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BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

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The worry of many is not how to engineer the household needs under points and coupons but how to meet rising costs with stationary income.

A hatchery man with feeds to sell asks: "How kin a hen chew grub without teeth?" He will have to take the matter up with the Creator for an answer.

From what she declines to say about a fourth term, it appears the first lady is for it. Eleanor would doubtless be as restless as a caged tigress if dropped from public notice.

From an old scrapbook I learn that a Denver paper had expressed amazement that a man with his brains knocked out was still alive, whereupon a Kentucky paper said if he was down that way he would not only be living but holding some important office.

Duane Bly, a student from Swan attending the Chambers high school, is about the champion of hard luck experiences to deal his schooling a blow. Layed up at home for two separate stretches with the measles, he was next knocked over but not out with an excruciating toothache, which took another day from educational pursuits to have two offending molars removed—or extracted the dentists say.

Monday was the hardest day of the winter on the herds out this way. It is not unusual in the erratic month of March for storms to sweep the land. We got it this time in the shape of a half-inch of ice plastered over everything through the medium of rain and wind. Sleet, high wind and biting cold throughout the day, a bit of snow and night settles over us as the gale continues a melancholy moaning out of the north.

Gray, old but not aged, well fed and serene, taking his ease as the lengthening shadows crown life's rich memories—memories trailing in mystic charm through the long years to a sod house in the measureless grass lands of southern Holt county. Thus I run across the other day up at Atkinson a pioneer homesteader of the Amelia country, William Long, familiarly known among the thinning ranks of the early settlers by that contradictory combination of names, Shorty Long. He, with his brother-in-law, Abe Perry, and their young brides, left northern Iowa in the 80's to make homes on homestead lands. They landed at the headwaters of the South Fork in southern Holt county seven miles west of Chambers and camped there for a few days, but felt the urge to go farther into the alluring west. Striking out they got no farther than the homestead of Mr. and Mrs. White, parents of the three brothers of that name still residing in Wyoming precinct. They were advised to stay in the country and with the help of Mr. White located homesteads. Mr. Long says he did not have the \$14 for the filing fee, so he got a job and earned it, went to O'Neill and made his homestead entry in the office of M. D. Long, a county official with an office at that time in the newly erected First National Bank building. That homestead is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Link Sager. Mr. Long sunk an artesian well on his claim, built a sod house, broke prairie to produce feed and food and raised a family, as did other pioneers, in the valley of the South Fork. His wife died five years ago and his children, all born in this county, are now elsewhere, one son in the Army, and one daughter who, with her father, is spending the winter in Atkinson. Among life's wrong moves, Mr. Long says when he sold the homestead was about his worst. Game birds darkened the waters and hovered in the grass, the dainty antelope loped away to safety at the approach of danger, long grass shimmered in green waves, flowers scented the air with fragrance and dotted the prairie with color. The soul of the pioneer was in the winds that lashed across the land and he felt his life being cast in the mold of the wild freedom of the plains. Prairie fires held a terror of wild fury to all living. Mr. Long recalls that on one occasion a fire was sweeping down toward them with

LENTEN PERIOD THIS YEAR LATEST IN 20TH CENTURY

Last Wednesday the Christian world began observing the latest Lenten period of the 20th century, because of an astronomical condition occurring but once in a hundred years.

Maude Bennet, director of the Adler planetarium and astronomical museum, said March 10 and April 25 are the latest possible dates in the calendar on which Ash Wednesday and Easter, respectively, may fall. The last time Easter was this late was in 1886, the next time will be in 2038.

"The peculiar rules for selecting Easter and Ash Wednesday were made in 325 A. D., at the council of Christian churches at Nicea in Asia Minor," Miss Bennet recalled. According to that decision Easter falls on the first Sunday after the 14th day of the moon falling on or after the vernal equinox (first day of spring), which this year is March 21.

The reason for basing the selection of Easter on the dates of the moon was that in the early centuries of the Christian era, the Pilgrims needed moonlight to travel safely on their way to the great yearly Easter festivals.

Explaining the mathematics of Easter, Miss Bennet said the moon, which comes after the vernal equinox this year begins that date is April 18, which happens to fall on a Sunday, and the next Sunday after that is April 25, or Easter.

Once the Easter date is determined, Ash Wednesday is found by counting back 40 days the length of Lent—not counting Sundays, thus bringing this year's date to March 10.

