

Prairieland Talk—

'Nursing Homes' for Senior Citizens

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, 4110 South 51st St., Lincoln 6, Nebr.

LINCOLN—I sat by his bedside yesterday. There he lay in one of those institutions of this day and age—a "nursing home."

A generation now gone and about forgotten cared for their aged parents sick and facing life's declining sun in their home where the aged one lay in bed to look up into the eyes of an administering daughter, a devoted son.

As I sat by his bedside yesterday, looked into his aged, careworn face I could see nothing resembling the active, friendly businessman I had once known. There he lay, helpless, not knowing who sat by his bedside, just waiting to feel the cold touch of the death angel's hand that would close his eyes to open no more until the angel of light and immortal life calls him forth on the resurrection morning. As I talked to him his withered features brightened, one joyous moment while life still lingered.



Romaine Saunders

Others I saw in that place set apart for aged and helpless—for a monthly stipend. Old guys sit on their feet, the face of another looking up at me from the bed on which he lay, a woman crowned with white glory hobbling about on crutches, a white garbed nurse hastening from one room to another. A visit to a few others that day now facing life's sunset but still on the go and able to care for themselves.

And from the realms of fading life looking out upon the Plutonian night I go on a trip to the land of the Pharaohs, walk among the pyramids of ancient Egypt, cross over to stand at the base of Mount Sinai from the summit of which more than 3,500 years ago was heard a voice speaking words that are still the hope of mankind, on to old Jerusalem where sacred memories cling—on in person did I travel lands afar but in vision as a charming young woman and her cultured husband, recently returned from these lands, told me the story.

Dorothy Farrier, once a nun, then heading a charm school in a Pacific coast city, the model of all fashion dames, twice around the world, once to India to study Hinduism, has now turned to the Lord as she sees it and becomes a Christian missionary. . . . A church group having made the survey comes up with the statement that 85 percent of our youth are without religious instruction. . . . Congress in session again and the guess is that more than 60 percent of the federal budget will be for national defense—army, navy, air force. . . . A cardinal, primate of Poland, says drunkenness has become a terrible sickness in that country.

There may be a few fading patriots left of a fading generation at O'Neill who remembers a well-nigh forgotten citizen of the past known by all when he lived, the late Billy Hagerty. Among the score of holiday greeting cards and letters received this past Christmas season one of the most surprising and most welcome ones came from Mrs. Mary Lawson down at Columbus. Mrs. Lawson is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hagerty. She writes of her childhood and maidenly days in O'Neill and between the lines there is seen lurking memories of the joy, the pleasures, the struggles of those bygone days. Her mother was a sister of the late Col. Neil Brennan and they were of the Scotch. Colonel Brennan was one of the first settlers in O'Neill, an enterprising citizen promoting all things of public interest. I do not know what Mrs. Lawson may be engaged in other than her home duties in the county seat city of Platte county but it is always gratifying to learn of the whereabouts of those we had known in the days now gone and forgotten. Her parents and the Brennans lie under the sod up on the hill wither we all are marching.

We learn of another Holt couple who have faced life together for half-century, its joy and sorrow, its struggles and its achievements. And their wedding anniversary comes on the anniversary of the world's great anniversary—Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce have the congratulations of friends in which Prairieland Talker joins especially to commend Mrs. Pierce for having made a happy go of it with Frank all these years. Most of the 50 years of their wedded days have seen them when home down there near the village of Amelia. And where is there a lovelier spot on which to make your home—a home on the grassy prairie of the Amelia community in Holt county? If I run into Frank again he'll have to "set 'em up."

It was brought to me by the postman two days after Christmas, one of those Romance Mission Paks Wally Mullen picked up out there in Los Angeles, an alluring dainty packed assortment of California fruits, the receptacle in which the fruits were packed being a work of art. Wally visited his native Nebraska last summer and he may have had a few mulligan stews while here and now here he comes to demonstrate that his adopted state has the real alluring dainties to set before us. It was nice of you, Wally, to thus remember me at this holiday season and I thank you.

