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SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Mr. and Mrs. George Meals of Atkinson spent an afternoon out here recently.

Joe Serck of Chambers was over this way Monday with his stock of spices and remedies and found some in need in this neighborhood. Salesmen are welcome visitors in the busy hay and harvest season when ranchers can't take time to go to town.

F. D. R. has the talent to select a cabinet that has met with greater wide spread commendation than all others combined. Says one former New Deal bureau head of one New Deal cabinet officer. "He is about as fair as Calaphas, as objective as a fishwife and as courtous as a hyena."

Perhaps after all the New Deal crop allotment is but a modified application of the battle cry of a stary-eyed sister of Kansas forty odd years ago when she waived the banner of populism and called upon the clod hoppers to raise more hell and less corn.

The 4th is no good in these modern times. We lack the gumption of our fathers. They greeted the 4th with "100 guns at sunrise," Sniggs, Merrit, Buster and the other snaythurs "shot the anvils," grand calathumpian parade, races, sports, an imported orator, Gus Handan marshal of the day, Silver Triggs stepping it off at the head of the O'Neill cornet band, fireworks at night and fire water at all times—patriotism run high and every body felt that the 4th was something more than just another day on the calendar.

The "rumble and grumble and roar" of tractors in the hay meadows and grain fields is noisy evidence that the one busy season of the southwest has swung into full stride. Grass is abundant and the grain fields all the way down to the Loup are turning out heavy crops. Cattle feed to the full in green pastures and the turkeys have an unlimited supply of fresh grasshoppers. Mulberries are abundant and summer apples are coming into use. Sand cherry bushes hang full of unripe fruit but the new potatoes fresh from the garden are something to rave about. And from now until pheasants are "ripe" fried chicken will abound on harvest dinner tables.

Uncle Sam was supposed to have about all the gold stuck away in subterranean hideouts down in old Kentucky. Now it is learned that a single individual over in mysterious India has 800 tons of the yellow metal in his palace vaults. A current saying in our youth, "you are not the only pebble on the beach," is still pertinent.

The Holt county grasshopper is a tough customer. He multiplies in wet weather, is impervious to heat and if frozen like a stone thaws out in the sun winks an evil eye and hops away. He eats every thing that grows in field and garden, strips young trees of leaves and bark and grows opulent on poison bait. He takes refuge in the grass but shakes a hind leg at it as well as the weeds as being fit for the diet of a hopper. He bores holes in the earth in which would fit a round lead pencil and deposits millions of eggs to perpetuate his kind that the work of destruction may go one from season to season.

The engraver's art, the pressman's skill in combining colors and the master of superlatives in writing the hallyhoo for those seed catalogues intrigued the lady of the house early in the spring to go into flower gardening. She had my moral support but very little practical help. The beds were well planned, seeds planted and all that watering and cultivating went on through the weeks and now in the hot July days a touch of color in floral bloom shows here and there but the flower is a pitiful contrast to the gorgeous thing the catalogue promised. Much of human effort is crowned with but mockery of nature. From Mid-May until late June the deep blue bloom of the prairie iris and the fragrances of the wild rose greeted us every where, while for sheer beauty the creamy flower looking

Joseph Sherman Ennis

The funeral of Sherman Ennis was held Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church, Rev. V. C. Wright officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery at the side of his wife, who passed away last November. His daughters, Mrs. Maxwell, of San Diego, and Mrs. Smith, of Chambers, were both present at the funeral. Joseph Sherman Ennis was born at Martinsville, Indiana, on July 29, 1872, the son of Emery Ennis and Dorcas Perry. His people were of southern extraction, his father a Kentuckian and his mother a native Virginian. Sperm moved to Iowa in 1890 and from there he moved to Thurston county, Nebr. He moved to Atkinson in 1908 and lived there until 1916 when he moved to O'Neill where he resided up to the time of his death, on July 2, 1941, at the age of 68 years, eleven months and two days, after a short illness. He was united in marriage to Sarah Lavinia Eveland in Monona county, Iowa, on April 29, 1893. Five children were born of this union, two sons and three daughters. They are: Emery H. of South Bend, Ind.; Mrs. Millie L. Maxwell, Mrs. Marguerite D. Basse, Elmer F., of San Diego, California; Mrs. Lorraine H. Smith of Chambers, Nebr. He also leaves to mourn his passing a sister, Mrs. Thompson, of Morgantown, Indiana, and five grandchildren. Sperm was a good citizen and always attended to his own affairs. After moving to O'Neill he was employed several years in a lumber yard here. He made one entry into politics, being the republican candidate for sheriff in the early twenties but failed at the election. After that campaign he purchased a shoe repair shop and conducted that business up to the date of his death. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and had held all the local offices in that organization. In 1918 he joined the Methodist church and had been a faithful member from that date to the time of his death.

