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## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Romantic youth gets his first awakening to the realities of life when he discovers that his bride snores.

Wonder how we made it before this free and unlimited advice—official, expert amateur and otherwise.

If this war, as now promised, does away with the cuffs on men's trousers it will have accomplished something.

Alfred James went to Omaha Monday for medical treatment. A recent injury to one of his hands brought on an infection that was threatening serious consequences.

Thought the war dance belonged to the Indian. Palefaced sisters now review "square" dancing as their contribution to fighting fitness.

You qualify as an old timer if you remember when it was a disgrace to appear in a "hand-me-down" suit with the trouser legs creased.

Little Miss Bly, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Ray Bly, was taken to Norfolk early in the week to have her vision tested and glasses fitted.

Hank Whitcomb and Orvil Kizer knocked over fifty-five jacks one night recently on a rabbit hunt. The boys find a ready market for their skill.

As editors of our big dailies view it, army men and civilians just count as "twenty-one others" in an airplane crash that removes another Hollywood beauty.

Elections in one or two congressional districts may not signify so much, and again it may. At any rate, voters in those districts are not satisfied with things as they are.

John McAllister of Atkinson was making the rounds of our patriotic citizens Tuesday gathering papers and magazines that will be shipped to the mills to be re-rolled into clean white sheets of paper. John says we have just discovered that we are a nation of spendthrifts and wasters.

Sympathizing with those whose sons fell victims to the stab of the assassins at Pearl Harbor, we are thankful our own son survives. A censored letter, with nothing blacked out except the coast guard title attached to his name on the envelope, does not mention the bombing of Honolulu other than to say the coast guard duties have been multiplied.

Three young fellows, at that magnificent point in life when a mild rebuke may help a little, met an aged gentleman with flowing white whiskers. "Hello Abraham," greeted one. "Hello Isaac," said another, and "Hello Jacob," came from the third. The old gentleman paused. "Young men," said he, "you are mistaken. I am not Abraham, Isaac or Jacob, but Saul the son of Kish out looking for my father's asses, and lo! I have found them."

A lady comes all the way from an eastern city to tell a group of Nebraska club women that we Americans are a selfish bunch of greedy grafters. Thought that meant the politicians and labor unions, but now it is gossiped around that patriots here and there in the common walks of life have stored away a half ton of sugar, which is responsible for a condition now whereby we of the thin purses have it rationed out by the pound.

The community was grieved to learn of the death in a North Platte hospital of Mrs. H. Smith, residing south of Amelia, death resulting from heart failure a short time after she became the mother of an infant. The funeral held in the Amelia Methodist church Saturday and conducted by Rev. Peacock, was largely attended. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery. Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coolidge and others of the family came from Idaho to attend the funeral.

A biting north wind moaned

## Mrs. Cora R. Hamilton

Mrs. Cora Hamilton died at her home three and a half miles west of Page, Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, after an illness of about two weeks, at the age of 64 years, five months and sixteen days. Funeral arrangements had not been made at the time of going to press.

Deceased was born at Milwaukee, Wis., on August 12, 1877. She came to this county with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Grass when she was a little girl and this county had been her home nearly all her life. About forty-five years ago she was united in marriage to William Hamilton, the ceremony being performed in this city. Four children were born of this union, two sons and two daughters, all of whom survive. The children are: Claude B. Page; Cyril, Fair Oaks, Cal.; Mrs. George Drew, Early, Iowa; Sister M. Cortilla, Colorado Springs, Colo. She is also survived by a brother, Percy, of Page and a sister, Mrs. Elsie Hough Wickersham, Washington.

