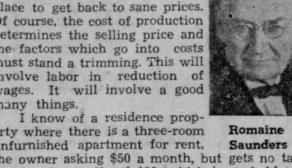
Prairieland Talk . . .

## Crime Diet on TV to Blame

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN - Cattle prices on the toboggan concern the prairieland cow men and it is noted that many have been getting out from under via public sales. Everybody knows and none know it better than the ranchers, that cattle have been and still are outrageously high. So is practically everything else

that has a market demand. There must be a start someplace to get back to sane prices. Of course, the cost of production determines the selling price and the factors which go into costs must stand a trimming. This will involve labor in reduction of wages. It will involve a good many things.



erty where there is a three-room Romaine unfurnished apartment for rent, Saunders the owner asking \$50 a month, but gets no taker and has been offered \$30, which is probably \$10 more than the layout should rent for. The old houses are actually worth no more today than they were 20 years ago. The grass in the cow country grows as it always did without the turn of a human hand. We once got \$20 for a yearling and 15 cents for our cream at Floyd Adams' cream station in Amelia, it was all ours, we lived on the fat of the land and were happy.

Met a guy this morning who works with a saw and hammer, nothing extra at that, and he told me he made \$20 yesterday. He also draws social security payments. . . Former Gov. Val Peterson, now administrator of the federal civil defense commission, was on the grounds when the bomb test was made recently in Nevada. Or more to the point, Mr. Peterson was in a trench two miles from the point of explosion which he thinks is as close as he cares to get on such an occasion

. . . Democrats and republicans are agreed in strong opposition to the Carpenter proposal to take from the party conventions the duty of naming their committeemen. . . 131,244 American batle casualties in Korea up to and including the middle of March since hostilities began. . . Mothers down in Rio de Janiero ask for more milk to be imported and less whiskey. . . Government price controls have ended, now let's see what the law of supply and demand does for us. . . Supposed to be 30 billion 500 million dollars in circulation. Got your share?

Juvenile delinquency is much talked about and there's a lot of it. Maybe dad and mother qualify for a place among the delinquents. There is a chance especially for the kids under wholesome influences. But what should be done with the 13-year-old southern Nebraska boy who in a fit of anger shot and killed his little sister and his aunt because the aunt thought it best that the boy be kept from the television performance? After the shooting he pulled out and went seven miles to a home where he get in on the TV show. Most anything goes in Los Angeles, but citizens became aroused when the TV people dished them up 852 criminal exhibitions. The TV people defend their course in displaying crime instead of replacing such things with wholesome exhibitions, This 13-year-old Nebraska lad spent much time at television performances and his young life has been stained with a double murder.

MARCH 20 - SPRING AND SUMMER At noon today the equator lay beneath the sun; Tonight the pale new moon will come. Tomorrow the bird awing greets another spring-Gone the days with winter's chilly sting. April showers and then May's floral bloom Coming down time's highway very soon. And when the morning glory climbs above our

Tinted beauties in white and blue and red, Summer days will be here once more-Bountiful Providence, in basket and store.

I visited at the bedsides of three old men today. A 72-year-old has the mumps. What is more important, his life's companion is his doctor, his nurse and his sweetheart and he lies without a supported through 1954? groan or a complaint in his own bed. A block away from this home where the melody of life's early plighted love can be seen in word and action a 88 - year - old, snow white hair and bent form, never too ill to be cheerful, was in good spirits over the prospects of receiving today an old age assistance check. He is alone with thoughts of the past and a living hope for immortal life beyond this vale of tears. Just in my own neighborhood lies or sits an old man whose lonely hours are brightened if I call at the home for an hour's fellowship between two old scouts facing life's sunset, while fancies bring again through the melodies of memory talk of the days of long ago. My visiting today included an hour or more with a charming lady in her pleasant home -a contrast, like exchanging the ashes of despair for the buoyancy and vigor of mature life. That charming lady is my daughter, a native of O'Neill.

Without his knowledge or consent, I quote from a personal letter to Prairieland Talker from Former Gov. Val Peterson, now administrator of the federal civil defense setup: "I enjoyed my duties at the white house but find this job equally pleasant and apparently much more difficult. However, I am giving it the old Nebraska try and hope to do the kind of job the president wants."

