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BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

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"Lo, this only have I found that God hath made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions."

When seated by the winter evening's firelight, with a home-baked loaf, a bowl of cream, a dish of fluffy popcorn and a red apple before you, why worry about such stuff as coffee?

It is said Mr. Farley's recent visit to Nebraska was on "business." Looking over his cribs of corn, stacks of hay, branding the season's increase on the range or just smelling the faint Jasksonian odor of the prairies for future reference?

The inscription on the post office building in Washington D. C., have special significance in times such as the present. It reads: "Messenger of Sympathy and Love; Servant of Parted Friends; Consoler of the Lonely; Bond of the Scattered Family; Enlarger of the Common Life."

City dwellers make a lot of fuss over reduced fuel supplies. Maybe if they had to crawl onto a horse and ride five miles to school with our prairie boys and girls these cold December mornings they would conclude it was not such a hardship to get along with fewer heated rooms in the home.

Jimmy Davidson was doubtless the most extensively known locally of any citizen who ever grew up in O'Neill. He was a consistent resident of the town since 1882, and until recent years had hardly drifted farther away than Dry Creek, where he delighted to hook a pickerel. He was a boy. I was a boy. He was a fierce democrat, I none the less republican. It could hardly be called party loyalty; rather, boy-hood loyalty to family traditions, of which neither had more than a hazy understanding. Other boys and girls, grew up in the old town, spread their wings and tried life's adventure elsewhere. Some returned, others did not, but Jim remained a permanent fixture. I was for a time rather intimately associated with him in early life. He had not a trace of the poet, dreamer or master of letters, nor did I ever know him to manifest spiritual aspirations, but the town would have been helpless without his skill in adjusting furnaces, gasoline engines and turning out useful things from sheets of tin. He was independent as a hog on ice, a little gruff but always dependable, never forgot a favor nor slighted a friend. His death again reminds us that this earthly sojourn is transitory, and as life's evening shadows lengthen we pause to reflect on what is our destiny.

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for one,
And may there be no moaning
of the bar
When I put out to sea.

For tho' from out our bourne of
time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

Maintaining home for a good many years without ever having a pound of coffee among the supplies, nothing on hand at present but a lamp that can burn gasoline, caring but little if at all whether there is a meat famine, bringing in morning and evening from a mild-eyed Brown Swiss the household dairy needs and income quite a little under \$25,000, the rationing program concerns us only as it affects others.

Able men, patriotic men, high minded men lay their plans for closer fellowship among nations when—and if—wary people say hold, enough. That is ideal, but men and nations being what they are it doesn't work. "Fellowship—one people concerning themselves with the affairs of other peoples—has engulfed the world in the greatest tragedy of history. If all nations would adopt a policy of isolation there would be nothing to fight about.

The Misses Evelyn Coyne and Kathryn McNichols, who have been working in Denver, Colo., for the past few months, came home Sunday for a visit with their parents and other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services Held For Wesley Easton, Saturday

Wesley R. Easton, of Greeley, Colo., died suddenly at Eads, Colo., on Tuesday evening, December 1, 1942, while enroute from Greeley to Lamar, Colo. Death was due to cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Easton was born in Merango, Ill., May 16, 1889. He was married to Gertrude Wrede of O'Neill, Nebr., on December 11, 1932, at Taylor, Nebr. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Easton and their six year old son, Charles Wesley, of 2330 9th Ave., Greeley, Colo.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Easton of Omaha, Nebr.; brothers, Ernest of Omaha, and Glen of Illinois; one sister, Mrs. Olive Farrington, of Omaha.

The body was sent from Greeley to O'Neill last Friday, and funeral services were held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church, Rev. Dawson Park officiating. Burial was in Prospect Hill cemetery beside the body of an infant daughter, Gertrude Elaine, who passed away shortly after birth.

O'Neill High Football Team Had Good Season

O'Neill High School closed one of its most successful football seasons, losing only to Bassett High School. Twenty-two boys received letters which included: Harold Calkins, and Gene Wolfe, Co-Captains. Other lettermen were: Gene McKenna, Robert Thomas, Owen Cole, LaVern VanEvery, Garold Lewis, William Brugeman, Warren Burgess, John Osenbaugh, Francis Yantzi, Junior Adamson, Maynard Morrow, Lester Boshart, Bob Cole, Lyle Hollenbeck, Merlyn Shaw, Alvin Vorce, Forest Riley, Robert Jonas, James Hungerford and Vincent Cunningham.

The season was brought to a close with a 25 to 7 victory over Atkinson in the traditional Thanksgiving Day game. Wolfe scored twice on laterals, Owen Cole once on an intercepted pass and Calkins plunged over for the final from the two yard line.

