

Sure 'n There'll Be a Lot of Things Doin' Here in O'Neill on St. Patrick's Day

By PAT BRENNAN

Well, begorra, if it isn't good old St. Patrick's day. And sure 'n there'll be a lot o' things doing here in O'Neill.



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Leave it to the Irish to get the place buzzin' with excitement. Yes, there will be a big Irish fair up at St. Mary's tonight — March the 17th.

All you public school teen-agers are cordially invited to come, and I'll guarantee that you'll have the time of your life. It'll be an evening that you'll never forget.

The two SMA classes that sell the highest number of chances have the honor of electing the king and queen to reign over the fair. So far the freshmen are in the lead. There will be prizes and surprises galore. This will be one affair that you'll not want to miss.

Yesterday the "Voice of The Frontier" featured Nancy Beha as soloist. Nancy sang the beautiful "Mother Machree" and the ever popular "Did

Your Mother Come from Ireland?"

I'm sure she sang her way into the hearts of all the Irish and everyone else as well. Congratulations, Nancy! You sang beautifully.

(Editor's note: The little lass that played the flute accompaniment was the Teen Tattler herself. Equally good, we say.)

Three more days and Spring will be here. Wonderful Spring. The most perfect season of the year, though it's been a long time getting here, it's amazing how fast it will go.

In April, I plan to write about teen-age hobbies, so if you'd like yours mentioned, put me wise. I'll be seeing you at the fair.

Girl Scout Anniversary Marked with Party
In honor of the 37th anniversary of the founding of Girl Scouting by Juliette Low, O'Neill Troop II held a party Saturday at the home of their leader, Mrs. William J. Beha.

The girls played games. Evelyn Asher and Carolyn Lindberg were the winners. Each girl received a gift from the grab bag. Regreshments were served.

Mrs. F. M. Brennan and Mrs. Lowell Johnson assisted Mrs. Beha.

Kersenbrocks Hosts
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kersenbrock were hosts to a few friends Saturday. Winners of bridge were Mr. and Mrs. O. Dale French.

Personals

Sunday guests at the Willard A. Naprstek home were the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Naprstek, of Creighton.

Mrs. Lee Brady, sr., of Dorsey, and Mrs. Lee Brady, jr., of Plainview, visited Saturday at the home of Mrs. Vannie Newman.

Rev. and Mrs. Gene Anderson, of Newport, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Worth Saturday Pine, visited her father, L. A. afternoon.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Schaefer were Dr. and Mrs. George R. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson entertained Sunday their daughter, Mrs. William Turner, and Mr. Turner, of Chambers.

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John Turner went to Lincoln Tuesday, March 8, on business. Mrs. Turner accompanied him. They saw the floods at Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. Burr Faust and daughter, of Lucas, S. D., visited her sister, Mrs. Fred Wells, and family last Thursday.

Richard Minton, a student at Creighton university, visited his parents for the weekend.

Sunday afternoon guests at the C. E. Worth home were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rosenkrans and family, of Dorsey.

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Roy Goree, of Long Pine, visited last Thursday with Carlyle Washechek. Both men are interested in semi-precious stones as hobbies.

Dinner guests Sunday in Page at the Earl Stevens residence were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Stevens and family.

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Full-Fledged Congressional Investigation of Bikini Bombs Tests May Be in Offing

By DREW PEARSON

Bikini Test Probe

Secretary of Defense Forrestal and the navy are moving frantically to hush it up but a full-fledged congressional investigation of the effects of the Bikini bomb tests is in the offing. In fact, Sen. Brien McMahon, chairman of the atomic energy committee, may announce it any day.

Senators say privately that they are fed up with the hush-hush policy of the brass hats. While the senate committee is 100 percent in favor of keeping secret all atomic information of possible value to an enemy, they do not believe either the U. S. congress or the American people are an enemy. Also, committee members feel the brass hats are deliberately suppressing considerable information about the effectiveness of the bomb to cover up mistakes they have made in failing to redesign or to abolish warships.

One interesting fact now in the hands of the senate committee is part of the inside story of Bikini. It shows that of the 73 ships involved in the Bikini tests, more than 61 were sunk or destroyed.

This is an enormous loss from only two bombs. Yet it was never released in understandable form to the American public. On the contrary, news releases were carefully spread out over a period of time so that the man in the street never really knew what happened.

What Bombs Did
The real fact, however is that

two bombs at Bikini sank the Battleship Arkansas, the carrier Saratoga, Japanese battleship Nagato, two cruisers, 10 destroyers, three submarines, 12 transports and numerous other vessels. The aircraft carrier Independence, which was subjected to intense blasts from both Bikini bombs, is now anchored off San Francisco, permanently destroyed—usable only as a testing ground to determine the possibility of removing radio-activity. This is still dangerous two years after the ship was attacked.

Members of the senate atomic energy committee point out that the loss of so many ships from one bomb would be considered a major naval disaster at any time, yet, because the public is not aware of the potency of the bomb, our "bathtub" admirals are busily pouring another 14 million dollars down the drain on a 56,000-ton supercarrier which could be put out of action permanently if a bomb were dropped within half a mile of it.

Problem "Insoluble"
Information brought to the senate committee's attention by Dr. David Bradley, a scientist who was an official observer at Bikini, reveals that, after the tests, the navy tried frantically to remove radio-activity from damaged ships but without success. Bradley reported that "salt water, lye, foamite, soap, all spread with liberal amounts of gob profanity, had no avail in removing the radioactivity."

Sandblasting was partly effective, but you can't sand-

blast a whole ship under battle conditions. Nor can you sandblast Pearl Harbor or the Bremerton shipyards or Chicago. Possibly, with great quantities of strong acid, you might be able to remove enough paint to clear the decks of fission products. But short of that, the coat of radioactivity administered by the A-bomb is on to stay.

Bradley concluded that "The problem of decontaminating the total service of a cattle ship or the brick and cement of a future Hiroshima remains practically insoluble."

Plutonium is the most dangerous atomic element of all. It lodges in the bones, destroys the blood-producing marrow and may kill either by wrecking the red and white blood cells of the victim or it may kill the victim many years later through the formation of bone tumors. Plutonium cannot be removed by any known process.

None of this information is secret. All of it is known to many of the doctors of all nations. Yet Secretary Forrestal, who this year is building more than 400 million dollars worth of new ships, hasn't paid much attention to the problem. This is the inside reason why the atomic energy committee is now seriously planning a full-dress investigation of Bikini and its results.

Most important document the scientists are urging the atomic energy committee to break loose is the nonsecret sections of the report of the evaluation board of the joint chiefs of staff on the Bikini tests which defense secretary Forrestal has bottled up. The report concludes with the significant statement that "Future wars employing atomic bombs may well destroy nations and change present standards of civilization."

See Daughter and Grandson Perform at Festival

Mrs. J. R. Protivinsky, who visited relatives in Sioux Falls, S. D., last week, attended the Passion play. Her daughter, Mrs. Claude Johnson, was a member of the chorus. Mrs. Protivinsky returned March 8. Mrs. Protivinsky also saw her little grandson, Joseph Johnson, as a crown bearer for the king at the Mardi Gras.

Leaving Monday for her home in Lincoln, after having been a guest at the R. G. Sheldhamer home for three days was Miss Irene Ueling.

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