

THE FRONTIER

BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

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Listening to the country-wide tune about rationing, we concluded we are a nation given to much eating.

A blanket of snow and temperature sunk to 20 below, the coldest of the winter, started this week off with a different weather picture, blasting hopes of spring.

Two boys fight until both have enough, step apart, glare defiance and resort to blood-curdling threats. The big war has reached the stage of great threats coming from all sides. The beginning of the end?

"At the very best," says a notable preacher, "a person completely wrapped up in himself makes a small package." And when a chemist gets through with one of the great or near great he finds he is worth about six bits. It must have been some such considerations which moved Alexander Pope to ask, "Why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

The board of Stratford-on-Avon put into the funeral oration of Mark Anthony over the dagger-marred body of Julius Caesar a bit of fundamental philosophy: "The evil that men do lives after them." Up at O'Neill last week a wasted life ebbed out. At death we are fulsome in our praise of most men for their virtues; silent, dumb before the dead whose life has been worthless. The one who died last week, was accorded a funeral at a morgue, at one time at least recognized that he had missed life's better way. He admitted as much to me. I knew him as a red-headed school boy who would submit neither to home regulations nor the authority of the school room. One day, being reproved for misconduct by Miss Agnes Connelly, a teacher of lenient discipline, he walked out never to return. And he presently shook the dust of the town from incorrigible heels and was seen no more in this community for many years. Returning "home" previous or soon after receiving a rather substantial inheritance from the estate of his deceased parents he was encouraged to establish himself in a small business, but a squandered life gave no background for business and stabilized living and the inheritance was also squandered. The vagabond rarely becomes the productive citizen. Not intending it literally but rather in the sense of country-wide travel, I first greeted him with a not uncommon salutation, "You old tramp!" In sober sincerity he said, "You have hit it the first shot." I have not seen him in recent years—cannot know what emotions, what aspirations, what longings, what regrets may have at last throbbled out of the wasted years and raised a hopeful vision beyond this vale of tears. The evil that men do lives after them—lives in lessons to instruct the youthful feet to shun the paths which carry the careless on to life's failures, to ultimate despair.

In Bret Harte's story, "The Luck of Roaring Camp," a newborn babe was fed the milk of a jenny. Holt county has a citizen with the unique background of being fed as a baby by an Indian squaw. W. C. Gage of the Stockmen Hotel in Atkinson was born on the edge of the Rosebud in the Rushville country. Soon after birth his mother contracted a fever and for a few days his nourishment came from a cow. But the cow died. An Indian squaw, nursing a baby of her own, came to the rescue, and with a red baby on one breast and a white one on the other did double duty as a nursing mother. Mr. Gage, enjoying the luxury of a cushioned rocker at his hotel, a bit of twinkle in the sharp eyes of the prairie bred as he told it, said, "I have that much Indian in me." His father, John Gage, drove stage from Neligh to O'Neill in the 70's, that being one lap of the stage route from Wisner, the railroad terminal, to Deadwood. O'Neill consisted of a sod house and twelve bachelor citizens, among whom were John McCafferty, Pat Hagerty, Neil Brennan and John Mann. On one occasion, with two men from Iowa as passengers, when the stage pulled up at the Yellow Banks for a meal and horse feed, there were a number of saddle horses at the corral.

Charles Wesley Clouse

Charles Wesley Clouse died at his home about nineteen miles northwest of O'Neill last Sunday morning, March 7, 1943, of a sudden heart attack, at the age of 59 years, six months and 15 days. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock in the Presbyterian church in this city, with Rev. Vahle of Atkinson officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Charles Wesley Clouse was born in Missouri on August 22, 1883. When he was seven years of age his parents came to Holt county, in 1890. He had been a resident of the county ever since, living practically all the time in the northeast section of the county. On July 8, 1906, he was united in marriage to Miss Leah Gallentine, daughter of one of the pioneer settlers of the northern part of Holt county. To this union one daughter was born, Mrs. Della Johnson, now at home.

Mr. Clouse had not been in very good health for several years, being a sufferer from dropsy. His wife has been very ill for several weeks and Mr. Clouse was sitting at the side of her bed when he had the fatal attack and found dead by his daughter, Mrs. Johnson, about 4 o'clock in the morning. We understand that he was in town Saturday and claimed to be feeling fine.

Charley was a good citizen and a hard worker until illness compelled him to take things a little easier. He had a host of friends in O'Neill and Holt county who will regret to learn of his passing.