If the March new moon, which came on Saturday, March 6, had fallen one day later, on the 7th, Easter would have come on March 28, nearly a month earlier than it actually does. The 14th day would then have fallen on the 21st of the month, the vernal equinox, and the next Sunday thereafter would have been the 28th, or Easter.

ACHIEVEMENT DAYS OF PROJECT CLUBS FRIDAY, SATURDAY

Programs for the Project Club Achievement Days at Chambers on March 19, and at O'Neill on March 20, were completed this week. Either program, to which all project club members and all guests as well, are invited, promises to be a very interesting event.

The afternoon programs include music by the Chambers, Atkinson and O'Neill schools. The appearance of Mrs. Guy Cole of Emmet, county salvage director, and Mrs. Ruth Rector of O'Neill, will give those attending an opportunity to learn of the latest war activity programs. Newton Gaines, from the Extension Service in Lincoln, will be present with some interesting information on rural community organization.

This year, for the first time, a social hour will follow the afternoon program. Refreshments will be served and this will give an opportunity for viewing the exhibits and visiting. Guests are particularly invited to this year's program.

CLARKE-McNARY TREE DEADLINE CLOSE AT HAND

The deadline for ordering Clarke-McNary seedlings through the county agent's office in O'Neill is nearing. Shipments will be started, if weather permits, during the last part of March.

At this date 34,300 seedlings have been ordered in Holt county. This indicates continued interest in tree planting. Supplies for several varieties of seedlings are exhausted. Trees yet available are Chinese Elm, Russian Mulberry, Russian Olive, Hackberry, Jack Pine, and Red Cedar.

A new representative of the O'Neill community has joined the forces of the U. S. Navy, reporting at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho, this week. He is Russell G. Simpson, son of G. P. Simpson.

During the period of his recruit training he will learn the fundamentals of seamanship and undergo physical hardening in the intensive program. On graduation, he will either be sent to a navy service school for additional training in a specialized field or ordered to join the combat forces of the U. S. fleet in action against the axis enemies.

Mrs. Cecelia M. Dietsch

Mrs. Cecelia Dietsch died at the O'Neill General Hospital last Monday morning at 12:45 o'clock, after an illness of about thirty days, at the age of 55 years, seven months and nineteen days. The funeral was held Wednesday morning from St. Patrick's church at 10:15 o'clock, and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Cecelia Mary Hipp was born in Alsace Lorraine, Germany, on July 26, 1887. She came to the United States with her parents when a young girl and they located near Roseland, Nebr. On April 10, 1910, she was united in marriage to Joseph S. Dietsch, the ceremony being performed at Roseland. Four children were born of this union, two sons and two daughters. The children are: Mrs. Emma Backman, Sioux City, Iowa; Antone, Fordyce, Nebr.; Corporal Frank Dietsch, U. S. Army, Solomon Islands; Mrs. Mary Schroeder, Wynot, Nebr. Mrs. Backman and Mrs. Schroeder were here for the funeral services. Her son, Frank, is sick at his home at Fordyce and was unable to attend the funeral services. She is also survived by two brothers and two sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dietsch came to Holt county three years after their marriage, in 1913, and lived in the Mineola section of the county. They lived there until 1920, when they moved to Cedar county, Nebr. They resided in Cedar county until the spring of 1936, when they came back to their old farm in the Mineola country. Mrs. Dietsch was a charming woman and had a host of friends in the section of the county where she resided who were saddened to hear of her death. She was a kind and loving wife and mother, a good neighbor and a loyal friend.

SHOULD REPRESENT FARMER INSTEAD OF DILLY DALLYING

Last week Congressman A. L. Miller disclosed a letter he had written to Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, in which the congressman asked Wickard to "begin to represent the farmer instead of dilly dallying as you have been doing in the past. If the agricultural department and the other agencies dealing with food and manpower," Miller wrote Wickard, "continue their incessant bungling of the problem, you may be sure that on your doorstep will be laid the result of a million hungry stomachs."

"As a member of this congress I expect to join those other men who have complete co-operation with the people at home and, by Jove, when laws are passed by the elected representatives of the people they ought to be followed by the bureaucrats and bureaus which congress created in the past."

Congressman Miller said that seventy-five closing out sales had recently been held in his district because farmers were unable to get skilled help, machinery, repairs, or a parity price for their food and fiber.

"My suggestion to your department," Miller went on, "is this, that all restrictions be removed in the raising of the crops for food and fiber. That all subsidies be eliminated when the farmer is guaranteed a fair profit for the crop he raises."

