Prairieland Talk . . .

Judge 'One of the Boys'

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN-The death of Judge J. J. Harrington removes about the last of a picturesque group which half a century ago kept the political wa-

Jim, as he was familiarly and, I believe, likably known, cared but little for political or religious or social differences when he landed in O'-

Neill as a young fellow from Canada. He was soon "one of the boys"-riding broncos, playing ball, running foot races and doing the "muscle grind" on the horizontal bar as one of the Star Athletic club members, It was in riding a wild horse that he sustained an injured limb that remained to the last.

Always aggressive, manhood impressed him with the serious business of living and he turned to the law profession as his brother, M. F., did and he was soon in the thick of the political turmoil of the

populist and fusion days. As district judge, J. J.'s interpretation of the law stood the test of the higher courts. As a citizen he was interested in the welfare of the people of the community and even those on the other side of the political iron curtain that hung so long across prairieland esteemed the Harringtons as citizens and recognized their outstanding ability in legal matters.

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Medical science has been looking into the cloud of smoke floating everywhere and now comes forward with the startling results of its findings whereby the cigarette will lose some of its popularity. Or would the fag devotees rather court lung cancer or heart failure than give up the little paper-wrapped goddess where, it is said, lurks an evil? On trains, in busses, in public places and private dwellings, the non-smoker is enveloped in a smoke fog produced by fags hanging from the lips of men, women and kids. Cigarettes were outlawed as "coffin nails" at one time in Nebraska. The popularity of the cigarette began with the first world war when tons of packages were sent to the soldiers, many of whom started smoking for the first time. The cigar and pipe have not been mentioned in connection with lung and heart ailments by the scientists, and happily the oldtimers who availed themselves of the free "filling stations" in the grocery stores to fill up their corncob pipes, knew nothing of such things as lung cancer and bad hearts, but looked with real contempt on a cigarette if a fellow wanted a real smoke. The writer of one of the Scripture epistles said of the man who defiles his body: "Him will God destroy." Cancer and heart disease reap a harvest of human life greater than that wrought by bombs and

Among the books published presenting facts and fiction of pioneer Nebraska life this 100th anniversary of the territory which later became a state, Mrs. Marie Murphy, librarian at South Sioux City, has undertaken to prepare a scrap book of recipes that made up the cooking lore of the pioneers. Their cooking consisted mostly in boiling home-grown potatoes and milk gravy; if luck favored-a fried prairie chicken or two and sometimes a feed of jerked venison. But no recipe was needed as you sat by the evening campfire and held a cut from the hind quarter of a tough wild steer over the coals to roast.

Fifty years ago, Dan Cronin, then county treasurer but still operating his farm, introduced alfalfa in his community with satisfying results. . . Sheriff Charley Hall reported in July that year that during the previous 30 days there had

been 10 gents confined in the county jail involving insanity, horse stealing, rape and "disturbing the peace." . . Leo, Johnnie and Harry Zimmerman lost out in a tussle with their run-away nag and a new buggy their dad had recently bought them was converted into a pile of rubbish. . . John Skirving, a restless soul, joined the trek to Bonesteel, S.D., where he holed up for a few weeks. . . Art Mullen and Jim Donohoe, FDR democrats, attended the populist national convention at Springfield, Ill., as delegates from

When about to let go, drop it! Just a step ahead is someone who needs a lift.

The sun inflames a cloudless sky today in the march of centuries from horizon to horizon. The wind blows from off the Kansas wheat fields and stately trees wave their leaf-laden branches high overhead. The mid-day heat bathes the brow with sweat and we seek the cooling waters of the bath only to come out and sweat again. At Marion, Ia., several hundred So the shade of a lordly cottonwood beckons and its boughs, bending in the wind, fan hot cheeks. And in it all there floats across the vision a scene of quiet beauty of a warm summer day on prairieland. From far northern Wisconsin woods where arctic chill still lingers have come visitors to our neighborhood and they feel they have stepped over the threshold of another garden of became intimate with the drink-

Drive slowly down Douglas street, The bank corner is a cop's beat-Blue-coated and adorned; Better not honk your horn For Big Joe is now the chief And you may come to grief!

