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### BRIEFLY STATED

Germans in Russia are said to have used artificial fog to advance. The idea has frequently been utilized by campaign orators and practical politicians in the United States.

Will Johnson of Plainview entertained at a dinner party Tuesday night at the hotel for Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Rice of Creighton, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Mason of Plainview.

According to State Treasurer Johnson the gas tax for the month of June amounted to \$1,139,823. Of this amount Holt county will receive as its share of the tax the sum of \$3,868.29.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rathchoic, of San Francisco, Cal., arrived in the city Monday afternoon for a few days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lod Janousek, Rathchoic being a brother of Mrs. Janousek.

Ed O'Donnell returned on Friday from Cheyenne, Wyo., where he spent a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. William McInherney and her husband, Mrs. McInherney returned with him and will visit relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Moore and daughter, Marilyn, and Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Harty and daughter, Ann, drove to Milford, Nebraska, on Sunday, where Marilyn and Ann will spend this week at Camp Kiwanis.

Miss Vi Eidenmiller left on Tuesday morning for Denver, Colo., where she will join Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Stoner and will go on to California with them to spend her vacation.

Miss Catherine Finley, who has been attending school in St. Paul, Minn., and then visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Carroll Stephenson in Evanston, Illinois, is expected to arrive home this week end to visit her father, Dr. W. F. Finley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Verzel and son, Jerry, of Wayne, spent the fourth here with Mrs. Verzel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Quinn. They returned home on Sunday, but Jerry remained for a longer visit with his grandparents.

For months Joe Stalin has been encouraging the democracies and the totalitarian governments to fight to the point of exhaustion so that he could pick up the pieces. It was a good idea if it works, but there has been some slight variation to the plan.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kilpatrick of Norfolk, spent Sunday here visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kilpatrick. Gene left Norfolk on Wednesday for Omaha, having been one of the Madison county draftees for the July quota.

The employees of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company had a dinner at the M & M Cafe, followed by a shower at the home of Mrs. Bernard Madison on Wednesday, honoring Mrs. Carl Miller, who before her recent marriage was Miss Stella Van Avery.

Mrs. E. L. Gabrielsen and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Spies of Gilmore City, Iowa, and E. H. Gabrielsen of San Francisco, California, spent the week end here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hayes. They left on Monday for Omaha, where they will visit relatives.

Dressmakers announce the invention of a double dummy which will make the art of constructing dresses at home much easier. We presume one section of the dummy is to represent the lady for whom the dress is being made and the other dummy will resemble what she wants to look like.

William Martin, and his son Private Don Martin, and Joe Martin left Wednesday afternoon for

Omaha, from which point, Don will take the train to Fort Knox, Ky., where he will rejoin his regiment, after spending the past week here visiting. Bill and Joe returned Thursday morning.

Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek and her sister, Miss Helen Van Sant, of Omaha, arrived here on Thursday. Mrs. Kubitschek has been in Omaha for the past two weeks, being called there by the serious illness of her mother, whose funeral was held last Wednesday, and her sister will make an extended visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hancock and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ward returned on Monday afternoon from a visit with friends and relatives at Casper, Wyoming. They also made a short trip through Yellowstone Park. Mrs. Frank Kubitschek who left with them, remained in Casper, for an extended visit at the home of her daughters, Mrs. Timlin and Mrs. Haggerty.

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Carter returned last Thursday from Chicago, Illinois, where they visited their daughter and other relatives and friends. Bob and Deloris Smith, their grandchildren, returned with them for a visit. Mrs. Vance Beghtol of Kearney, drove up on Friday and spent the week-end, with her parents, and returned on Sunday taking Bob and Deloris back with her for a short visit in Kearney after which they will again return to O'Neill.

This office is in receipt of a letter from Robert Vierboom, of Highland Falls, N. Y., enclosing a renewal of his subscription to this household necessity, which pays his dues up to January 1, 1943. Thanks, Robert. Mr. Vierboom was a resident of this county in the days that are gone, in other words in the horse and buggy days, even before the buggies, when it was mostly oxen, and he has visited this section about every year for several years to renew acquaintance with boys of long ago. Bob says that he contemplates coming out again this fall and take in the Old Settlers Picnic when he can meet many of the "boys" of the long ago. Come out Robert, we will all be glad to see you.

Everett L. Hoffman, son of John G. Hoffman, returned to O'Neill for a two weeks visit with his folks and friends. Everett lives in Santa Monica, Cal., where he is employed by the Douglas Aircraft company. He is the first O'Neill boy to be employed by an aircraft industry for the National defense of the U. S. A.

Miss Loretta Enright left Tuesday for Winner, S. D., where she her uncle, Loui Storm of Rapid City, S. D., and they then left for St. Paul, Minn., where they attended the Eucharist Congress. They returned to O'Neill on Sunday, and Mr. Storm visited here during the day, before leaving for his home at Rapid City, S. D.