"I believe there should be a ceiling over crops and there should be a floor under the same crops. Encouragement for planting certain crops could be given by raising the ceiling on that crop. There should be a definite loan value established, and this could be raised in order to encourage the farmer to raise an additional amount of the crop most needed."

RUSSELL G. SIMPSON IN NAVAL TRAINING AT FARRAGUT, IDA.

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AK-SAR-BEN WILL SPONSOR NEW 4-H CLUB CAMPAIGN

Thousands of Nebraska 4-H Club boys and girls will wage important attacks on two major war-time shortages, meat and labor, as they compete for many valuable awards offered in a new statewide "Food for Freedom" program sponsored by Ak-Sar-Ben in co-operation with the State 4-H Club office.

Inaugurated by Ak-Sar-Ben last year as part of extensive war activities, the 4-H freedom food production program has been revised for 1943 to include requirements which will help provide much needed farm labor as well as boost production of meat, dairy and garden products, grain, canned fruits and vegetables. The opportunity to qualify for awards through hours spent in farm labor is included for the first time this year.

From among club members attaining one or more goals, county champions will be selected by a 4-H committee. Primary consideration will be given to food production and the efficient use of labor. Champions will compete for special prizes, including five club-week trips to Lincoln with all expenses paid, 25 club-week and 30 conservation camp registrations. Ak-Sar-Ben will finance all trips and also provide certificates of merit to all who qualify in one or more units. The complete list of production quotas was announced by W. D. Lane, chairman of Ak-Sar-Ben's war activities, as follows:

Render 400 hours of labor in the war activity project; or plant at least 2000 square feet of garden, or produce food materials of not less than \$25 in value for any part of the year-round food supplies; or

Can 100 quarts of home-grown fruits and vegetables; or market 2000 pounds of beef or raise 2000 pounds of pork; or produce 5000 pounds of milk or 200 pounds of butterfat; or care for sugar beets producing 5500 pounds of sugar; or produce 5000 pounds of soybeans or flax, or 10,000 pounds of corn, small grains or sorghum.

Hundreds of club members residing in 45 counties in every section of Nebraska won awards in the program last year. It was so successful that Ak-Sar-Ben was asked by 4-H officials to continue it through 1943, with revisions to meet changing war-time needs, Lane explained.

The "Food for Freedom" program is entirely separate from the annual Ak-Sar-Ben Gold Medal Award, presented to the outstanding 4-H club member in each county of Nebraska and western Iowa, Lane said. More than sixty gold medals have been presented for 1942 achievement, he added.

Drive For Infantile Paralysis Funds Success In County

Regardless of the criticism offered on having parties and friendly gatherings in connection with raising money for charitable affairs, we feel it has been worth while, and here are the returns from all over Holt county on our drive for infantile paralysis funds.

I would like to mention Jim White, an Atkinson high school boy, who, we understand, sponsored a dance in that town for the fund which netted \$70.00. Thanks, Jim.

School children throughout the county were very good in their responses where the little envelopes were given out and they had a chance to use them. Thanks to the teachers who gave their time and to everyone else whose efforts helped to make this a success.

Stuart	\$ 40.00
Atkinson	106.47
Bridge Club, Page	6.00
Amelia	5.18
Dorsey	9.00
Scottville	8.45
O'Neill Sale Barn	26.00
Ewing Sale Barn	75.00
Atkinson Sale Barn	28.00
O'Neill Card Party	121.41
Stanley Lambert, basket social at his school	10.00
LaVern Borg, goose sold	40.70
Madolyn Hynes and Theresa Theile Parks	26.25
Theatres	52.99
Schools	230.01
Total net	\$785.46
Mrs. Ruth Rector, Chm., Holt County Infantile Paralysis Drive.	

Technical Sergeant Leroy Hartford of Camp VanDorn, Miss., is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hartford, and other relatives and friends.

RICH APPOINTMENT FOR O'NEILL NATIVE IN WASHINGTON

The daily press carried an article the first of the week that Clinton Uttley had been sworn in as First Assistant Postmaster General of the United States. Clinton is a native of O'Neill, being a son of the late H. M. Uttley. His last visit to this city was to attend the funeral of his father, some eight or ten years ago. At that time he was an inspector for the Postoffice department and was stationed in California.

FARMERS URGED TO SHIP THEIR WHITE CORN TO MARKET

There is a continued growing shortage of white corn due to the heavy commercial market demand for milling and manufacturing of white corn into foodstuffs. Every indication points to the flow of white corn being in a tight position right through to next November.

