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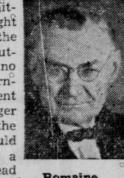
Scattering Smiles, Sunshine Pays

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN It costs only a penny for a bit of | candy to make a little child happy. Toss a puppy a scrap of your leftover dinner-he wiggles all over with puppy gratitude:

Out of work, out of money, homeless and, as he thought, friendlesscin a strange place, a man

of clean countenance sat in a railroad station where I awaited the arrival of a midnight train. He blanned to spend the night there away from the outside winter cold. He had no money. What would the morning bring? Handed sufficient funds to o supplyo his hunger needs his eye lighted with the flame of gratitude voice could not express. You may hand a hungry man a crust of bread but nothing fevives hope, inspires to crenewed effort like the



feel of real cash. A new pair of shoes brought a

thrill of happiness to the one receiving them and to the giver. A cup of cold water brought to a mother whose crying child in her arms was thus soon put to sleep. All of which costs a little in effort and money - but so little! Then "scatter smiles and sunshine all along your way; cheer and brighten every passing day!" In the election of November, 1902, M. P. Kinkaid of O'Neill was elected a member of congress,

the first republican to be elected in the Sixth Nebraska congressional district, now the Fourth. . . by Rev. M. F. Cassidy. . . Another wedding was that on November 25 that year when Harvey Stocking and Miss Kittie Bright were married, the ceremony taking place at the home of Miss Bright's brother, C. L. Bright, a minister from Norfolk officiating. , . Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Birma group of O'Neill citizens who went to Neligh to spend the day with the B. J. Ryans, formerly of O'Neill. . . December 17, that year, two of O'-Neill's prominent housewives died, Mrs. M. M. Sullivan, wife of a prominent merchant, and Mrs. G. W. Smith, wife of the Short Line agent. School dismissed and district court adjourned for the funerals.

A home and family life are not for the patriof who has been drawn into the army. And home and family life are the American's heritage because of those who left home and family life to fight to establish a nation of free

It may be a case of "must," but is it necesdesires to exercise his authority? The streets of O'Neill were wide enough for the array of covered wagons, for the bucking horses plunging high, wide and handsome and the clutter of automobiles and trucks racing through town. That rerouting highways has anything toodo with reducing highway accidents is questionable. If the changes suggested for O'Neill are made, who pays all the expenses thus involved—the hapless property owner? The streets of O'Neill are much wider than the streets found at Grand Island and other cities through which many overland buses and much heavy traffic moves and which are cample for present day needs.

It was immediately following the world tragedy occasioned by the ambitions of Kaiser Wilhelm that frightening tales were circulated warning us of deadly things science had introduced to wipe out the earth's living. We are still here. Now it's the H-bomb that's going to do it. Val Peterson of the civil defense office is going to exhibit pictures of what the latest cargo of destruction can do, not to frighten but to inform. And being informed, if you are of normal human makeup you are also frightened. A mob may wipe out any city any minute, is the warning. If so, you can't do a thing about it when blown to atoms. Ancient Ninevah had 40 days warning that a celestial bomb would fall on that great city if the inhabitants did not mend their ways. The mayor of the city started a reform movement and Jonah was disappointed that the Ninevehites were spared. Not that Val would be disappointed if neither an enemy nor a bungling patriot get around to blow up some of us.

The GOP in Nebraska will probably neither gain nor lose prestige as a result of bringing that fighting Irishman from Wisconsin, Senator Joe McCarthy, into the state for the preprimary keynoter. But he will at least be entertaining as he has not only the gift of gab bu tan originality that sets him apart from the mill run of political spellbinders.

March slunk away leaving a bit of melting snow, in came April on a big blow, the sun marked off the hours in flaming grandeur and for Hunter college, N.Y., to begin Jack Meals was shaping his affairs to move his | tints the west at eventide with a flash of gold of her training in the WAVES. family to Valdez, Alaska. . At a 6 o'clock cere- departed day. With the gathering shadows the A former O'Neillite, Gerald mony the morning of November 19, 1902, George | wind goes to rest. April is on its way down the | Cress, is campaigning for city Shoemaker and Miss Nellie Joyce were married pathway of time and introduces to prairieland another season of wind and rain necessary to the fulfillment of human hopes forever anchored to the soil. Wind and sunshine and showers wipe away the picture drawn by winter's frosts upon the window pane and bring to life another season's flowing robes of green and crowns of gold. ingham and Mr and Mrs. D. Clem Deaver formed And so in our lives, the winds of adversity blow away the dust of time and the showers of count- will be presented in a recital less blessings wash away life's shadows and let by Mrs. Charles B. Houser at the the sunshine in, so at the dawn of each new day you awaken to get out and do your stuff for another eight hours.

