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## MUSSOLINI OUSTED AS PREMIER OF ITALY

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It came only four days before his sixtieth birthday. His armies were falling everywhere. Allied troops marched through Sicily and were in position to threaten the mainland soon. His African empire, won with blood, was gone.

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## E. M. Gallagher, O'Neill, Heads War Fund Drive

Thomas C. Woods, state chairman, and Walter F. Roberts, state director of the Nebraska War Fund, announced in Lincoln this week that Edward M. Gallagher of O'Neill has been chosen to head the fund in Holt county. The selection was made upon the recommendation of R. A. Johnson of Newman Grove, district chairman.

"We are fortunate," said Mr. Woods, "to have a man of Mr. Gallagher's calibre as a member of our organization. I feel he is doing a real public service by accepting."

"As chairman of Holt county, Mr. Gallagher has undertaken the responsibility of raising the county war fund quota. We will endeavor to raise these funds during October and November. The state-wide United War Fund committee has pledged itself to raise approximately \$950,000 in Nebraska at the same time."

"The money raised by the United War Fund goes to sixteen war relief agencies including the U. S. O.; War Prisoners Aid; United China Relief; United Seamen's Service; British War Relief; Greek, Polish and Russian Relief."

"Formerly," continued Mr. Woods, "each of the sixteen relief agencies now participating in the United War Fund conducted its own campaign. The United War Fund has combined them into one to better serve the relief needs on the military, the home and the allied fronts. We have a tremendous and vitally important job to do in providing a few essentials that will bolster the morale and effectiveness of the allied peoples now engaged in a war that must be won to preserve America."

Mr. Gallagher is expected to appoint the other members of the local United War Fund committee in the near future. Their names will be announced as soon as the appointments have been made.

## Holt County Boy Writes From North Africa

The first of the week The Frontier received a letter from Sergeant Delbert D. Alder, who is one of the Holt county boys now in North Africa. The letter was chopped up quite a little by the censor, but below is about what was left in the letter after the official censor completed his duties: North Africa, June 22, 1943.

A fellow scribe appreciates the states after getting in a place like this.

After one month of hard work digging trenches and other detail work we are pretty well hardened, and now we are working sixteen hours a day on our planes and like it. Our first pay day came May 30th. It almost took six barrik bags to hold it, as it was paid in francs. A thousand franc bill is almost as big as a newspaper and equals \$20 in American money.

As we couldn't speak French we had quite a time when we went into a store. We would point at the things we wanted and lay our francs on the counter. If they took part of it we didn't mind, but if they took it all we would shake our heads; that was the only way we could tell them that we did not want it.

We do our own laundry and wash in steel helmets.

The chow hasn't been any too good up until now. The garden vegetables are being sold on the market and so we get plenty of them now.

We get our rations such as smoking tobacco and candy once a week and we've had ice cream once since we have been here. Think of that!

Will close for now, and hello to every one in Holt county.

Sgt. Delbert D. Alder, A. S. N. 37123604.

## Hospital Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young of Page, a son, born Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Siders a girl, born Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tomlinson a daughter, born Wednesday.

Mrs. George Harold admitted Wednesday for medical treatment.

Sophie Novertil was dismissed on Thursday.

Mrs. Leonard Peterson and baby dismissed on Monday.

Dwayne Ademar, of Page, dismissed on Monday.

Mary Ann Winchell, a tonsillectomy, on Thursday.

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Births

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## BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

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

A democratic senator from Montana says F. D. R. cannot escape a fourth term. As the late Arthur Mullen would say, the voters will settle that, not Mr. Murray.

Is it the duty of J. Bull and Uncle Sam to tell either the Italians or Germans what form of government they shall have? If they want the fascist and the nazi layouts that's their affair, and if its confined to home borders does not the allied obligations end there?

The Holt County Fair will function as usual this year at Chambers, the dates being Sept. 7, 8, 9 and 10. The premium list is in the process of printing and will appear this year in a changed form. The board recognizes that fairs everywhere can hardly swing into the customary stride but have plans developed for an interesting four-day gathering on their grounds.

The move of the CIO bigwigs to purge congress will probably have the effect of intensifying the bitterness of the country over toward that group of busybodies. Americans have always wanted the union as well as the non-union worker to have fair treatment but the union men underestimate the resentment on the part of the public of them leaving the legitimate activities of the unions to dictate the political course of the nation.