County Court

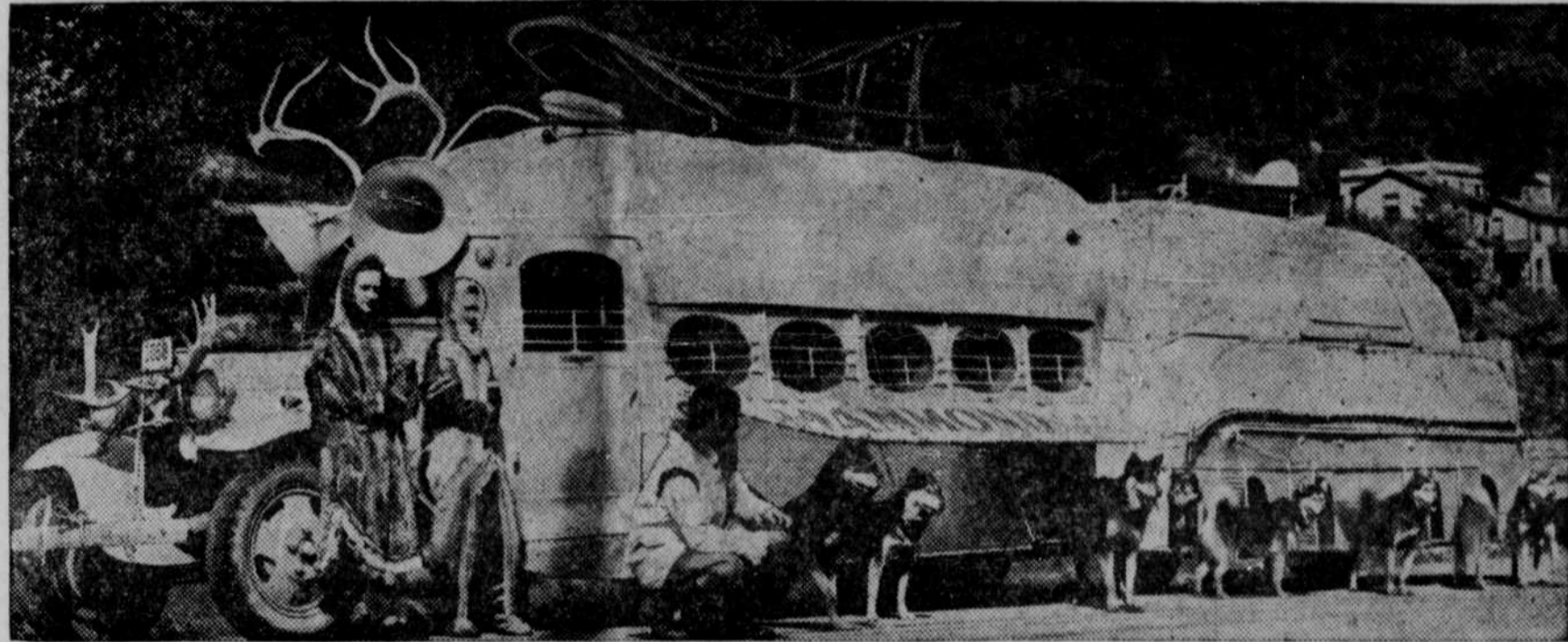
Fred Ross of O'Neill, was arraigned by Patrolman Meistrel on November 27, charged with having a delinquent drivers license. He pled guilty and was fined \$1.00 and costs of \$3.10.

Joseph Kaup, of Stuart, was arraigned by Patrolman Meistrel on November 24, charged with driving after operators license had expired. He pled guilty and was fined \$1.00 and costs of \$3.10.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Merriman and Mrs. Lod Janousek left Tuesday morning for Omaha, where Mr. and Mrs. Merriman will look after business matters, while Mrs. Janousek will visit her mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Campbell arrived home Sunday from Chicago, where they had been visiting relatives and friends for a week.

ARCTIC EXHIBITION WILL BE IN O'NEILL AT 11 O'CLOCK ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18



An interesting character in the personage of Earl F. Hammond, who has spent eight of the last fifteen years in Alaska, Siberia and northern Canada, was visiting the merchants of O'Neill recently. During their discussion the merchants thought it would be nice, and Hammond agreed, to head an expedition and go to

Alaska as an Ambassador, requesting Santa to visit the good little boys and girls of O'Neill on December 18, bringing his live reindeer, dog-teams and sleds in advance of his usual Christmas trip. The next few days were spent in looking over charts and maps of the arctic, and outfitting for a safe trip back with Santa Claus.

The supplies included dried food stuffs, pemmican, mukluks, parkas and caribou-hide sleeping bags all prepared by Hammond's Eskimo friends. Hammond will be in O'Neill on Friday, December 18, 1942. A parade will march on the main street and the business men of the city have made it possible

for all the kiddies attending to receive apples, being unable to secure candy or nuts for this festive occasion. Remember the date, Friday morning, December 18, at 11 a. m., will be the grand parade and you want to be in town to see it. Do not miss this chance to see Santa Claus and his reindeer.

