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BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

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North, East, West, South. Put the four capital letters together and you have—NEWS.

We don't mind the rationing, but like for those who set the schedules to share the fun with us.

What do you think of that—our household queens being told from Washington how to cut a slice of bread!

Postponed for the duration. And it might be suggested that Mr. Roosevelt join in with his country on this basis in the matter of political awards that stir up contentions.

The Bly and Rockford families have been invaded by the measles as an additional hardship during the biting cold of mid January. Other families are effected so as to reduce school attendance.

Whether it is because we do not like to admit that our judgment is bad or for more lofty reasons, the effect is the same when let down by some one in whom you have had confidence.

According to the American Press editor who returned from German contact at the borders, early in January coffee was \$53 a pound and butter \$18 a pound in Germany. Even super-man seems to require feed and drink.

Radio strategists, platform military experts, soapbox generals and dry land admirals might demonstrate some of their bright ideas by crawling into uniforms and lining up with the front ranks of the fighting forces. They are good at picking flaws in the present military set-up—let's see what they can do on the firing line.

If economy has struck you to the extent you write on both sides of the paper, there is an exalted precedent. On old Mount Sinai Moses was handed two tablets of stone "written on both sides." "And the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables." Two sides of two blocks of enduring stone were utilized to give mankind an enduring moral code.

Measures are under consideration in congress to curb arrogant labor groups. From out the sun-drenched beach of Miami, Fla., comes a roar of protest by union potentates who are basking in tropical luxury these January days. Members of congress no doubt stand for justice and adequate pay to every man who labors with hands or head, but many of them feel that unionism as now domineered is a menace. In this they have the backing of the country.

George W. and Mrs. Norris are back in McCook after 40 years in the nation's capitol. I have been no friend of the venerable statesman's official course, Eleanor Roosevelt's remark that it was us out here who were defeated and not Norris last election to the contrary notwithstanding. However, Nebraskans generally will desire for the aged couple that their declining years be not clouded with official demonstration by our state's representatives in congress that "righteousness has been crucified."

Sixteen below. But it was worth having tossed back warm blankets, bounded out of bed to dress for another day, "turn on the heat" and step out an hour before the yellow flash of a January sunrise. Wind, that had turned to doleful and cheerless notes at the corners of the house and hissed at curtained windows, has subsided. The prairie, calm and cold under the light of moon and stars that hang in silent majesty above. Often the celestial scene is best observed just before dawn when touched with added light by the intense cold of a clear atmosphere. The picture signifies nothing if your thought is just to light up for a smoke and the day's job. The hand of the Infinate that spread the amazing scroll across the sky is held out to the individual who reaches up to take it that he may be led in right paths for another day.

I do not know what the signifi-

Chas. Spangler, Pioneer, Passed Away Wednesday

Charles Spangler died at the home of his brother, Awalt, near Star, Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock of a heart attack suffered two weeks ago, at the age of 68 years and thirteen days. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Scott Town Hall and burial in the Scottville cemetery.

Charles Spangler was born on January 14, 1875, in Germany. When he was thirteen years of age his parents came to this country and located in Holt county, northeast of O'Neill, and for the past fifty-five years Charley has been practically a resident of this county. He spent a few years in Canada, but never was in love with that country and came back. For a few years he also farmed and was in the pure stock business in Madison county, but again he came back to Holt county, which he always contended was his home. Charles never had time to get married, remaining a bachelor. He is survived by two brothers and two sisters. They are: Mrs. Smith Merrill, Strand, Nebr.; Walter Spangler, Emmet; Mrs. L. Rodocker, Shell Lake, Canada; Awalt Spangler, Star, Nebr.

Charley was a good citizen and had a host of friends throughout the county who will regret to learn of his sudden passing. He was a hard worker and attended strictly to his own business. He was a friendly chap and it always was a pleasure for him to get to town where he could meet and chat with some of the old-timers whom he had known since boyhood days, and they were always glad to meet and visit with him. His passing removed another of the old-timers from the ranks of the old settlers of northeastern Holt, one of the men who assisted in building up that section of the county.