### National Affairs

By Frank P. Litschert

Beyond question ninety-eight per cent of the people of the United States favor for our government, the republican form, or the representative democracy under which we have lived and progressed for a century and a half. Ours is not of course a true democracy in the classical sense of the word. Unfortunately, however, since the days of the World War the term "democracy" has been used so frequently in many quarters, as a symbol for our government, that most people now use the terms republican and democratic, as synonymous.

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individual security. It has fitted admirably well in this country because we have been and are possessed of boundless resources which have built up the greatest market in the world, and a nation, the future prospects of which dazzle the eye of the thinking man. Fortunately we have been protected on the east and the west by thousands of miles of water which have permitted our people to work out their experiment to a successful conclusion in safety. To the north have been a friendly people, and to the south a people who, while not always friendly, have been so weak militarily that they have never dared interfere with our destiny.

In this time of ideologies, when democracy and totalitarianism seem to be clashing in Europe, although the lines are not clearly defined, there is great disposition on the part of many Americans to say that democracy, as we conceive it, works because it is right. This is a dangerous conclusion. We all agree that our form of government is best, but to say that it works merely because it is right, is to get into a dangerous state of mind. No system of government, any more than any fine mechanical device, will work because it is right. In the case of the mechanism a skilled driver or operator is required. In the case of a free government, an alert, patriotic, self-sacrificing people are necessary to make government "work." This is true of a democracy more than of any other system because in our instance the people are, or should be, the government, and cannot long depend on any leader or set of leaders to do their thinking for them. If they once relax into this practice then they no longer have a free representative government as we understand it.

Here then is the danger of sitting back complacently in the belief that democracy works because it is right. There is only a half truth in this statement. If and when democracy works, as it has had an ambitious, alert, liberty-loving, individualistic people, each seeking to work out his own destiny in the light of his efforts and ability. Here is the real reason for our success. We got the best foundation possible when the founding fathers created for us the best Constitution ever to come from the brain and hand of man. But if those who followed had been a lazy, profligate, self-satisfied people willing to "let George do it," we would not have succeeded even with a perfectly balanced constitutional government. What made us the greatest nation in the world was a sound Constitution and a great people, willing and courageous enough to cherish it and follow it for a century and a half of the greatest progress any people have ever made.

There is a disposition now to follow off after strange gods, to adopt new theories, contradictory to the ones our fathers lived by. Once we follow this road we will find that democracy doesn't succeed because it is right. We will find that our democracy is no longer succeeding—perhaps that it is no longer a democracy.

### According To The Constitution

Secretary of the Navy Knox is reported to have told the conference of governors in a recent meeting in Boston that now is the time to strike the Nazis while they are engaged in Russia and he is quoted as having suggested that now we should sweep the Nazis from the Atlantic by the use of the United States Navy. It is difficult to see the connection between the Atlantic and Russia as Germany is using little of her depleted naval strength there, although there is some evidence Japan might get busy with her navy in the Pacific were we to engage in the war in the Atlantic. Aside from questions of strategy, however, it must be admitted that the attack Secretary Knox suggests would take a lot of shooting and shooting means war. Under the Constitution of the United States the right of declaring war is left to the people's representatives, the Congress of the United States. One is inclined to wonder whether the Secretary means that we get such a declaration from Congress or whether he is in favor of violating the Constitution this one time.

The waging of an undeclared war in the Atlantic without authorization of Congress, especially now that Joe Stalin is in the middle of the scrap, would certainly not tend to give the American people the kind of unity they ought to have for such a task. The people are 100 per cent for national defense and protecting our shores. But they are, in the majority, according to all polls, against our entering this war. In view of all this it is interesting to note what Senator George of Georgia said the other day: "The way to national unity is to give our people the assurance that when we are called upon to move

into the actual range of fire and send our men there, whether on board naval vessels or in aircraft, the American people themselves will have some opportunity to pass upon that question; in other words that they will have the ultimate decision, through the machinery to which they have become accustomed, and the only machinery which they have at hand; will be able to pass upon the question of whether an actual state of war shall be brought into being or a formal declaration of hostilities shall be made by the people of the United States."

In view of the recent things which have been said about the status of our present preparation for defense, especially by the House Military Affairs Committee, it would seem that, waiving the question of unity and constitutionality, for the moment, the United States is not exactly prepared for war. If the administration at Washington will go about building our defense in an efficient manner the time will come when we will be ready for all comers. But certainly that day is not here now and we do not want war at this moment, especially an unconstitutional one.

### BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. Margaret Claussen, who fell and broke her arm about ten days ago, has her arm now out of the sling and is back at work.

Bill Ryan and Ted Sirek, who are attending an airplane mechanic school at Norfolk, spent the Fourth with the home folks.

Elaine and Gene Streeter returned Sunday from Lincoln, where they had spent the Fourth with relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Ellen Jensen, of Spencer, is in the city visiting relatives and friends.

The Catholic Daughters entertained at a picnic dinner at the City Park on Wednesday evening, honoring Mrs. Walter Stein, who will leave on Monday for California, with her family, where they will join Mr. Stein who has been on the coast since early this spring. They plan on making their home on the west coast.

