

Prairieland Talk

Genus Homo an Inquisitive Creature

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN—To get away from the haunts of men and scenes of vain display we take to the highway and head for the wooded park in the distance dedicated to the memory of the pioneers, only to find the park trails that wind around among dark pines crowded to the right and left with automobiles that have come to rest and romping kids everywhere. But you roll down the car window, breathe deeply of floral scented air where lilacs and blossom-laden bushes stand in regal beauty among the stalwart pines.



Romaine Saunders

The little lakes and water courses beside the trail are the playgrounds of webfooted fowl and a temptation to husky boys. The buffalo feed in a distant ravine and today no deer loiter about the fence and other zoo specimens may be taking an afternoon nap.

Returning to crowded streets and the abodes of men we drive through a "new development" where others are flocking in to inspect an "open-house." The genus homo is an inquisitive creature.

The state library commission, created by an act of the legislature in 1901, had on its shelves in the statehouse at last report 86,721 books and 4,099 in Braille for the blind. About 30,000 volumes, including those for the blind, are sent out to borrowers annually. The annual cost of maintaining the library commission varies from \$60,000 to \$65,000. Besides the executive secretary, Louise A. Nixon, and her assistants, who are paid salaries, there is a board of directors who draw no pay but expenses of the trip to Lincoln for monthly meetings are met by the state. The present board members are Thomas E. Adams, jr., of Beatrice, president; Mrs. Chester Hugo of Gothenburg, vice-president; Merle Kingsbury of Ponca, Mrs. Martha E. Lof of Omaha, Earl L. Meyer of Alliance. These board members are also identified with the libraries in their home communities.

During a brief visit this morning with State Sen. Frank Nelson, before the tap was sounded calling the senate to the business of the day, Mr. Nelson said the present session may not be able to adjourn until in June. When informed that I had come to the chamber to advise immediate adjournment, the senator said that would be okay with him.

Footprints upon the way left a trail of crime before the imitator of Jesse James came to Nebraska to stain his hands with the blood of a victim and was found guilty by a district court jury of manslaughter, which is a mollifying legal term that means murder, and drew a sentence of five years imprisonment. The manslaughter victim was a young woman. Has human life become so cheap that five years for murder is now the judicial estimate?

The ground of old Palestine that had echoed to the tread of prophets and kings and been stained by human blood down the centuries of time has now a spot baptized in the blood of a Nebraska citizen. Charles E. Harris of McCook, visiting in the Holy Land and looking over spots and places where sacred memories cluster, ventured onto forbidden ground not aware that it was such and was shot down by an Arab.

Editorial

Legislative Questions Are Complex

Guest editorial from Nebraska (Geneva) Signal
As this is written it appears the Nebraska legislature may adjourn in the near future without passing legislation to meet several situations which many think are real problems for the people of the state.

If this is true, there will be some one who will point to the present session as the one which accomplished little in the way of enacting constructive legislation. We have the feeling, however, the criticism may be unjustified and we may conclude this legislation has laid the foundation for future sessions to act wisely.

The disposition of three bills now before the legislature will illustrate our point. They are the ton-mile tax bill, the sales-income tax bill and the bill to abolish the turnpike authority.

Current discussion of all three bills has done much to enlighten all of us on the issues involved. In the case of the ton-mile tax bill, we have discovered there are several objections to the measure as well as much to be said for it. It is possible a future legislature may be able to work with other states and establish a uniform law on the subject, as we have done in other fields, and thus overcome most of the objections.

In the case of the sales-income tax proposal, even though it may be killed it seems to us people now see it is no magic answer to our tax problems but that something is going to have to be done to lessen the tax burden on real property. Perhaps the people are not yet ready to make the jump to the suggested form of taxation, but certainly we are more fully informed on the question than we were before the legislature began its consideration of the measure.

