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## SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Dr. Gill was called from Chambers Saturday and again Sunday to the Fredrich home to relieve an infant son of violent suffering.

A night's tussle with an aching tooth induced Tom Baker into a trip to the dentist at Atkinson Monday, returning home with a bloody jaw and all the teeth out.

The Raymond Bly family recently became the owners of the ranch they have occupied as tenants the past ten years, becoming permanent residents of Swan to help maintain a safe republican majority in the precinct.

Not mandatory, but a suggestion. Here it is for what it is worth: "Drink less, breathe more; eat less, chew more; ride less, walk more; worry less, work more; waste less, give more; preach less, practice more."

A shortage of safety razor blades has been an excuse for Al James, among others, to grow a magnificent facial adornment of "Al-falfa," while the old timers who use the honest-to-goodness razors chuckle over their luck in being able to continue the morning shave.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Baker were in Albion Friday. Mr. Baker says Boone county is looking the best it has for some years but land values still remain at a low figure. An 80 acre tract a half mile from the city, \$8,000 house and other good building, recently sold for \$4,500.

This war has them all rattled. The second week in April I signed one of those Victory garden pledges. A letter dated March 20, 1942, ostensibly at the office of the official agricultural layout at the county seat, is at hand expressing that magnanimous sentiment, "You are to be congratulated in signifying your patriotic cooperation," etc. Just how was it known on March 20 that a garden pledge from here would be submitted the second week in April.

Early settlers did not worry about a shortage of farm equipment. A breaking plow and spade sufficed to put in a crop and a Buckeye mower and rake took care of the hay. As a boy I saw farmers in Wisconsin and Illinois harrow the fields with a bunch of oak brush and cultivate with one horse. Cellars, grainaries, barns and smoke houses were stored with the abundance of the season's products and farm families were as independent as a hog on ice. The more complicated society becomes the less independence, the harder the grind.

Friends of the Breezes express unabated interest in and unmerited praise of word pictures appearing in this column, or long ago it could be said that enough has been written of prairie sunsets. The mind revolts at the astronomical immensities—is clogged by the incomprehensible scale by which astronomers fathom the depths of the planetary universe. But the simple hearted prairie dweller drinks in the transcending beauty in the flaming red cloud of a summer sunset—the burnished sky of a cloudless horizon, merging into deeper shades in the afterglow where hangs the yellow pencil mark of the new moon. And as night settles again over the quiet land, stars shine from the vestibule of heaven, while out of the north arises the dull glow of northern lights.

Having been in the picture from just about the beginning of things at O'Neill, The Frontier editor will recognize the mistake in saying the Bentley bakery was the first. Dan Connolly, a brother of Dr. Connolly, had a bakery in operation some years before the Bentley bakery. Perhaps it should be said, Mrs. Dan Connolly as she did most of the work. At the period under consideration, where the Knights of Columbus building now stands was John Zeimer's Arcade Hotel. Across the street west was Giddins and Eiseman's building and attached to the west side of that was a little unpainted shed roof shanty that was the Connolly bakery. There was where I had my first steady job. I delivered the bread to a few customers out of a large

## Men In 45-65 Bracket Register Next Monday

Approximately 1395 Holt county men between the ages of 45 and 65 will register Monday, April 27, 1942. D. R. Mounts, local board chairman, announced today.

Registration hours will be from 7 a. m. until 9 p. m., war time, and men of the 45-65 age bracket are to report at any one of the following places:

Ewing Public Library, Inman, Public School, north door; Page, City Hall, O'Neill, Assembly Room Court House; Chambers, Legion Hall, Atkinson, Memorial Hall, Emmet, Emmet Hay Co. Office, Stuart, American Legion Hall, Amelia, Vern Sagesser's home.

Men to register are those who were at least 45 years old February 16, 1942, but who will not be 65 years old, or older, April 27, 1942.

As in the case of previous registrations for men of other age groups, those who will not be in their home communities on registration day may call at a registration station wherever they are April 27 and complete their registration there. As an alternative, such men may also register with their home boards a few days prior to April 27.

Family members or friends of men too ill to register should get word to the local selective board before April 27, if possible, so that special arrangements can be made to take the registrations.

While members of the 45-65 age group are not liable for military service, serial numbers will be eventually entered on their registration cards. No order numbers, however, are to be issued and consequently, there will be no fourth registration lottery held in Washington for this age group.

Questionnaires are to be sent later to members of the fourth registration but instruction on the procedure to be followed have not yet been received by the local board.

The registrations of the 45-65 age group men will be entered on buff colored cards to distinguish them from the white cards of the first registration, the melon of the second and the green cards of the third registration.