Another O'Neill Boy Wins Army Commission

Vincent Eldon McPharlin graduated from the Anti Aircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, North Carolina, on January 25, 1942, with the rank of Second Lieutenant. Eldon is the son of Mrs. Augusta McPharlin of this city and was born and grew to manhood in this city. For the past five years he has been practicing law in Los Angeles, Calif. Lt. McPharlin and his wife arrived here Tuesday morning for a few days visit with his mother and left this morning for Camp Eustis, Va., where he will be stationed.

Salmans-Gamel

Miss Rachel Salmans of O'Neill and Pat Gamel of Page were married on January 20, 1943, at Neligh.

The bride wore a brown and beige street length dress with brown accessories. The couple were attended by Anna Mae Nichols and Lonnie Wood, both of Page.

The bride is a graduate of the O'Neill High School with the Class of 1941. The groom is a graduate of the Page High School with the Class of 1939.

The young couple will make their home on a ranch near Page.

cense of the name Galena Lumber company might be, unless it stems from a town in northern Illinois. It is a land mark of O'Neill, and the name perhaps will be retained by the new owners. Ed F. Gallagher and Tom Birmingham founded the business and for a time conducted it a block north of Douglas street on Third, where one or more residences now stand. Mr. Birmingham took full charge when Mr. Gallagher went into the First National bank. Mr. Birmingham moved the business to lower Fourth street and later to the present location. Clyde King, a literary master rather than a "lumber jack," succeeded Mr. Birmingham and he was joined later by Joe Mann who took full charge upon the death of Clyde. Joe's training had been in other lines also and it is suspected that while he conducted the lumber and coal business on a sound basis never had much of a heart for it. Joe has been one of the most successful in a financial way of the kids that "grew up" in O'Neill. Not a showman, never spectacular but by a steady, level-headed course has arrived with an ample competence to the mellow period of life that encourages a less strenuous daily program.

21-Year Old Private AWOL, Arrested Here

Pvt. Warren Henry, 21, who says his home is at Neligh, was picked up by local police yesterday. He had been around town for over a week and he was picked up for investigation. After his arrest he admitted that he was absent without leave from the army. He said that he had been stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah, had a day furlough and started traveling. This was about a month ago. Omaha authorities were notified and local officers were told to hold him.

This afternoon Lt. John W. Wilkinson and Privates Nelson and Bernard Matson, of the M. P., of Omaha, arrived in the city and took charge of the soldier and they left at once with the prisoner for Omaha. Desertion from the army in time of war carries a severe penalty, as this boy will probably find out before he gets out of his present predicament.

Former O'Neill Man Killed Near Bassett

Matt Morton, of Bassett, formerly of this city, was killed Tuesday, January 26, 1943, at his home ten miles from Bassett. He had gone out into the yard to fix his car. His wife went out about 5:30 p. m., and found that the car had fallen on top of him, crushing him to death.

He graduated from the O'Neill High school with the class of 1928. His wife is the former Agnes Knapp. They have three children. Mrs. Morton is the sister of Mrs. William Hungerford and Mrs. Mary Pierson of this city.

Plans Nearly Completed For Paralysis Fund Party

Plans are nearing completion for the celebration of the President's Birthday in O'Neill by a card party to be held on Sunday evening, January 31, at the High School auditorium sponsored by the O'Neill Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The party will commence at 8:00 p. m., and there will be various games played with prizes for each and of course, a lunch. Make your plans now to attend if possible and support a worthy cause.

Several activities have been held in various parts of the county the past week for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis fund. Among them was a very successful box social held in the Martha School sponsored by the teacher, Stanley Lambert. The proceeds of the social amounting to \$10.75 was contributed to this fund.

At the O'Neill Livestock Commission Company sale held Monday a fine white rooster was donated by the Tri-State Produce Company and auctioned and re-auctioned, netting a total of \$26 for the fund.

Following are the names of the purchasers and the price they paid for him:

O'Neill Livestock Com. Co.	\$5.00
Alfred Drayton	5.00
L. D. Putnam	5.00
Joe Gallagher	2.00
Jack Berigan	2.00
G. P. Coleman	1.00
Clinton Stonebraker	1.00
H. S. Moses	1.00
J. L. Pruden	1.00
Clarence Erust	1.00
C. H. Ray	2.00

On behalf of the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis we wish to extend our thanks to all who made this sale so successful.