Uncle Sam Now Wants Your Brass And Copper

Spurred by the War Production Board's recent action in uncovering 600,000 pounds of allegedly hoarded brass and copper in Omaha, government salvage officials served notice this week they are intensifying all efforts to obtain vital metals to keep war plants at peak operation during 1943.

"Nebraska has set the pace for the nation in salvaging scrap during the last year, and the eyes of the nation will be focused on this state again during 1943," WPB salvage officials stated.

"Although copper has been declared to be the number one critical metal of the year, the urgent need for iron and steel scrap and other metals which Nebraskans so generously turned in last year remains the same this year. Everybody should start their collections now."

Speedy action by WPB officials in requisitioning the non-ferrous scrap in Omaha and sending it within the next few days to copper plants is expected to result in the uncovering of other piles of dormant scrap throughout the nation.

Requisition papers were served by the United States Marshal's office on March 3 to acquire the warehouse-stored scrap from the Western Smelting and Refining Company, operated by Alprim & Son of Omaha, and by the next morning it was being loaded in train cars. Through this action Nebraska is expected to start the flow of hundreds of tons of hoarded scrap metals into war production.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Graybiel and Miss Ruby Weisman went to Grand Island last Saturday to meet Corporal Cletus Sullivan of Camp Carson, Colo. He returned with them and is visiting relatives and friends here.

John threw back the warning to his passengers that they might be in for a robbery. They had met up with the Doc Middleton band. The stage was not molested, but Middleton learning that the people where they had just stopped for a meal needed a horse, gave them one of the best in his string, with the curt instruction, "Take good care of that horse." Men heeded when Middleton spoke. He stole from those who had plenty and gave to the needy of whom he learned. John retired from the stage to settle farther west, where his son, W. C. Gage, now the genial proprietor of the hotel at Atkinson, was born. W. C. had an uncle, Dave Dullaghan, who organized and headed a layout of ten yoke of oxen with wagons loaded with corn and provisions and drove one thousand turkeys from Stanton to Deadwood, selling the turkeys, grown fat by the way on insects, to the miners. Deadwood, the witchery and rough glamor now faded, at that day was the El Dorado of fortune and adventure hunters.

The Frontier's Price & Ration Guide

Rationing

Shoes: Stamp No. 17 of War Book 1 is valid for one pair of shoes until June 15, 1943. Stamps are interchangeable among members of the family living under the same roof. A few styles in casual types may be purchased without shoe ration stamps.

Gasoline: No. 4 coupons of all A books valid for 4 gallons. All holders of B and C ration books expiring within 30 days may make application for renewal by mail to local board. Request by post card Gas Renewal Blank R-543, or pick up one at your filling station.

Transport Gasoline Ration Renewals: Second quarterly renewals due March 31. Holders of Certificates of War Necessity should MAIL their certificate now to their local War Price and Rationing Board. Coupon books and certificates will be returned to the applicant by mail.

Tire Inspections: Holders of B, C, and T gasoline books must have had their tire inspections completed by February 28. For local ration boards to issue certificates for tires, tubes or re-capping services, commercial vehicles must be inspected and approved by authorized OPA inspector every 60 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. Class One and Two coupons for Period 5 are valid for 11 gallons on March 8.

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.

Sugar: No. 11 coupon, War Ration Book 1, valid until March 15 for three pounds of sugar. No. 12 coupon valid March 16 to May 31 for five pounds of sugar.

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

Canned Fish, Shell Fish, Canned Meats hermetically sealed by heat cannot be sold to anyone until March 28.

Processed Foods: Consult Point Value Charts at grocers and in newspapers for points to be surrendered from War Book 2. A, B, and C blue coupons good for March purchases.

Prices

Butter: Priced on percentage mark-up basis. Nebraska maximum for 90 score butter in pound and half-pound cartons, 55 cents; parchment wrapped, 54 1/2 cents.

Eggs and Egg Products: Under price ceilings at retail and wholesale. Hatching eggs exempt.

Robbit Meat: Brought under price ceilings. Maximums—live white, 24c per pound; live colored, 22c per pound; dressed rabbits, wholesale, 44c per pound; retail, 55c per pound.

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.

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 4 1/4 cents per bushel to price paid producer.

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

Eye Glasses: When sold to the user, and certain services involving examination and refraction of eyes, now subject to the general maximum price regulation.