From June 1 to 30 the Nebraska 4-H'ers have been busy. June 1 to 4 started off with club week when the young folks took over in Lincoln and from then on clubs and gatherings were held in various communities throughout the state. Representatives of Nebraska clubs went to Washington, D.C., to represent the state organizations at the national camp.

The FHA club at Ewing, composed of youth of the community, dolled up the Ewing public library premises, the boys trimimng trees, cleaning the grounds and fixing fences while the girls | ing to the rails, commuting to arranged flower beds and planted shrubs. The Women's club over at Spencer helped out the town library with a gift of 25 dollars.

Keith Neville, Nebraska's governor up to the early '20's, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for U.S. senator and will probably get it. Having reached three score years and 10, public life now calls again. The worst thing republicans can say about him is that he is a Truman demo-

Four young people-one a young womanfrom distant lands are spending the summer in Nebraska farm homes through an international exchange to learn the way of rural life in America. Thes guests will see and experience home life at its best as visitors in prairieland.

Editorial . . .

No Place for Faint Hearts

(Guest editorial from Stanton Register)

It's really a wonder the average American these days has courage enough to face each succeeding day.

He's beset on all sides by trials and tribulations. Scarcely does he overcome one obstacle before another rears its ugly head. In recent weeks he's sat in awed silence while reading and hearing of the terrors of H-bomb warfare; then been frightened by prospects of American troops being sent to Indochina to resume a fight we'd thought was settled in Korea.

He's read of how once-friendly France is not sympathetic to a pact which would assist in combattling communism in Europe; is told and retold by Sen. Joe McCarthy that the government is infiltrated with reds; hears from one side of an economist's mouth that the nation is going rapidly downhill and we are certain to be depressionridden within the year, then gets to the other side of the mouth just in time to hear the economist predict prosperity for all and a chicken in

If he's not sufficiently worried about all the economic and social woes of the world as they relate to his own life, he can find cause to be concerned in the warnings of the Cancer society, the "danger signs" of the Heart Research institute or the advent of another polio season.

And if he takes all this in stride, he can become fearful when he takes his automobile out on the highways and is constantly reminded by sign and radio, that the slaughter rate among motorists is constantly growing and the "life you save may be your own!"

If our man is a particularly hardy soul, he could very well relax in the comfort of his own living room, turn on television-and be warned in ominous tones that "eight out of every 10 fa-

tal accidents occur in the home.' This old world is no place for a faint heart.

If Everyone Traded at Home

If every car, new suit of men's clothes, new hats, dresses, etc., for milady, shoes, radio sets, television sets, drugs, gasoline and tires, hardware, heating plants, produce and feed, groceries and other items used or needed in everyday living and business were to be brought from local suppliers, you would notice some of these things begin to happen:

Local merchants would have to expand quickly to handle the increased business-your clothing dealer would need an extra clerk, maybe more; your filling stations would put on more men; your radio and TV dealers would need more help, and could offer even better service; your hardware and other hard lines dealers could and would expand their services; your auto dealers would sell more cars, more cars would require more servicing, and more mechanics—and so on down the list.

All these workers would come from the age bracket which is in the family raising era. The average family, the census people say, is 4.2 peo-

have a sizeable increase in population.

More population means more students in our schools and the opportunity to add more courses and instructors, thus making the schools more attractive than ever. More population adds to the opportunities of our doctors and other professional people and merchants.

You would see the appearance of better streets, fine buildings and many public conveniences and luxuries. All by just trading at home.

Think about this, you people who save a few dimes, or even dollars - or think you can save them-when you buy or order away from home. A little of the golden rule applied right now, right here at home, would be the greatest shot in the arm the town could have.

The dollar spent away from home does the community no good. Let the home fellow make

Forget the grouses and gripes about "the other guy" for six months to a year. Spend your dollars at home. And within a year, you'd never know the old home town-in community understanding, improvement and general all around gains. The better the town gets and looks, the more others will want to come here. It's a golden circle that helps everyone.