## Fred Robertson Transferred To Ainsworth

Fred Robertson left last week for Ainsworth, where he will be district manager for the Consumers Public Power Company, a position that he has held in this district for many years. Mr. Robertson succeeds Paul E. Mentken, who volunteered and is now in the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army. Mr. Robertson will be succeeded here by Henry Walling. Mr. Robertson came to O'Neill in 1935 and since that time had been an employee of the light and power company. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have made many friends during their residence in this city and they all wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home. They expect to move to Ainsworth the coming week.

through the cheerless street, whistled at crevice and keyhole. A young woman hove around the corner in a fresh gust, tripped jauntily along the concrete muffled from head to knees in woollens and hands thrust into sheepskin mittens. From shapely ankles to round knees the nude skin shone blue in the feeble January sun. But why proceed? Hasn't fashion always been more important than comfort?

A few candidates for state office have stepped into the open, among them the old reliable office seeker, Charley Bryan. A missing feature of announcements thus far is the old promises of "dirty linen" to laundry. Our Senator Asimus evidently finds politics, as well as outlaw and new deal merchandising, an interesting game as he is coming before the voters again. The picturesque has its appeal among the voters and Mr. Bryan and Mr. Asimus both have a touch of this quality.

When the gloom and desolation of life's darkest shadows have fallen across the pathway of one we have long known and they have come with solemn, silent step from following their life companion to the grave, the decent thing is to speak a word of sympathy and express a cherished memory of the dead. Whether this will be as soothing balm to the bereaved soul or tear afresh the emotions of grief we can not know. Maybe you will get a response as did an O'Neill citizen in the long ago. Extending sympathy to a bereaved husband with a word of praise for the deceased wife, the grief stricken man responded: "Yes, she was a good cook."

Out of the ice and slush and mud and dirt of southeast Nebraska cities my feet again rest on the clean prairie of the Amelia country. Here and there remains a fading drift of snow but much of the landscape lies bare and brown and clean. The lengthening day ebb to their close at set of sun in painted beauty and the quiet of January night rests on the prairie as out of the southwest heavens rides the crescent of a new moon. Vast war expenditures seems not to have injected a stimulant into commercial interests in our capitol city. Some lines of business have presciently slowed up in recent months and the failure of a big department store is still the talk of the town. After the Christmas buying the stores are still loaded with merchandise which discount sales are now frantically trying to move.

## O'NEILL ON TWO AIR ROUTES SOON

The Century Aviation Company of Wayne, Nebraska has filed application with the Civil Aeronautics Authority in Washington for a permit to operate two air mail and air express routes, each of which will serve O'Neill. The application is the first filed for such a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve the sections of Nebraska, South Dakota, and Iowa included in the application.

Among the cities, along with the scores of towns which would be served are Sioux City, Iowa; Wagner, and Yankton, South Dakota; Chadron, Kearney, Grand Island, Hastings, Alliance, Norfolk and Wayne, Nebraska. As proposed, Route 1 would connect with Mid-Continent Airlines at Sioux City and Route 2 will connect with United Airlines at Grand Island. R. G. Fuelberth of Wayne, president of the newly formed company, announced that due to heavy defense needs it is not probable that the CAA will take immediate action on the Century Aviation Company's application. However, a number of applications for this type of service have been made from various sections of the country, and it is reported that some action may be taken on these applications at Washington in 1942.

According to their schedule, a copy which we have, the planes would leave Grand Island at 10:30 a. m., stop at St. Paul, Fullerton, Genoa, St. Edward, Cedar Rapids, Greeley, North Loup, Ord, Burwell, Ericson, Bartlett, Chambers and O'Neill, reaching O'Neill at 12:06. From O'Neill they would go on west to Chadron, arriving there at 1:55 p. m. Leaving Chadron at 2:25 they would go west to Crawford, then south to Hemingford, Alliance, then east to Ellsworth, Hyannis, Mullen, Bedford, Dunning, Stapleton, Arnold, Anselmo, Broken Bow, Ansley, Loup City, Ravenna, Kearney, Holdrege, Minden, Hastings, arriving back at Grand Island at 5:38 p. m.