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 especially designed to operate with the particular controlled machine. In those cases, before

Mrs. James A. Brennan

Mrs. James A. Brennan died at her home northeast of O'Neill last Friday evening, at 9:15 o'clock, after an illness of four months of anemia, at the age of 76 years and 15 days. The funeral was held on Monday morning from St. Patrick's church and burial in Calvary cemetery at the side of her husband, who passed away on February 14, last.

Elizabeth Jane Casey was born in Scranton, Pa., on February 20, 1867. When she was twelve years of age her parents came to Holt county and located northeast of O'Neill, where she grew to womanhood. On January 8, 1889, she was united in marriage to James A. Brennan, the ceremony being performed in Omaha, Nebraska, where they lived for about one year and then came back to O'Neill and had been a resident of the county continuously since. Eight children were born of this union, four sons and four daughters, of whom seven survive and all were present at the funeral services except two, Frank J. Brennan, of Iowa, and Dr. Louis V. Brennan, of Memphis, Tenn. The children are: Mrs. M. J. O'Laughlin, Omaha; Walter L. Brennan, O'Neill; Frank J. Brennan, O'Neill; Mrs. L. W. Higgins, Omaha; Bessie D. Brennan, O'Neill; Dr. Louis V. Brennan, Memphis, Tenn. She is also survived by several grandchildren and one brother, Christopher Casey, of Omaha, and eight grandchildren, as follows: John Robert Brennan, aviation cadet, Jackson, Tenn.; William James Brennan, second class seaman, Farragut, Idaho; Bernice, Virginia and Eugene O'Laughlin of Omaha; Terry, Joe, Mike and Dick Brennan of Memphis, Tenn.; Mrs. Mary O'Malley, a niece, of O'Neill, Nebr.

Mrs. Brennan was another of the old-timers of Holt county. She came here with her parents on March 17, 1879, from Scranton, Pa., sixty-four years ago the seventeenth of this month. Like all of the old-timers of the early days she endured many hardships and privations in the early days of this county, when settlers and neighbors were few and far between. But she and her husband, who passed away only a few weeks ago, persevered, raised a splendid family of sons and daughters, surmounted all difficulties and for several years have been in comfortable circumstances. Mrs. Brennan was a charming lady and had a host of friends in O'Neill and surrounding territory. She had been in serious condition for the past two months and her condition was such at the time of the death of her husband she was not informed that her loving companion of fifty-four years had passed away.

Drive On Cattle Grubs Is Needed In War Effort

County Agent Lyndle Stout has announced the start of a campaign to control the cattle grub. The pest of cattle causes the loss of millions of pounds of meat and milk each year. The control of the pest is neither costly nor difficult. While all the damage to this year's animals cannot be prevented, there is still time to prevent further loss of meat, milk and leather.

The grub in the back develops from eggs laid seven or eight months ago by the fly. The larva travels through the animals until it reaches the back where it emerges as a grub. It is at this point that control measures are applied. The treatment takes the form of dusting, spraying or scrubbing with cube or derris powder, injecting benzol or hand extraction. Directions for the five types of remedies have been prepared and may be obtained by writing for Extension Circular 1427 on "Cattle Grubs" at the county agent's office in O'Neill.

GETS PROMOTION

Relatives received word the first of the week that Lawrence Rouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse of the Meek neighborhood, and who is stationed at Stockton Field, Calif., had been promoted from corporal to sergeant. Lawrence has been in the army for one year. The many Holt county friends of Sergeant Rouse extend sincere congratulations on his advancement.

Jack Kersensbrock arrived today from Chicago, Ill., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kersensbrock. He leaves the 25th of March for Omaha, for his pre-induction examination for the United States Army.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ENTERTAINED RED CROSS OFFICIALS

The O'Neill Commercial Club held a very interesting meeting last Tuesday evening. It was the regular monthly meeting of the Club and at this meeting the Club had as their honor guests the local officers of the American Red Cross. After the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, Chairman Cronin turned the meeting over to Paul Beha, chairman of the War Fund Drive.

Mr. Beha makes a good presiding officer and he, after a short talk, introduced Mrs. J. P. Brown, chairman of the Home Service Committee, who made a short talk regarding the activities of her committee. Mrs. H. L. Lindberg, secretary of the Holt County Chapter, responded to a call and made a report of the funds coming through her hands during the past year. Mrs. David Stannard, who is, and has been for several years, chairman of the local chapter, responded to a call and replied briefly, thanking the citizens of the city for their support of the Red Cross in its various campaigns. J. A. Mann, chairman of the Holt County Chapter, responded briefly and urged on the people the necessity of giving liberally to the call for funds during the War Drive Campaign next week, and told briefly of the help given the residents of the county following calamities during the past year.