Gov. Robert Crosby has had an opportunity to appoint two U.S. senators within the span of three months-certainly some kind of a record. Both Mrs. Eva Bowring and Sam Reynolds are interim appointees; both are republicans succeeding republicans.

The Eisenhower administration is to be congratulated for winning the diplomatic battle (early phases of it, anyway) down in Guatemala. It's the first diplomatic setback handed a Moscow-guided foreign government for a long, long

A starving nobody can steal a loaf of bread and go to jail; and a prosperous, smooth-operating business man can steal a million dollars and be considered a smart business man.

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News, Views and Gossip

BY THE EDITOR

Vacation Concept.

NEW YORK CITY - For a number of years we had hankered to load the wife and three kids aboard a rail liner and get away from this publishing business for an outing. The destina-

tion wasn't too important. We took the view the vacation would begin when we boarded a train. Our expectations proved

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Milwaukee road (CMSt.P&P) and Baltimore & Ohio, we were transplanted leisurely, comfortably and luxuriously to this fantastic island

noon and early evening hours of June 23. We noted thousands of acres of fine Iowa farmland in- ly pictured in the layout. undated by water from recent rains and rivers were swollen. workmen frantically were trying to save a power plant with sandbagging. The floods didn't deter the Milwaukee-its rail bed is high above the rampaging Des Moines river.

The kids made friends and. while the trip was still young, ing fountains, sliding curtains, Hiawatha Indian motif and reclining chair controls.

Arriving in Chicago we changed stations about 9 o'clock and the readymade Pullman beds were awaiting the kids. Pop and mom were rested and relaxed and the kids were delighted with the novelty of it all.

Within a few minutes they were asleep. Next morning, Pittsburg, Pa. That afternoon, Washington, D.C. That evening around 8 o'clock - our destination on the New Jersey side of the Hudson river, almost within the shadows of the Manhattan

Highway travel in the East is rough. It's rough, sometimes treacherous and we get the impression he who hesitates is lost. We're having a few sidetrips by car, but by and large we're stickthe big island, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, etc.

East Is Anti-Joe . . .

summer has been the McCarthy

international-minded newspacommentators have done a rath- brovolny home on June 25. er thorough job on Joe. We've our own satisfaction and find anne Lansworth. Lawrence Dothe few conservative business- brovolny gave the boys pointers men with whom we chatted gen- on judging a calf. erally favorable to Joe and his whom we talked, cried "fascist" in reference to the junior sena- Johring gave a demonstration tor from Wisconsin, and ordinary on sewing. Eastern people are, in the majority, anti - McCarthy. Of course, this is an off-hand sampling.

Haven't yet gotten a satisfactory answer, when I ask anti - McCarthyites specifically what is his crime. Occasionally I point out how some of the senators gave Joe a worse time of it than Joe ever gave a traitor. Of course, the traitors would slink out via the Fifth amendment.

By comparison, the Chicago proved his case against the Army. A rival Chicago paper, the Daily News, also took a poll and Joe was a handsome winner. Weigh this midwestern attitude sampling and it boils down to

who reads what, back, is hot for McCarthy. She said the hearings awakened her to skull-duggery of some of the writers and commentators. She Entertains at said she listened to and watched Swimming Partythe hearings faithfully and discovered the newspaper, magazine and radio correspondents often were at variance with her interpretations.

"Time was my husband and I believed about everything we ead in the New York Herald-Tribune, Readers' Digest and and Kittie of St. Louis, Mo., ar-Saturday Evening Post, for ex-ample. Not any more." rived Saturday, June 26, to visit at the home of her parents, Mr.

Her husband, by the way, a physicist, is working on a new phone company.

Time to Quit . . .

fad of cigarette smoking. The ed- When You and I Were Young ... itorial concluded:

"The decadence of Spain began when the Spaniards adopted cigarettes, and, if this perni-cious practice obtains among adult Americans, the ruin of the republic is close at hand." But converts to cigarettes con-

ting an ash. Three million cigarettes were consumed by Americans in 1900; 434 billion in 1952. Cigarette smokers in those earlier American days were threatened with fire and brimstone, loss of jobs, tuberculosis, and now, according to all the

papers and magazines, inveterate smokers can expect cancer of the lungs among many of their With this in mind, we decided

to capitalize on our change of routine (vacation, etc.) and quit. As these lines are written, we've been aboard the wagon a week. Moral: Take a trip.