Senator Butler Has Three Appointments To Naval Academy

Senator Hugh Butler announced today that he had received word from the Navy Department that he will have three appointments to make from the State of Nebraska to the Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1942. This increased number of appointments at this time is a result of the speeded up program of training recently adopted at the academy. Senator Butler will give competitive examinations under the auspices of the Civil Service Commission on October 4, 1941, for these appointments. He requests that all applicants have their intention to compete for these appointments filed in his Washington office by the twenty-fifth of September.

Our Governor Is Back Home

Governor Griswold returned last Tuesday from a trip to the east, during which visit he attended the national convention of governors and also visited in Washington D. C., and other points of interest in the east. It is expected that within a short time he will appoint a district judge for this district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Robert R. Dickson. It is expected that the new district judge will be Attorney D. R. Mounts, of Atkinson.

It is said that the average American home being built has decreased by one room since 1926. But the decrease in cost of building is not visible.

up from the thorny bed of cactus like a thing done in delicate wax is rarely surpassed. Nature's adornments are not limited to the floral bloom at our feet. The transcending beauty of a prairie sunset in July holds a captivating charm. For a moment the great golden ball rests in the hollow between two distant hills and is gone. The sky aglow like burnished brass fades to deeper shades as the moments pass and an hour later the evening star sets like a jewel on the sunset afterglow. In the darkening sky to the southeast a full moon rides above the tree tops, now at rest in the evening calm. Seed catalogues may fall us but our beloved prairie holds a perpetual charm.

Prices Strong At Last Monday's Local Market

Strong prices prevailed at Monday's Livestock Auction. Last Monday's receipts of livestock met with stronger prices on practically all classes at the regular local livestock auction. Due to activity in the harvest fields, not quite as large receipts were here, but supplies found a ready outlet and demand was brisk.

Good steer calves paid an extreme top of \$12.00 with the bulk of this class ranging from \$10.50 to \$11.50. Heifer calves were rather scarce.

One small package of choice lightweight yearlings sold at \$12.05 with the long end cashing @ \$9.50 to \$11.50. A few lightweight yearling heifers sold upwards to \$10.00. However the bulk of these sold mostly from \$9.00 to \$9.50.

The quality of the cow offering was not too good. The best kind brought \$7.50 with plainer kinds paying \$6.50 to \$7.00. Bulls were in light supply. The hog run was light, but those on sale shared the general upswing in prices. Top butchers paid \$10.60 with \$10.55 claiming the long end. Sows sold mostly at \$9.85. Not enough pigs were here to establish a price.

About a dozen horses and mules completed the day's offering. The next regular auction will be held on Monday July 14th.

Your Opportunity To Learn A Trade.

Opportunity for trade training will be offered you by a Traveling Navy Recruiting party to be located in the Post Office Building in O'Neill, Nebraska, on July 15th. Office hours will be maintained from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M. to interview and accept applications from men who might be interested in this opportunity to learn and earn while serving their country.

Our "Expert" Columnists

When the war between Hitler and Stalin, the two European despots, started there was considerable discussion as to who would be the winner. The Germans since have claimed to have made considerable gains while the Russians said that their unexpectedly stiff resistance had put the Nazi behind schedule. Of course nobody knows at this writing just how the Russo-German war will eventually turn out. But there is one intangible thing which seems to favor Joe Stalin. When the war started most of the so-called military "experts" and columnists held that Hitler would win in a few weeks. Now in previous predictions these so-called columnists-experts have been about 100 per cent wrong. Therefore their prediction of a Hitler victory, in the light of past results, would seem to indicate that Stalin would win. Let's look at the records for a moment:

When Hitler invaded Poland it was the opinion of the experts that the Poles would hold the Nazis off until the rains came, when the German tanks would be mired in mud, and the British and French would finish them on the western front. When the Germans invaded Norway it was declared the Nazis could not possibly hold the Scandinavian peninsula when it had no fleet to compare with Great Britain's Hitler's invasion of Norway was said to have been as big a mistake as Napoleon's campaign in Spain. When the Nazis invaded the Low Countries it was predicted that the Dutch would drown many by opening the dykes, and that the Dutch Belgians, French and British would finish them off.