Another proposed route they intend to establish, if granted permission, will leave Sioux City at 1:00 p. m., with stops at Ponca, Elk Point, S. D., Vermillion, Yankton and Gayville, S. D., Crofton, Nebr., and the following Nebraska towns: Hartington, Coleridge, Laurel, Randolph, Pierce, Plainville, Creighton, Wausa, Bloomfield, Niobrara; Tyndall, S. D., Wagner, S. D., Spencer, O'Neill, arriving here at 3:44 p. m. From here they would go east and stop at Ewing, Neligh, Elgin, Albion, Newman Grove, Madison, Norfolk, Stanton, Pilger, Wisner, West Point, Oakland, Tekamah, Decatur, Walthill, Pender, Wayne, Wakefield, Emerson, Homer and arrive back at Sioux City at 5:57 p. m.

## SPORT NOTES

Bystander

The Saint Mary's Cardinals last Friday morning received their letters for football. There are seven men graduating this year and next year Saint Mary's will have four lettermen return. This year they had only one letter man returning. So Saint Mary's football season for next year is a lot brighter than it was last year. There were seven seniors, a junior, a sophomore and a freshman receiving football letters. Here are their names: Senior Jack Hart, Jim Higgins, Jean Higgins, Johnny Fernholtz, Harry Piercy, Bill O'Connell and Pat Hines. Juniors, Jack Gallagher and Vincent Streeter. Sophomores Bill Brennan and Freshman Richard Clark.

The people of O'Neill should be proud of their boy for Saint Mary's didn't have hardly any material and they did make a pretty good squad out of the players who went out for football, for you must remember the old saying, "It isn't if you won or lost but how you played the game."

In a letter received from Mrs. T. S. Mains, of Denver, Colorado, extending her subscription to The Frontier, she informed us that her son, Robert, had joined the Army Air Corps and is now stationed at the training camp at Sheppard Field, Texas. The Mains family were residents of this city for many years and the many friends of Robert here extend congratulations and wish him the best of luck in piloting army planes.

## R. L. Arbuthnot

Robert L. Arbuthnot passed away at his home in this city Wednesday afternoon at 12:05, after an illness of about eight months of cancer, at the age of 63 years, six months and two days. The funeral will be held Friday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's church and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Robert L. Arbuthnot was born at Toledo, Iowa, on July 26, 1873. He grew to manhood in his native section and then came to Nebraska locating in Saunders County. He lived there for several years and on November 17, 1903, he was united in marriage to Miss Evelyn Burke, the ceremony being performed at Ashland, Nebr. Three children were born of this union one son and two daughters. The children are: Jack, O'Neill; Miss Roberta, Omaha; Mrs. Dr. John De Hall, of Birmingham, Alabama. Mrs. De Hall visited here late in the fall and was unable to come to the funeral, the other children being present. He is also survived by four brothers and one sister. They are: Ethel Arbuthnot and James Arbuthnot, Marsland, Nebraska; Arthur, Cedar Rapids, Nebraska; Walter, Topeka, Kansas; Harry, Glendale, California.

Bob Arbuthnot, nobody ever called him Robert, was a resident of this city and county for nearly forty years and no man had more friends in the county than Bob. He was a mechanic and when he came here in 1910 he opened up a garage, the first in this city or county, for the repair of the horseless wagon, then in its infancy. His first place of business was in the cement building erected by Jess Mellor on the lots west of the Lohaus Motor Company. Mr. Mellor got into the automobile business and Bob went to work for him and when Jess built the new building he went with him as superintendent of the repair department. Bob was a good conscientious mechanic and knew his business. He acquired an interest in the Mellor Motor company and remained with them until 1926 when he disposed of his interests and in company with Charles Richardson took over the distribution of Chevrolet cars, in the location now occupied by the Midwest Motor Company. In 1926 Mr. Richardson sold his interest in the firm to Charles Ickes and the firm of Arbuthnot and Ickes was formed which lasted until the death of Mr. Ickes in May, 1939. In 1934 they disposed of their Chevrolet agency and after that time the firm were engaged in the oil business. After Mr. Ickes' death Bob and his son Jack, purchased his interest and since that time they have been operating as the Arbuthnot Oil company.

