

O'NEILL SOCIETY

Bride-Elect Showered
A prenuptial shower was given for Miss Leona French Friday by Mrs. J. P. Brown. A lunch was served and the evening was spent playing bridge.

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Sioux Cityan Honored
A 7:30 p.m. dinner party was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. R. M. Sauer in honor of Mrs. Julia Graves, of Sioux City.

Entertains Pinochle Club
Mrs. Melvin Johnson entertained the Pinochle club at her home Tuesday evening.

Dinner, Bridge Party
A dinner was given Tuesday evening at the M & M cafe by Miss Jean Biglin in honor of Miss Leona French.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Calvert, of Norfolk, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. France.

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Visitors Honored
Mrs. Ira Moss, Mrs. B. Helen Gallagher, and Mrs. H. J. Hammond honored Mrs. J. L. Gaudrie, of Miami, Fla., and Mrs. J. F. Hayes, of Los Angeles, Calif., at a picnic dinner at the Country club Monday evening.

A luncheon was given at the M & M cafe Saturday by Mrs. P. F. Moran in honor of Mrs. Gaudrie. Other guests were Mrs. Ira Moss, Mrs. H. J. Hammond, Mrs. F. D. McMillan, and Mrs. M. J. Golden.

Mrs. Froelich Entertains
Mrs. W. J. Froelich entertained eight guests at a dinner party at her home Monday. The remainder of the evening was spent playing pitch.

Entertain At Club
Misses Jean Biglin and Leona French were hostesses at a picnic given at the Country club Saturday evening. Eighteen guests were present.

O'NEILL NEWS

Miss Patricia Ryan, of Sioux City, arrived Saturday for a week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gallagher.

Everett Townall, of LaCrosse, Wis., and Miss June Thomas, of Centerville, Ia., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lorenze Brede-neier.

Fred Halva returned Sunday from Lincoln, where he has been attending summer school at the University of Nebraska.

Mrs. Michael Heapp and daughter, Sandra, of Milwaukee, Wis., arrived Sunday for a few weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Culver.

Mrs. J. M. Cummings left recently for Henderson, Ia., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Ridgely.

Mrs. Sophie Lashmet, of Newport, spent Monday visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. D. DeBolt.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Verley and sons, of Lincoln, spent several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. De-Groff.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dexter and family spent Sunday in Amelia visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bly.

Mrs. Julia Graves and son, Howard, of Sioux City arrived Sunday to visit friends. Howard returned to Sioux City that evening and Mrs. Graves will remain here for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Savers spent the weekend in Superior visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. E. France.

'THE IRISH LASSIE COMES HOME'

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these wounds; difficult work, because the sudden warmth of the radar room cause the frozen wounds to bleed profusely. Mulligan is given two units of plasma, and all the crew except the pilots and the navigator, who can't afford to pass out, go off oxygen so the wounded men may be fed full rich and continuously.

It is time for Engineer Watson to go through the plane and make a report on the damage. It isn't encouraging. No repairs will be possible in the air, he says. Chances of making a successful 1,500-mile over-water flight in bad weather and in darkness are slim.

There is nothing to do but fly and hope. The black night hours drag by silently, as if they were years. The men do not talk. But Avery is glad he has kept his altitude. He needs every inch tonight, for below him the weather is bad—rough rain clouds, which would throw the ship around if it got in them. And he has just one torn cable; any extra strain might snap it. Through the night they plow on, hesitatingly, counting off the slow minutes and endless miles.

Now is the time for the let-down. Somehow they have made it this far and it is only a matter of minutes from Saipan. As they descend it gets rough; nothing to fear in a sound, tight ship, but something to dread in this wrecked bomber, held in level flight by that thin strand of steel.

Every few minutes Avery calls the Saipan tower: "Bluegrass! Calling Bluegrass! I have wounded aboard and am in distress... Request permission to make an emergency straight-in approach." Avery hears nothing but static in his earphones. His aerial has been shot away over Japan and he is unable to pick up anything farther than ten miles from the transmitting station. But one piece of good fortune has remained with him; he has very high-frequency transmitter intact and he is thereby able to send out his distress message.

The Superfort flies closer and closer to Saipan. Gas is low, every gauge registers empty. The pumps are sucking up the last quarts and pints that swish on the bottom of the tanks. Four hundred precious gallons of gas were lost in the first ramming.

Then the tower comes through: "This is Bluegrass. You are cleared for an emergency straight-in approach. Ambulance and fire trucks are waiting." It is up to Fox. He alone has the controls left. In the darkness he cuts down between two other B-29s in the traffic pattern. Approaching the field, power suddenly fails him and the seventy-ton bomber drops clear below the level of the cliffs. Fox hits the throttles full forward to maximum power and strains the last elevator

cable to the breaking point as hauls back on the control column. Miraculously he lifts the Irish Lassie hits the runway with dead engines. The last half ounce of usable gasoline torn ship up over the cliff, then he pushes the nose down. The props chew into the coral, the ship smashes in two.

Avery's head smashes into the instrument panel; he is knocked out Meyer, Leach, Nellums and McHugh have packed their solid bodies around the wounded men for protection and the crash-landing bruises and cuts them. Fire starts in No. 1 engine. McHugh and Meyer, thinking she would burn grab Mulligan. Still delicious. Mulligan fights furiously as they drag him stark naked from the clothing piled about him and out of the plane. Klimczak is too sick to be moved. But help from the ground is there. They cut a hole through the fuselage, and first-aid men gently load his wounded body onto a litter. From the runway, McHugh and Meyer look at the wreckage. Irish Lassie did not burn—there was too little gasoline left.

All but Mulligan and Klimczak returned to bombing Japan after a brief rest. All are alive today. Mulligan and Klimczak were hospitalized. Mulligan's hands had to be amputated. They had frozen while he lay wounded and unconscious in the subzero tail section. Klimczak, shot in the arm, leg, and back, also suffered a shattered pelvis and hip bones. And a baby was born to Mrs. Fox the night her copilot husband flew Irish Lassie back to Saipan.

Here is the cast of this terrific war drama of the stratosphere recorded at the time as an official Army Air Forces document but impounded until now for security reasons:

Pilot: Lt. Lloyd Avery, Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York; Copilot: Lt. Leonard C. Fox, Emmet, Nebraska; Navigator: Lt. John Faubion, Austin, Texas; Bombardier: Lt. C. R. Gage, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Engineer: Lt. Robert E. Watson, Pomeroy, Washington; Radar Operator: Sgt. Walter S. Klimczak, Plymouth, Pennsylvania; Radio Operator, Sgt. Lewis E. Nellums, Pensacola, Florida; Central Fire Control Gunner: Sgt. James McHugh, New York City; Left Blister Gunner: Sgt. Clarence O. Leach, Martins Ferry, Ohio; Right Blister Gunner: Sgt. Marvin

E. Meyer, Boone, Iowa; Tail Gunner: Sgt. Charles D. Mulligan, Henderson, Kentucky.

Richard Biglin spent the weekend in Hastings with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Biglin.

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