



THE FRONTIER

BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

By Romaine Saunders

"This little strip of light 'twixt night and night... Let me keep bright today, And let no shadow of tomorrow Nor sorrow from the dead yesterday Gainsay my happiness today. And if tomorrow shall be sad or Never come at all, I've had, at least, today!"

A heavy rain a week ago took a toll of 20 young turkeys of Mrs. Kennedy's flock.

Labor unions are spending money from a three-quarter of a million fund to defeat republicans for re-election to congress who have stood for square treatment for employer, employee and the public.

I understand it is against the law to speak against liquor over a national hookup. Wonder how Sheriff Duffy would enjoy marching a W. C. T. U. sister to jail who got up to a microphone and read from Holy Writ: "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine."

It is given to no one to know it all or remember it all. The editor was right in going back a step farther with the history of drug stores. I had forgotten those he mentions. I believe one window of that store he calls our attention to was used by an early day jeweler for a variety of defunct time pieces brought to him to be revived. Druggists, like priests and Methodist preachers, were in the vanguard of advancing civilization. The first I recall of these was Father Smith of the Catholic faith and Bartley Blain of the Methodist Episcopal persuasion.

Mr. Willkie is heard from again. He appears to be the George W. Norris type of republican—a newcomer to the ranks with what many regard as New Deal attributes subtly concealed back of blunt phrases. Citizens who have grown gray and thick at the midriff to republican principles resented an outsider and recent convert coming into their states to set them straight. What bearing, if any his recent published productions will have on the coming G. O. P. convention remains to be seen.

This generation is learning what an older generation tried to tell them that Nebraska has flood waters from time to time. Tell a college bred engineer directing the construction of a highway in recent years that his grade level was not high enough he would give you either a tolerant smile or a cold stare. Those who know their Indian tell us Nebraska means water. We have both devastating flood and blistering drought. Had the engineers who put through highways in this community taken advice from the natives there would be less road work to do over after a period of high water.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy went to Atkinson an afternoon last week. That alone is neither news nor important. At least four other families in the neighborhood were also up town that afternoon. It is what one discovers at the home during the absence of the parents that is important. I went to this home early that evening. The fourteen year old daughter had just gone to the house from feeding 150 young turkeys. The dining room was in order and the table attractively laid for the family's evening meal. Father and mother had not yet arrived from town and with the bearing of modest efficiency the young daughter informed me they had the milking done and were awaiting their parents' arrival. Here were four children, a boy of ten and another five, two girls, the oldest not more than fourteen, had gotten the ten or twelve cows in from pasture, done the milking, fed the poultry and had the supper ready to sit down to when father and mother should get home. We read of the tragedy of young lives today, what is called juvenile delinquency. A cure for that is a home in which little hands are taught useful work and in which they take an interest. Other fathers and mothers in the neighborhood came home from town that day and found the table set. It is such homes that are the salt of the earth and the hope of the nation.

This is what small business men think about it as voiced by their convention keynoter, DeWitt Emery, in Chicago recently: "The choice this fall is between

Meyborg-Ruther

A beautiful and impressive wedding took place Tuesday morning, June 20, at 10 o'clock at St. Peter's de Alcastars Catholic church in Ewing when Miss Lucille A. Meyborg if Ewing, became the bride of Jerome V. Ruther of Inman, Rev. Father Burke performing the single ring ceremony.

The bride is the oldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Meyborg, of Ewing. She attended public school at Ewing.

The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. Anna Ruther and the late John Ruther of Inman. He attended the Inman public school and graduated with the class of 1937. Since his graduation he has been in the ranching and farming business.

The bride wore a white slipper satin and lace gown fashioned with a sweetheart neckline and lace inserts in the sleeves and skirt. A finger-tip veil fell in graceful folds from a beaded crown. Her bouquet was of pink and white carnations and baby breath tied with a white satin ribbon.