Bob was a genial and companionable man and had a host of friends, and no enemies. He was very popular in this city and at the time of his death was a member of the City Council, representing the First ward. The many friends of the family tender sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives in their hour of sorrow.

## Recent Bride Entertained At Unique Party

At their regular meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. James Walling Monday evening, R. E. H. Club and assisting hostesses, Mrs. Anna Jordan and Mrs. Francis Murphy, held a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. John Grutsch, who before her recent marriage was Miss Bernadine Protivinsky. As Mrs. Grutsch was escorted into the living room, she was surprised to hear the strains of the wedding march, which was played by Mrs. Oral Fox and to see a "wedding party" slowly descending the stairway. The wedding of "Bernie Meadows and John Adams" immediately took place, with the parts played by the ladies of the Club.

Following the "ceremony," the ladies played bridge, while alarm clocks rang at intervals to inform Mrs. Grutsch it was time for her to open a gift. At the close of the evening, refreshments were served in the dining room, where the table was especially decorated for the occasion with a center piece of a miniature soldier and his bride standing in an arch of flowers. Red, which were made of red hearts with flags in the center. Mrs. Max Wanser and Miss Mary Clare Waldman received high scores at bridge.

Mrs. Grutsch received a lovely gold velvet glider chair and other small gifts.

## O'NEILL HIGH WINS TWO MORE

The O'Neill Eagles won their eighth straight game as they overpowered the Creighton five in the O. H. S. gym last Friday night, 33-22.

Jumping into an early lead, the Blue and White five held a commanding 9-2 superiority at the end of the first period. The second quarter, in which many fouls were called on both teams, almost proved disastrous to the Eagles, Creighton holding them scoreless and forging ahead by the half-time, 12-9.

O'Neill soon overcame that margin, however, and after four minutes of the second half they were in front, 17-13. Then a shower of baskets for the Eagles put the game on ice to win, 33-22. Orville Lewis, Eagle center, rang up 14 points to lead the team. Hasenstung was high for Creighton with 7.

Starters for O'Neill were Burgess, Manzer, McKenna, and Calkins. Vincent, Osenbaugh, Yantzi, Wolfe, Wetzler, Van Every, and Bruegmann played as substitutes.

O'Neill's Eagles smothered a fast Bloomfield five in the last half to win their ninth straight game, 38-32, at O'Neill on Tuesday night.

Trailing, 12-15, going into the third quarter, the Blue and White rallied to lead momentarily but lost their margin after four minutes of furious playing. At that stage, Bloomfield led by one point. From then on, the O'Neill machine roared with precision as the Eagles scored time and again with field goals to build up a 26-19 lead at the third period. In the last quarter, the O'Neill forwards couldn't be stopped as Warren Burgess and Ted Manzer hit the hoop repeatedly. Bloomfield turned out a hard-driving offense in the last few minutes, but time ran out with the Eagles on top, 38-32.

The first half had shown the visitors leading the way untroubled, and fast play gave them leads of 8-3 at the end of the first quarter and 15-12 at the half-time.

Burgess and Manzer led the O'Neill attack with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Waters of Bloomfield was the game's high scorer, however, with 17 counters. Calkins and McKenna, O'Neill guards, played outstanding defensive games.

Eagles starters were Burgess, Manzer, Lewis, Calkins, and McKenna.

## Heavy Enlistment In Coast Guards

Things moved thick and fast at the Omaha recruiting office of the U. S. Coast Guard, during January, thanks to the enthusiastic response of young men in the North Central States area.

First came the rush of recruits. Starting New Year's Day, they crowded into the recruiting station, breaking all records for the office in the day that followed and supplying during the first half of the month the greatest per capita enlistment in the country—in the area farthest from the nation's coast.