## State Fish Being Planted In Holt County

The past week the state department placed 11,000 good sized catfish in the lake formed by the dam across the Niobrara south of Spencer. A truckload of fish from the Valentine State fish hatchery was also planted in O'Donnell's lake April 10th. The load consisted of 11,000 bass, Bluegills, and Crappies.

Other fish will be distributed at Shoemakers lake, Gannon's lake, the gravel pit between Atkinson and Stuart, and at various points along the Elkhorn River.

These fish are distributed free by the state to lakes and bays where they will be left open to the public. Other lakes may be stocked by writing to the State Game and Fish Commission at Lincoln.

## Former O'Neill Woman Falls And Fractures Ankle

Mrs. Mildred Oppen, 4232 Burdette St., leaving her home Thursday to attend a First Aid class, slipped on the sidewalk in front of her home and fractured her right ankle. She was taken to Nicholas Senn Hospital in a police ambulance and treated by her family doctor.—Taken from the (Friday World Herald.)

Mrs. Oppen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grandorf of this city.

wooden box in the back of a "democrat" wagon drawn by a split-ear Indian pony. It wasn't much of a job but with making frequent drives for livermen I was kept fairly busy and had a pocket full of change most of the time, loaning two bits now and then to an older brother, who seemed to be always broke though he had a steady job. Mrs. Davidson, mother of James, was my best bread customer. And there was Mike Flanagan's, Tom Carlson's, Gus Handlins and a few others. While the Connolly bakery, which was later moved into a better building, show case installed and a few striped sticks of candy put on display, was still functioning, a little Swedish gentleman came to town and started a bakery where Biglin's furniture store now is. This proved a commercial failure and the baker soon decamped.

## A Drive For Navy Relief Fund Monday

At Pearl Harbor, in one day more naval casualties were inflicted on our forces than were suffered by our navy during the Spanish-American War and the World War combined. To the men of our navy remains the perilous task of keeping the sea lanes open, that supplies may continue to go to our forces abroad and to our allies. Our security as individuals and as a nation depends upon the faithful performance by these men of the duties assigned to them. In order that these duties may be most efficiently performed by men freed from worries as to how their families may be taken care of in case of emergencies, a fund for Navy Relief is needed. Such a fund of Five Million Dollars will be subscribed during a drive for that purpose, which will commence April 27th and end May 4th. The quota for Holt County is \$234.00. Citizens of our county will be requested to donate to this fund. Let us do this cheerfully and promptly, and demonstrate again that Holt County responds when need arises.

Mrs. J. J. Harrington,  
Vice-Chairman.  
IRA H. MOSS,  
Chairman.

## Local U. S. O. Committee Very Active In This City

On Monday evening Rev. V. C. Wright, who is chairman of the United Service Organization drive in O'Neill, met with the members of his committee: Mrs. R. E. Gallagher, Mrs. William Froelich, Mrs. John Osenbaugh, Mrs. J. R. Miller, Mrs. James Walling, Mrs. James Rooney, Mr. Fred Harper and Mr. Robert Armbruster. Miss Jeanne McCarthy acted as secretary for the group.

At the meeting Rev. Wright explained the importance of this drive and stated that it was really an honor to lend a hand to such a worthy cause. He explained that the natural reaction of soldiers leaving from all sections of the country, was to become homesick, lonesome and in a manner bewildered for the first few weeks they served in the armed forces. He stated that the army required a great amount of work from the men and supplied splendid food for them, but he stated that it was the function of the USO to supply proper recreation to Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

The USO drive will be a national event and all money collected will be used for the entertainment of service men. The finest stage, radio and music talent of the country will appear at USO club houses in army and navy posts. Six hundred fifty units of the USO are now functioning and word from our Holt County boys in service shows the pleasure they are receiving from this work.

The drive in Holt County will commence about the middle of May and all funds collected will be remitted to national USO headquarters.

Further Reverend Wright explained that USO is a combination of organizations, namely the Salvation Army, National Travelers Aid, Y. M. C. A., National Catholic Service and Jewish Welfare. It is a splendid chance for our citizens to do something that will bring pleasure and happiness to our men in the service.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Miss Lanone Miles of Norfolk spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Miles.

Miss Cres Scholz of Stuart was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur King Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell arrived Friday from Los Angeles, California, after spending the winter there.

Mrs. W. H. Harty entertained the Contract Club Monday evening at a 7 o'clock dinner at a local cafe and cards at her home. High scores were won by Mrs. W. J. Froelich and Mrs. Ed Campbell.

Miss Lorraine Carlisle of Stuart was a week-end guest of Miss Jenny Lockmon.