As for the bill to abolish the turnpike authority, most of us will appreciate the fears expressed by legislators that the authority goes too far and is an invasion of rights which we are not ready to sanction. It is possible, however, if the bill is passed and the authority is repealed we will simply have backed up for another start on the problem. We can't ignore it, and it would seem some type of authority will have to be substituted for the one abolished. Even though we may not be ready for a turnpike in Nebraska, the state certainly will wish to keep in touch with developments and be ready to act when the proper time comes.

So, without attempting at this time to evaluate the work of the present session of the legislature even before its record has been made, we believe much has been done to lay the foundation for future progress by making us fully aware of both sides of several important questions. That may be preferable to speedy passage of bills without proper deliberation.

Fine Feathered Economists
Having engaged in a little bird watching lately, we are impressed with their resemblance to some of our fine feathered friends in the field of economics. Although the following birds are actual, any similarity to economists living or dead is purely intentional.

The penguin, who wobbles from side to side and struts his stuff at banquets and conventions.

The eagle, who soars among the clouds and rarely gets down to earth.

The parrot, who simply repeats what other parrots are saying.

She was in tears. Honeymoon days were in the past in her native land across the seas. The glow of romance was but a memory as the drama of life seemed little short of tragedy. She had married an American soldier in her native Germany, a young woman of culture entrusting her future to a soldier boy from Nebraska. Or was he? At any rate, their home at present is in our capital city. From a courting gallant, that guy had become a cruel and abusive husband, and the wife was often in tears. A sympathetic neighbor woman saw her tears. The heart-burdened woman told her story. She was taken to consult a lawyer and when she informed her obstreperous husband what she planned to do he mellowed and decided to treat his wife as all gentlemen treat their life's companion.

Her friends in Lincoln know her as "Grandma" Johnson, a 95-year-old grandmother, who has spent most of her life in Nebraska and has children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and still another generation. She was put aboard a plane at a point in the state of Washington to return to her homeland after a sojourn with "the folks" out there. Blind — or nearly so — she sat strapped in her plane seat when the stewardess noticed a worried look upon her aged face and asked her what the trouble was. "What are we sitting here for, why don't we get going?" "Grandma" wanted to know. She was told they were "going" as fast as the plane could fly. She discovered that when her son met her at the airport in Lincoln at 8 o'clock that evening.

A young miss, teacher of a rural school in Cherry county, got into print but first into court. She is said to have drawn a fine of \$100 on the strength of a parental complaint that their cherished child, the teacher's lone pupil, suffered from "assault and battery" administered by the teacher. It was formerly the custom if we violated school room rules and incurred the displeasure of Miss Willie, we got a whaling and when the folks found it out, we got another when we got home. Must have been fun in those days to be the teacher, but who cares to be one now? The young woman teacher up in Cherry county turns over to his honor a month's pay check or goes to jail for endeavoring to maintain discipline in the school room.

Probably many Lincoln citizens were fearful last evening—not of a bomb raid, but of the weather prognosticator's threatened tornado. It was supposed to have swept all of eastern Nebraska and scattered the wreckage across Iowa. The day had been troubled with gales bringing in from denuded fields far to the south and windswept prairies, sunbaked bits of earth. At mid-afternoon warning came out of Kansas City that hail storms and tornados would hit us. Nothing happened. Morning came, bathing the landscape in sunlight, and we are all here.

There were visitors at the statehouse today. So it is every day. The visitors today among other outstayers and out-of-staters who drew special attention included a delegation of 165 public school pupils from rural schools of Boone county. Other places of interest in the city were visited by the young people. High school students to the number of 836 from various Nebraska towns, and a group of outstate editors were also in capitalland during the week.

The hummingbird, who flits from hedge to hedge.

The heron, who has a shallow approach but sticks its neck out anyway.

The owl, who looks wise and doesn't give a hoot for the opinions of others.

The stork, who thinks all we need is lots of babies.

The sparrow, who darts off at a tangent whenever it is cornered.

The loon, who always sounds the same doleful note.

The pelican, who swallows every fish story that comes along.

The magpie, who chatters, so incessantly that no one else can be heard.

The guinea hen, who lays an egg every time it opens its mouth.