We have closed the door on 1957, and 1958 invites us to behave ourselves as we move along the highway of time, nor worry a bit over unsolved mysteries of life.

Editorial—

Danger of War

There are some in the state department and in the pentagon who believe that Soviet Russia is closer to precipitating a war now than she has been in recent years. There are several reasons for this theory.

First and foremost is the fact that the Russians are now undergoing a severe strain as regards the maintenance of their control over their satellite countries. Rebellion in Poland and Hungary is ominous news in Moscow, for it means that the huge communist empire—built up so laboriously by Joseph Stalin over the years—may be falling apart.

When this happens, dictatorships sometimes resort to extreme measures to unify their people behind the government. The present communist government of Russia might be placed in firmer control over the people in a war—which could be used as an excuse to rally patriotism, nationalism and enthusiasm for the mother land.

The key danger spot in Europe, according to some of the experts, is thought to be East Germany. In East Germany discontent is widespread, although it has not come to the surface since the June, 1955, uprisings. Nevertheless, there is a real danger that trouble in East Germany may break out at any time.

Western observers believe that West Germany would have a major task on its hand in trying to prevent West Germans, and perhaps many governments leaders, from aiding East Germans should they ever rebel against the communist government of that stooge country. West Germany is now in the North Atlantic treaty and it should be noted that if West Germany is involved in any sort of war with the communists, the countries which are members of the NATO alliance might easily become involved.

Therefore, one premise of U. S. foreign policy is said to be the consideration that the communists might be nearer going to war now than they have been in some time. While this may prove to be incorrect, it is a danger which must be considered and is certainly a sober reflection in these critical days.

Service Duplication Here, Too

It was during President Truman's early years in the white house elaborate congressional plans were made to unify the military services. Laws were passed. The results: Nil.

The unification never came about in fact. But batteries of under-secretaries, lawyers, advisers and many other bureaucrats mushroomed under the chief of staff of each service and under the combined chiefs of staff.

But the petty rivalries and jealousies persisted with the apparent result of a lag in missile development, unholty duplication of purchasing, separate and often conflicting effort.

As it stands, the joint chiefs of staff, each member at the top of his service's chain of command and each held by it accountable for his service's prestige, has not succeeded. Yet we should remind ourselves that in such situations we tend to seek the easy solution: "Let's appoint a 'czar,' and let him knock heads together."

No doubt a single military chief of staff could get the smooth appearance of unity more handily than can a civilian secretary of defense and a civilian president. The tradition of obedience in the face of the most sincerely held disagreements is one of the military's assets—but, in top policy planning, one of its weaknesses.

In recent months Col. John Nickerson, an army scientist in charge of rocket experiments,

tion, was assigned to an obscure post in Panama. This week Lt.-Gen. James M. Gavin, the army's missile chief, announced he will ask for retirement March 31.

This raises the question: How many military men have been either purged or sent to the desert because of their inability to fathom the pentagon jungle?

Maybe the forthcoming senate investigation of the Gavin matter will speed a pure unification. Lack of unification is very apparent after 10 years of Truman and Eisenhower.

O'Neillites have a bird's eye glimpse of grass-roots service rivalry whenever the national guard company holds a meeting. The army, navy, air force and marine recruiters come to town in force and work over guardsmen. The recruiting effort seems sort of superfluous to us while the draft machinery is at work.

Thus it is apparent there is duplication of effort at the small city level; the pentagon duplicity must be very confusing; the missile lag must be blamed as much on lack of unification as on any other single factor.

A Growing City

(The Lincoln Star)

There is a phantom city in Nebraska which has no name. Yet by next March or April it will have a population of 6,000. It always grows. It never loses a citizen.

We regret to say, this city is the city of the dead—the dead who have lost their lives over the years in Nebraska traffic accidents.

Since 1949 this city has grown at the rate of more than 300 a year. The final figures for 1957 as released by the State Accident Bureau added 302. The previous year—1956—contributed 315.

Not long ago this city was but a village. In due time, at the present rate of growth, it will be one of Nebraska's larger communities.