Bernard Boyle of Omaha was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Froelich.

Mr. M. Kruse left Wednesday for Algona, Iowa, after spending the winter here at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kruse.

## An Interesting Letter From Holt County Boy In Australia

The following interesting letter is from the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Awalt Spengler and is written from Australia, where he landed on February 11. Strict censorship prohibits the dissemination of much news from that section, but the following letter is interesting as, it gives a "land lubber's" ideas of life on the ocean wave. We understand that Mr. Spengler is again back in the U. S. A.

Australia, Thursday, Feb. 12.  
Dear Ones At Home:

I know you have been looking for this for a long time and hope it will relieve your nerves a little to know that I am O. K. I can't write much, only enough to let you know I am still on top of the world in place of the other.

We arrived in sight of land at daybreak, Wednesday morning February 11. Boy! it was a beautiful sight to our watery eyes. I never saw anything that looked any better to me.

I went on watch at 3 a. m., Wednesday morning and could see the light of the lighthouse then and at daybreak we could see land. I thought the Columbus days were over but I guess a fellow can still be on the sea a long time and not see anything but water.

The food any everything is swell on board our ship and that's about all I worry about. Our sleeping quarters are rather crowded and hot but we slept on deck a lot and it wasn't so bad.

It was hot all the way and we went without shirts a lot. I have a good tan from the waist up and I really like to go without a shirt. We also cut off the legs of our fatigues and made shorts and Boy then it was cool. Wanda always said she wanted to see me in shorts so I wish he could see me in these. Boy! some class when the U. S. Army puts on shorts and goes on duty!

We had to stand watch all the way and had one hour on and four off. We had two men on the decks and two men of the crow's nest. I was sick for the first two days out and I never ate anything from Friday night until Sunday. I have been sick before but now I know a fellow hasn't been sick until he has been sea sick. It has been lonesome for all of us and a new experience, so we are all making the most of it.

It really made a fellow feel funny when we went under the Golden Gate Bridge and saw the lights of the U. S. A. go out of sight. The most lonesome hours were those on watch and then when a fellow really thinks of home and all that it means to be back in Nebraska where the dirt does blow and nothing ever happens.

I sure wish I could have got a letter from home before I left, because I was worried about Delmer and his army business. I haven't any hope of getting any mail until we get back to Frisco. I have made P. F. C. now and have hopes of making corporal before its over with. The people here are very friendly to us. They speak like the English and look very much English. Some of the boys went up town last night but I stayed on guard here. The boys that I was planning on going with had to guard so I volunteered to do mine and then go up the next time we get leave.

I wish I could write and tell you more about our trip and experiences but know that I can't so will have to wait until I get back. I'll bet there are not many guys that have been in the army four months and have seen as many places as I have. I sure hope Bill is still in the U. S. and can stay there.

I never thought I would like the sea but I sort of like it. If it wasn't so dangerous I would like it better. I think it is quite interesting and I am hearing a lot about the ocean. I have learned a lot about the ship and there is more to learn every day. I hope we will be able to go up town tomorrow. We should get paid tomorrow and then it will be better. Everybody talks pounds in money over here so we will have to adapt ourselves to that when we go up town. I had \$2.00 when we reached here. I left \$4.00 at Ft. McDowell. I loaned a couple of guys some but I guess that is gone forever. I am lucky not to have loaned out more than I did. We left McDowell in such a hurry I didn't have time to do anything.

Well, I guess there is not much more I can tell you. At least you know I am O. K. I know that you have worried a lot and have thought of you all the time. I hope you all keep up the spirit and I know we'll come through O. K.

Mother, be sure and tell every one "Hello" for me and tell them I am O. K. I would like to write to everyone but I have not much time, but will try and keep you posted.

## Men Of Presbyterian Church, Dine The Ladies

The men of the Presbyterian church are preparing to serve a supper for the women and girls of the church and the friends of the church on Wednesday evening, April 29, at 7:00 o'clock. It is desired to have all the women and girls of the church and all friends of the church present. A special table program is being prepared. Tickets are now on sale with Mrs. J. D. Osenbaugh as chairman. It is desired that tickets be purchased as early as possible that the men may know how many to prepare for.

## Presbyterian Church

Dr. J. E. Spencer, pastor

Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Morning Worship at 11:00 o'clock. Sermon subject, The Crowning Perfection of Christian Character.

The Young People will have their evening service at 7:00 o'clock.

The Men's Supper for Women and Girls will be held Wednesday evening, April 29th, at seven o'clock.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Spencer attended the meetings of Presbyterian and Presbytery which met at Madison, Nebraska, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jonas and son, of Burwell spent Saturday and Sunday here visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Jonas was transferred about a month ago from the Soil Conservation office here to the office at Burwell.