Miss Laura Vandersnickt, of Ewing, was bridesmaid. She wore a pink floor length taffeta gown and carried a bouquet of pink roses tied with a pink satin ribbon.

Both the groom and his attendant, John Kaczor, of Ewing, wore medium blue suits with white carnation boutonnieres.

The groom's mother dressed in medium green with brown accessories wore a baby rose corsage.

Immediately after the ceremony dinner was served to the clergy, relatives and friends of the couple. A three tier wedding cake with a miniature bride and groom on it and vases of roses were the centerpiece of the table.

After a short wedding trip they will make their home on the groom's farm southeast of Page.

two philosophies of government: centralized control of everything and everybody or constitutional government with the rights of the people guaranteed by a bill of rights. That those gents intend to have a hand in election is plain by this: "Any man who doesn't take an intensive and active interest in politics is just a plain ordinary fool." Maybe a better way to have put it is to say he just doesn't get informed.

Small business—who are they? They are your neighbors—Florence Lindsay and her mother at Amelia, Edgar Peterson at his cream station, Blake Ott at the filling station, John McManus, John Melvin, Miss Meier and a dozen others in O'Neill, Ralph Kelly of the Graphic, printers, grocers, carpenters, barbers, doctors, lawyers, the boys and old men pushing lawn mowers to earn a few dollars, girls behind counters and in restaurants, the men and women riding tractors or drawing lines over a span of four or only one mule to keep up the food supply, Ted Platte and Wm. Medcalfe down at Chambers, shop keepers and laborers all over the land not taking orders from union heads. A sizable bunch that may become a militant force from the start made at the Chicago convention.

Lord Byron found "society where none intrudes." Pathless forest, deep and dark blue ocean inspired his sublime pen. A picturesque and bewickered American touched a responsive chord in the soul of the outdoor gend when he spread the prairie on a deathless page and boomed, "Room! Room! Out where there is room!" And it is astonishing what "society" is to be found in the great room of the outdoors. A black-tailed jack tumbles out of his bed of grass, cocks a wary ear toward you and is away to a zone of safety. A turtle dove flutters up just ahead and there is another opportunity to manifest that universal interest, a look into a bird's nest. This one had two white eggs. A lone duck scolding scandalously travels high about on fast-flapping wings. A sizeable snapping turtle has moved to the middle of the road to find a barren spot of earth to deposit eggs. They lug around forty odd of these until nesting. Great green frogs push off from the water's edge and find safety in the cool depths of the stream until a bigger underwater creature makes a meal of him. A flash of gold—a canary on show just for a glimpse of its dainty loveliness. A nest containing ten baby rabbits, their eyes not yet open to the perils of an interesting world. The barnyard cat locates the nest and takes the mouse-size bites down one at a time. Staccato calls of the sly coyote give the direction to where these prairie thieves are ganging up. Beast and bird, insect and creeping thing; flowers and the waving green of tree tops, open country landscaped by the hand of the creator—nature holds innumerable charms in that "society where none intrudes." And the friend of nature "loves not man the less."

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Three People Drown In Elkhorn River Near O'Neill Last Friday Eve; Bodies Found Saturday

David Brookhouser, 28, Loses Life On Van Horn Farm Southwest Of Orchard

David Brookhouser, 28 a brother of Mrs. Grace Wilcox of O'Neill, lost his life by drowning last Friday evening at dusk while swimming with his wife in backwater from the Elkhorn river on the Harry Van Horn farm ten miles southwest of Orchard. Search for the body was continued until six o'clock Saturday night when the body was found in about eight feet of water, by Roy Johnson, of east of O'Neill.

Brookhouser and his brother-in-law, Albert Anson, Orchard, went to the place to go fishing. They were joined later by Mrs. Brookhouser and another brother-in-law, Dave Anson and Mrs. Dave Anson.

While the others fished, the Brookhousers decided to go in swimming. It is believed they stepped in a deep hole. Those on the bank saved Mrs. Brookhouser with a fishing pole, but her husband was not seen again after sinking under the surface of the water.

