

THE FRONTIER

BREEZES FROM THE SOUTHWEST

By Romaine Saunders

A trip home from service on the sea-going vessels the blue jacket is on "leave." In military usage, a soldier is on "furlough."

Europe comprises 7.4 per cent of the globe's land area and manages to keep the other 96.6 per cent in turmoil from generation to generation.

Blackleg took a toll of four from a herd brought to Swan precinct for grazing from Colfax county. The owners were up last week end to vaccinate their cattle.

There are some big footed boys in the army. The quartermaster can furnish shoes in sizes up to 15 1/2. The boys wearing them hope to be the first to step across into Germany. And what couldn't a 15 1/2 boot do administering a swift kick.

Francis Knutzen has ridden the prairie hunting down coyote hangout. He reports the finding of a few dens containing the remnants of feasts on rabbits but no pups. As forecasters the coyotes have it all over the weather man. Their bark in early morning or at sunset means weather change, and that without fail.

The past few years the air has been loaded with gilt-edged phrases concerning our democracy. The federal constitution, Article IV, Section 4, says: "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them from invasion," etc. As I understand government setups throughout the globe, there is no such thing as a "democracy," though there are numerous republics. James Madison was the master mind in drafting our constitution. He stood for representative, not democratic, government. True democracy means all laws are enacted by the citizens, a rather cumbersome and expensive procedure.

By the Way ranch up by Valentine thus early advertising a sale of cattle suggested that maybe the herd riders had swung their last loop, but Mr. McKelvie has been re-elected president of the Sand Hills ranchers' association, assuring his continued interest in raising good beef. The 800 and thousand pound steers that came off the ranges in the "good old days" were as fat as butter balls and wouldn't have known an ear of corn if they saw it, but they packed around as good porter house as any epicure ever sat down to. The "beef shortage" is probably more imaginary than real, as the supposed need of "finishing" grass cattle in a muddy feed lot is more imaginary than real.

The German idea of a few superiors known as super men stems back to the time of Frederick of Prussia. In 1770 he wrote to a notable personage: "Let us take any monarchy you please; let us suppose it contains 10 million inhabitants; from these 10 million let us discount, first the laborers, the manufacturers, the artisans, the soldiers, and there will remain about 50 thousand persons, men and women; from these let us discount 25 thousand for the female sex; the rest will compose the nobility, the gentry and the respectable citizens. Of these let us examine how many will be incapable of application, how many imbecile, how many dissipated—and from this calculation it will result that out of what is called a civilized nation of 10 million you will hardly find a thousand well informed persons."

The day is dark and dreary. Gray clouds blot out sun by day and stars by night. Incessant rain, damp odors of the sodden earth; tall stems bend with ripening blue grass heads under the load of rain and wind; trees carrying heavy foliage sweep the ground with velvet brush as low limbs no longer rear erect from the wet strain; water spurts under foot out on the sod and the tall grass swishes its cold spray on overall-clad legs; roads are a quagmire and rural mail carriers are scarcely less heroic than our men on the fighting fronts. Birds have folded their wings and hushed the song; cow and horse and sheep alike are water-logged and hip boots are needed in the corrals; gardens and fields are a picture of soggy gloom. In a very real sense this 8th day of June the southwest is all wet. Yet we know that "behind the cloud the sun still shines."

It seems eminently fitting that President Roosevelt should lead the nation in a spiritual exercise that acknowledges dependence upon a power that transcends armies and navies. It is not for any individual to estimate the worth of a public prayer. That

Ladies Bridge Party Sunday Afternoon

The annual ladies bridge party for the members of the O'Neill Country Club, and their out of town guests, will be held at the clubhouse Sunday afternoon, June 18 at 2:30 o'clock.

Committee Chairmen: Prizes: Mrs. R. E. Armbruster. Entertainment: Miss Bernadette Brennan. Refreshments: Mrs. H. E. Coyne, Mrs. W. J. Biglin. Card Playing: Mrs. Ira George, Mrs. Ira Moss. Decoration: Mrs. W. J. Froelich, Mrs. J. P. Brown. Cashiers: Miss Alma Wallace, Mrs. Harold Connors.