Farmers fortunate enough to have a stock of white corn still on hand will do well to consider shipping every bushel to the commercial market, taking advantage of the commanding premiums being paid for white over yellow.

Farmers can then turn around and buy yellow corn or government-owned wheat for feeding. The difference in price between the sale price of either corn and the purchase of white or government-owned wheat will net them a nice profit.

This is one way to make corn pay a double profit . . . first, by growing white corn which has averaged 14½¢ a bushel more than yellow on the Chicago market from October, 1941, to October, 1942, according to government figures . . . second by selling white corn on the commercial market, replacing with yellow corn or government-owned wheat for feeding requirements.

Elevators throughout the corn belt know that the white corn acreage in recent years has not kept pace with the increase in demand in the commercial market for food purposes. There is no carryover of white corn at the present time. In fact, there is an actual shortage. This is the reason every farmer would do well to consider selling his white corn, not only because of the opportunity to make a profit from the sale, but also because of the extreme need for food made from white corn.

TOO LATE TO HALT BLACK MARKET, CLAIMS WHERRY

Full co-operation with the administration in its program to stamp out black markets in meat was urged late last week by Senator Wherry, of Nebraska, but he expressed the fear that "it is too late" and that control of prices of livestock on the hoof may be "the only way out." He emphasized, however, that he is in favor of trying all other avenues of control first, "because coming from a heavy livestock producing area of the nation, I want the producer to get all he can."

"It is becoming more evident each day that the administration's policy of enforcing price ceilings on the retailer-customer end of the line is failing a partial, if not complete breakdown. The most striking example is found in the distribution of meats. In attempting to drive out the mushroom growth of the meat black markets, the administration has frantically put into effect a four-point program:

"(1) Rationing of meat; (2) enforcement of retail price ceilings through an army of civilians; (3) publicity to encourage the citizen to buy meat only at inspected meat markets; and (4) the wiping out of black markets through government enforcement."

Wherry said the administration should be given a chance to work out this program, "although the public is becoming fed up on an army of snoots, who in some instances have unwarrantedly victimized retail and wholesale distributors of meats by misrepresentation."

Senator Wherry has been named to a special joint senate-house small business subcommittee to investigate the meat situation fully as it relates to the small packers, nearly 40 percent of whom, he says, "have gone out or are shortly going out of business."

Mary Beth Douglas of Norfolk visited friends here last Saturday.

Mrs. Jacob Hirsch

Mrs. Jacob Hirsch died at her home northeast of O'Neill last Tuesday, from a heart attack, at the age of 76 years and two days. The funeral will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Patrick's church and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Hirsch had been enjoying good health and the Sunday before her death had celebrated her seventy-sixth birthday Tuesday morning her husband got up at the usual hour and started the kitchen fire and then went out and took care of his chores, then returned to the house, as was his custom, for breakfast. Mrs. Hirsch was not up and he went into the bedroom and found that she had passed away.

Annie Laura Stone was born in England on March 14, 1867. The family came to the United States when she was a little girl and settled in Iowa, and on March 4, 1889, she was united in marriage to Jacob Hirsch, the ceremony being performed at Odebolt, Iowa. Eight children were born of this union, five sons and three daughters. The children are: Mrs. Gertrude Miller, Wichita, Kan.; Earl S., Cleveland, Ohio; Lloyd R., Omaha, Nebr.; Mrs. Hilda Reece, Dayton, Ohio; Linus, Greycliff, Wyo.; Mrs. Ina Culkin, Omaha, Nebr.; Cyril, Louisville, Nebr.; George F., Dayton, Ohio, all of whom are expected to be here for the funeral services. She is also survived by three brothers and two sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch came to Holt county in the spring of 1906, and ever since then she had been a resident of the county. On their arrival here they purchased the farm northeast of this city which had been her home ever since they came to the county. Mrs. Hirsch was a splendid wife and mother and her sudden death is a severe shock to her family and many friends in this city and community.

STAND BY OUR BOYS BY GIVING ALL YOU CAN TO RED CROSS

The Red Cross War Drive will be conducted throughout the nation during the month of March to raise funds to carry out war activities. Holt county's share has been set at \$7,500, with the share for O'Neill and vicinity amounting to \$3,000. Collectors will make the local canvass during the next week.

All citizens of this country are familiar with the activities of the Red Cross. At the time of catastrophe or disaster the Red Cross comes to the aid and rescue of the unfortunate. Men who were in World War I remember well the wonderful work of the Red Cross.