It was predicted that it would cost 2,000,000 men to pierce the Maginot Line and then it was doubtful whether it could be done even at so great a sacrifice. When the Balkan campaign started it was predicted the Serbs would retire to the mountains and hold the Germans off until winter by which time they would be practically exhausted.

In all of these predictions the experts were wrong. Now when they predicted that Hitler will finish Stalin off in from four to six weeks they may just be continuing their record as prophets. If they run true to form this campaign might easily be the finish of Hitler. At any rate, having the experts predict his army and material are no good, and he can't win, is a big break for Joe.

O'Neill Commercial Club Regular Meeting Tuesday Evening

The regular meeting of the O'Neill Commercial Club was held at the Golden Hotel last Tuesday evening and was fairly well attended. The Club decided at this meeting to sponsor the annual Calf show and sale to be held here later in the fall and the President was authorized to appoint a committee to have charge of this event. Committees are working on the annual free day celebration, which will be held this year on August 13 and members of the Committees are looking forward to having the largest celebration ever held in this section of the state. Place the date, August 13, in your calendar and be sure to come to O'Neill on that day and be a guest of the business men of O'Neill.

Are We Prepared?

The principal argument of the war interventionists that now is the time to get into the contest while Great Britain is still "hot" so to speak. One thing which they fail to discuss is whether or not the United States is prepared for war at this time. No wonder they do not discuss that question because the weight of the evidence seems against them.

We all remember that Poland, France and Great Britain were not ready for war when they plunged. What has happened since has not been exactly pleasant reading. There is no admission here or elsewhere that Hitler could do to us what he did to France, Poland and Yugoslavia. Certainly if he cannot cross the English channel to attack Great Britain in force he would find it difficult to get into the United States. But this does not gainsay the fact that it is unwise to get into war until one is prepared. That we are not prepared, even for a defensive war, is evidenced by the fact that Uncle Sam plans to spend something like \$15,000,000,000 for defense alone in this fiscal year.

We believe that our army and our navy, man to man and ship to ship, are the finest in the world. But this does not mean that we are prepared for a long war at this time. Let us quote a few paragraphs from the Washington Daily News:

"Before we fight, face the facts." Well the week-end turned up an eloquent array of facts concerning both the state of the army and the state of the whole defense administration.

"Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear, analyzing a month's maneuvers in Tennessee by the Second Army, commented that unless the performance of commanding officers is improved, 'disastrous embarrassments and failures will be encountered during battle.'

He said cases were found where sergeants, corporals and privates in great numbers did not know the nature and details of the exercises being conducted." And this, he emphasized, "is not the fault of the soldier. It is the fault of the officers above him, and it must be corrected."

"This judgment was elaborated by Hansen Baldwin, military correspondent of the New York Times, who said high army officers were of the opinion—

"That not one American division is ready for war; "That the army's conception of modern tactics is 'primitive'; "That there are grave deficiencies in equipment, in training and tactics and leadership, and to a lesser extent in discipline and morale."

The report of the House Committee on Military Affairs regarding our progress for defense-building is no more encouraging. Let us not forget the old axiom that the time to prepare for war is in the time of peace. This is the time of peace so far as we are concerned and we are preparing for defensive war which we hope will never occur. Let us continue to keep it a time of peace so that we may all the better prepare for war.

K. C. Kittenball Team Goes Down To Defeat

Rudy Valla's K. of C. kittenball team met with defeat at the hands of the O'Neill All-Stars at the city park on Monday night of this week. The game went an extra inning and the All Stars won 14 to 11. Playing for the All Stars were: Biglin, McDonough, Toy, Ferris, Moore, Jones, Wyant, Halva, Vincent Fernholtz. For the K. C.'s were playing Valla, Miles, Stanton, Tomlinson, Hammond, Stutz, Early, Flood, Chapman.

Laying down a barrage of 17 hits, many of them for extra bases, the Tri-State Kittenball team downed the K. C. team, 22 to 4 Tuesday evening.

The K. C. team paraded three pitchers to the mound but the Tri-State bats were booming hits all over the field, and the outcome was evident early in the game.

Mason, on the mound for Tri-State gave up eleven hits, but kept them well scattered and bore down with runners on the bases.

Tri-State played almost errorless ball, committing only two errors, while the Knights were making eleven errors behind the pitching of Hammond, Shoemaker and Yarnell.