Orchard men and others searched Friday night and Saturday morning Deputy Sheriff C. C. Bergstrom and Patrolman Bob Walters went to the scene with a boat and grappling hooks, but were unsuccessful in finding the body.

Brookhouser, who was employed as a mechanic at the D. B. McNabb filling station in Orchard, is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Ella Brookhouser, Orchard; three sisters, Mrs. Grace Wilcox, O'Neill, Mrs. Edwin Porter, Orchard, and Mrs. Opal Marquardt; three brothers, Percy, Omaha; Art, California and John, Omaha.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the United Brethren church in Orchard with Rev. C. T. Wantz in charge. Burial followed in Enterprise cemetery north of Orchard.

Now Ensign In Navy Charles W. Denesia

Charles W. Denesia, auditor for the Standard Oil Co., has been notified by the Navy Procurement office in Des Moines, that he has been commissioned an Ensign in the Navy.

Mrs. Denesia, formerly Angela Pribil of this city, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pribil.

Lt. Harry H. Yocum Now At Harding Field, La.

Harding Field, La. — 2nd Lt. Harry H. Yocum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Yocum, O'Neill, Neb., is currently assigned to the 72nd Fighter Wing Indoctration Unit at Harding Field, La., prior to being assigned to one of the fighter or Combat Crew Training Schools in the Wing for final training in combat tactics of the Army Air Forces.

During his brief stay in the Indoctration Unit Lt. Yocum will be issued the personal equipment which he will use in the ensuing weeks of combat flight training and will undergo the preliminary phase of ground training, including intelligence, small arms, aircraft recognition.

Lt. Yocum is married and his wife, Mrs. Katherine M. Yocum, and little daughter, Colleen Kay, live at O'Neill, Nebr.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to extend our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to everyone who assisted in the search for the body of our beloved daughter and sister and for sympathy extended us during our bereavement. Mrs. Jens Hansen and Children.

Hospital Notes Gladys Schmoher tonsils removed. Mrs. J. H. Reimer, Inman, admitted Tuesday, medical patient, dismissed Thursday.

Bonnie Lee Schmitt admitted Tuesday, medical patient. Lavena Kloppenberg, of Emmet, dismissed Saturday.

Marriage Licenses David Vernon Helmer, 25, Brunswick, and Alice Hamilton, 21, O'Neill.

Vernon Yarges, 22, Stuart, and Ina Mae Moddy, 22, Newport.

Howard Stephens, 33, Council Bluffs, Iowa to Laura Mellor, 24, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Jesse V. Ruther, 25, Page, and Lucille Meyborg, 23, Ewing.

James Newman, 26, Stuart, and Mabel Eaton 23, Stuart.

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Henry Sobotka And Miss Cora Hansen Drown In Deep Hole East Of O'Neill

The people of this vicinity were shocked to learn last Saturday morning that three people in this county had lost their life by drowning the evening before. Two in the Elkhorn east of this city, Henry Sobotka and Miss Cora Hansen and David Brookhouser in the Van Horn lake southwest of Orchard.

The bodies of Mr. Sobotka and Miss Hansen were found about noon Saturday just east of the river bridge about three miles east of O'Neill by Joel Parker, Chet Calkins, Wm. Gatz and Ralph Davidson. The couple had left their shoes on dry ground which gave the searchers a hint as to where to look. There were two streams of water running across the meadow south of the regular river channel, caused from the high water and it was in this second stream that the bodies were found in about 10 or 12 feet of water. This happened to be a deep hole in the stream as the water on both sides of the hole was shallow.

It seems that Henry Sobotka, Richard Hansen and his two sisters, Cora and Lulu Hansen had been in O'Neill that afternoon and had gone home about supper time and had stopped along the highway just east of the river bridge, where Mr. Sobotka and Miss Hansen had gone swimming, and had disappeared with nobody noticing their disappearance. Relatives were notified that night and who searched during the night, and in the morning more help was asked to find the bodies.