Publicity Stunt . . .

Every New York City newspaper referred to O'Neill or Holt and Florence Mullen. . . Col. Neil wrested a couple hundred years ago from the Indians.

While some folks sweltered we glided from Sioux City to Chicago, Ill. during the after the opening paragraphs of their eclipse stories.

Most paper referred to obtain of their stories and riorche Mullen. . . Col. Neil Brennan has spent the past 30 Fourth of July holidays in O'-Neill. . . John Mulligan and Margaret Dixon were married paper referred to obtain of their stories and riorche Mullen. . . Col. Neil Brennan has spent the past 30 Fourth of July holidays in O'-Neil Brennan has spent the past 30 Most papers carried the build-up on Sunday, June 27. Time Margaret Dixon were married June 27 her Potrick Floriday. Chicago, Ill., during the after- magazine, however, presented an June 27. kev. Patrick Flanigan

> A New Englander was reading the Time piece beside me on a train the day before the scheduled celestial show and I couldn't resist pointing out the O'Neill angle to him,

the seat, and said, "Happy

Paul Wagner, former South Sioux Cityan now civil defense assistant administrator in Washington (serving under Former links of the O'Neill Country Gov. Val Peterson), often has club. . Phillip Weingartner re-chided us about our blizzard turned from a month's visit at varns, wind test enthusiasm, etc. his old home at Rockford, Ill., Visiting with him in his office, he asked how the eclipse of the sun was arranged for Holt coun-

ty. He dryly questioned if it was another publicity stunt. A press sortie was arranged by the Cambridge-Air Force research center, near Boston, and a group of newsmen was flown to the Arctic country to view the eclipse spectacle from upstairs. It was a great temptation

The Cambridge sortie was plan A. Wifey succeeded in scuttling plan B, on the same basis. Plan B called for a break o' dawn trip to the top of the RCA building in New York City and building in New York City and since 1886. . . Henry M. Perkins, a report to "Voice of The Fron- a resident of Holt county for 51 tier" listeners and our readers on years, died at his home in Inman the sight of the century from at the age of 87 years 10 months.

Up and At It Club

Unfortunately, the liberal and at Dobrovolny's-The Up and At It 4-H club had pers and radio and television a meeting at the Lawrence Do-A lesson on judging was given taken a sampling of opinion for by LaDonna McNulty and Jo-

Joan Drayton and Pamela cause. Educators, those with Hammerlun gave a demonstration on how to set a table. Gail

Our next meeting is to be at the Aaron Boshart home July 16. A lunch was served by Mary Peterson and Phylis Dobrovolny. -By Laurine Schmitz, news re-

Mother Ill-

and Berdetta Kay of Inglewood, Mrs. Frank Foreman of Emmet, Calif., arrived in O'Neill Sunday, appeared on the TV show, "For June 27, and Mrs. Bert Harding Kids Only," while visiting in and daughter, Mrs. Jule Waugh, of Whiting, Ia., arrived Monday, struck the home of Miss Cora June 28. They were called here Lee in Lynch about 4 o'clock in Tribune, which dishes out a conservative bill of fare, took a poll and Mrs. Harding's mother, Mrs. the morning, while she slept. . . Dr. Edwin B. Bradley of Spenlast week and over 90 percent of Mattie Johnson, 95, who is a cer recently announced his rethe straw voters said McCarthy patient in Atkinson Memorial tirement from the practice of

COOPER TO HUMPHREY

Paul Cooper, who has had charge of the music department against the eastern seaboard in the Ewing Public school the past year, will head the music department at St. Francis Cath-One woman, wife of a Nobel olic school at Humphrey for the cience prizewinner a few years coming school term. At present, Mr. Cooper is a student at Wayne State Teachers college.