The raven, who quotes ominous rumors of disaster.

The whippoorwill, who blames others when it gets out on a limb.

The starling, who is a constant nuisance around government buildings.

The dodo, who was originally a Russian economist.

Threat Can Be a Favor
A father of three children in the northeast section of town overtook a teenage speeder the other day, pointed out to the unthinking driver that 32 children lived in the block and under no circumstances would he (the father of three) permit such screwball driving again. The lecturer further warned the whiz kid he would personally administer a sound thrashing if ever there is a recurrence.

The whizzer now avoids the block and, we understand, his driving habits are improved.

This demonstrates to us there is at least one way remaining to handle the crazy teenagers who do not know how to behave at the wheel. Of course, the righteously concerned father of three is now committed to do some dirty work that should have been done long ago by the parents. If compelled by circumstances to carry out the threat, he will be doing a favor for both the whizzer and the whizzer's blinded parents.

THE FRONTIER

CARROLL W. STEWART, Editor and Publisher
Editorial & Business Offices: 122 South Fourth St.
Address correspondence: Box 330, O'Neill, Nebr.
Established in 1880 — Published Each Thursday

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 on request. All subscriptions are paid-in-advance.

Audited (ABC) Circulation—2,335 (Mar. 31, 1954)

When You And I Were Young...

Saloon License Upped to \$1,000

Krotters to Extend Telephones

50 Years Ago
The new city officials were installed at a session lasting most of the afternoon. Saloon licenses were approved at the meeting and it was voted that licenses cost \$1,000. The sheriff met an incoming freight train from the West to arrest a traveling man who is charged by a hotel man in Stuart with the theft of a sum of money. . . B. Gillespie went to Rushville Sunday night to look over the strip of government land north of there that was recently thrown open to settlement. . . Congressman Kinkaid has accepted an invitation to address the old settlers at the annual picnic of the Old Settlers' association of Hughes county, S. D. Before coming to O'Neill, Congressman Kinkaid was a resident of Pierre, where he started a bank. He sold it and came to O'Neill following the famous Missouri river floods in 1881. At the time of the floods the bank building was endangered and he had to move nearly \$30,000 in coin to a nearby hill for safety. . . Bob McClintock has been transferred from the O'Neill-Sioux City express run on the Great Northern to a run in Minnesota and will remove his family from O'Neill to Wilmar, Minn. . . Krotter and Co. are building an addition to the main office at Stuart, making an extension to the telephone department, and are materially changing the inside and outside of the building.

20 Years Ago
Loed Janousek will return to O'Neill after an absence of two years. He entered into a contract with R. H. Parker and will be the tenant of the new building that Mr. Parker is going to construct on Douglas street. . . The Gatz Brothers are building an addition to their ice and storage plant south of the Burlington tracks. . . Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sargent held openhouse in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. They were united in marriage in this city on April 30, 1885. Both came to the county around 1879. . . Miss Florence Pate McCook is a new resident in the city. She has accepted a position with the O'Neill Production Credit Association.

10 Years Ago
Lieutenant Madeline Ullom departed for a replacement camp in New York to reenter army service. . . Bennet Gillespie has bought the building occupied by R. E. Osborn and will move his radio and electric equipment into it as soon as vacated. . . The alumni of St. Mary's residing in Omaha will host a banquet at the Fontenelle hotel in May. . . Ernie Pyle, famous war correspondent, was killed on the island of Okinawa. . . Alvin Heese of Page has been awarded the bronze star for meritorious service. . . Sgt. Harold L. Young has been chosen to lead the weekly informal discussion group for men of his engineering section at an Eighth air force bomber station in England. These discussion programs are part of the air forces "orientation" program designed to stimulate thought and controversy concerning postwar problems.