A recent proposal herein to put the militant Mr. Lewis at the head of the Department of Labor aroused mild resentment. I couldn't say that the shaggy maned head of the coal miners is one of my favorites, but he is probably the ablest and most loyal to his group that labor has ever had. And maybe the proposal is not so far out of the way regardless of who occupies the White House. It is noted that his labor following holds in high esteem the present occupant and have organized a movement, backed by an unlimited slush fund, to purge congress of all opposition to Mr. Roosevelt. And we may wonder what is to be the reward.

There is an item of four cents in Ed Hancock's recently published semi-annual statement of the county treasurer's office. That sum in itself is not important when placed beside the final total of \$765,568. But it does show the accuracy of detail in the management of the county's finances. The various funds show healthy balances with the possible exception of the emergency unemployment relief fund, which has 47 cents left. But it might be well to reserve that as a basis to build from at a future date. While the treasurer keeps track of hundreds of thousands of dollars he also keeps an eye on the pennies. There was a shortage of two cents in the check-up of an early-day treasurer and I don't know whether or not those two pennies were ever found.

Out of that strip of earth washed by the waters of the Mediterranean and the Adriatic, rich in mystic memories where still stand the crumbling monuments of the once empress of the world, comes rumors. Have the bagatelle of the Caesars had enough? We wait to hear again out of that region of ancient story the plaint of Diomed:

Enough of Trojans to this lance shall yield,  
In the full harvest of yon ample field;  
Enough of Greeks shall dye thy spear with gore;  
But thou and Diomed be foes no more.

"The sword devoureth one as well as the other." The blow has fallen on Rome. Priceless treasures, the emblems of the culture of all peoples the world around may be blown to fragments in this twentieth century maelstrom. A repetition of the fury of man that has swept the empires away and buried proud monuments under the drifting sands of centuries. Babylon, Nineveh, Carthage, old Ephesus, the golden palaces of the Montezumas and lords of earth of forgotten centuries swept away by the sword and devouring flame. In A. D. 70 Romans spared neither old Jerusalem nor the magnificent temple of Jehovah. In A. D. 1943 the blow falls on the Romans—"visiting the iniquity of the fathers" on a succeeding generation? Damascus, dating beyond the beginnings of history, still stands, and the wonders in sun-dried brick rear their pyramids from Egyptian deserts—nothing of military value in either; and so they stand in drab ugliness as long dead hands had made them. Simon Peter left a picture of the last world-wide and heaven-high blow to fall upon a troubled world. "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heav-

## Atkinson Business Man Drowns Near Atkinson

Ralph Keating, of Atkinson, a member of the firm of F. M. Keating and Sons of that city, drowned in the old mill dam near Atkinson last Thursday night, while swimming. It appears that he went fishing after supper that evening and when he had not reached home at 3 o'clock Friday morning his wife got some friends and they went out and looked for him. An expert diver soon recovered the body, in what we are told was about twenty feet of water. He was about 42 years of age, married and the father of one son and two daughters. His son is now in the armed forces. Mr. Keating was well known over the county as their firm have been prominent implement dealers in Atkinson for many years.

## Boy Killed On Highway East Of Stuart Tuesday

Larry Kudron, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kudron of Stuart, was killed and Clifford Hahlbeck, Ewing, injured seriously Tuesday night when they were hit by a truck, on the highway east of Stuart.

The truck struck the pair in an attempt to avoid a collision with a construction roller, state patrolmen said. A jury exonerated the truck driver of all blame for the accident.

## Directors N. F. L. A. Okeh Consolidation

At a meeting held in O'Neill on July 16th directors of the Boyd-Holt, Stuart, O'Neill, Newboro and Swan Township National Farm Loan Associations unanimously approved the reorganization plan recently offered by the Federal Land Bank of Omaha.

Under the reorganization plan, capital stock of insolvent National Farm Loan Associations would be restored to par value, and former member-borrowers of insolvent associations would receive full payment for their stock investment.

Announcement of the boards' approval was made by Lyle P. Dierks, secretary-treasurer of the association's headquarters here. He emphasized that the program is to go into effect when approved by 90 percent of the associations in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming—the four states served by the Omaha land bank.

