soldier and bride, flowers and doves, was the centerpiece of the reception table. The room was decorated in red, white and blue flowers, also red, white and blue candles, and flags. The bride cut and served the wedding cake to the guests.

During the afternoon Vee Leonard played piano solos, and Yvonne Haggard and Helen Pierce rendered vocal solos, accompanied at the piano by Claude Haggard, who also busied himself taking unusual pictures of the bridal couple throughout the afternoon.

The many friends in this community extend to them their best wishes for a long and happy married life. **

Mrs. Blenda Hunt

Mrs. Blenda Hunt, 61, wife of Douglas D. Hunt of this city, died at Battle Creek, Nebr., Wednesday morning, March 3, 1943, as the result of a fall from the porch of her son's home, Dr. M. W. Hunt, from which she suffered a fractured skull. She fell Tuesday evening and passed away the next morning, fourteen hours after she fell. The funeral will be held here at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 6, from the Methodist church, Rev. Dawson Park officiating, and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Hunt had been in Omaha visiting her daughters and while there took some medical treatment for varicose veins, from which she had suffered for several years. While on her way home from Omaha she stopped for a couple of days at Battle Creek for a visit at the home of her son and family, and it was there she met her fatal accident.

Blenda Wiberg was born at Clinton, Iowa, on March 8, 1882. On September 25, 1902, she was united in marriage to Douglas D. Hunt, the ceremony being performed in Omaha. Fourteen children were born of this union, who with their father are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate wife and mother. The children are: Cecil, Sunol, Nebr.; Dr. M. W., Battle Creek, Nebr.; Melvin, Oakland, Calif.; Kenneth, Seattle, Wash.; Sergeant Earl, Camp Howze, Texas; Harold, Omaha; Carrol, O'Neill; Mrs. Ula Vokolek, Omaha; Mrs. Aurety Tatreau, Omaha; Mrs. Velma Brink, Omaha; Mrs. Marjorie Washechek, O'Neill; Miss Eunice Hunt, Omaha. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, three sisters and five brothers.

The family came to O'Neill in 1920 from Herrick, S. D., and since that date she had made her home in this city, where she was greatly admired by her many friends, who were shocked when they learned of her sudden death.

Daisy Myrtle Shumate

Mrs. Daisy Myrtle Shumate died at her home near Chambers last Saturday afternoon, after an illness of several months. The body was brought to this city and Monday afternoon funeral services were held in the Biglin Mortuary and the body shipped to Lincoln Tuesday morning for interment.

Daisy Myrtle Pirner was born at Lincoln, Nebr., on May 4, 1885. In 1906 she was united in marriage to James Shumate, the ceremony being performed in Lincoln. One son was born of this union, who with his father are left to mourn her passing. She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Luella Parker of this city and two other sisters living in Lincoln.

The family came to this county from Lincoln in 1932 and since that time have resided in the southern part of the county.

Flight Officer Earley Visiting Home Folks

Flight Officer Bob Earley, who recently graduated as a Flight officer at Blackland Field, Waco, Texas, arrived Wednesday to spend a few days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Earley and other relatives and friends.

St. Mary's Cardinals Lose Last Game Of Season

Sacred Heart of Norfolk took a Basketball game from the St. Mary's Cardinals on the local floor last Sunday afternoon, with a score of 26 to 22.

The game was one of the best games played this season by St. Mary's and they had the Norfolk team on their toes at all times, and it looked for a time as if the Norfolk boys would go home with the short end of the score. St. Mary's played Sacred Heart at Norfolk earlier in the season and they were swamped, but it was a different story Sunday. It was a game all the way through and the winner unknown until the whistle ended the game.

The Weather

	High	Low
February 26	44	16
February 27	49	17
February 28	59	18
March 1	48	7
March 2	12	-7
March 3	21	-5
March 4	40	21

Pfc. Harry G. Smith, who has been stationed with the U. S. A. in Alaska for the past sixteen months, visited with relatives and friends here last Friday.

Commercial Club Meeting Next Tuesday Evening

The regular meeting of the O'Neill Commercial Club will be held at the Golden Hotel Tuesday evening, March 9, 1943, at 7 o'clock, at which all members of the Club are requested to be present.

At this meeting the Club will entertain the local Red Cross officers and all business men and women are urged to attend. The Red Cross drive will be on this month and this year, more than ever before, it is necessary that the citizens of this city and county meet or exceed the quota set for them. Help the good work along with your presence at the meeting next Tuesday evening.

Francis Kelley To Be Flying Cadet

O'Neill relatives have received word that Francis Kelly, of this city, who has been stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., successfully passed the necessary examination and has been selected as a flying cadet, and is now awaiting assignment to a flying school. O'Neill friends tender congratulations and they know that he has what it takes to make a successful aviator.

Cattle Prices On Upward Trend At Local Sale Yard

There was an extra heavy run of cattle for this time of year on Monday's market with prices still cattle continued to be the popular on the up grade. Light weight choice, however, there were good prices paid on all grades.

Steer calves brought from $15.50 to $17.00 per hundred, with some of the lighter ones bringing from $18.20 to $18.50. Heifer calves from $13.00 to $15.00 per hundred; yearling steers brought from $14.00 to $15.00 and yearling heifers cashed from $12.00 to $14.00 per hundred. Two year old steers sold from $13.75 to $14.50. There was a good strong market on cows with the beef kind bringing from $9.50 to $12.00 and canners and cutters from $7.00 to $9.25 per hundred. Bulls sold up to $12.50.

There was another good run of hogs with the market steady to slightly lower from last week. Butcher hogs brought $14.55 to $14.65; sows sold from $14.20 to $14.35. Feeder pigs brought from $15.55 to $16.60 per hundred.

In the horse sale around 50 head of horses showed up.

Next sale Monday, March 8th.

The Golden Rod Club

This meeting was held on February 23, at the home of Mrs. Dick Minton. The lesson was on decorated Finishes for Home Sewing. The beauty and economy of these decorations are valued more by those that make them and consider their time well spent. Miss Lowis, our county Demonstration Agent, has been trying hard to get more women interested in Project work. It advocates economy in nearly all lessons, and we need this especially now in war time.

Much of our time was taken up in electing new officers. Mrs. Jane Langan served. We will meet again on March 9th. Our time at this meeting will be taken up in preparing for a booth which all Project Clubs are requested to do for Achievement Day, the date for which has not yet been set.

The members of this Club want to thank the editor of this paper for giving his time and space in his paper.

CASEY AT THE BAT

Dan Casey, who always said he was the original" Casey," died in a hospital in Washington, D. C., the other day. He was a prominent pitcher in the 1880's and 1890's. He was heard to tell a couple of ball players that the ball game which is described in the poem, "Casey at the Bat," was played back in 1887 between the Phillies and the New York Giants. He came to bat in the last half of the ninth with Philadelphia trailing 4-3, and men on second and third. He let two called strikes go by, and on the third pitch closed his eyes and swung —and missed. The incident was put into verse by Ernest Thayer and popularized by the late DeWolf Hopper, who recited it throughout much of the world in a generation.

Judge D. R. Mounts and Court Reporter Ted McElhaney held court in Butte on Monday.