Funeral services were held for Miss Cora Hansen on Monday afternoon, June 19th at two o'clock from the Methodist church in this city, with Rev. Dawson Park in charge of the services and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Cora Hansen was born in Crawford County, Iowa on February 9, 1913 and at the time of her death was 31 years, 4 months and 7 days of age. She came to this county with her parents in 1915 from Iowa and has continued to make her home on the farm a few miles east of O'Neill.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Jens Hansen and four brothers and three sisters: Andy Hansen of Vancouver, Wash.; Oscar Hansen, O'Neill; Clara Patterson, La Massa, Calif.; Richard, O'Neill; Mrs. Esther Smith, Vancouver, Wash.; and Luella and Arnold of O'Neill.

Funeral services were held on Monday morning at ten o'clock for Henry C. Sobotka. Services were held at St. Patrick's church with Rev. Daniel Brick in charge of the services and burial following in Calvary cemetery.

Mr. Sobotka was born at Inman, Nebraska on July 20, 1906 and at the time of his death was 37 years, 10 months and 26 days of age. He leaves to mourn his tragic death, his mother and nine brothers and four sisters, as follows: Joseph of Inman; Mrs. Frank Pribil, O'Neill; Mrs. Frances Reznicek, Longview, Washington; Anna at home; John, Frank, Charles of Inman; Jake of Sioux City, Ia.; Louis, Anthony, George and James of Inman and Mrs. Ella Meyer of Beatrice, Nebraska.

ROSS-WALLING ROSS-CASEY The following was taken from the Sioux City (Iowa) Journal of Wednesday, June 21: "Miss Irene L. Ross became the bride of F. James Walling of Omaha and Miss Gladys C. Ross was married to Master Sergeant Matthew K. Casey of Elmont, Long Island, N. Y., at a double wedding Sunday afternoon in the First Presbyterian church. The brides are daughters of Mrs. Christine M. Ross of Sioux City.

"The candlelight service was performed by Rev. Theodore G. Lilley, pastor. Soft organ music was played during the ceremony. "Mrs. Walling and Mrs. Casey wore identical suits of chateausse with soft, brown velvet collars, and brown accessories. Matching half hats and corsages of yellow tea roses completed their bridal ensembles.

"Immediate families attended a wedding dinner in the Jackson hotel after the ceremony."

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who assisted in the search for the body of David Brookhouser and for any assistance and sympathy shown us during our bereavement.

Mrs. D. E. Brookhouser Mrs. Martha Brookhouser and son Percy Mrs. Grace Wilcox and Ellen Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Porter and family.

Dr. P. W. Tipton Wins Golf Tournament Held Here Sunday

The annual golf tournament of the O'Neill Country Club was held on Sunday, June 18, with 47 entries. The tournament this year was a one-day meet, made necessary by war restriction on travel, and the committee in charge were well pleased with the number participating.

Dr. P. W. Tipton of Omaha is the champion this year, winning the honors from Max Golden. Consolation winner of the Championship flight was J. B. Grady.

In the second flight, Ed Casey was the winner with Dr. L. A. Burgess the runnerup. In the consolation, J. E. Hauge of Meadow Grove was the winner.

In the third flight, G. E. Warwick of Meadow Grove was the winner with Ralph Langer the runnerup. Edward M. Gallagher was the consolation winner.

In the fourth flight John Cassell of Ainsworth was the winner with Paul Keller of Ainsworth the runnerup. H. E. Coyne was the consolation winner.

In the fifth flight, William Spelts was the winner with Homer Mullen the runnerup. In the consolation, Al Cattel of Ainsworth was the winner.

This is not the first time Dr. Tipton has won the championship, as he won in 1938, 1940 and 1942, while Max Golden won in 1939, 1941 and 1943.