TRI-STATE

Player	AB	R	H	E
Godel c.	6	0	0	0
Ward cf.	5	2	1	0
Cuddy ss.	3	2	2	1
Tomlinson lf.	3	2	0	0
Willson 2nd.	5	2	2	0
Manson p.	5	3	4	0
Honeycutt 3rd.	5	3	2	0
Stewart rs.	4	2	1	0
Peterson rf.	5	2	2	0
Kersenbrock l.	5	4	3	1
	46	22	17	2

K. of C.

Player	AB	R	H	E
Early 2nd.	4	0	1	2
Miles rs.	3	1	1	1
Valla 1st.	3	0	1	3
B. Shoemaker 3.	3	1	2	1
Stanton cf.	2	0	0	0
J. Shoe'kr ss-p.	3	1	2	1
Stutz lf. rf.	3	0	1	0
Hammond p-ss.	3	0	1	0
Parkins rf-lf	3	0	1	1
Yarnell c-p	3	1	1	1
X French cf.	1	0	0	0
	31	4	11	11

X Batted for Stanton in 7th.

The Weather

For the past few days the weather has been hot all over the state, with the temperature hitting over he hundred degree mark Tuesday and Wednesday in several parts of the State. The highest reading recorded in O'Neill, however, was 95 on Wednesday, with 93 on Tuesday. Early Thursday morning 1.15 of rain fell, which was accompanied by an exceedingly strong wind. Thus far in July, we have received 1.98 inches of rain, while in July, 1940, we received only 1.90 during the entire month.

The weather chart for the past week is as follows:

	H	L	Pre
July 3rd	73	57	.05
July 4	81	56	
July 5	89	61	.71
July 6	88	64	
July 7	88	67	
July 8	93	68	
July 9	95	70	
July 10 Thrus.			1.15

The moisture chart since the first of the year is as follows:

January	.80
February	.53
March	.58
April	4.09
May	1.47
June	3.50
July, 10th.	1.98
	13.22

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for gracious services by neighborly hands held out in our hour of need.

To Biglin Bros., Rev. Wright for his comforting words, the choir, the pall-bearers, the friends who lightened irksome tasks and to those who expressed sympathy by beautiful language of flowers. From the Children, Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews of Mrs. Frank Phillips.

Clear Golden of Cheshire, Conn., who is here visiting relatives drove to Omaha on Saturday, where he met his wife, who had been visiting relatives in California and Montana. They returned to O'Neill on Tuesday evening and will visit here until some time next week.

Kinbeiter—Gilligan

The following announcement of the marriage of a former O'Neill boy, Bennett Gilligan, is taken from the last Sunday issue of the Omaha World-Herald. Bennett's many O'Neill friends tender their sincere congratulations to himself and bride and hope that their married life will be a long and happy one.

At St. Joseph church Benkelmann, Saturday at A. M. Miss Marie Kinbeiter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kinbeiter of Gretna, because the bride of Ben Gilligan, son of Mrs. Maude Gilligan of Scottsbluff. Rev. Joseph Kolar officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Owens of Benkelmann were the only attendants.

The bride was attired in a dress of desert sand with which she wore beige accessories. Her corsage was of gardenias and she carried a white prayer book. The matron of honor wore a street length dress of pale green with a corsage of yellow roses and lavender sweetpeas.

Immediately following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Daniel E. Owens' home.

Mrs. Gilligan before her marriage was public health nurse in Dundu county for the past two and a half years. She is a graduate of St. Catherine's hospital school of nursing at Omaha and attended the University of Michigan.

Mr. Gilligan attended Kemper Military academy, Creighton university school of Pharmacy and the University of Michigan.

Following a brief honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Gilligan will make their home in Scottsbluff, where Mr. Gilligan is now employed as sanitarian by the Nebraska state department of health.

State Teachers Examinations Here Next Saturday

The next State Teachers Examinations will be given in O'Neill, on Saturday July 12th. The schedule of subjects will be:

- Morning: 8:00 to 8:50 Arithmetic, Mental Arithmetic, and Bookkeeping.
 - 9:00 to 9:50 American History, Civil Government.
 - 10:00 to 10:50 English Composition, Grammar.
 - 11:00 to 11:50 Physiology and Hygiene, Public school Music.
 - Afternoon: 1:00 to 1:50 Theory and Art, Course of Study.
 - 2:00 to 2:50 Reading, Orthography.
 - 3:00 to 3:50 General Geography, Agriculture and Geography of Nebraska.
 - 4:00 to 4:50 Penmanship, Drawing.
- This is the last teachers examination until November.
- Holt County Pre-Opening Day will be held Saturday, August 30. Teachers should arrange their vacations so as not to interfere with their attendance on this date.
- Elja McCullough, County Superintendent