All of which is a way of saying that on this date in this new year the overall Nebraska highway death toll has reached 5,945, and unless there is a drastic move toward safety it will inexorably reach 6,000 by spring.

Whether it will or not, whether Nebraska at long last has had enough of this terrible price it is paying for preventable accidents is up to the people of Nebraska, themselves, whether they will each accept the full responsibility for life saving every time they get behind the wheel or whether they are willing to contribute to the increasing population of the death city either sending someone else there or going there themselves.

The coming months will indicate the answer. The individual who plans ahead and works his plans will be the one to get ahead.

THE FRONTIER

CARROLL W. STEWART, Editor and Publisher

Entered at the postoffice in O'Neill, Holt county, Nebraska, as second-class mail matter under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. This newspaper is a member of the Nebraska Press Association, National Editorial Association and the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Terms of Subscription: In Nebraska, \$2.50 per year; elsewhere in the United States, \$3 per year; rates abroad provided upon request. All subscriptions payable in advance.



When You & I Were Young . . . Condition Does Not Warrant Surgery

Harmon to Omaha for Help

50 Years Ago John A. Harmon was advised to go to Omaha by train to seek medical advice for a violent attack of hiccups. After treatments didn't help, an operation was advised, but Mr. Harmon's weakened condition wouldn't warrant surgery. . . . Coal was advertised at Bazelman's Lumber company at \$8 a ton for the celebrated Lincoln nut and lump coal; \$9 per ton for Kemmer nut coal; \$8.50 a ton for West Virginia splint coal and the best Illinois coal at \$7 down to \$6.50 per ton. . . . Newton and James Carson of Dorsey, A. C. Funnell of Atkinson, John Bellar and Albert Roseler of O'Neill are Frontier readers who started the new year right by renewing subscriptions to this "household necessity". . . . Mrs. E. Benson, living about a mile east of town, had a horse hurt when it became frightened by an automobile from Spencer. The animal was tied to a post when the auto came near and the animal tried to get away.

Geography, Typing Classes to Organize

Registration for the second semester off-campus class, "Geography of Europe," will be held at the O'Neill public school, 10 a.m., Saturday, January 11. This is a three-hour course from Wayne with no prerequisites. First class will be held Saturday, January 18, with M. J. Baack as instructor.

A beginning adult typing class will be organized Monday, January 13, at 7:30 p. m., in the commercial department in O'Neill public school. Total cost of the course will be between \$10 and \$15, depending upon the number enrolled. For any desired information, call Miss Esther Kinnier, instructor.

Contract Club Party—Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Sherbahn and Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown were hosts to the Contract club and their husbands new year's eve at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Brown.

Clausons Entertain—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clauson entertained her nephew, wife and family of Cowley, Wyo., at a 1 o'clock luncheon at the M&M on Thursday, December 26.

20 Years Ago

Will Spindler's latest western novel is "Lure of The Hills". . . . The first stocker-feeder club of 1938 was organized at the Pleasant Valley school. . . . The Emmet A. Harmon office building is practically finished. . . . The Holt county farm bureau started its membership drive. . . . O'Neill romped over Page, 56-9, at Page. . . . Gene Searles, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Searles, ran a wire into one of her eyes. Her father and A. L. Borg took her to Omaha for treatment. . . . Harry Bowen, the hustling and able janitor at the courthouse, has the grip.

10 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Fisher of Arlington, Wash., formerly of Amelia, and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton A. Townsend of Page celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. . . . Francis Flood and Miss Janice Miller of Chambers were injured in an auto crash. . . . Deaths: Edward J. Matthews, 53, of O'Neill and Mrs. Frank Musil, 27, of Iaman. . . . Miss Nevada Miller of Star and Vincent Cunningham, whose parents live in Belden, were married. . . . Mrs. Duke Hoffman is a good manager. Not only did she move Christmas week, but entertained members of her family for Christmas dinner.

One Year Ago

Fiftieth wedding anniversaries were celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roush, who live south of Butte. . . . Deaths: Mrs. Frank Biglin of O'Neill; J. R. Russell of Page; Michael Lee Day of Chambers. . . . Francis Doty, 18, of Spencer was injured in a one-car accident.