> Whether Gov. Robert Crosby's varied taxation proposals would be any improvement over the present setup is anybody's guess. What we have today is certainly no advance step from the old way of precinct assessors going the rounds from citizen to citizen and listing the property, which for the most part meant an honest return of goods and chattels. But this is a day of big ideas and we will have something to chew the

his "taxable" ideas. It is something like 50 years ago Governor Savage was busy explaining why he paroled Joe Bartley, judicially assigned to the pen because of a half-million dollar shortage as state treasurer.

The county afforney of Lancaster county joins the chorus of those who think the world's problems can be settled by a special session of

It is harder to be poor without complaining than to be rich without boasting.-Chinese

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Leaving Stuart

50 Years Ago For want of a better place to go, Dan Cashman returned to O'Neill after extensive traveiing over the United States. . A new soda fountain has been installed at the Gilligan & Stout drug store. . . Miss Lillie Galleher will resign from her teaching position in Stuart to go to

the Cour d' Alene public schools

at a salary of \$60 per month. 20 Years Ago A furnace explosion in the Scott building caused property damage estimated at close to . . Six inches of snow blanketed O'Neill the latter part cf the week with more on the way, according to predictions of the weatherman. . . C. E. Melena began work on Mrs. Margaret Clauson's beauty shop building. . F. M. Reese of Valentine arrived in O'Neill to assume the duties of agriculture agent, a position made vacant by the resignation of James W. Rooney.

10 Years Ago Margaret Hammond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hammond, and Lt. W. H. Bowker of were married at St. John's Catholic church in Om-Constance Golden left councilman in Denver, Colo.

One Year Ago The air force research center has selected a location north and east of O'Neill for the site of the largest and most exhaustive wind research field tests ever attempted in meteorological history. . . Miss Carolyn Watson St. Mary's auditorium. . . The junior American Legion auxiliary held an Easter egg hunt in the American Legion auditorium. Fourteen children were esent. . . George Hammond, "Voice of The Frontier" anouncer, preached for two minutes on sane and safe driving ver the Easter holiday-a result of a hair raising trip from Sioux City to O'Neill made by the Hammond family "Many travelers depend upon the saneness of others for their own safety on the highways."

'Dish Washing'

The Evergreen 4-H club held its sixth meeting with all but one member present. At the

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Session, Pat Wabs and Anita Mike Wabs and Shirley Storbolar Balantyne and Faye Irene were table and serving a meal. Sharmake a shoulder cover. Susan March 22.

Mike Wabs and Shirley Storbolar bottom bottesses to the girls Monday, Rev. and Mrs. March 22.

The next meeting will be April 20 with roll call a safety slo-Lillie Galleher Is gan and a picture to match the slogan. A shoulder cover or laundry bag is to be made by

on True demonstrated how to Margitz and Linda Storjohann make a potholder. Other mem- will demonstrate how to wash at \$60 Per Month bers judged potholders made by dishes. — By Bonna Margritz, news reporter. news reporter.

> Nifty Needlers Get Record Books-

laundry bag is to be made by fins was given by Connie Riege Ballantyne. A lunch of jell c, the older members for the meet- in the presence of the Nifty cake and cocoa was served.—By

Record books and project lessons were given to the members. visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marlene Frahm and Diane John Hall, formerly of O'Neill. Marlene Frahm and Diane Cork were guests of the girls. Diane decided to join the club. Songs led by Donna and Janis Crumly opened the meeting. A demonstration on plain muf- Games were led by Faye Irene

Rev. and Mrs. Wayne A. Hall departed Monday for Blue Earth, Minn., where they will

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Editorial

More of the Same?

Nebraska highway system is producing some interestingo reactions.