Baseball Game Here Sunday Afternoon

The O'Neill baseball team will play the Inman team here on the High School grounds, five blocks north of the Ford garage, on Sunday, June 18 at 2:00 o'clock.

There will be no admission charge and everyone is invited to come.

The prospects for a good team are fair. There will be a lot of new faces in the lineup and each one has the ability to turn in a good exhibition of baseball.

Womens Legion Auxiliary Elects Officers For Year

The Womens Auxiliary of the American Legion met Wednesday for the election of officers, the meeting being held at the home of Mrs. Elsie Soukup. Following are the officers elected:

President, Mrs. Edith Davidson Vice President, Mrs. T. M. Harrington Secretary, Mrs. Rose Minton Treasurer, Elsie Soukup Chaplain, Mrs. John Protrivinsky

Sgt. At Arms, Mrs. Ina Wolfe Historian, Mrs. Grace Borg. A delicious lunch was served after the business meeting.

alone is weighed in the scale in realms above. By going to our knees at the crisis hour in Europe there is national recognition that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men. To the humble citizen or high official who senses that his own righteousness is but "filthy rags" and opens the soul in humility there is a lighted way to the throne of the Infinite. History, sacred and profane, recounts innumerable occasions when humble faith united with the sword brought victory for justice and right. We read of that Source to which we reach the hand of faith, that it is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Connolly, Thomas, Corrigan, Morris, Gilligan, Hershiser, Stout—all but the two last being saluted as "Doc." Neither Jake Hershiser nor Charley Stout would care to be addressed by a fictitious title. This list marches back to the beginning of drug store and pale face medicine men of O'Neill. If the mists of memory have not become clouded, another Hershiser should be in the list. As I recall Ed Hershiser was associated with Thomas in the drug store that eventually passed into the hands of Mr. Stout. Probably after 50 years Charley does not care to get off of the pavement, but a stretch with his feet on the sod out on the prairie land is recommended for town-weary men.

Romaine: You omitted Dagget Brothers in your list of druggists. As I remember they were in the drug business here long before any of those you mention. There ran a drug store on the south side of Douglas street, about where Janousek's beer parlor is now located.—D. H. C.

A little known bit of colonial history may be of interest to Presbyterians among The Frontier's list of readers; while the American army, under the command of Washington, lay encamped in the vicinity of Morrisstown, N. J., it occurred that the service of the communion was to be administered to the Presbyterian church in that village. Gen. Washington, after his morning inspection of the camp, visited the house of Rev. Dr. Jones, pastor of the church. Doctor, said the general, "I understand the Lord's supper is to be celebrated with you next Sunday. I would learn if it accords with the canons of your church to admit communicants of another denomination?" The doctor rejoined, "Most certainly. Ours is not the Presbyterian table General, but the Lord's table, and we hence give the Lord's invitation to all his followers of whatsoever name." The general replied, "I am glad of it; that is as it ought to be, but as I was not quite sure of the fact, I thought to ascertain it from yourself, as I propose to join with you on that occasion. Though a member of the Church of England I have no exclusive partialities." The general was on hand for the service.

County Farm Wage Hearing To Be Held In O'Neill June 26th

A County Farm Wage Board was appointed this week by Harry E. Ressel, Chairman of the Labor Advisory Committee. The first work of the Farm Wage Board will be to hold a public farm-wage hearing in the assembly room of the court house in O'Neill at 1:30 p. m., Monday, June 26.

The hearing will be held to determine the going farm wage for various types of farm work, and to determine the need for importing out-of-state farm laborers. The public wage hearing is one of the necessary preliminary steps to be taken before the government will transport any farm labor into Holt County. Any wage which may be established as a result of the hearing does not necessarily affect farm wages which may be paid to local laborers. They may be paid either above or below the established going rate. It will, however, determine the wages to be paid to any imported laborers. The public is invited to attend the hearing and it will be well to have a representative group of employers and laborers present so that both may present their side of the case.