Nippon Is Guest—

Toshira Isa of Tokyo, Japan, was a guest at a fellowship supper at the Methodist church Sunday evening, December 29. Following supper, he gave a talk on conditions in Japan and gave several numbers on the harmonica. He is attending Wesleyan university in Lincoln.

MILLER THEATER ATKINSON

(One show nightly at 7:30)

Fri.-Sat. Jan. 10-11



Sun.-Mon.-Tues. Jan. 12-13-14



Wed.-Thurs. Jan. 15-16



REAL ESTATE Public SALE! 480 Acres Hay & Pasture Located from Ewing, Nebraska, 6 miles South, 8 miles West, 2 miles South, 1 1/2 miles West. FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1958 2:00 p. m. at Courthouse Lobby in O'Neill. Legal description: West Half of Section 18, in Township 25, Range 10, and Southeast Quarter Section 13, in Township 25, Range 11, Holt County. Buildings consist of 24 x 34 Barn, small corncrib and chicken coop; House 18 x 20. Property is being sold by Guardian under Court order. Property will be sold to highest bidder, subject to confirmation of Court. Terms of sale are cash. Abstracts of title will be furnished, extended to-date of sale, and may be had for examination prior to sale at office of William W. Griffin, attorney, in O'Neill. Possession will be given on confirmation of sale. Further information may be had from Ludwig Koenig, Guardian, Ewing, Nebraska, or William W. Griffin, attorney, at O'Neill. Ludwig Koenig Guardian of the Estates of Samuel Reinke and Mollie Reinke.

This is Buick's Jack-pot Year NOW—more than ever—When better automobiles are built Buick will build them. This is Buick's jack-pot year for new ideas—and the jack-pot year for the nation's car buyers. For here are new styling changes that folks approve, and engineering changes that people want. Here, too, are prices that buyers find great. Take the B-58 Buick SPECIAL—Buick's bottom-priced Series. Today it's an even better buy than ever—because it's priced closer than ever to the well-known smaller cars—and even below some models of those same cars. Go eye it, drive it, price it—at your Buick dealer's now. Look at just part of what you get—as standard equipment—in the big and brawny B-58 Buick SPECIAL that's priced just a few dollars over the smaller cars! • B-58 Dynastar Grille • Mighty B-12000 Engine • Rugged X-Braced Chassis • 4 Big Coil Springs • Famous Buick Rotoflow Torque-Tube Drive • Road-Hugging 122-Inch Wheelbase • 390° Visibility • True 6-Passenger Roominess • Dual Vista-Vision Head Lamps • Hefty Buick Roadweight • Large, Long-Lived Brakes • Safety Plate Glass All Around • "Velvet Wall" Sound Blending. Plus a Long List of Other Extras at No Extra Cost! Horizontal Redliner Speedometer • Trip-Mileage Indicator • New Tamperproof Ignition • Direction Signals • Crank-controlled Vent Windows • Armrests on every door • Sliding Sunshades • Automatic Glove Compartment Light • Oil Filter-Full-Flow Design • Dry-type Air Cleaner with disposable filter • Step-On self-locking parking brake • Anti-rust fuel line system. Plus the World's Finest Options At worthwhile extra cost that will return dividends at trade-in time, you can equip your SPECIAL with the spectacular new Flight Pitch Dynalloy or the advanced Variable Pitch Dynalloy, Buick's luxurious air ride, the long-lasting Lucite finishes, and all of Buick's fine power accessories. All engineered to the highest standards of quality and precision ever set by Buick. THE UNIQUE OPEL — the imported car made by General Motors in Germany—can now be ordered in Sedan and Caravan Wagon models through authorized Buick dealers. See TALES OF WELLS FARGO, Monday Nights, NBC-TV and THE PATRICE MUNSEL SHOW, Friday Nights, ABC-TV. It all adds up to the big buy for '58— THE AIR BORN B-58 BUICK SEE YOUR AUTHORIZED BUICK DEALER