One Year Ago
Ira H. Moss was nominated by President Eisenhower for the office of postmaster at O'Neill. . . Mrs. Mattie Johnson celebrated her 95th birthday anniversary. Mrs. Anna McCartney, 75, retired O'Neill business woman, died at St. Anthony's hospital here in O'Neill. . . A 60-piece harmony band and two choruses, all composed of rural school pupils, will be featured in the Holt county eighth grade promotion exercises. . . Don Templemeyer, athletic coach for two terms at Holbrook, has been signed by St. Mary's academy to be full-time high school teacher and athletic coach. . . A blizzard ushered May into O'Neill and vicinity.

"OLD RELIABLE" MARKET REPORT

Tuesday, May 3rd
Auction
Cattle receipts 676 head. Continued strong prices prevailed this week on a larger run with the better kinds in the best demand. Gotschall Bros. with 115 heifers weighing 485 lbs topped the heifer sale at \$18.50 cwt. Albert Sterns with steer calves at \$24.00 was the days best on steers. The bulk of the light yearlings sold from \$22.25 to \$24.00; plainer steers \$19.50 to \$22.00 with choicest and dairy types down to \$13.00 cwt. Comparable heifers were well received at prices mostly \$16.75 to \$18.50 cwt.

Two year old fleshy steers sold from \$19.75 to \$21.25; only a few feeding heifers on hand mostly \$15.00 to \$16.25 cwt. Not enough breeding cows to test the market. Suckling calves sold from \$15.00 to \$30.00 per head. Butcher cattle found a ready market with beef cows selling from \$11.50 to \$13.00 cwt. high cutters \$10.00 to \$11.25; low cutters 1/2 canners \$8.00 to \$9.75; Beef bulls \$11.50 to \$13.24 cwt.

Next Auction Tuesday, May 10th
THE OLD RELIABLE
Atkinson Livestock Market
Phone 5141
Atkinson, Nebr.

Lynch Teachers Named for 1955-'56

LYNCH—The following teachers were reelected last week for the year 1955-'56: Superintendent—Eldon Koplin; athletic coach—Warren Emry; shop—Jack Rohrborg; home economics—Nels Nelson; English—Delores Van Hove; history—Mrs. Eldon Koplin; eighth grade—Madlen Pekko; third and fourth—Mrs. Marvin Petersen. Two vacancies are to be filled.

Nature Hike Finds New Boarders for Rock Falls School

ROCK FALLS—The Rock Falls school pupils have been extremely busy. On Wednesday, April 20, they attended the rural school chorus practice in O'Neill. Following the practice, they went to the public library to browse around. It was a first visit for most of the children, and all had been wanting to go. Mrs. Henry Vequist, Mrs. Louis Brown and Mrs. Albert Widfeldt provided transportation. Last Thursday they ate lunch outside. At a walk to a pond not too far from the school and brought back water snails and pond animal eggs. On Friday, the pupils acquired an aquarium and took another walk to the pond. As a result of the two trips, two little frogs, several snails and innumerable tiny, wierd and wriggling water creatures are now also at home in the school—new "boarders," if you please. As Friday was arbor day, the pupils spent much of the morning setting out lilacs, spirea, rose bushes, hollyhocks and other plants and shrubs. The rain on Saturday was a perfect follow-up. On Monday, April 25, Mrs. Don Hynes and Mrs. John Schultz took the pupils to O'Neill to see the art exhibit from the University of Nebraska. The pictures were done in such media as oil paint, water color, pen and ink, pencil, and lithograph work, and covered subjects from horses and scenery to politics and modern art. They also visited the offices and plant of The Frontier, where members of the staff showed the operations in the printing of a newspaper. They were especially fascinated by the linotype machine (which miraculously produces little lead slugs with children's names on them) and the press on which printing is done in color. The big thrill was talking with Mr. Stewart while he made his voice come out of a radio for the group. Window-shopping and playing on the playground equipment at the public school climaxed a wonderful and educational afternoon.

Former SMA Student Ordained a Priest

Rev. Carl L. Ferris, a former student at St. Mary's academy, was ordained a Catholic priest at Grand Island Tuesday morning. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Ferris of Valentine. The ordination was conducted by Most Rev. John L. Paschang, D.D. Four other priests were ordained at the same ceremony. Father Ferris will conduct his first mass at 10 a.m., today (Thursday) at St. Nicholas church in Valentine. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 at the Valentine auditorium and a reception will be held there from 5 to 8 p.m.