Francie Kelly celebrated her 11th birthday anniversary Tuesday, June 29, by entertaining 30 young friends at a swimming party and wiener roast at Ford

Lt. and Mrs. Robert Berigan and Mrs. W. J. Froelich. Lieutenant Berigan returned to St. Loutransoceanic cable for the tele. is Monday, June 28. Mrs. Berigan and Kittie remained for a few days longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Webster of Albion and Mrs. Fred Hirsch Back in 1884 there appeared of St. Edward were Sunday, in the New York Times an editorial on the comparatively new Verne Reynoldson.

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50 Years Ago Leo, Johnnie and Harry Zimmerman got mixed up in a runaway last Sunday and an \$85 buggy their father had just bought is now pretty nearly a Don Petersen. heap of ruins. Aside from a few scratches the boys were uninjured. . . Suspension of business for one day is not without its effects in a newspaper office. The Frontier shut down for the Fourth, hence we are sticking type now when we ought to be on the press. . F. J. Dishner Mich., arrived Wednesday, June left for So. Louis, Mo., where he 30, and visited until Sunday at will attend the exposition for a Mullen and the Misses Phoebe Reynoldson.

S. J. Weeks left for Kansas City, Mo., where he will attend a farm credit association convention and meetings being held there. . . Twenty-two Holt county boys are to be picked for replacements in the CC camps. When the train stopped, he left They will leave for Omaha this week. . . M. F. O'Donnell and Dr. J. P. Mitchell of Dallas, Tex., arrived in the city last week to visit relatives and friends and improve their golf game on the and said he was mighty glad to get back to the sandhills. He says that this county looks like one of the country's garden spots. H. W. Tomlinson reported the same after a trip into Kansas and

through southeastern Nebraska. . Word has come from the Minnesota headquarters of the O'Neill fishing contingent that Father Leahy is carrying off all to go along for the ride, but tity of fish being captured by wifey pointed out we were on a the members of the delegation. the honors in the size and quan-

Peter W. Duffy, 73, sheriff of Holt county for the past 271/2 years, died at the Stuart hospital. He had lived in Holt county East Is Anti-Joe . . . that angle.

Leaving the celestial affair to the professionals, we slept.

The big conversation piece in the East this spring and early summer has been the McCarthyselor-supervisor of the new offices of the Western Airlines in Denver, Colo. . . Pvt. John Watson arrived home from Camp Claiborne, La., and will spend his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Watson. Nebraska bankers have just re ceived the highest award of the agricultural commission of the

American Bankers association-

the "1,000-plus rating" given for

outstanding banker - farmer

One Year Ago Miss Della Bowden, 89, long will remember the Fourth of July. On that date she was reunited with her "kid' brother, Guy, 75, from Gladstone, Ore. and her "young" sister, Mrs. Nellie Smith. 85, of Winnebago, Mother III— Minn. . Miss Jeanne Kay Fore-Mr. and Mrs. Otto Claussen man, daughter of Mr. and medicine after 50 years in the profession. Forty-one years of the 50 were spent in Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Porter of Columbus spent the June 26 weekend in O'Neill visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter. Mr. and Mrs. Davey of Chicago, Ill., accompanied their son-in-law and daughter, and Mrs. E. E. Porter, to O'Neill.

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of Armour, S.D., were June 26 weekend guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Elgin Ray and Mary Louise spent from June 22 until June 26 in Ainsworth visiting

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nielsen and family of Grand Rapids, the home of her brother-in-law week-others attending are John and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Fri. Sat.

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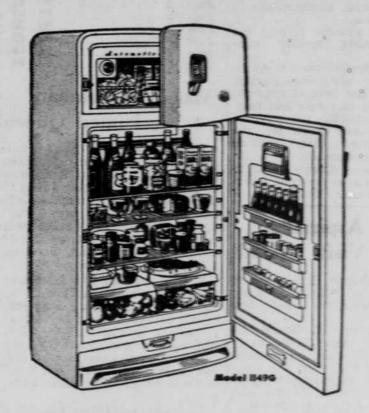
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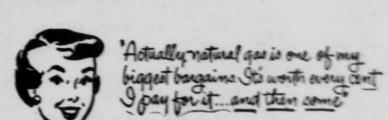
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