O'Neill was very quiet last Friday as most of the inhabitants of the city had gone to other towns to help them celebrate the Glorious 4th. Many O'Neills journeyed to Neligh, while others put in the day helping the residents of Stuart properly celebrate. Practically all the business places of the city closed at noon and it was nice and quiet all over town.

### Petition Being Circulated For Swimming Pool Past Week

Three of O'Neill's younger folks were circulating a petition today for the installation of a swimming pool in this city. It is something that is badly needed in O'Neill. We have a splendid place for one, the southside of the City Park and it would not take a great deal of money to install one that would be a credit to the city and the people thereof. Even if some of us are too old to swim many of the youngsters are not and we should make it possible for them to enjoy one of the greatest of exercises, that will build health, bone and muscle.

### Fire Department Busy This Past Week

The fire department has been busy the past week. Last week they responded to four alarms, all grass fires, caused perhaps by too many firecrackers. This afternoon there was another alarm and it was discovered that a truck, parked in the rear of the Gamble store was on fire, but the alert department soon subdued the flames. If the succeeding months bring as many fires as the past two, it might be necessary to put on an all time paid department.

### O'Neill Should Have An Airport

In ten years from now airplanes will be as popular and as common as automobiles were ten years ago. The city or cities that have good airports are the ones that will be on the direct lines of travel across country. O'Neill, being one of the greatest centers of Federal Highways in the state, would be a likely place for a good airport and our citizens will be derelict in their duty to the rising generation unless they get together and try and promote a good landing field for this city. Now is the time to get ready for a field as the Federal government is going to spend a lot of money within the next year in building airports in cities along Federal Highways and we should get into the rank of the applicants.

### Bernard Madison Buys Store

Bernard Madison, who has been employed by the Gamble Store in this city for several years past, has purchased the Farmers Union Store from the stockholders of the Farmers Union, and took possession this morning. Bernard says that he will operate a clean and up to date grocery and meat market, with a competent meat cutter, and carry a full and complete line of groceries. He will continue to buy and sell cream, poultry and eggs. The Frontier joins the other business men of O'Neill in wishing him success in his new venture.

### The Old Swimming Hole

Thanks kind friends for signing our petition.  
No harm in our hoping and your well-wishin.  
With smiles we will drop the whole matter.  
And go back where the river mosquitoes grow fatter.  
Everything modern in our beautiful city.  
We boast of its lawns, our clubs—so don't pity.  
The little boys who grew up and forgot.  
The old swimmin' hole when days grew hot.  
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A pool by the boys who haven't forgot  
The old swimmin' hole when the days grow hot.  
Three Musketeers.

### This Week In Defense

President Roosevelt told his press conference he still hopes the U. S. can stay out of world conflict. His statement was made in answer to a reporter's question if changing international situations had caused the resident to alter his belief, stated in 1939, that the U. S. could and would stay out of the war.

Navy Secretary Knox told his press conference reports that Navy vessels were engaged in convoy duty were "absolutely untrue," and said reports that the Navy had lost lives, material and equipment or had been involved in any encounter with belligerent craft, were "most decidedly" not true.

OPM Director Knudsen issued a statement urging greater defense efforts and said "nothing could be further from the truth" than that Russia's entry into the war had averted danger to this country. Mr. Knudsen said "we are in somewhat better shape than we were last Summer but we need the spark of enthusiasm, yes, of patriotism—to carry the program forward faster."

Acting Secretary of State Welles announced Russian requests to buy strategic materials had been received and brought to the attention of the proper Government officials. Mr. Welles also said the U. S. has under consideration a plan to relax export restrictions on Russian commerce to permit the flow of war materials to that country. He also announced U. S. and North African French officials have arranged a plan calling for continuous movement of two ships carrying tea, sugar and other food to Africa, and two carrying strategic materials to the U. S.  
President Roosevelt suspended duties on British Burma vessels reaching the U. S., to aid the flow of supplies to China over the Burma Road. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau

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than extended China's \$50,000,000 credit here for another year. Assistant Commerce Secretary Hinckley asked commercial airlines for 1p transports planes to meet "emergency defense requirements of the democracies."

In his bi-annual report to the Secretary of War, Army Chief of Staff Marshall urged that Congress, pass legislation permitting use of armed forces outside the Western Hemisphere and permitting holding selectees, National Guardsmen and reserve Officers in the service for more than one year. Gen. Marshall said that conditions have changed to such an extent that a "grave national emergency" exists of a more severe character than the public realize.

The War Department announced it will promote its officers on the basis of merit instead of seniority and permit re-enlistment for regular Army men only if they are qualified for promotion in order to weed out those not able to take advantage of further training.

More than 750,000 men who reached 21 since Selective Service registration last October registered for service this week throughout the nation. President Roosevelt ordered 900,000 men inducted into the Army as selected now in service finish their year of training.

Pending final action by Congress on legislation deferring men who were 28 on July 1 or before, Selective Service Director Hershey ordered temporary deferment of this age group. He also advised local boards to defer registrants with one or more dependants to whose support they make "any substantial contribution." The only exception to this, he said, would be men who married in the hope of evading service.

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