Church League Ball Scores Posted
CHAMBERS—The American Legion sponsored church league baseball games got underway Saturday, April 30. The Chambers Methodist and Chambers Baptist teams played at the fair grounds; the latter winning by a score of 7-6. The Bethany Presbyterian met the Ballagh team at Ballagh. The score was 8-2 in favor of Bethany. The town grade school boys defeated the country grade school boys, 12-3. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Waitley Kathy of Omaha spent Sunday at the Harold Shaw home.

African Articles Displayed by Speaker

STUART—The home demonstration clubs of the Stuart community held their annual spring program at the fireman's hall Monday afternoon. Mrs. Pollo Berry, president of the Sana Creek Improvement club, welcomed the guests and introduced the presidents of the clubs. They are: Mrs. Herbert Sweet of the Cleveland Clackers; Mrs. Arthur Kaplan of the Haydettes; and Mrs. Dale Henderson of the Happy Hour. Mrs. Robert Martens of Atkinson, county chairman of home demonstration clubs, gave a short talk. Ladies of the Cleveland Clackers presented vocal numbers. A style show was given by the home economics class of the Stuart high school. Fourteen young ladies modeled dresses they had made in their sewing class. Mrs. Robert Bichel, home economics teacher, told the experiences they had with various patterns and materials. The guest speaker was Miss Uniola Adams, a missionary nurse home from Liberia, Africa for a rest period. Her interesting talk was illustrated by colored slides and articles made and used by the people of Liberia. A social hour followed the program with the Haydettes club serving coffee and cookies. Sixty-one ladies were present, 34 of whom were invited guests.

Reporter Takes Group on Gavin's Tour
STUART—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fullerton of Atkinson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Mitchell to Yankton, S.D., Sunday where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Scott and family. The afternoon was spent sight-seeing at Gavin's Point dam near Yankton and a drive in the city viewing historical and modern buildings of interest. Mr. Scott is a reporter on the Daily Press and Dakotan at Yankton and made the trip very interesting. Your whole family will enjoy the "Wings Over Jordan" concert. Tell others to bring their families.

Announcing . . . OUR ONCOMING Registered Hereford Bull SALE at WINNER, S.D. Monday, May 23
Offering Will Include 45 HEAD of Supreme and Aster Breeding
C. M. Christensen & Son
Dundee, Minnesota and Reliance, So. Dak.

Rural & City PHILLIPS "66" PRODUCTS
New & Used Tires Greasing & Washing
Borg's '66' Service
PROMPT TANKWAGON SERVICE
Phillips "66" Station
Phone 382

350-400 Head of Cattle
● There will be 350 to 400 head of cattle at the regular weekly sale to be held today (Thursday) at the O'Neill Livestock Market.
● Included in the offering will be steer and heifer calves and some yearlings—some real good quality cattle.
● We are also expecting around 150 feeder pigs plus the usual run of fat hogs.
● Plan to attend the sale in O'Neill today to fulfill your livestock needs.

O'Neill Livestock Market
Phone 2, O'Neill

PANGBURN'S
Western Style CHOCOLATES

Don't forget Mother on her day, May 8th. She'll appreciate your remembering and especially if it's Pangburn's. See the large selection of lavishly decorated Mother's Day Packages at our Candy Department.

GILLIGAN'S REXALL DRUG -- O'Neill
Phone 87 — O'Neill

Winning a new customer every 31 seconds

Every 31 seconds—day and night—another beer drinker switches to Hamm's. What attracts all these folks? They tell us it is Hamm's special kind of crisp, clean-cut taste, with smoothness "aged-in." It's an unusually refreshing flavor which we have captured here in the land of sky blue waters. Won't you be curious? Just once, try Hamm's Beer.

Theo. Hamm Brewing Co., St. Paul, Minn.

Hamm's
the beer from the land of sky blue waters