Then came orders from Washington, brought on by this rush of applicants—374 signed from Nebraska and the other four states of the territory in 15 days—orders informing headquarters at Omaha that the North Central States had been placed under a quota, limiting recruits.

Close on the heels of the quota, came another order, also a result of the remarkable enlistment record of the boys from Nebraska and the North Central States. Chief Boatswain Lee Scott, head of the Omaha office, was to report at St. Louis. He left Sunday night. When he came back to Omaha two days later, he was Lieutenant Scott. He had been promoted for his good work as recruiting director of the North Central States area.

"I feel that I owe my promotion, in a large part, to the boys of this territory, who have provided me such large numbers of unusually high quality recruits," Lieutenant Scott said.

Young men from this area make especially good soldiers, according to the Omaha recruiting office. They are also proving to be unusually healthy, with a very low ratio of rejections for physical defects.

## St. Mary's Juniors Entertain The Seniors

The Juniors entertained the Seniors Wednesday evening of last week with a unique annual entertainment. The Banquet was served in the Academy Dining-room which was converted into a "Winter's Twilight Scene," the theme of the banquet. Snow-covered autumn leaves, tiny snowmen, and a profusion of dazzling snow flakes enhanced the beauty of the decorative project in the dining room. At the Speaker's table were Rt. Rev. Monsignor McNamara, Rev. Father Parr, Band-Director, Mr. Ira George with Mrs. George, Coach, Mr. Jerry Greybeil with Mrs. Greybeil, Toastmaster Bert Brennan, Senior Class-President, Gene Higgins, Corinne Kubitschek, John Brennan, Maratha Janousek, and Junior Class-President, Margaret Higgins. General good cheer, song and laughter prevailed from six till seven thirty when the Seniors and Juniors with their usual intersectional tribute to the visit in different rooms of the Academy until other guests arrived at eight o'clock for the Junior Prom.

It was a happy group of High School students who proceeded to the march from the Assembly to the Gym where the Prom was opened with a very effective spiritual intersectional tribute to the Queen of Heaven, the Unseen Guest of the Evening. The following floor show under the direction of Sister Arthur and Sister Flores was a much appreciated feature of the evening.

"Walking the Area" Tap Dance—Helen Kubitschek and Lois Hoffman.

"Polly Wolly Doodle" Song—Kathryn Golden, Francis Flood and John O'Neill.

"I Am An American," Song and Dance—Beverly McCarthy and Betty Pinkerman.

"Denmark on Parade," Dance—Ann Hartly, Bonnie Hynes and Bobby Wallace.

Three Little Maids, Song—Patti Keiser, Nancy Froelich and Helen Kubitschek.

"Acrobatic Stunts"—Trena Hoffman.

"Bluebirds Over the White Cliffs of Dover"—Kathleen Flood.

"Syncopation", Tap Dance—Helen Kubitschek and Lois Hoffman.

"Bill Grogan's Goat," Sextette—Bobby Wallace, Bill Froelich, Gerard Spitzer, John Baker, Jim Merriman and Kenneth Kissenger.

## Mechanics Course Still Open To You

O'Neill High School, in cooperation with the Nebraska State Department of Vocational Education will offer a course in the operation, care and repair of motors, providing there are ten or twelve young men between the ages of 17 and 25 who are not now attending school and who are interested in receiving such training.

This course, and others similar to it, are offered in occupations essential to the National Defense and all the expense of the course is met by the Federal Government.

A local mechanic will act as instructor, and the course will be offered in a shop down town.

A minimum of fifteen hours per week is required with the total length of the course being one hundred and twenty hours of class work. After the personnel has been selected, the time at which classes will meet will be decided.

The course, as it is now planned, will probably include all the general care and repair of motors, including such things as packing water pumps, adjusting brakes, setting up front wheel bearings, adjusting steering gear, grinding valves, replacing piston rings, replacing bearings, replacing axels, and all other types of mechanical work.