O'Neill Comes From Behind In Ninth To Defeat Inman 5 To 4 Here On Sunday

The O'Neill baseball team got off to a successful start here Sunday by defeating the fast Inman team by a score of 5 to 4.

The Inman team, behind the good pitching of Bill Sholes, led by a score of 4 to 1 going into the last half of the ninth inning. The O'Neill boys found their batting eye and scored four runs to win.

Batteries: Inman: Sholes and Appleby, O'Neill: Fox, Wolfe and Fruss. Inman collected 11 scatter-hits while O'Neill got 8, but bunched them to win the game.

O'Neill will play the past Tri-State Produce Company team of this city next Sunday at the high school diamond 5 blocks north of the Ford Garage at 2:00 o'clock. This promises to be a real good game, and no admission will be charged.

PAGE METHODIST CHURCH Feodor C. Kattner, Minister Sunday School at 10 a. m. Worship Services 11:00 a. m. Members of the Methodist Youth Caravan will speak at this service.

Youth Fellowship supper with Caravaners at 6:45 p. m. Classes 7:45-8:30 p. m. 1. For Intermediates 2. For Adults—Young People 3. For Seniors—who are interested in the Youth of the church. Evening service 8:45-9:45. Caravaners will speak. Fellowship period 9:45-10:15. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—Youth Workshop 2 to 5 p. m. Varied program 7:45-10:45, p. m. Further details on Sunday morning.

BRIEFLY STATED Mrs. Mabel McKanna returned Saturday from Omaha, where she had spent a week on business.

Miss Rosemary and Miss Ruth Ann Biglin left Monday for Berkeley, Cal., where they will attend summer school.

Judge and Mrs. J. J. Harrington and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beulow and family, left Monday for Omaha, from where the Beulow's will proceed to their home at Racine, Wis.

H. A. 1-c Constance Golden left Tuesday for Grand Island, where she will go on to her station at Ocean Beach, Cal., after spending a week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Golden.

Fm-2c John Hynes came Saturday from Great Lakes, Illinois, for a nine day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hynes and family.

Mrs. Bert G. Clift, Jr., left Saturday for Brush, Colo., after visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker.

Miss Marie Biglin left Sunday for her home in Salt Lake City, after spending a few weeks here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Biglin and other relatives and friends. She was accompanied by Miss Genevieve Biglin.

PAGE ITEMS

Page Boy From Southwest Pacific Home On Short Leave Kenneth O. Stevens, S. 1-c, who has spent the past eight months on sea duty in the southwest Pacific, arrived home Thursday night for a short visit with his parents, Postmaster and Mrs. B. H. Stevens and family.

On arriving at Omaha he discovered everywhere was under water and no train service. After taking a bus to the edge of the city he rode with a deputy sheriff of Douglas county to Valley. There he was greeted with the news that the only way to get out was by a railroad motor car which would only carry a passenger that had the O. K. of the Red Cross headquarters. This he proceeded to get and rode the popular to Elkhorn passing five U. P. streamliners on a siding loaded down with service men. From Elkhorn he rode an army truck to Fremont hitch hiking the rest of the way home, via Columbus.

He returned to his station Sunday morning and expects to go back to sea duty soon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Voehl and children Jo Anne, James and Larry, of Bradbury Heights, Md., arrived last Friday at the home of Mrs. Voehl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stevens. Mr. Voehl expects to return home June 26, while Mrs. Voehl and children will remain for an extended visit.

Mrs. Thelma Jaynes and Loren Rakow, of Fremont, spent the week-end with their father, H. A. Rakow and sister, Mrs. Margaret Anderson.

Mrs. Earl Closson and son, Clifford went to O'Neill Friday, and Clifford remained there for a two weeks visit with relatives.

Peter X. Larson returned from Casper, Wyo., Saturday morning, where he had been visiting at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Provost. He went to Casper with his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Larson, who were enroute to Bakersfield, Cal.