Band Concert Saturday Night

1. Marcy - Repasz Band - Lincoln
2. Waltz - On the Mall - Goldman
3. Waltz - Alpine Sunset - King
4. Selection - Poet, Peasant, and Light Cavalryman - Von Suppe
5. Vocal Solo - My Buddy - Donaldson Soloist - Mary Jardee
6. Novelty - Trombone Smear - Bull Trombone - Fillmore
7. March and Two Step - Alexanders Rag Time Band-Berlin
8. Vocal Solo - Shine on Harvest Moon - Robert Mitchell
9. Hymn - Adeste Fideles
10. Star Spangled Banner

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson and children of Lincoln, left on Monday for their home after visiting here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard. Mr. Davidson, who was also here visiting, went on to Odgen, Utah on business.

while Johnson allowed three hits and struck out a like number.

Mrs. Anna C. Wettauffer passed away at her home in this city last Saturday morning. She was nearly 69 years of age and had been a resident of this county since 1885.

Over two inches of rain has fallen here since the first of the month. On July 1 we received .69; on the Fourth 1.15; on the 8th .14; this afternoon .75, making 2.73 inches so far this month.

THE DAYS OF LONG AGO

Fifty-Five Years Ago

The Frontier, July 8, 1886

The valuation of Center Precinct was double that of Atkinson precinct and it is one-fifth the valuation of the entire county.

The diplomas given to the O'Neill graduating class of 1886 were the first ever given in Holt county and for that fact alone are worth much.

A bouncing baby girl has taken up her residence at the home of A. J. Hammond, having put in an appearance on Tuesday.

Rev. T. J. Smith preached his farewell sermon in the Catholic church last Sunday morning and on Tuesday morning departed for his new field of labor at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The following were graduated from the O'Neill High School last Friday evening: Edith McWilliams, Ella Graham, Nora Baldwin, Maud Baldwin and Julia Marsh.

A large delegation of O'Neill people headed by the band celebrated the Fourth at Minneola and a grand time is reported.

Fifty Years Ago

The Frontier, July 9, 1891

On July 2, a marriage license was issued to Robert E. Chittick, of Stuart, and Miss Lorena Sturdevant of Atkinson.

The heavy rains Sunday and Monday night have raised the river and streams of the county and made it exceedingly wet in some parts, especially over south.

The Item, July 9, 1891

Kid Cronin, of the editorial force accompanied S. J. Weekes to Pad-dock last Friday to help celebrate the Glorious Fourth, the celebration being held in Back Berry's grove. Hugh O'Neill was the orator of the day and he delivered a masterly address. We spent the night at the commodious home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hicks on the Red Bird, where we feasted and retired for the night. We came home the next morning well satisfied with our jaunt into the northeastern part of the county.

"Kid" King spent the fourth at the new and hustling town of Spencer. The town now has a population of about 150 but is growing fast. One hundred and fifty Indians were present to assist in making the celebration a success.

Forty Years Ago

The Frontier, July 11, 1901

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Weekes returned Saturday evening and were greeted by a large and demonstrative crowd of serenading boys.

J. P. Mann departed for Chicago, his future home, last Friday. Mr. Mann had been a resident of O'Neill for more than eighteen years and had always taken a prominent part in the development of the city, while he lived here. His store will continue to operate, being in charge of his sister, Miss Mann.

Thirty Years Ago

The Frontier, July 13, 1911

C. E. Stout returned last Monday from a short visit with relatives at Tekamah.

The county was visited with a splendid rainfall last Saturday night. The precipitation in the city was one and one-half inches.

Twenty Years Ago

The Frontier, July 9, 1921

Rolla and Della Dehart arrested at Burwell last Thursday night as suspects in the murder of John Mize of Platte, S. D., whose body was found in the Niobrara river, near the Parshall bridge, a week ago Saturday, are in separate jails in this city, alleged confessed murderers of the man who had traveled with them from the South Dakota town.

Ten Years Ago

The Frontier, July 9, 1921

In what was declared to be the best ball game ever seen in northern Nebraska, O'Neill defeated the fast salaried Club of Winner, S. D., at Long Pine Sunday, 1 to 0 as a feature of the Long Pine rodeo show. It was a great pitchers battle, between Honeycutt of O'Neill and Johnson of Winner, the former having the edge and allowing two hits and striking out ten,