All young men who are interested are asked to notify A. L. Mathis, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, or C. F. Grill, Superintendent of Schools as soon as possible because the course will start just as soon as the decided number are enrolled. There will be no tuition charge made for this course and boys either in O'Neill or vicinity are eligible.

M. J. Connelly went to Creighton Sunday to get his wife and daughter, Mary Ann, who have been visiting Mrs. Connelly's mother, Mrs. Wenge for the past week.

## ST. MARY'S LOSES TWO CLOSE ONES

St. Marys Cardinals dropped two close games last week, in both cases losing by two points and in the second game only after playing two overtime periods. The first game, at Butte, Friday night was decided in favor of Butte 21 to 19, after St. Mary's had held a 15 to 5 half time lead. In the first half St. Mary's held Butte to but one field goal, while Kubitschek with 7 points and Gallagher with 4 led the Cardinals to 15 points and a 10 point lead. In the second half, Butte got hot while it was St. Mary's turn to get cold. Only four points were made by the St. Mary's team in the entire second half. The Cardinals led at the third quarter 17 to 15 but Butte was getting hotter all the time and the 4th quarter saw them take the lead 19 to 17. This was short-lived as Kubitschek dropped his fifth fielder of the evening to knot the count. Shortly afterward, however, Adkins, Butte center, dropped the winning counter. The final score; for Butte 21, for St. Mary's 19.

Cardinal reserves also lost by two points 13 to 11. Grady led for St. Mary's with 4 points while Anderson and Jordan made all of Butte's points with 7 and 6 points respectively.

At St. Joseph's of Atkinson, last Sunday, St. Mary's again lost by two points when in the second overtime period of the game, Straka, tall St. Joe center, dropped in an overhead shot to end the game very abruptly.

It was a very rough game all the way. St. Joe, playing a fast brand of ball on their very small floor, led 12 to 4 at the half, at which time St. Mary's had yet to connect for a field goal, dropping all their points on free tosses.

The third quarter St. Joe's still kept control of the game and though St. Mary's hit for a few field goals in this period, had even increased their lead to 11 points. The score at the end of the 3rd quarter was St. Joseph 22; St. Mary's 11. In the fourth stanza the situation was reversed, as St. Mary's, suddenly got hot, scored 11 points while holding St. Joe scoreless, knotting the score at 22 to 22 with about a minute of playing time remaining in the game. No points were made in the final few seconds and an overtime period had to be played.

The three minutes overtime went quickly and without any special incident as neither team was able to score, although play was kept at a feverish pitch throughout.

Not until the second overtime had been under way for about a minute was one of the teams able to score as St. Joe on an out of bounds play under the St. Mary's basket ended the fray on the long end of a 24 to 22 count.

Cardinals reserves also lost by two points in a second overtime period after the second team game had ended 11 to 11. Schaaf dropped the winning basket. Troshynski had 4 points for St. Joe's and Grady and Merriman both had four for St. Mary's.

St. Mary's plays at Orchard next Friday and the following Monday at Atkinson High School.

St. Mary's Grade team lost a close decision to O'Neill Grades, Tuesday night. The record so far reads one win and two losses. The win was over Amelia. The losses to Inman Grades and O'Neill Grades. The Grade team will go to Orchard, Friday for a game there. Three members of this grade team, Baker, Froelich and Merriman have been playing with the Academy second team this year.

## Hospital Notes

Mike Engelhaupt of Chambers was dismissed on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Rotherham and son, dismissed Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Kelly of Inman dismissed on Wednesday.

Swan John Peterson dismissed on Wednesday.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Benash, a girl, Wednesday, January 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hauf, a girl, Tuesday, January 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hall, a girl, Monday, January 26.

Mr. and Mrs. George Herold, a girl, Sunday, January 25.