Miss Mildred Helen Stuart, who is attending Hastings Teachers' college at Hastings, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Stuart.

Loni Wood, of Elm Creek Nebr., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Wood. Mrs. Wood, who has been visiting relatives here returned home with him.

Mrs. H. P. Person and daughter, Sherill, of Deadwood, S. D., came last Thursday to visit at the home of her father and sister, H. A. Rakow and Mrs. Margaret Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haynes and daughter, Viola and Miss Ardith Vroman were Fathers' Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haynes and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Tipton and Jean Louise were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper Monday noon. They left Monday afternoon for their new home at Waverly, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stevens, of Atkinson, Mrs. Evelyn Gray and Mrs. Erma Weyer were Fathers' Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Stevens.

Miss Jean Wood returned home from Lincoln last Wednesday, where she had spent three weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wood and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nissen, Mr. and Mrs. Esmond Weber and daughters and Donald Nissen and son, Jimmie, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eby at O'Neill, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John White and son, of Stockton, Cal., went to Walthill, Nebr., last Friday to spend a week with Mrs. White's parents.

Henry Fuelberth, of Stuart, was a supper guest Saturday at the P. E. Nissen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Closson, of O'Neill, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Closson Sunday noon. In the afternoon all went to Ewing to visit the gentleman's father, Andrew Closson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coon and family and Mrs. Jacox, of Inman, were Sunday evening visitors of Mrs. Myrtle Coon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Walker were Fathers' Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beelart were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper Sunday.

First Report On War Loan Drive Shows Some Places Lagging

Here are the first reported figures on the progress of the Fifth War Loan Drive in Holt County, compiled as of June 20th, 1944, by Townships and Cities, showing purchases actually made up to this time, for which reports have been received.

Table with 2 columns: Township, Amount. Lists various townships and their respective amounts raised.

There will be a feeling of shame in this county if we find ourselves short of the mark when the Fifth War Loan comes to an end next month. We will not permit that to happen here, especially when we look around in our homes and our places of employment and see the shadows of relatives and friends who today are in the midst of bloody battle for us.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that regardless of the size of our county quota, the Fifth War Loan will be a flat failure for you if you do not exceed anything you have done in the past in War Bond buying.

In this invasion hour your son, your brother, your friend—has a right to demand that you make your record contribution to the success of this war loan.

The slogan, "Back the Attack, Buy More Than Before", is not merely a catch phrase. It expresses the cold facts about invasion. Unless we make the supreme effort to do everything humanly possible either at our work benches or in our homes with our sweat, our blood and our dollars, we hand over our share of the burden to our fighting men.

Is there anyone anywhere in this America, which has been free of the noise of battles, who will not find it possible to buy one more Bond than he has planned? Is there anyone who cares about the life of a boy who is somewhere overseas who will not say that this is the time to send the word along: "We are backing you up with everything we have. We are fighting by your side."

Nice Run Of Livestock At Local Sale Ring Monday

A nice run of livestock was at the local sale ring last Monday and due to the break in the central markets, the prices were some lower, especially on the cows. The good kind sold for \$10 to \$12 and the between kind were off more and sold around \$6.25 to \$8.00. Not many light cattle showed up, not enough to test the market. If you have anything fat, they are still a good price and we have buyers for them.

A good run of hogs were here and prices were about steady on the very best and sold at \$12.65, sows sold from \$9 to \$9.35. Quiet a few pigs showed up and the market was considerable lower.

The Alpha Club

The Alpha Club met at the home of Mrs. Carl Widfeldt on Wednesday, June 14. The roll call was a poem on flowers. An interesting talk on flowers and vases was given by Mrs. Dwight Hammerlum. After the meeting ice cream and cake was served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. Sam Robertson.

P. J. McManus returned Saturday from Chicago, where he had spent the past three weeks visiting relatives. P. J. had intended to visit his old home town in Wisconsin before coming home, but he said travel was so heavy it was almost impossible to get anywhere, so he gave it up and came home.