It was announced that as a part of the reorganization plan, the Boyd-Holt, Stuart, O'Neill, Newboro and Swan Township associations are to be consolidated in order to promote efficient operation and give better service to the farmers in Boyd, Holt and Wheeler counties.

The consolidations are subject to approval by the members before the plan actually goes into effect.

"This plan, involving an outlay of around six million dollars by the Federal Land Bank, will directly benefit 882 farmers and stockmen in Wheeler, Boyd and Holt counties," declared Dierks.

"If approved by the required number of associations, 147 farmers in these three counties will receive \$24,045.00 in cash for capital stock which their associations, because of financial impairment during the depression, could not redeem at the time their loans were paid off."

Another 735 farmers carrying \$2,695,600.00 in loans through the Boyd-Holt, Stuart, O'Neill, Newboro and Swan Township associations will find their stock restored to par and their co-operative credit association in sound financial condition."

The secretary-treasurer pointed out that the reorganization plan involves an agreement under which losses are to be absorbed by the system rather than, as in the past, concentrated in a local area. "The purpose of the plan," Mr. Dierks said, "is to restore the whole co-operative farm loan system to a sound position and keep it sound."

ens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works therein shall be burned up." And from this there is no appeal nor human hands raised to rebuild.

Dr. and Mrs. Gill of Chambers have found time this summer for extensive gardening. In two separate plots of ground, comprising nearly an acre, they have a very fine showing of flowers, garden produce and fruit. Mrs. Gill explained that her "bridge parties" were among the plants and growing things, as she offered me a soil-stained hand. She gives her attention chiefly to the flowers, while the Doctor's "golf club" consists of a hand cultivator with which he keeps out the weeds and grass. They have a home water supply that furnishes sufficient moisture at all times for their large garden. It is not a sudden "Victory" impulse with the Gill's, but the carrying out year by year of a program that gives expression to a love of growing things with which they surround their charming village home.

## Two Holt County Boys In Training In Philadelphia

Pvt. Donald W. Asher of O'Neill and Pvt. John C. Watson of Inman are among the 400 student trainees, enlisted men of the Army, who began a 59-hour a week schedule at Drexel Institute of Technology, at Philadelphia, last week in the study of engineering under the Army Specialized Training Program, according to an announcement by Dr. George P. Rea, president of the college. The boys may be addressed in care of the 3318th Service Unit, A. S. T. P., Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia 4, Penn.

The men, who comprise the group assigned to the college under the A. S. T. P., will spend 24 hours a week in classroom and laboratory work; 24 hours in required study; 6 hours in physical education and 5 hours in military training, including drill and classwork. Their studies, as outlined by the Army, are mathematics, physics, chemistry, English, history, geography, and military training, with instruction provided by the Drexel civilian faculty and military staff.

Colonel Ernest C. Goding, professor military science and tactics and commandant of the Drexel Reserve Officers' Training Corps, is the commanding officer of the unit. Also under his direction the two-year basic course of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps will be provided for the regular students of the college.

"The civilian program of the college will not be interrupted by the inauguration of the Army specialized training program here," said President Rea. "The Army men are being quartered and rationed at the Hotel Philadelphia; therefore our usual rooming accommodations are available for students in the Drexel Schools of business administration, engineering, home economics and library science, and the regular wartime accelerated programs of the schools will continue as planned."

## Pvt. Orland Lendt

Biglin's mortuary received a telegram Thursday afternoon stating that the body of Pvt. Orland Lendt, who died at Fort Ord, Calif., on July 26, 1943, would be shipped to this city and would arrive here Saturday morning and the funeral will be held Sunday afternoon, August 1, 1943 in the Presbyterian church. Rev. Kenneth Scott officiating and burial in Pleasant Valley cemetery, near Meek, at the side of his mother, who passed away on January 26, 1911.

The family formerly lived near Meek, but left this county in 1923. The family moved to Grand Island and deceased went to California in 1941, and in April, 1942, joined the Army. He was in the Coast Artillery "AA," in training at Fort Ord.

Deceased is survived by his father, Fred Lendt, of Fort Calhoun, Nebr.; one brother, Leonard, of Grand Island, and four sisters: Mrs. Eleanor Morgan, Humboldt, Nebr.; Mrs. R. R. Braley, Fort Calhoun, Nebr.; Miss Helen Lendt, Fort Calhoun, Nebr.; Mrs. Doris Trebilcock, Oakland, Calif.