The stations are doing a landoffice business and the penalty money is pouring into school coffers in the counties in which the stations are located. On any given day the Nebraska highway patrol elects o to open a weighing station, all truck traffic on the routes on which the station is situated is obligated to stop for weight check-

For years the behemoths of the highway have been getting away with murder, overloading their outfits to the hilt. The Nebraska legislature has ordered a "get tough" policy and the carriers guilty of overloading are being nabbed right-and-left and frequently are ordered to reduce their cargo before proceeding.

Some of the national truck lines vary in their approach to the problem when their drivers are detained. In one instance a roving peacemaker comes along periodically, graciously pays the accumulated fines and costs and moves oto the next county in which his boys have been in weight station trouble. On the other hand, another national concern turns out a ream of gobbledeegook with the idea their legal beagles will wear down the hick county officers and charges will be dropped. One truck line operating through O'Neill has had one of its drivers found guilty of overloading six times at the station located east of Inman at the junction of U.S. highways 20 and 275.

o The weighing stations are odistributed throughout Nebraska without particular regard tions to defeat an overload abuse that had been to population but with the interception idea in mind, making it difficult for any truck driver to wilfully bypass a check point while a weighing seige is in progress.

(Of course, oncoming drivers sometimes get signals from others who have been through the mill. The oncoming guy thereupon pulls off to the side of the road for a snooze or sweats it out in a town for the duration, resuming his trip a few hours behind schedule. And, occasionally, patrolmen are not outfoxed by this and simply work overtime to finish the job.)

But the real point we wish to make is this: Counties (like Holt) are now enjoying an advantage over counties without stations (there are 81 in the latter category). As we've stated before, the big portion of the fines collected goes to the schools in the counties in which the charges are pressed. Already a substantial sum has found its way into Holt county schools-perhaps \$5,000.

Many persons and some state legislators are now aware of this situation and already are licking their chops and devising ways and means of a more equitable distribution of weighing station spoils. North-central and western Nebraska people, who have been close to the school land lease issue for years are not shedding tears for eastern Nebraskans, who all of a sudden are squawking for weight station revenue. Eastern Nebraska school land long since has been sold and placed

Inauguration a few months ago of 12 stra- | western portions of the state, where most school tegically located truck weighing stations on the land is located, lease rentals have gone sky high and schools throughout the state benefit proportionately. Many lessees wouldn't resent the rough rental treatment of recent years if the moneys were spent locally-in the county.

Comes now the order to liberate a half-hundred or more patrolmen from desk jobs and weighing scales and put them on the highways to crack down on speeders and other traffic offenders. They are to be replaced in the administrative work by non-uniformed employees, whose pay will come from the state highway department's budget. Or stated another way, pay for the 63 new employees will be subtracted from new highway construction projects.

Howsoever noble and well-intended are Gov. Robert Crosby's desires to cut highway injuries and deaths by liberating a half-hundred or more patrolmen, we wonder if it isn't a mistake. It apparently makes no difference how many patrolmen there are-they seldom arrest the driver of a highway boxcar for speeding. We can't recall when last a big bruiser was arrested and fined for speeding in these parts, and neither could a court official with whom we checked. In visiting with other newspaper men we find that, strangely enough, very few big boys are hailed into court for speeding in other sections of the state, and it takes only 30 minutes or less to find two or three of them pounding the roads at unlawful rates of speed, inflicting tremendous punishment of the roadbed and compounding the risks of the open road.

The legislature authorized the weighing stagenerally practiced for years. We'd like to ask Governor Crosby if the half-hundred or more liberated patrolmen are going to give us more of the same or if they are really going to crack down on the big boys as well as the passenger car

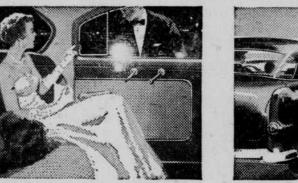
Your temper is one of the few things that mproves the longer you keep it.

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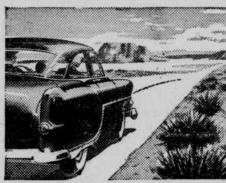
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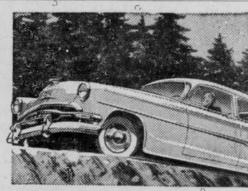
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