Members of the Farm Wage Committee appointed are: County Agent Lyndie Stout, Chairman; D. C. Schaffer and L. D. Putnam of O'Neill, Chas. Fox of Emmet, and Chas. Peterson of Atkinson.

Runs Of Livestock Light Due To Roads But Prices Have Been Satisfactory

The O'Neill Livestock has not made a report for the last few weeks, as the roads have been bad and the runs of livestock have been light, but the prices have been satisfactory on all classes of cattle and hogs, especially on cows and heifers that carry some fat.

If you have some fat cows or heifers, it would be a good time to sell them, as we have buyers for more than we are getting each week.

A few 450 to 500 pound calves showed up and sold from \$12.50 to \$13.00. The hog run was light with the extreme top at \$12.65 and lows down to \$9.00 and \$9.25. We had a light run of pigs and could have sold more and the price was very good and more than we expected to get.

Dewey Schaffer has consigned a few of his good purebred bulls. These bulls are not registered but come from some of the best blood lines in this part of the country. If you are in need of a good young bull, plan to be here Monday, the 19th.

Home Demonstration Chairmen Attend Council At Broken Bow Last Week

Mrs. G. H. Grimes, county chairman of Women's Project Clubs, and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter, Chambers group chairman, attended the State Council of Home Demonstration Clubs at Broken Bow last week with Miss Della Lewis, the district Home Demonstration Agent at O'Neill.

Mrs. Grimes was the official delegate from this county to the Council which is the state organization for all Women's Project Clubs.

Atkinson Post To Entertain All Legionnaires June 23

The John Farley Post No. 86 of the American Legion at Atkinson, Neb., will entertain all Holt Co. Legionnaires at Atkinson on Friday night, June 23. A good entertainment is being prepared and a lunch will be served.

All Legionnaires in the county are urged to be present.

E. V. Hickok, County Commander

Emmet Brothers, Both Officers Meet In Italy

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abart, of Emmet, have two sons who are both First Lieutenants and they are both overseas, and they met recently in Italy, their first meeting for nearly three years. Lt. Dercy Abart is in Sardinia and Lt. Gail Abart is in Italy. Lt. Darcy is a navigator on a bomber, while Lt. Gail is in the signal corps. They have been in service for two and a half years.

The Weather

	High	Low	M's'e
June 9	50	50	.45
June 10	60	51	.40
June 11	66	54	.57
June 12	80	60	.08
June 13	75	59	.17
June 14	85		
June 15			.80

Total precipitation for the week 2.47 inches.

Japan's mainland was bombed again Thursday by Americans.

Son Of Former O'Neill Residents Tells Of His Experiences In The Air

A veteran of 435 hours of combat flying in 30 missions over some of the toughest targets in the central Pacific, including Truk, Wake, Kwajalein and Tarawa, First Lt. Stephen Davidson, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davidson, 432 South Beech street, is now visiting here on a 30-day leave, before reporting back to active duty.

A bombardier on a Liberator bomber, Lieutenant Davidson and his crew members, wore out two planes during their eight months of combat duty, and were flying their third ship "Sky Scow III" when they were sent home.

The young officer holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, testimony of his months of danger-filled flying in the Pacific.

The Sky Scow, I, was put out of commission on a raid over Jaluit, Lt. Davidson said. "It was shot up so bad we couldn't use it," he explained.

"They saw us coming and shot us all up. There were 165 cannon holes in the ship, the turrets and bomb bay were shot out. We got trer back to the home base and had to land on an ammunition dump. We got a new plane."

"The next ship developed engine trouble. One of the engines ran away and we lost 2,000 feet a minute until we got it under control. Luckily we had just climbed to 19,000 feet to go over a cloud. When we got her under control we were at about 500 feet elevation, and we flew at that altitude the 600 miles back to the base."

"The propeller holds the engine back from going too fast, and in this case the propeller shaft broke, burning the engine loose, he said. It got so hot it wouldn't stop even after it was turned off."