Ruth G. Rector, County Chairman, National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Harry Sullivan, a girl, born Thursday.
Mrs. Ralph Bowers of Walnut, a girl, born Sunday.
Leland Caskey of Middlebranch, dismissed on Wednesday.
Carolyn Kay Finch, of Venus, dismissed on Thursday.
Anna Donohoe dismissed on Wednesday.
Calmer Simonson admitted on Tuesday.
William Wefso of Stuart, appendectomy on Thursday.
Mrs. Robert Kurtz and son dismissed on Tuesday.
Mrs. Guy Blake dismissed on Sunday.
Mrs. Isabelle Green of Chambers is receiving medical attention.

Show your appreciation of your good health by attending the card party Sunday night.

Pioneer Of Inman Section Passed Away Saturday

John Sobotka died at his home south of Inman last Saturday afternoon at 4:35, after an illness of about three years, of ailments incident to old age, at the age of 83 years, three months and twenty four days. The funeral was held last Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the Catholic church in this city and burial in Calvary cemetery.

John Sobotka was born in Moravia on September 29, 1859. He grew to manhood in his native land and on April 3, 1884, he was united in marriage to Miss Carolina Fanta. Shortly after their marriage they came to the United States and for a time lived in Omaha, coming to Holt county in 1885. Fourteen children were born of this union, all of who are living and all of whom were present at the funeral, except one daughter. The children are: Joe, Inman; Mrs. Mary Pribil, O'Neill; Mrs. W. V. Reznicek, Longview, Wash.; Anna, at home; John Jr., Frank and Charles, Inman; Jacob, Norfolk; Lewis, Anthony, George and James, Inman; Mrs. Ella Meyer, Beatrice; Henry, Inman, who with his wife is left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. He is also survived by forty-two grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Mr. Sobotka came to Holt county in 1885 and since that time had made his home in the eastern part of the county, south of Inman. He was a good citizen and endured all the hardships and privations of the early pioneers in this county, but persevered and won success. He had a host of friends in the eastern part of the county, where he was well known.

4-H Club Organization Started For 1943

Holt County 4-H Club enrollments now include 28 members from three clubs with several additional clubs planning to get started in the next few weeks. Those clubs organized to date are the Eagle Creek Calf Club, led by Mrs. Arthur O'Neill, the Steel Creek Pride 4-H Calf Club, whose leader is Ray Siders of Opportunity, and the 4-H Garden and Canners Club, Inc., with G. H. Geary of Inman as leader.

In 1943 all 4-H Clubs will point toward greater production and conservation of food and fiber for the war needs. All groups of young people who are interested in 4-H Club work should get the particulars on the different projects from County Agent Lyndie Stout and decide soon on what they want to carry during 1943.

Full resources of all young people in Nebraska farms and towns will be mobilized during the week of February 6-13 for wartime food production. It will be National 4-H Club Week and every state in the union will take part. The aim of the drive in Nebraska will be to double the enrollment in the young people's organization, which in Nebraska during 1942 numbered about 20,000 members.

The drive will be to enroll more members, not only in clubs of five or more, but in the Pair-for-Victory type of club, in which a boy or girl who is at some disadvantage because of shortage of transportation to get to meetings or scarcity of others of 4-H age in the community, may form a partnership with some interested adult and take part in the 4-H activities for the year.

4-H members will be asked to keep in mind that increased production is all important and that they are one group that will be able to make a great increase. The 4-H members must look ahead to the time when, perhaps sooner than they realize, shiploads of food sent from America will be more important than tanks and guns.

KURTZ LEASES ASIMUS PRODUCE STATION

R. M. Kurtz, who operated a dairy here for several years retiring from the business last fall, has leased from Asimus Brothers their cream sitation in West O'Neill, and will take possession of same Monday, January 1. Mr. Kurtz's experience in this line of business will prove of value to him in his new work. See his ad. on another page.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lounsbury purchased through R. H. Shriner, the Daily home in southeast O'Neill, taking possession on January 20.

Fire Destroys Grain And Buildings On Heiss Farm

Last Tuesday a fire of unknown origin destroyed the barn, granary and a corn crib on the farm of Raymond Heiss, one mile north and one-half mile east of Page. There was 915 bushels of corn in the crib and a large amount of grain in the granary, we have been unable to ascertain the amount. We understand that the loss is estimated at \$5,000, partly covered by insurance.

At the time of the fire no one was at home and the fire gained great headway by the time it was discovered. Neighbors gathered, and with their assistance, the house was saved from the flames.

Expect Large Attendance At Benefit Card Party

Reports are rolling in to the effect that the people are not only enthusiastically buying tickets at fifty cents each for the Infantile Paralysis Benefit Card Party next Sunday night at the O'Neill High School auditorium, but are also eager to attend the party and enjoy playing the game of their choice: pitch, pinochle, cribbage or bridge. There will be high prizes for each game.

Many who do not enjoy card playing will be there to "kibitz" and discuss timely topics with their friends and incidentally draw a number which entitles them to a ticket on a very unusual door prize.

The refreshment committee has promised, along with other tidbits, a cup of expertly brewed coffee, and an extra large one at that.

The following committees, assisted by many other ardent supporters, are putting forth every effort to make this party a success. Help them by your attendance.

Ticket committee: Mrs. John Davidson, chairman, assisted by Miss Bernadette Brennan, Mrs. H. J. Birmingham, Mrs. Mabel Gatz and Mrs. R. E. Armbruster.

Game and prize committee: Miss Hilda Gallagher, chairman, assisted by Herb Hammond (cribbage), Ted McElhaney (pinochle), Mrs. George Rector (progressive pitch), and Miss Helen Biglin (bridge).

Table and chair committee: Alma Wallace, chairman, Jean Biglin, co-chairman.

Refreshment committee: Mrs. Leo Carney, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Ambrose Rohde, Mrs. Tom Greene and Mrs. John Protivinsky.

Paul Beha will make all announcements and awards. The spirit of co-operation and self-sacrifice by all those working toward the success of the card party Sunday night is inspiring. It shows that they not only want to swell the fund for infantile paralysis victims, but have seized this opportunity to publicly, by word and deed, display their thankfulness for good health.

O'Neill High Basket Ball Team Win Two

O'Neill High continues to be among the undefeated teams with a season's record of eight wins. Last Friday night O'Neill High defeated St. Mary's by the score of 39 to 18. Wolfe and McKenna of O'Neill were high point men and Grady from St. Mary's.

Tuesday night the team defeated a fast-breaking Butte team by the score of 16 to 23. Butte was held to one point in the last half. At half time Butte was leading 15 to 10.

In a preliminary game Friday night the O'Neill second team defeated St. Mary's seconds 19 to 6.

Tuesday night the O'Neill grade team won over St. Mary's grade team 23 to 6. The grade team also defeated the Bassett grade school 28 to 9.

This coming Friday night the team will meet the highly publicized Ainsworth team, and the following Tuesday night, Page, in the O'Neill auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walling and family, spent Saturday and Sunday in Fremont visiting Mr. Walling's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Walling and brother, Pvt. James Walling, of the Lincoln Air Base. L. C. is recuperating from a major operation and at the present time is getting along nicely.

Norb Fernholz returned Friday from Tacoma, Wash., where he has been employed for the past few months, to visit his father at Hastings and other relatives and friends here.

President Roosevelt Attends Memorable Meeting On French Soil In Casablanca, Morocco

At 9:00 o'clock Tuesday night over 56,500,000 radio listeners heard the dramatic announcement that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill had met at Casablanca, a port in French Morocco, in the most unprecedented and momentous meeting of the century and have reached "complete agreement" on war plans for 1943. These plans are designed to bring about the "unconditional surrender" of Germany, Italy and Japan.

President Roosevelt defied every tradition in flying across 6,000 miles of the Atlantic ocean for a ten day meeting with Winston Churchill. The leaders of the two nations brought General Charles DeGaulle and General Henri Honoré Giraud together for the first time.

Virtually the entire war staffs of both nations participated in the discussions.

Following are the high lights of the conference which may decide the fate of the world for generations to come:

1. The leaders of America and Britain, both military and civil, have agreed on a war plan for 1943 designed to maintain the initiative in every theatre of war.

2. Churchill and Roosevelt agreed that peace can come only through "unconditional surrender" of Germany, Italy and Japan.

3. Gens. Giraud and DeGalle, meeting for the first time under sponsorship of the President and Prime Minister, are negotiating for a united French movement designed to put French armies, a Navy and an air force again into the field against the Axis.

4. Premier Joseph Stalin, of Russia, was kept informed of the results of the conferences. In fact, Churchill and Roosevelt offered to meet Stalin "very much farther to the east," but the Russian Chief was unable to leave the U. S. S. R., due to the need of his directing the present red army offensives.

The President and Prime Minister also have been in communication with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and "have appraised him of the measures which they are taking to assist him in China's

magnificent and unrelaxing struggle for the common cause."

5. Maximum material aid to Russia and China will be one of the prime aims of the U. S. and Britain.

6. Roosevelt visited American troops in the field in north Africa, the first American president to visit an active war theatre since Abraham Lincoln.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Winston Spencer Churchill have met three times before their north African conference.

1. First—August 9, 1941, on the fog shrouded coast of Newfoundland. Result—The Atlantic Charter.

2. December 22, 1941 to January 14, 1942, when Churchill came to Washington. Result: China, Russia, United Kingdom and the United States signed a declaration of the United Nations and pledged themselves to the defeat of fascist aggression.

3. June 18, 1942, in Washington. Result: Mapping of the biggest water-borne invasion in history—the joint Anglo-American invasion of the French north Africa.

It was the first time an American president ever had flown. It was also the first time an American President ever set foot on foreign soil in wartime.

President Woodrow Wilson had made two trips to Europe after the ceasing of hostilities in the first World War.

Some observers predict that more was accomplished at the meeting than can be made public at this time. Some well informed observers even go so far as to say that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have even set the date for the invasion of Europe. They point out that the chiefs of staff could have taken care of the details without endangering the President's life if nothing more important was to have been decided.

The people of the United Nations are anxiously awaiting the time when the full significance of this historic meeting can be made public, and we hope the time is not far listant.

Loans Will Be Made To Farmers For Seeding

J. O. Walker, field Supervisor for the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office, announced today that "Food for Freedom" Loans are now available.

The loans furnish credit to farmers to pay expenses and purchase supplies needed to plant, produce and harvest special war crop crops, victory home gardens, regular cash crops, feed and soil conservation crops and purchase or produce feed to increase the production of vitally needed dairy products, beef and pork.

The loan funds can be used to purchase seed, feed, tractor fuel and oil, machinery repairs, fertilizer and other supplies.

Mr. Walker states that a first lien on the crop produced or livestock fed is required as security. Farmers who are unable to arrange for credit from local banks, production credit associations or other local sources on reasonable terms are eligible to apply. The interest rate is four per cent per year and special arrangements have been made to have the loan funds in the farmer's hands within a week or ten days after the application reaches the Regional Office.

Baby Tomlinson Passed Away Last Saturday

Constance Mary Tomlinson, four month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tomlinson of this city, died at her home on January 23, 1943, of a spinal ailment. The funeral was held last Monday and burial in Calvary cemetery.

The many friends of the family tender condolences to the family in their bereavement.

The Weather

	High	Low
Jan. 22	14	-4
Jan. 23	24	-4
Jan. 24	12	-7
Jan. 25	11	-15
Jan. 26	23	-15
Jan. 27	38	2

No precipitation.

Public School Pupils Are Sponsoring Book Drive

The students of the O'Neill Public School, through the student council, are sponsoring a Victory Book Drive to secure books for army, navy and marine corps men. The types of books wanted are as follows:

1—Current best sellers and the more recently published popular fiction and non-fiction (1930 to date), adventure, western detective, and mystery.

2—Technical books published since 1940, humorous books, books of jokes, anecdotes, cartoons, and group games, and small sized editions of popular titles.

Give the kind of books that you would like to keep. Old and obsolete books will not be read, therefore, check thru the books you have and select the good ones that you will contribute. The best is none too good for the men in our armed forces.

These books will be collected at the O'Neill Public School and should be turned in by Wednesday night, February 3. Students will be glad to pick them up and bring them to school for you.

High school students will make a house to house canvass on Wednesday, February 3, between 4:15 and 6:00, to collect the books that you have not been able to contribute before that time.

By giving a suitable book, you are serving on the home front. Take time to give your assistance to assure a worthy contribution of books from this community.

MECHANICS COURSE TO START FEBRUARY 3

The first meeting of the mechanics course will be held in the vocational agriculture classroom of the O'Neill Public School on Wednesday, February 3rd, at 8:00 p. m. Anyone over 17 years of age is eligible to enroll in this course. If you are interested in taking this course, you must attend this meeting.

Joseph O'Malley left Thursday of last week for Wayne, where he will take C. P. training.