This brings us up to the present time when almost all of the young men of this community have been taken from our midst. A glance at the pictures in the window of the Consumers Public Power Company will show how many have gone from this locality. Handsome, eager youngsters, the cream of the land, looking forward to the great adventure. Later they will face the grim realities of war. There will be bloodshed, suffering, even death. Who will stand by our loved ones at such a time? The gentle, friendly, kind Red Cross nurses will be on all fronts to care for and bring comfort to our own boys.

The people of O'Neill and vicinity will contribute generously to this cause. It is the best we can do for our very own. Dig down deep in the old purse when the solicitors come. Give three, yes, ten times as much as you ever gave before. Stand by our fighting men by donating to the Red Cross.

County Court

Dave Conard was arrested by Patrolman Meistrel on March 15, and charged with having delinquent license plates. He pled guilty and was fined \$1.00 and costs of \$3.10.

Alfred Erickson, of Naper, was arrested by Patrolman Meistrel on March 15, and charged with having delinquent license plates. He pled guilty and was fined \$1.00 and costs of \$3.10.

Russell Carr, of Atkinson, was arrested on March 15 by Patrolman Meistrel and charged with having delinquent license plates. He pled guilty and was fined \$1 and costs of \$3.10.

Bob Denny, of Stanton, was arrested on March 8 and charged with having no brand inspection certificate. He was fined \$5.00 and costs of \$3.10.

MAX WOLFE KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH

Ten Were On Plane, Three Officers Killed; Six Of Crew Badly Injured

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wolfe received word from military authorities at Clovis Field, New Mexico, about noon Wednesday that their son, Sergeant Maxwell Wolfe had been killed that morning in the crash of a bomber plane near there. They wired back to Clovis Field to ship the body to O'Neill for burial, but had received no reply up to noon today, but the body will undoubtedly be shipped here.

According to radio announcement at noon today Maxwell was a member of the bombing crew on a bomber plane, which carried three officers and seven enlisted men. According to the noon report the three officers and one enlisted man, Maxwell, were killed, while six escaped without serious injuries.

Sergeant Wolfe had been in the armed forces since July, 1942. He was a rear bomber in the bomber plane, which was on a routine flight. He was 22 years of age. He is the first O'Neill boy to lose his life in defense of his country in World War II. He was a quiet and unassuming young man and had a host of friends in this city and Holt county, who will regret to learn of his death. The family and relatives of the deceased have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in this city and county in their bereavement.

INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT SUNDAY NEAR MADISON

Mrs. Clarence France, O'Neill, suffered a broken ankle, back and other injuries when she lost control of her automobile, presumably from a flat tire, and her car rolled over four times four miles south of Madison, on Highway 81, about 7 o'clock last Sunday morning. A Taylor family, driving north to a funeral, found Mrs. France about forty-five minutes later and called the George DeLaere home nearby. Dr. H. R. Bruce, Sheriff Aaron Henry and the Ressigue ambulance of Madison were summoned.

Mrs. France was taken to a hospital at Norfolk, and her husband, an employee of the Consumers Public Power District, summoned. Mrs. France was traveling alone from Seward, her former home, to O'Neill at the time of the crash.—Norfolk News.

F. J. Brady, State Tax Commissioner, Resigns

Frank J. Brady, who has been State Tax Commissioner since January, 1941, last Tuesday tendered his resignation to Governor Griswold, effective on April 1st, 1943.

After his resignation Brady accused the legislature of not cooperating with him in passing laws that he deemed desirable for the proper conduct of the office. One of the bills that he was especially interested in was 16, which done away with precinct assessors and gave considerable more power to the State Tax Commissioner than he has under the present laws of the state. This bill was indefinitely postponed. Mr. Brady says that he is going to return to his home in Atkinson and look after his business interests.

SAM LOFQUEST IS AWARDED TRIP TO 4-H CLUB WEEK

Sam Lofquest, of the Cleveland Sow and Litter 4-H Club, was notified this week that he was awarded a complimentary trip to the Nebraska 4-H Club Week to be held in Lincoln on May 24th. This award was made by the Sioux City Stock Yards Company to the outstanding boys and girls in 4-H pig clubs in the state. The past record exhibited by this boy places him among the ranking 4-H club members of Holt county and Nebraska.

The Weather

March 12	40	15
March 13	50	29
March 14	59	34
March 15	43	22
March 16	22	1
March 17	19	2
March 18	29	10
Precipitation	.04	