The third plane, Sky Scow, III is still in use he added.

"The Tarawa fight was terrible," Lt. Davidson continued. "You sort of get a picture in your mind from the descriptions sent back by word-of-mouth, but you can't realize how terrible it was."

"We had to eat and sleep there by some of the bodies, our sleeping quarters were in a Jap mess hall, and there were still dead Japs under the floor," he added.

Lieutenant Davidson made eight night flights over Truk, and he said, the roughest raid he made was the first one over this base.

"The Truk raid was the roughest one, I think, because it was such a nervous strain. They had told us it was the best and toughest Jap base, then said, 'its your party!'"

Night bombing is difficult at best, he explained, especially the searchlights.

"When you get in the searchlights you can't see and can't get away from them. You've studied your target and know where the lights are, so you gauge your target by them, and hope that you hit it. The whole bombing run takes only about 15 seconds which doesn't give you much time to figure out a target."

The worst opposition he encountered, however, was over Wake in the first month he was out there, when they sent up 40 or fifty fighters against about ten bombers, he said.

"We have it pretty well cleaned out. We used to have raids from Jap bombers every night and a lot of opposition, but now they don't bomb much and there is less opposition," he continued.

"The natives are mostly friendly to the United States except where they have been under Jap domination for many years," he added. "But they got awfully smart. At first you could trade with them for one cigarette but then they wanted a package of cigarettes, and finally two bottles of beer."

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A unique system for "cooling" beer was used by the boys in Lt. Davidson's group. They would wrap the bottle in burlap, soak it in gasoline and hang it up. The quick evaporation would cool the beverage somewhat.

Queried about gifts to send the men in the Pacific, Lt. Davidson stressed home made candy.

"Home made candy, especially if in a sealed tin, is really swell. Fruit cake usually comes through very well, too, but cookies, except soft, chewy ones, are just a mass of crumbs," he said.

"We didn't need hair oil, cigar cases, or razor blades, which we can get over there. Most of all the men like clippings from home in their letters. Jokes, cartoons go over big and any clipping from the home town paper even if it doesn't concern him particularly, are sure welcome."

Another thing that is always welcome is reading material. The men like about the same type of reading material they had at home, but will read anything they can get hold of, he said.

Lt. Davidson's wife, the former Jane Claytor, resides at 432 South Beech street.—Casper (Wyo.)

Farmers Desiring To Hire Combines Should See County Agent At Once

Plans are being made now by the county agent's office and the AAF office to recruit out-of-county combines to harvest small grain in Holt County. With the prospects of harvest in sight and the shortage of harvest labor it is anticipated that a good many Holt County farmers will be interested in hiring some grain combines.

If this is true, it is necessary for those planning to hire these machines to notify County Agent Lyndie Stout of the number of acres to be custom harvested so that out-of-county combine owners may be contacted for work in Holt County.

It is necessary to make a report of the estimated acres for custom combining by June 20 so that Kansas and Oklahoma operators may be contacted before harvest. It is urgent that farmers make their estimated combine needs known now if help is to be given in this recruiting.

More Information On Contour Farming

"Grass in gullies and ditches helps fill them by catching soil and preventing further erosion," says George Rost, farmer 1 1/2 miles north and 1 mile east of Page.

Mr. Rost stated that over 20 years ago a heavy rain, just after he had one of his fields listed, broke through the ridges in a low spot and started a gully.

In telling about his experience Mr. Rost continued, "I got grass started in the wash and since then have always lifted the plow when I came to it. The grass stopped the silt and gradually built up the area until now it is almost level. There is a spot that has not been plowed for 20 years."

L. F. Bredemeier, Unit Conservator of the Holt Soil Conservation District, pointed out that lifting tillage implements when crossing waterways so as to leave grass on which excess water may run off a field is a simple easy way of preventing gullies.

He also pointed out that grass may be established in existing gullies in the heavier soils. The gully is plowed or graded to reduce the steep side banks and provide a broad channel. The filled-in-soll should be well packed. A heavy application of manure should then be incorporated into the soil. The disturbed area is then seeded in a mixture of grasses, the kind depending on the soil fertility, moisture conditions and utilization of the grass.