Deceased was born at Meek, Nebr., on October 17, 1909, and was 33 years, nine months and nine days old at the time of his death. No particulars have been received as to the cause of death.

## Cattle Prices Fully Strong, Hog Prices Up Locally

Cattle receipts were more plentiful at the local market here on Monday and prices on them looked fully steady. The usual good run of hogs was here and a nice price recovery of 25c to 35c over last week's figures was chalked up. The market undertone showed strength generally and action was good on all kinds.

Calf supplies continue to be scarce and \$13.50 claimed the best steers represented. Heifer calves topped at \$12.60. The calf showing consisted mostly of odds and ends with nothing topky offered.

Yearlings were a bit more plentiful than a week ago. Steers sold at \$11.50 to \$13.00 with a few reaching higher. Heifers made \$11.25 to \$12.50.

In the cow division, good beef cows topped at \$11.95 with the bulk paying \$11.25 to \$11.80. Others carrying less flesh placed in the tens and plainer kinds cashed from \$8.50 to \$9.85. Canners and cutters sold mostly in the sevens. Top price on bulls was \$13.40 on 1330 lb. weights with the bulk going at \$12.20 to \$12.95.

Hog prices were definitely on the up grade and supplies numbered over 500 head. An exreme top of \$13.35 was paid sparingly on handy-weight butchers. Bulk of supplies brought \$13.25 to \$13.30. Sows sold mostly from \$12.25 to \$12.35 with an extreme top of \$12.40 paid on a few. Feeders sold mostly from \$13.50 to around \$14.00. Next regular auction on Monday, August 2.

Robert Lansworth and son, Woody, of Omaha, left for their home Wednesday, after spending a few days here visiting Robert's mother, Mrs. Ann Lansworth.

## New Tire Regulations From District Director

A recent amendment to the tire rationing regulations provides, in substance, that no person shall be issued a certificate for a spare tire of any kind except for use on police cars and fire fighting equipment. This announcement was today issued by Maurice E. Rawlings, Sioux City district director of the Office of Price Administration.

He also declared that contrary to statements contained in some advertisements and current rumors, the tire situation has become so critical that it is now necessary to allot tires only to those who are engaged in work that is absolutely essential to the war effort. He pointed out that all such persons must, so long as possible, be provided with four tires for their automobiles before other applicants can be allowed a spare tire.

Mr. Rawlings said that according to all available authentic information, the synthetic rubber program has not been progressing so rapidly as was expected due to manufacturing difficulties caused by inability to secure equipment and experienced workers. These conditions, he stated, have forced most of the war price and rationing boards to adopt the following schedule in establishing preference for allotment of tires from available quotas:

First: War workers with three or more riders.

Second: (a) Agricultural cars essential to the war effort. (b) War workers with two riders.

Third: (a) All "B" and "C" ration holders, not included in first and second classifications. (b) Other operators.

He said that, according to present indications, this condition would continue until it could be definitely established that there was a sufficient supply of rubber for military demands.

The district director of the OPA also announced that fresh salt water fish had been brought under price control at the retail level through issuance of a temporary regulation effective July 22. The retailer must not sell fresh salt water fish at any higher price than the cents per pound markup he enjoyed on the bulk of his sale of such fish during July 5 through July 10, added to his present net cost for that same variety of fresh salt water fish.

Varieties of this type of fresh fish, including fresh salmon, halibut, haddock, scallops, whiting, and codfish have been under dollars-and-cents ceilings at the wholesale level since July 13. The step taken today completes coverage at all levels of this important food item. More detailed information, as well as copies of this temporary regulation, will be shortly available at the OPA district office in the Frances Bldg., Sioux City, Iowa.

OPA regulations require that the possessor of gasoline rations must enter the license number and name of state in which his vehicle is licensed on all gasoline coupons immediately on their receipt. The district director of OPA warns that a ration holder who is found to possess any coupons not bearing such data will be considered a violator of the regulation.

Service station operators are not permitted to accept loose coupons under any condition and they have been warned to compare data on coupons with the license number of a vehicle being serviced in order to determine if the coupon had been issued for the vehicle in question. All motorists are urged to co-operate in eliminating "black market" operations.