Mrs. Steinmeyer of St. Louis, Mo., a representative from the national headquarters of the American Red Cross, was then introduced and delivered an address, outlining the organization, functioning and needs of that organization during the coming year. The Red Cross is the only organization that has governmental permission to work on any army post, naval training station or air base. It maintains a field director right on the ground wherever any man in uniform is stationed. Whenever the service man is faced with emergencies this field director acts as go-between between the individual and either his commanding officer, or arranges contact with conditions back home.

The 1943 quota for blood plasma has been raised 40 per cent over last year. This blood bank has been instrumental in saving a great many lives and much suffering among our injured service men.

The Red Cross rendered valuable service and spent large sums of money in relieving stricken families of Nebraska during eight major disasters in 1942.

Under the Congressional charter granted the American Red Cross it is a quasi-governmental agency. It receives no federal funds, but its books are audited quarterly by the army and navy, and the results of their audit published. Whatever the needs may be, the functioning of our Red Cross is done absolutely and entirely on voluntary subscriptions from the citizens. The quota set up for O'Neill and vicinity is \$3,000, and we are advised that this is a very conservative quota. Get prepared for someone to call on you for your donation, and help to put O'Neill over the top in our drive for one of the most worthwhile and humane projects known to mankind.

A Former O'Neill Boy Is Promoted To 1st Sergeant

Staff Sergeant Albert J. Rummel, who is stationed at the Western Signal Corps Replacement Training Center at Camp Kohler, Calif., has been promoted to the rank of First Sergeant, according to an announcement by Brigadier General S. H. Sherrill, Commanding General. First Sergeant Rummel, a resident of O'Neill, is the son of Mrs. Florence C. Rummel of O'Neill.

Camp Kohler is the Signal Corps' newest replacement training center and the only such post on the west coast. The Signal Corps is responsible for installing, operating, and maintaining the Army's vast communications system—radio, telephone, telegraph, teletype, flags, rockets, or runner—the Signal Corps' mission is to "get the message through."

Planning A Garden

Many families in Holt county are planning a vegetable garden this spring for the first time in many years. The county agent's office in O'Neill is endeavoring to furnish timely information through the season which will assist especially those who are attempting a garden without recent experience. This information is taken from experiments at the Nebraska College of Agriculture.

With this year's necessity of producing food at home, many families will be wondering how large a garden should be large enough to provide an ample supply of vegetables for the family during the growing season and enough in addition for canning and storage for the winter months. An area of 100x150 square feet should take care of the needs of a family of five, but the size should be varied according to geographical location. If the garden is to be irrigated, the rows should be spaced 16 to 18 inches apart and the space between the rows kept free of weeds. If a family consists of more than five persons this same plan may be used, but the length of the rows should be increased 25 feet for each additional person.

The garden area does not provide sufficient potatoes or navy beans for the family. The latter might be included if space is available, but it is better to plant potatoes in an area apart from the vegetable garden. Ground that is used for potatoes one year should not be planted to potatoes again for five years.

Project Club Achievement Days March 19 and 20

Home Demonstration Project Clubs will hold achievement days in Chambers on Friday, March 19, and in O'Neill on Saturday, March 20. Two achievement days will be held this spring in order to reduce travel. Arrangements are being made by Mrs. G. H. Grimes of Chambers, county chairman, and group chairmen Mrs. E. A. Bouska of Atkinson, Mrs. Alfred Drayton of O'Neill, and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter of Chambers.

Similar programs are being arranged for each day, with business meetings and exhibits in the mornings. Covered dish luncheons will be held. The afternoon programs will include music from local schools, reports of the year's work, the leadership recognition service by Miss Della Lewis, district home demonstration agent. Each meeting will feature Newton W. Gaines, of the Extension Service, who is known to a great many Holt county people.

Both achievement meetings are planning a social hour following the afternoon program when refreshments will be served, and those in attendance may have an opportunity to see the exhibits and visit with friends. Special invitations are issued to outside guests as well as all project members.

Inman Boy Graduates From Training School

Robert J. Harte, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harte of Inman, graduated this week from the 16-week training course in the school for machinist's mates at the service school of the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill. He is now eligible for advancement to a petty officer rating.