A mulch of manure or straw applied on the seeded area after the seed has been sown helps keep the seed from being washed away, conserves the moisture and aids the grass to become established, Bredemeier stated. In some cases it may be desirable to put furrows along the sides to prevent runoff water from the surrounding area from washing the seed and filled-in soil away. After the grass is established the furrows are filled and all the water is carried on the grass-covered waterway.

Anyone interested in grassed waterways or checking gully erosion should contact the office of the Holt Soil Conservation District in the courthouse annex on Mondays or Saturdays or the County Agent in the courthouse.

Edward Campbell entertained at dinner Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Adams of New York, Mrs. Beulow, of Racine, Wis., and Miss Marie Biglin of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mrs. L. A. Burgess and daughter, Joan, came home Sunday, after a weeks visit with relatives in Fremont.

Tribune-Herald. Lieutenant Davidson is the grandson of Mrs. James Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison of this city.

BAND CONCERT SATURDAY, JUNE 17

- 1. "Star Spangled Banner"—Key.
- 2. March, "Song of the Sea Bees"—Lewis.
- 3. March, "Our Colonel"—Vandercook.
- 4. Waltz, "When I Grow Too Old To Dream"—Hammerstein.
- 5. Novelty Selection, "Large"—Sando.
- 6. Vocal Solo, "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi"—Vernor.
- 7. March, "The Footlifter"—Fillmore.
- 8. Selection, "The Chocolate Soldier"—Strauss.
- 9. Popular, "Peanut Vender"—Simons.
- 10. Spiritual "Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen"—Traditional.
- 11. March, "World Events"—Zamacenik.

Robert G. Shoemaker Will Be An Air Force Pilot

Perrin Field, Texas, June 8, 1944.—Starting the basic stage of his AAF Training Command course to become an Air Force Pilot Cadet Robert G. Shoemaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Shoemaker, O'Neill, has arrived at Perrin Field. He will spend ten weeks here learning aerial combat maneuvers and instrument flying.

James R. Herre Will Soon Be An Army Pilot

Altus, (Okla.) Army Air Field—Aviation Cadet James R. Herre, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto M. Herre, has reported to the AAF Training Command's advanced flying school here to begin the last lap of his military pilot training.

In Altus AAF two-engine training ships he will learn the technique of flying the multi-engine bomber or fighter plane he will be piloting overseas, and in ground school he will further perfect his technical knowledge of combat subjects. Upon graduation 10 weeks later he will be awarded the silver wings of an AAF pilot and appointed a flight officer or commissioned a second lieutenant.

WAC Recruiting Officers In The City Today

A special recruiting team from the U. S. Army Recruiting Station at Omaha, Nebr., arrived Thursday to tell O'Neill women about the Women's Army Corps and the role Wacs are playing in helping win the war.

Co-operating in the campaign here to tell local women their need in 239 different kinds of army jobs are the local American Legion post, Paul Beha, commander, and its auxiliary, Mrs. Axel Borg, president. Headquarters for the recruiting party have been established at Hotel Golden, where the three Wac recruiters are staying.

A representative of Nebraska recruiting district headquarters at Omaha was in O'Neill for several days the first of the week making arrangements through school and church officials for the coming of the WAC recruiters, the team being composed of a WAC lieutenant, an Air Corps sergeant and a WAC sergeant.

The new triple-choice plan of WAC recruitment allows women to choose, when they enlist, their work, branch of service and initial station assignment within the service command, according to Lieut. Dorothy Christofferson, who heads the recruiting team.

Women volunteering in O'Neill for enlistment as Wacs will be sent at government expense to Fort Crook, near Omaha, for the qualifying physical examination. A mental alertness qualification test is given here by the recruiting team.

Immediately after a girl is qualified for the WAC, she is enlisted and can report immediately, or she may be placed on reserve status for not to exceed 30 days to wind up personal affairs before entering the corps, the lieutenant explained.