Miss Jerry VanErt left Friday for Rockford, Illinois, where she will make her future home.

Ted Sirek arrived Sunday from Baltimore, Maryland, for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Helen Sirek. On Monday Mrs. Sirek and her son, motored to Omaha, where he will be in the Martin Bomber plant there, having been transferred from the Martin Bomber plant in Baltimore.

Vic Halva spent Friday in Sioux City, Iowa, visiting his daughter, Margaret, who is convalescing from Appendectomy at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Madison of Bassett, spent Friday here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Grace Wilcox went to Norfolk Friday, called there by the serious illness of a friend, Mrs. Lora Conner of Elgin, who was operated on Monday and is getting along satisfactorily. Mrs. Wilcox returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cleary and family moved here Sunday from Atkinson, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jonas. Mr. Cleary is employed at the J. C. Penney Store.

Pvt. Winfield Sprague, arrived Monday from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to spend a few days with his sister Mrs. Harry Roseler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz, Mr. and Mrs. George Layh, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Englehaup and Mary Mellor went to Omaha Sunday to attend a Stortz beer convention. They returned home Tuesday.

Miss Doris Gannon and Wayne Gannon returned to Los Angeles, California, Friday, after spending the past ten days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gannon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rooney returned home Sunday from Tecumseh, where they were called last Thursday by the sudden death of Mr. Rooney's father, J. W. Rooney.

Miss Ruth Osenbaugh left Sunday for Lincoln, where she will attend the Lincoln School of Commerce.

Mrs. Lyndle Stout entertained the 9 F. F. bridge club at her home last Thursday evening. High score was won by Mrs. Harold Weir, second high Mrs. Bennet Gillespie, third high Mrs. Harrison Bridge.

much time, but will try and keep you posted.

With love, your loving son,  
Vernon.

## Third District Music Contest Held Here Last Week Very Successful

O'Neill was the host to twenty one competing schools in the District Music Contest held here last Friday and Saturday. Large audiences were present to enjoy the various events on the two day's program. The Class "C" Schools performed on Friday and the Class "B" and "D" Schools on Saturday. This arrangement made it possible for any school to attend the contest with only one day's traveling; thus saving on tires and other general expenses.

Due to the high efficiency of all the individuals helping with the contest, it moved along from beginning to end in a very gratifying manner. The chairman of each of the Committees give their votes of appreciation to each of member of the various committees for the fine spirit of cooperation in carrying out assigned responsibilities.

The music supervisors, superintendents, and contestants of competing schools earned high praise for their promptness in appearing on the program as scheduled. This made it possible for each session to move along satisfactorily and finish on time.

The music supervisors seemed to thoroughly appreciate receiving the criticisms of the judges within a half an hour after the conclusion of the last event each evening. A complete set of criticisms has also been mailed to each school.

Mr. Edward Kurtz, Chairman, Department of Music, Iowa State Teacher's College, Cedar Falls, Iowa was the instrumental critic. The vocal entries were judged by Miss Alvina Palmquist, Department of Vocal Music, Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. D. Mrs. Leo Kucinski, Department of Music, Morning Side College, Sioux City, Iowa, judged the piano solos.

The judges commented that this was one of the best managed contests at which they had ever judged.

Ninety-two Superior ratings featured the District III Music Contest here last Friday and Saturday as 21 schools met for the annual event.

On Friday, the Class "C" representatives appeared and the nine schools won forty number I ratings. In the large groups, Girls' Glee Clubs from St. Mary's Academy, Spencer, Butte, Stuart, and a mixed chorus from Ewing won Superiors. Bands from Stuart, St. Mary's, Spencer, and Butte received number I ratings. Soloists and small groups who received Superior on Friday are: Clarinet Solo: Margaret Magnusson, Stuart; Donna Gallagher, St. Mary's.

Tenor Sax Solo: Billy Howell, Page.

Baritone Sax Solo: Marjorie Pfeil, Page.

Oboe Solo: Ardis Heiss, Page.

Cornet Solo: James Golden, St. Mary's.

Baritone Horn Solo: Dean Whitla, Butte; Robert Jorden, Page; Clair Mock, Kaya Paha.

Tuba Solo: Jack Cotton, Stuart; LeRoy Nyquist, Spencer.

Trombone Solo: Bert Brennan, St. Mary's; Jack Campbell, Spencer.

Drum Solo: Jean Adrian, Ewing.

Girls' High Voice: Janice Wilson, Stuart; Sheila Barrett, St. Mary's; Lorraine Radden, Kaya Paha County.

Girls' Medium Voice: Janis Nelson, Stuart.

Boys' Medium Voice: Edwin Pavlik, Verdigris; James Wantz, Orchard.

Girls' Trio: Ewing; Orchard; St. Mary's.

Mixed Octette: Stuart.

Trumpet Quartette: Butte.

Cornet Trio: Page; St. Mary's Academy.

Clarinet Quartette: St. Mary's Academy.

Brass Sextette: St. Mary's Academy; Butte.

Piano Solo: Imogene Soucek, Verdigris; Martha Crellin, Ewing.

The Class "B" and "D" schools appeared on Saturday and won fifty-two Superiors. Girls' Glee Clubs from Atkinson and O'Neill, Mixed Chorus from O'Neill, Ainsworth, and Atkinson, and Bands from Inman, Wheeler County H. S. (Bartlett), Rock County H. S. (Bassett), Atkinson, Ainsworth, and O'Neill won Superior in their divisions. Soloists and small groups with number I ratings are:

Bb Clarinet Solo: Jo Ann Kelly, Atkinson; Keith Vincent, O'Neill.

Eb Saxophone Solo: Berwyn Scrivner, Creighton.

Cornet Solo: Dorothy Lowery,

O'Neill; Dale Carrell, Rock County H. S.

Girls' High Voice: Genevieve Graves, O'Neill; Clara Lowery, O'Neill; Joline Bradley, Neligh; Genevieve Baker, Valentine.

Bass Horn: Richard Selah, O'Neill; Paul Cuplin, Ainsworth. Piano Solo: Lela Grimes, Chambers; Frances Everingham, Ainsworth.

Girls' Medium Voice: Bonnie Yarnall, O'Neill.

Bassoon Solo: Rex Welch, Ainsworth; Mavis Nilson, Atkinson.

Baton Twirling: Helen Elder, Atkinson; Bevins Haley, Ainsworth.

French Horn: Roy Lundgren, O'Neill.

Baritone Horn Solo: Orville Little, Rock County H. S.

Trombone Solo: Patsy Kruse.

Boys' Low Voice: N. H. Pearson, Jr., Bristow.

Boys' Medium Voice: Max Johns, Long Pine; Lloyd Johnson, Neligh.

Brass Sextette: O'Neill.

Cornet Trio: O'Neill; Ainsworth.

Girls' Trio: O'Neill.

Brass Quartette: Atkinson.

Woodwind Trio: Neligh.

Clarinet Neligh: L. Trio 'aaa

Clarinet Quartette: Neligh; Rock County H. S.

Boys' Quartette: Ainsworth.

Girls' Octette: Atkinson.

Girls' Sextette: Long Pine; Ainsworth; Creighton; O'Neill.

Madrigal Group: Atkinson.

Drum Duet: Atkinson.

All Soloists and small groups with Superior ratings are eligible to go to the National Regional Music Contest at Omaha on May 7, 8, and 9.

Excellents Received by Contestants from Class D and B Schools on Saturday:

Atkinson, Margery McCullough, Clarinet Solo.

Rock County High School, Meredith Bunnett, Clarinet Solo.

Neligh, Gerald Clair, Cornet Solo.

O'Neill, Roy Lundgren, French Horn Solo.

Atkinson, Bob Thompson, Trombone Solo.

Ainsworth, Ardith Sawle, Violin Solo.

Atkinson, Donna Rae Humpal, Baton Twirling.

Ainsworth, Dick Mohanna, Drum Solo.

Atkinson, Nancy Linville, Piccolo Solo.

Neligh, Billie McDonald, Flute Solo.

Rock County High School, Cornet Trio.

O'Neill, Trombone Quartette.

Rock County High School, Brass Sextette.

Chambers, Laverne Young, Girls' High Voice.

Chambers, Millie Hubel, Girls' High Voice.

Ainsworth, Dorothy Rasmussen, Girls' High Voice.

Ainsworth, Mildred Rudnick, Girls' High Voice.

Atkinson, Betty Storchmann, Girls' High Voice.

Atkinson, Donna Boettcher, Girls' High Voice.

Creighton, Shirley Scheer, Girls' High Voice.

O'Neill, Ruth Burge, Girls' High Voice.

O'Neill, Betty Williams, Girls' High Voice.

Valentine, Blanche Thomas, Girls' High Voice.

Atkinson, Ruth Wood, Girls' High Voice.

Inman, Norma June Hopkins, Girls' Medium Voice.

Inman, Marjorie Mossman, Girls' Medium Voice.

Long Pine, Arlene Shaneyfelt, Girls' Medium Voice.

Ainsworth, Vernace Miles, Girls' Medium Voice.