O.H.S. Basketball Teams Looks For Good Season

The O'Neill High school has good prospects this season with six lettermen returning from last year's squad which went to the state semi-finals. Twenty boys are working out regularly.

Lettermen returning from 1941-42 season are: Gene Wolfe, Warren Burgess, Francis Yantzi, forwards; John Osenbaugh, Gene McKenna, and Harold Calkins, guards.

Promising new material: Robert Jonas, Bill Brugeman, LaVern VanEvery, Richard Selah, Alvin Vorce, Lyle Hollenbeck and Marvin Korab.

Schedule:
December 18, Ewing; January 4 at Elgin; January 6, 7, 8, Holt County Tournament; January 15, Neligh; January 22, St. Mary's; January 26, at Atkinson; January 29, Ainsworth; February 2, Page; February 5, Atkinson; February 9, at Page; February 12, Plainview; February 19, at Oakdale; February 22, at St. Mary's

Marriage Licenses

Jerome A. Spittler and Miss Eileen Kelly, both of O'Neill, on December 4.

Melvin P. Jacobson and Miss Lenora Rice, both of Clearwater, on December 8.

Corporal Earl Whaley arrived Sunday to visit his mother for a few days. He left Thursday for Creighton, and will stay there until Saturday, when he leaves for Fort Lewis, Wash., where he is stationed.

St. Mary's Cardinals Are Off With A Bang

SMA started out on a victorious season last Friday night by taking the long end of a 15-7 count from the shorter, but fighting St. Joseph's Club from Atkinson. Both teams were troubled by early season jitters and failed to hit the basket very consistently.

Taking a 9-1 half time lead St. Mary's, by means of a stellar defense, held back a fighting St. Joe team. It was not until late in the fourth quarter when St. Joe was able to put a field goal. This was followed by two more in quick succession but time ran out and SMA left the floor with their first win of the current season.

Janousek and Grady, playing a championship brand of ball, as did Schaeff and Kubitchek of Atkinson.

St. Mary's seconds won their game 14-7 paced by Baker on the offense by 12 points and Biglin, the versatile guard, on the defense.

Last Tuesday night the Cardinals journeyed to Chambers to play with the Coyotes from southern Holt. SMA's defense proved to be the superior of the two and they took the big end of a 20-18 score.

Chambers, all during the game, used a fast breaking offense but had much trouble solving the SMA defense, as it was a outstanding unit of the floor. The half time score was 8-2 in red and white's favor, but at the end of the third quarter the Coyotes had let go their big guns and were out in front by 1 point margin, 13-12.

Fourth quarter baskets by Engler and Grady and a free shot by Baker provided the winning margin of 20-18 for St. Mary's. Engler and Grady led the St. Mary's offensive while Swatton and Turner led Chambers.

St. Mary's "baby" Cardinals defeated the Chambers seconds by 20-3 score, after taking a half time lead of 8-0. They were paced by Froelich with 11 points and Golden with 8. Campbell played an outstanding floor game.

St. Mary's has not hit its stride as yet this year but will attempt to do so in a Friday night game, December 11, with Inman. There will be but one game as they will try to finish before the Blackout. Come early as it will start at 7:00 promptly.

J. A. Chatt of Tekamah, was an O'Neill visitor last Monday and favored this office with a pleasant call and ordered The Frontier sent to his address, so that he could keep posted on the affairs of the county. Mr. Chatt is one of the owners of the Hugh Birmingham ranch, northeast of this city, which they purchased last summer. Mr. Chatt says they had wonderful crops in Burt county this year, some of the corn making 100 bushels an acre.

Mrs. Frank Phalin received word the first of the week that her daughter, Loretta, had been admitted to practice law in the state of Illinois, by the State Bar examiners of that state. Miss Loretta is now practicing her profession in Chicago. Her many Holt county friends tender congratulations.

County Chairman For The President's Ball

Mrs. George Rector, who has been appointed County Chairman for the President's Ball, which is conducted to raise funds for promoting medical re-search and aiding communities that have been hit by an epidemic of Infantile Paralysis.

One half of the funds we raise are kept in the county and the other half sent to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Each town will have a chairman appointed in the near future and plans will be under way to promote our drive.

Charles Yarnall, U. S. N., who is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., left Monday, after a few days visit with his wife, daughter and other relatives and friends.

Hog Prices Are Higher, Cattle Lower Monday

There was a heavy run of hogs here Monday, with the market 35c per cwt. higher than the week before. There was also a good run of cattle with the market 25c per cwt. lower on all classes, but cows and bulls.