The graduate awaits assignment to the fleet or to an advanced service school for additional instruction. He will serve under veteran petty officers in his specialized field, and may obtain a rating as soon as he is able to pass the qualifying examination. Nineteen of the forty-nine specialist trades used in the Navy are taught in the service school at Great Lakes.

The Weather

This section had a couple of nice snows during the past week, amounting in all to about six inches. The moisture content of these snows will be of vast benefit to the ground, as there has been very little moisture for several months. The mercury dropped below zero for three nights straight, and gave warning that the time for planting spring gardens had not yet arrived.

March 5	30	4
March 6	7	-10
March 7	11	-17
March 8	18	-16
March 9	45	18
March 10	19	0
March 11	30	0
Precipitation 41.		

O'NEILL SCHOOLS WILL SPONSOR MUSIC CONTEST

The O'Neill schools will sponsor a music competition-festival to be held on Friday, April 16th. In the absence of the regular district contest, O'Neill school officials decided to send an inquiry to neighboring schools to ascertain if there were sufficient interest to warrant a festival type of contest at those places. The results showed that schools as far east as Osmond and as far west as Bassett would send a total of more than three hundred contestants, and replies are still being received.

At this type of music meet students may play or sing for ratings, criticism, or both at the wish of their director. Judges of interstate reputation have been secured. The adjudicator for the instrumental division will be Prof. Edward F. Kurtz, head of the music department at the Iowa State Teacher's College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The vocal division will be judged by Prof. Paul McCollin, head of the voice department of Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa. Negotiations are in progress to secure a piano judge of like caliber.

Citizens of the O'Neill community are showing their usual enthusiasm and support for the festival. Individuals and civic groups have indicated maximum support. They believe with Dr. Knute Broody, of the University of Nebraska Extension Division, "that band and choral clinics conducted by recognized experts should be held in several centralized points over the state."

Any school interested in securing information concerning the festival may contact Ira George, supervisor of music, at O'Neill.

St. Mary's Presents The Wishing Well

For the annual St. Patrick's day program, St. Mary's will present "The Wishing Well," a romance of Old Ireland. It is the story of the joys and woes of Lady Mary Donnell, the last of an old but impoverished noble family. Due to financial difficulties she is forced to take in lodger who turns out to be Sir Terence O'Grady of Hitchcock Court, in-cognito as Terence O'More. No-reen, Mary's niece, is a regular match-maker, but definitely dislikes Mary's suitor, Squire Baxby, the villain. The plans of the city vamp, Maureen, are foiled by No-reen, Terence, and—believe it or not, the Fairies. All ends well in the Wishing Well. Come and see.

Characters

- Sir Terence Fitzpatrick O'Grady, of Hitchcock Court
- James Golden
- Lady Mary Donnell, present owner of Falls Park Manor
- Margaret Ryan
- Noreen, Mary's niece
- Clarice O'Bryan
- Squire Baxby, of Sheraton Castle, their neighbor
- Joe Bglin
- Darby Duffy, an old servant at Falls Park
- Leonard Engler
- Nora, his wife, housekeeper
- Betty Flood
- Kathleen O'Mara, maid
- Sheila Taffee
- Dan Tryon, groom
- Bob Wallace
- Maureen McGibney, a designing coquette from Dublin
- Maxine Winkler
- Molly O'Toole, accomplice of Maureen's
- Patty O'Donnell
- Felix Murphy, tight-fisted lawyer of Dublin
- Ed Campbell
- Fairy Queen and fairies: Bonnie Hynes, Helen Hart, Mary Lois Kelly, Mardy Birmingham, Wilma Olson, Louraine Simonson, Lenore Small, Judy Martin, Suzanne Moss.
- Chorus: Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs.
- Irish Tunes: Mr. Ira George and St. Mary's Band.
- Accompanist—Alvara Ramm
- Stage-crafter—Ed Martin
- Everybody welcome. Wednesday, March 17, at 8:45 p. m.

Marriage Licenses

- Arthur Donat Seger and Fern Marie King, both of Stuart, on March 8.
- Dolar L., Turgeon and Rose E. Pike, both of Bijou Hills, S. D., on March 6.
- Frank G. Manrek of Ewing and Helen Zetocha of Stirum, S. D., on March 8.
- Raymond C. Cook of Palacios, Texas, and Dorothy Mae Hiserote of Spencer, Nebr., on March 9.
- Sergeant Earl R. Hunt of Camp Howze, Texas, returned on Monday, after attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. D. D. Hunt.