Women 20 to 50 years of age, without children under 14, are eligible for the WAC. Wacs participate, too, in benefits of the servicemen's dependency act.

AAA NOTES

DAIRY FEED payments for the months of February, March and April are still being made. The deadline for filing these applications is June 30. Be sure that all cream stubs for the months of February, March and April, 1944, are in this office immediately so that applications can be signed and returned before the deadline date June 30, 1944.

Beginning July 1, payment will be made on the months of May and June. Be sure to mail cream stubs for both months at the same time, to avoid any errors. Be sure to file your applications early.—Do not wait until the last minute.

Hospital Notes

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Mrs. Gilbert Strong dismissed Friday.

Mrs. Elmer Juracek and baby dismissed Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Whidden of Chambers, dismissed Sunday.

Mary Joe Curwin dismissed Monday.

Mrs. Troxel Green and baby, of Chambers, dismissed Wednesday.

Mrs. Harold Shaw, of Atkinson, tonsils removed Wednesday.

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Services Held Here Thursday Morning For Mrs. Belle Ryan

Funeral services were held in this city Thursday morning at ten o'clock from St. Patrick's Church for Mrs. Belle Ryan, who passed away at Superior, Wisconsin on June 11th, after an illness of about a year. Services were in charge of Monsignor McNamara and burial in Calvary cemetery beside the body of her husband, Wm. Ryan, who preceded her in death on June 18, 1888.

Anna Belle, daughter of John O'Neill and Anna Sage, was born at Chilton, Wisc., on February 2, 1862 and at the time of her death was 82 years, 3 months and 25 days of age. She came to Holt Co. over sixty years ago and on Feb. 13, 1884 was united in marriage to Wm. M. Ryan in O'Neill. Since that time she made her home in O'Neill until 1913, when she moved to Wisconsin, where she has since resided.

She is survived by three children: John Eugene, Mary Belle and George Ryan, all of Superior, Wisconsin. She also leaves to mourn her passing, three sisters: Mrs. Fanny Duffy and Mrs. Hannah Dennis, both of Superior, Wisc. and Mrs. Margaret Totten of Little Falls, Minn.

Mrs. Margaret Totten, of Little Falls, a sister and her son and daughter were here to attend the last rites.

Mrs. Ryan still owns real estate in O'Neill, her home, one block west of the post office and the building used by Ed Janousek.

Pallbearers were: Lod Campbell, M. H. Horiskey, John McManus, H. J. Hammond, J. B. Ryan and C. E. Stout.

4-H Club Camp At Long Pine On June 20-21

All Holt County 4-H club members are eligible to attend the district 4-H Club Camp at Long Pine June 29 to July 1. This camp is one of a series of camps held in Nebraska under the supervision of the state 4-H club office. It offers a splendid opportunity for 4-H boys and girls to enjoy an outing which combines both recreation and instruction.

Food and lodging will be available for the camp for a \$3.00 fee which will cover the entire period. Plans are being made for transportation and 4-H members who are interested in attending are asked to get in touch with their leaders, who will make plans for transportation through the county agent's office.

High spots of the camp program will include games, music, swimming, motion pictures, nature study and handicraft. Careful supervision will be given the camp 24 hours of the day by trained leaders. The sleeping quarters will be in buildings and the meals will be planned by food specialists. Any 4-H member who wishes to attend should register at once with his leader in order that transportation may be arranged.

Surprise Party On 31st Anniversary

The pinocle Club gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook with a surprise party Sunday, June 11, to help them celebrate their 31st Wedding Anniversary.

Mrs. Victor Halva presented Bob and Mrs. Cook with a three tier wedding cake. Mrs. Tim Harrington, Mrs. Frank Grenier and Mrs. Victor Halva gave a program of dances, two steps and waltzes to remind Bob and Mrs. Cook of the 31 years gone by.

Cards were played after which a delicious lunch consisting of strawberry shortcake, whipped cream, sandwiches, pickles and coffee was served.

The guests departed at a very late hour after wishing Mr. and Mrs. Cook many more years of wedded life.

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