Steer calves sold from \$13.50 to \$14.75 and heifer calves brot from \$13.00 to \$13.25. Yearling steers brought from \$12.25 to \$13.00. There were several good loads of good stock cows that brought from \$8.50 to \$10.00 and bulls sold for \$11.45.

Bu hogs and heavy sows were alike with prices from \$13.05 to \$13.10 and a top of \$13.15 paid on some. There was a small bunch of shoats that weighed 65 lb. that brought \$17.35 per cwt.

Mrs. George Spangler of Spencer is visiting friends here.

Holt County Pioneer Dies At His Home Near Page

Elmer VanConnett died at his home four miles north and one mile east of Page last Monday evening at 6:15, after an illness of about six years, at the age of 68 years, two months and ten days. The funeral was held at two o'clock this afternoon from the Holiness church in Page, Rev. Turner officiating, and burial in Lambert cemetery.

Elmer VanConnett was born at Lincoln, Nebr., on October 27, 1874. When he was about six years of age he parents came to Holt county and located north and east of Page, in the section in which he spent the balance of his life. On January 13, 1897, he was united in marriage to Miss Rose O'Haver. Five children were born of this union, two of whom have preceded their father in death. Those living are: Marietta Wiseman and LaVern, both of Page, and Mancil, of Yoncalla, Oregon, who with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father.

Mr. VanConnett was a splendid citizen, an affectionate husband and father and a loyal friend. For the past six years he had been bedfast, suffering from an incurable ailment. But he was patient and enduring his prolonged illness with fortitude.

Mr. VanConnett had been a resident of the county for over sixty-two years, and his passing from among us removes another of the old pioneer that helped to make this county what it is today. The writer had known Mr. VanConnett for nearly fifty years. He was a quiet and unassuming man and was highly respected by all his acquaintances for his probity and sincerity. He will be missed by many outside of his immediate relatives, for his was an ideal man.

Boys Of 18 Are Called Called Upon To Register

Registration will be held at the Selective Service Office in O'Neill, Nebraska, for all boys in the county who are now 18 years of age and have not yet registered, from December 11, 1942, to December 31, 1942, inclusive, between the hours of 9:00 a. m., and 5:00 p. m.

Those who were born on or after July 1, 1924, but not after August 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 11, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 17, 1942.

Those who were born on or after September 1, 1924, but not after October 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 18, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 24, 1942.

Those who were born on or after November 1, 1924, but not after December 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the period commencing Saturday, December 26, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 31, 1942.

Registrants should note carefully the time they are to register and come only during that period.

R. E. MOORE,
Chairman Registration Board

Kelly-Spittler

Miss Eileen Kelly, of O'Neill, and Pfc. Jerome Spittler, of Fort Knox, Ky., were married Saturday morning, at eight o'clock, at St. Patrick's church in O'Neill, Monsignor McNamara officiating.

The bride wore a victory blue suit, with black accessories and a corsage of roses. Miss Alice Hamilton, the bride's attendant, wore a navy blue dress and black accessories. She also wore a corsage of roses. Gerard Spittler, brother of the groom, was best man.

Mrs. Spittler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy with the class of 1941, and is now employed at the Consumers Public Power office.

Pfc. Spittler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spittler. He graduated from the Ewing High school with the class of 1936. He left Monday for Fort Knox, Ky., while his wife remained here.

Word has been received from Pvt. Howard Graves, who is stationed at Fort Maxey, Tex., that he is now a member of the band at that camp, having been transferred to the band last week.

Lt. Michael Courtright left Sunday for Camp Polk, La., after visiting relatives and friends here for several days. Mrs. Courtright remained for a longer visit.

BANKS AND THE WAR

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NOTICE

Concerning BLACK OUT Dec. 14, 1942

Since the BLACKOUT of December 14 is to be a practice blackout, and since we have been advised by the 7th Service Command that the electric industry, is an essential industry, our plants must be kept in operation therefore . . .

OUR PLANTS and SUB STATIONS WILL NOT BE COMPLETELY BLACKED OUT

"It is the opinion of the 7th Regional Office of Civilian Defense that plants having war contracts or those plants to which their product or to machinery in the event of a shutdown should be allowed to operate using just as few lights as is possible for operation and with the understanding that in the event of an actual air raid they would be prepared to blackout completely or to shut down completely. We do not think it is necessary at this time for any plant to purchase critical materials that may be necessary in blacking out their plants, and that they should wait for that until the Army declares to be critical areas.

"We urge that publicity be given that such plants will be allowed to operate, so that no criticism will attach to them for not participating fully in practice blackouts."

We are anxious to cooperate with Civilian Defense Activities but in order to maintain electric service in homes and industries and not interrupt water pumping and many other services which depend upon electric power, it is necessary that our plants be operated. This will be done with a minimum of lighting.

CONSUMERS

PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT