

# THE FRONTIER

## BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

By Romaine Saunders  
Atkinson, Nebr., Star Route No. 5.

There is much clamor in free America and very little suffering. Under the heels of European dictators they are saying nothing and suffering a lot.

The cigaret pack taking the place of the family altar in a multitude of homes and the card deck supplanting the Bible, I wonder if those silken banners "God Bless America," are anything more than meaningless jestures.

Overflow from flowing wells in Amelia, occasioned by drainage ditches being clogged from freezing, caused some damage at Tom Salem's store, the water backing up to and entering the south section of the store building.

Argentina is coming to the rescue of Yankee onion eaters. The crop here being inadequate last season to produce seed for the '43 plantings, 28 tons of onion seed is being flown by airplane from Buenos Aires to Yankeeeland.

Idaho did not experiment with amendments to the state's primary election law, but with one full swoop has wiped the whole thing out, and after ten years of the primary goes back to the convention system of selecting candidates for office.

It is worthy of note when one among us attains the age of a full century. I read of a patriarch over in Burma, now more or less in the news, who was born in 1825. For all his 118 years, the children about us have seen more of life's activities, as this aged Burmese, Pu Won by name, has never seen a railroad train, a motorcar, radio nor a city. And maybe that's the reason he is still living.

Through the courtesy of an esteemed friend in O'Neill of whom I secured the book by the "leaselend" method, a portion of a very long winter evenings have been devoted to the story of Crazy Horse, the Indian who engineered the Custer massacre. The book is by Mari Sandoz, the north Nebraska girl who wrote up her dad in the book Old Jules and is characteristic of the writer. Indian names have a background in some simple incident, but of the various chiefs of his day—Spotted Tail, American Horse, Sitting Bull and others of the Sioux nation—Crazy Horse had more horse sense than the others. The book, written as an Indian would tell it, and often vague as to what happened or where, brings not unmerited indictment of government military forces assigned to deal with the plains Indians more than three-quarters of a century ago.

"American farmers are going to get enough food out of the ground in 1943 to run the Axis into the ground." At the risk of being put down a carping critic I will express the wish that the foregoing had not been in a document lately received from the chairman of the Holt County Agricultural Adjustment Agency. Not that I am in any sense in sympathy with the aims or methods of the brutal Axis, but we have done altogether too much boasting of what we are "going to do." As to what the farms are going to produce another season, nobody knows. If there should be another '94 or the more recent "dust bowl" experience—which we trust shall not be—we'll not have much to boast about. The Axis can be run "into the ground," but not by boastful threats of what we are going to do. Plans of procedure on the home and global fronts are necessary, but the less said about the formation of such the better.

Violent wind, loaded with prairie debris, sucked at the grass roots, rattled loose windows, shook dead limbs from trees, rolled tumble weeds into fences, drifted the cattle into the shelter of hay stacks and kept most of us in the house during the tailend of last week. The sun rose Sunday morning on a scene of white glory, three inches of snow covered the prairie. This is of untold benefit. The ground has been bare most of the winter, exposed to high winds and temperature much lower than the average for January. Sheriff Duffy, with whom I had the pleasure of taking lunch a day last week, recalls that this is a winter similar to that of '94-'95. And Pete has occasion to remember,

## School Site Rationing

The following named school sites are determined upon for the registration for War Ration Book No. Two: Stuart, Atkinson, Emmet, O'Neill, Inman, Chambers, Page, Ewing, Amelia, Dist. No. 203, Margaret Determan, teacher; Dist. No. 218, Helen McClurg, teacher; Dist. No. 4, Edna Newman, teacher; Dist. No. 233, Hazel Dexter, teacher; Dist. No. 51, Vera Coleman, teacher.

Applicants for Ration Book No. Two must present Ration Book No. One in order to have the second book issued. They should also be ready to declare canned goods in excess of the five cans allowed each person.

Rural schools mentioned above will not be open for registration on February 22 and 23. They will be used during hours selected by them the remainder of the week, however.

ELJA McCULLOUGH,  
County Superintendent.

## Flight Officer Earley Receives His Wings

America's determined plans to crush the Axis in 1943 moved forward a long stride February 16, with the graduation of hundreds of fighter and bomber pilots in Class 43-B, largest class ever turned out by the training center at Randolph Field, Texas, which is the headquarters of the Army Air Force Gulf Coast Training Center.

Included among the new fliers who soon will be swooping out of the clouds to destroy Axis objectives is Flight Officer Robert J. Earley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Earley of this city.

The graduates are divided among nine advanced flying training schools in Texas. All received pilot's wings and some were commissioned second lieutenant, while others were appointed to the recently created rank of flight officer, in ceremonies at the respective fields. Flight Officer Earley is a graduate of Blackland Field, Waco, Texas.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Babutke, a daughter, Wilma Lee, born on February 14.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cleary, a boy, born on February 17.

## County Court

L. B. Hall of Neligh was arrested on February 15 by Patrolman Meistrell and charged with overload. He was found guilty and fined \$10 and costs of \$3.10.

Clarence Hohlbeck was arrested on February 11 and charged with trapping muskrats out of season. He was bound over to the District Court, on a \$300 bond.

Mrs. Mattie Soukup and Miss Elaine Streeter took Master Sergeant Francis Soukup to Norfolk last Friday from where he returned to Camp Carson, Colo., after a week's furlough visiting his mother and other relatives and friends. He will leave sometime in March for Washington, D. C., where he will enter an Officer's Candidate School.

as he says he and Frank Martin rode his home range on the Niobrara every day that winter keeping an eye on 90 head of horses. The country at present is not greatly in need of moisture. A blanket of snow is one of nature's effective protective measures that is needed at this time.

"Poverty is a state of mind." I wonder. If that's all it is why not imagine yourself a Rockefeller, put on the airs of a plutocrat and worry no more about the day's rations. But let us see what the count of last resort says. Doctor Webster thinks different. "Poverty—the state of being poor." And poor—"having little or no means; destitute of riches." That brings us back to earth. We are reluctant to admit to what extent human happiness is dependent on a full purse. But in another place of authority I read: "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom." Maybe that doesn't mean just the fellow with his coat worn through at the elbows. But it does mean there are riches which are not concerned with the possession of mere things. Whittier's Barefoot Boy "was rich in flowers and trees, humming-birds and honey bees." And those who are "rich in faith," who draw from heaven's vast store house of spiritual inspiration and the intellectual wisdom of the ages, whose ear is attune to the voices of nature and the poetry of life will have the necessary share of material substance.

## James A. Brennan, Real Old Timer Here, Passed Away Last Sunday

James A. Brennan died at his home northeast of O'Neill last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, following a heart attack, at the age of 82 years, 8 months and 21 days. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Patrick's church, Monsignor McNamara officiating, and burial in Calvary cemetery.

James Andrew Brennan was born at Memphis, Tenn., on May 23, 1860. His parents came to Holt county on October 8, 1879, coming here from Ladoga, Indiana, and he came with them and spent several years farming northeast of O'Neill. On January 8, 1889, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Casey, daughter of one of the pioneer families of that section of the county. Eight children were born of this union, four sons and four daughters, seven of whom survive their father, all of whom except one son, Frank J., were here for the funeral services. The children are: Mrs. M. J. O'Loughlin, Omaha; Walter L. Brennan, O'Neill; Frank J. Brennan, Iowa; James E. Brennan, O'Neill; Mrs. L. W. Higgins, Omaha; Miss Bessie Brennan, O'Neill; Dr. Louis V. Brennan, Memphis, Tennessee, who with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and loving husband and father. He is also survived by one sister, Miss Anna Brennan, of Omaha, and several nephews and nieces.

Mr. Brennan had been enjoying good health and for a man of his age was very active. He was in town the latter part of the week feeling especially good. The morning of his death he had been outside and done the morning chores and returned to the house, and a short time thereafter suffered a heart attack, passing away a short time afterwards.

James A. Brennan was one of the real old pioneers of the county. Coming here with his parents, 64 years ago this fall, he had been a resident of Holt county since that time, with the exception of two years spent in Omaha. He was a splendid citizen, a kind and loving husband and father, a good neighbor and a loyal friend. The esteem in which he was held in this city and county was evidenced by the large attendance at his funeral, when practically the entire northeast section of the county were in attendance to pay their last tribute to their departed friend and neighbor.

The following relatives from out of the city were here to attend the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. M. J. O'Loughlin and children, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Higgins, Omaha; Miss Anna Brennan, sister, and Ed Brennan, nephew, Omaha; Dr. and Mrs. Louis Brennan and children, Memphis, Tenn.

## Local 4-H Members Receive State Awards

Announcement was made this week through the office of the County Agent, that state awards have been received for several Holt County 4-H Club members.

Lois Siders, a member of the Steel Creek Calf Club, will receive a complimentary trip to the Nebraska State 4-H Club Week in Lincoln during May. The award was made possible by the Crete Mills to Holt county for having the largest number of boys and girls completing their work in 4-H beef cattle clubs. In addition to the Club Week Trips, one hundred pounds of feed will be given by Crete Mills to Billy Sitz, Atkinson, of the Holt County Calf Club, Larry Schaffer, O'Neill, Sandhills Calf Club and Leonard Engler, Stuart, a member of the Sand Creek Ranchers Club, for their work in 4-H calf clubs.

To this honor Lois Siders was awarded the Ak-Sar-Ben medal as the 4-H member who contributed the most to the Holt County 4-H club work during 1942. Among her outstanding activities was the organization of the Steel Creek 4-H scrap drive for which the Club received the third place award in Nebraska.

## Notice To The Public

Beginning February 22, 1943, the Holt County Rationing Office at O'Neill will be open to the public during the following hours: Monday, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Saturday, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Mrs. B. J. Shemwell left for Fremont on Wednesday to visit her sister for several days.

## Notice To The Public

Following is the Time Schedule for War Ration Book No. 2 registration to be held at the O'Neill Public School old auditorium, where the previous registrations were held:

MONDAY  
February 22 — 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.  
TUESDAY  
February 23 — 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.  
WEDNESDAY  
February 24 — 9 a. m. to NOON  
THURSDAY  
February 25 — 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.  
FRIDAY  
February 26 — 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

## O'Neill High Team Is Still Undefeated

O'Neill-Gregory, S. D. The O'Neill Eagles came from behind Wednesday night to down a fast Gregory outfit 29 to 24 which produced one of the finest basketball games played in the gym to date. Gregory, with speed to burn, made the Eagles battle all the way to come from behind in the second half to win.

Drey of Gregory scored the first basket to take an early lead but Calkins came back with a long one to tie the score at 2. Gregory found the hoop for two more baskets to lead 6 to 4 at the quarter and were never behind again until O'Neill took the lead in the fourth quarter to win the game.

Drey of Gregory was high point man with 12 points. O'Neill was led by Calkins with nine points, Burgess with 7 and McKenna with 6. Score at the half was Gregory 14, O'Neill 10.

O'Neill Plainview clear out of the gym last Friday night in a 45 to 16 victory that saw Plainview completely outclassed. O'Neill found the range early in the first quarter and led 24 to 2 when the initial period was over. The second team finished out the first half and led 18 to 2 at half time.

Wolfe led the attack with 12 points, Burgess followed with 10, McKenna 8 and Calkins 7. Goals was high for Plainview with 7 points.

The second team dropped a 15 to 10 decision to the Plainview second team.

O'Neill-Atkinson O'Neill was definitely off stride as they downed Atkinson 24 to 14 Monday night in the Atkinson High gym. The game was slow from the start, with O'Neill having trouble finding the hoop. Score at the end of the first quarter was 7 to 2 in O'Neill's favor, and 11 to 4 at the half time.

McKenna was high point man for O'Neill with 7 points, Wolfe and Calkins each had 6. West was Atkinson's best man with six points. O'Neill made 10 out of 15 free throws.

The grade team gave Atkinson's grade team another second thumping by defeating them 24 to 7. The O'Neill second team had their third setback of the season, going down before the Atkinson seconds 16 to 14.

## O'Neill High-St. Mary's Play Sunday Afternoon

The date of the basketball game between O'Neill High and St. Mary's has been changed from February 22 to Sunday afternoon, February 21. The second teams will play a preliminary game beginning at 2:00 p. m., and the first team game will begin at 3:00 p. m.

The date was changed in order to allow St. Mary's a day of rest before competing in the District Tournament at Atkinson, which begins on Tuesday, February 23. The Academy athletic officials wish to express their appreciation to O'Neill High for agreeing to this change in dates.

## Presbyterian Church Welcomes You.

Church School at 10 a. m. R. M. Sauer, Supt.  
Morning Worship at 11 a. m. Rev. S. M. Omart, Pastor.  
Special number by the choir.  
Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m. Marvin Holsclaw, Leader.

Word has been received here of the death in Sterling, Colo., of Thomas Hudson. Mr. Hudson was the father of Mrs. Fay Miles of this city. The body will be taken to Valentine for burial. Mrs. Miles has been in Valentine for the past several days. Mr. Miles expects to go to Valentine to attend the funeral.

Pfc. Dillon Fox of Fort Sheridan, Ill., visited his sister, Mrs. Bernice Seger, last week.

## Defense Course Now Being Taught At Lohaus Motor Co.

With the assistance of the State Vocational Educational Department, and the O'Neill High School, a motor mechanics course is being offered at the Lohaus Motor Company in O'Neill. This course is under the supervision of A. L. Mathis, the vocational agriculture instructor. The course is financed by the federal government for the purpose of training more men and women for agriculture and defense industries.

There are nineteen enrolled for this course, two of the enrollees being women. The instructor is Henry Lohaus, assisted by Ed Olson, Paul Fetrow and Paul Shierk. The course is eight weeks in length, with a total of 120 hours of instruction and practice in the care, repair and servicing of cars, trucks and tractors.

## Celebrates Forty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Donohoe celebrated their forty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home north of this city last Sunday. Thomas J. Donohoe and Miss Bridget Cook were united in marriage in St. Patrick's church in O'Neill on February 15, 1898, the late Monsignor Cassidy officiating. Their anniversary was on Monday, but on Sunday evening a large crowd of their friends and neighbors gathered at the Donohoe home to assist them in celebrating their anniversary. Every one present at the gathering had a good time and they all wished Mr. and Mrs. Donohoe many more happy wedding anniversaries.

## St. Mary's Lost Two Close Ones Past Week

The St. Mary's Cardinals basketball squad journeyed to Ewing last Friday where they had a game with the Ewing Tigers.

The first quarter showed both teams trying to feel each other out and the score at the end of the quarter was Ewing 7, Cardinals 6.

In the second quarter both teams went along like the first, with both playing good ball and the halftime score still favored Ewing 12 to 11.

The third quarter was worse for the Cardinals but better for the Tigers as they outscored the Cardinals 4 points to 2 to take the first decisive lead of the game.

In the last quarter the Cardinals seemed to hit their stride and they tied it up at 21 all with about two minutes left to play, but then Ewing made a basket and a free throw to cinch the game 24 to 21.

Gallagher, Froelich, Kelly and Grady scored all the points for the Cardinals, with Gallagher and Grady scoring 10 and 6 points, respectively, to lead the scoring. Tomjack, Spittler and Leflor led the scoring for Ewing.

The St. Mary's Cardinals second team brought home another win for themselves when they took the Ewing second team into camp with a score of 21 to 16. Wallace led the scoring with Campbell and Willson playing the best floor game.

Sunday afternoon the Cardinals made another trip to Spalding, where they had a game with the Shamrocks from Spalding Academy.

The Cardinals seemed to find the basket hard to hit and missed many shots. The game was interesting and exciting but the Cardinals just couldn't seem to get going and lost 37 to 26.

Bill Kelly, Gallagher and Froelich led the scoring for St. Mary's, Kelly and Gallagher connecting for six points each, while Froelich made four and also played the best floor game. Kelly and Ray did the scoring for Spalding.

The St. Mary's second team kept on their stride and beat the Shamrocks second team 22 to 18. Campbell led in the scoring while Dailey and Wallace played a good floor game.

The Cardinals next home game is tonight when the Coyotes from Chambers will play here. The Cardinals hold two victories over them this season and the Cardinals are very anxious to make it three in a row.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Young left Tuesday for Saginaw, Mich., where they will make their home. He will be employed on a dairy farm. He was formerly a traveling representative for the Swift Packing Co., and made his home in this city.

## Isabelle Ann Green

Mrs. Isabelle Ann Green died at the O'Neill General Hospital in this city last Friday morning at 11 o'clock, after an illness of about two years, at the age of 57 years, 8 months and 16 days. The funeral was held last Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist church in Chambers and interment in the Chambers cemetery.

Isabelle Ann Sherman was born at Ponca, Nebr., on May 26, 1885. She grew to womanhood there, and on April 10, 1902, at Ponca, Nebr., she was united in marriage to Alfred Green. Eleven children were born of this union, ten sons and one daughter, all of whom survive their mother. The children are: Charles, Chambers; Raymond, Coquille, Oregon; Clifford, Cottage Grove, Oregon; Ralph, U. S. Army, Shreveport, La.; Earl, Coquille, Oregon; Harold, U. S. Army, Alaska; Lester, U. S. Army, Stockton, Calif.; Tevis, U. S. Army, Los Angeles, Calif.; Margaret, Chambers; Donald, U. S. Army, Durham, N. C.; Dean, Chambers. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Lena Lindell, of Arnold, Nebr., and one brother, Charles Sherman, of Wakefield, Nebr.

For thirty years Mrs. Green had made her home on a ranch in Wheeler county, Nebr., one mile south of the Holt county line. For the past two years she had been in failing health and about three weeks ago was brought to this city for medical treatment. She raised a family of eleven children, ten boys and one daughter. Five of these sons are now in the service of their country in the armed forces, all of them being in training camps in this country except one, who is in Alaska.

## Sergeant Harold Young Was Home On Visit

Sergeant Harold Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young of Atkinson, accompanied by Miss Willa May of Topeka, Kan., and his sister, Miss Portia, who is teaching school at Scotia, was home on a vacation last week, visiting his parents and other relatives in the Meek neighborhood. Sergeant Young is a native of the Opportunity section of the county and has been in the Army one year. He is now stationed at the Army Air Base at Pyote, Texas, and was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant a couple of weeks ago. His younger brother is also in the Army and has been overseas for several months.

## Tri-State Produce Co. To Be Reassessed

I. L. Watson, Inman, was named special assessor by the state board of educational lands and funds Monday to make a special audit of the Tri-State Produce company of O'Neill. The board also ordered the Chicago, St. Paul and Omaha Railroad Company to show cause why a special assessor should not be named to make an assessment of .51 mile of main track and .41 mile of side track in the village of Thurston which has not been assessed since 1938. The hearing on this was set for Feb. 27. The value of the omitted property is estimated at about \$10,000.

The board named the special assessor after it had been shown that the Tri-State company on March 31 had reported to its insurance carrier that it had about \$50,000 worth of produce and merchandise on hand but on April 1 it reported only \$8,200 to the precinct assessor.—Lincoln State Journal, February 17.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank you for your kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy extended to us during the illness and at the death of our mother.—The McCaffrey Family.

## CARD OF THANKS

Permit us through the columns of The Frontier to express our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the many kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of assistance and sympathy extended during the illness and following the death of our beloved husband and father.—Mrs. John Sobotka and Family.

## The Weather

	High	Low
February 11	20	1
February 12	48	6
February 13	42	12
February 14	18	-1
February 15	36	-1
February 16	20	-1
February 17	52	13
February 18	45	20
Precipitation	10.	

## When, Where, And How Taxes Are To Be Paid

Taxes due on a return filed for the calendar year 1942 may be paid in full at the time for the filing of the return or before March 15, 1943. The tax may, at the option of the taxpayer, be paid in four equal installments instead of a single payment, in which case the first installment is to be paid on or before March 15, the second on or before June 15, the third on or before September 15, and the fourth on or before December 15, 1943. If the taxpayer elects to pay his tax in four instalments, each of the four instalments must be in equal amount, but any installment may be paid, at the election of the taxpayer, prior to the time prescribed for its payment. If an installment is not paid in full or before the date fixed for its payment, the whole amount of the tax remaining unpaid is required to be paid upon notice and demand from the collector.

The tax must be paid to the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer's return is required to be filed—that is, to the collector for the district in which is located the taxpayer's legal residence or principal place of business, or if he has no legal residence in the United States, then to the collector of internal revenue at Baltimore, Maryland.

In the payment of taxes a fractional part of a cent is to be disregarded unless it amounts to one-half cent or more, in which case it shall be increased to one cent.

The tax due, if any, should be paid in cash at the collector's office, or by check or money order payable to "Collector of Internal Revenue." In the case of payment in cash, the taxpayer should in every instance require and the collector should furnish a receipt. In the case of payments made by check or money order, however, the cancelled check or the money order receipt is usually a sufficient receipt.

## Hog Prices Higher At Local Sale Monday

There was a good run of livestock Monday with the price on hogs advancing from 40 to 45c per cwt., more than last week. There were about 50 head of horses showed up with good horses bringing a nice price and ordinary plain horses bringing all they were worth.

There were over 200 head of cattle with the market staying steady on most classes and stronger on some. There was a good run of steer calves with the price being from \$15.00 to \$16.00 per cwt. and \$17.00 paid on a few toppy ones. Heifer calves brought from \$13.50 to \$15.00. Yearling steers sold from \$13.50 to \$14.25, while yearling heifers brought from \$12.50 to \$13.75.

Good beef cows brought up to \$11.50, with the plainer kind bringing from \$9.00 on up. Stock cows brought from \$8.50 to \$9.50.

In the hog division butcher hogs brought from \$14.80 to \$14.90 with an extreme top of \$14.95 paid on a few. Sows sold from \$14.40 to \$14.50. Feeder pigs ranged from \$15.50 to \$16.70. Next Sale Monday, February 22, 1943.

## No More Soft Maple Seedlings This Year

No more orders for soft maple seedlings can be taken this year, the County Agent said today. Word from extension Forester Earl G. Maxwell is that supplies of the variety, one of 18 on the Clarke-McNary list for 1943, have been exhausted.

Supplies of Austrian pine and American elm also are low. However, the 15 other varieties include cottonwood, black locust, red cedar, and many others that have proved their usefulness on Nebraska farms and ranches. All who want 100 or more of the Clarke-McNary seedlings for farm windbreak or woodlot planting should place their order now at the county extension office.

## Marriage Licenses

Alfons M. Beelaert, Jr., of Ewing, and Delta I. Gunn of Lincoln, on February 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Neiman and daughter, Mary Lee, and Mrs. Cecil Sparks spent the week-end at the home of Nellie Sparks. Mrs. Cecil Sparks remained here for a few weeks' visit before going to see her husband.