Don't know just what Editor Cal is going to do for fun now that "America's Winter Sports Capital" has closed for the season. No doubt he will find something. In the erudite circles of the capital city, O'Neill has been written down as 'Little America." Of course, a restless gent like Editor Cal will break the bonds of the editorial sanctuary and come out with something to startle the readers of North Nebraska's biggest weekly. He has coined the word "countyan" and adds the "c" to the official abbreviation of Wisconsin, which we were taught when I was a 10-year-old in school in the North Ward was done in three letters, "Wis." George McArthur of the Atkinson Graphic, a bit enviously to avoid mentioning O'-Neill outright, referred to us as the "Emerald Tinted." Perhaps none now will envy O'Neill for its place as "America's Winter Sports Capital."

Ten years ago social functions and other devices were resorted to in support of the country's program to take our way of life to the world. A party was held out at Meek on April 16, sponsored by Mrs. Art O'Neill, Mrs. Floyd Johnson and Mrs. Sam Robertson, who were the precinct chairmen from Paddock, Coleman and Rock Falls. A pound of fat or a pair of hose was the price of admission to this affair. Mrs. Guy Cole, county chairman, was present. The ladies counted 200 pairs of hose and 81 pounds of fat collected from those who sat down to the 18 tables of card games. Don't know what part Russian women had in taking the Muscovite way of life to the world.

When a public servant resigns the job to take on a more lucrative one, that's one way of saying the lure of the dollar transcends patriotic considerations.

"It's just a publicity stunt to commercialize the next move was up to Carmody. grave." Words attributed to the state historian of North Dakota. Words the man on the street might employ. The occasion was the response of the N.D. State Historial society head to the request of a delegation of Sioux from South Dakota to remove the remains of Sitting Bull to their community. The red man, not the pale face, should have the say where the bones of their people are to perma-

A friend mentions in a recent letter having a tussle with stomach flu, which he characterizes as a "gastronomical blizzard."

Editorial . .

# Individual Still Most Important

(Guest Editorial from the Nebraska Signal,

No doubt there are valid reasons for and against the bill passed by the Nebraska legislature to prohibit children entering the kindergarten who are not five years of age or who will not be five by October 15 after the start of school.

The bill was vetoed by Governor Crosby. We are not so much concerned with the merits of the bill as we are with the statement made by the governor in his veto message. He made the fol-

"It seems to me that the bill represents the trend toward standardizing people to suit administrative convenience. We are individuals in spite of all the laws that may be passed. We, including the children among us, are different from each other in our capacities, growth and rate of matur-ing. The educational system should work to accommodate these differences.

"I fear this bill tends to regiment children to serve the requirements of administration; as a matter of fact, the administration of education should serve the requirements of children."

While some of us may not agree that the governor's statement applies in this instance we believe there can be no refutation of the premise upon which it is based. In free nations of the world we believe in recognition of the rights and abilities of the individual and our philosophy of education is that the whole system of education should allow for individual differences.

In spite of our belief in the importance of the individual, there is always the danger of losing sight of the main object of our system in a maze of classification tests, administrative requirements, senseless reporting, standardized procedures and finite grading systems.

Most teachers retain the proper perspective and never forget why they are teachers, even though thy become administrators and have little contact with children. Others, we fear, become slaves to a system and their work becomes a matter of interpreting statistics and analyzing results in terms of scientific evaluation rather than individual behavior.

Education might well take a leaf from the history of industry, which, apparently, has discovered that in spite of mass production, scientific methods and extreme standardization the individual is still the important factor in production. When it realized the men and women who operate machines are not part of the machines it took steps to see that they were treated as individuals and not as standardized items in the process of

We do not believe educators will question the truth of Governor Crosby's statement nor do we believe many will deny there is danger in adopting administrative practices which consider only dministrative expediency rather than the child, which, after all, should be the main consideration in making all decisions affecting his education. Still, it is well for all of us to be reminded of the danger, especially by one holding the highest office in our state.

What Next?

First there were frozen pictures on a screen. Then they moved. Then they talked. Then they burst into color. And now they are going threedimensional and can jump out at you, pull you log jam on a lot of other measures. No bill in this writer's memory out, and leave you murmuring weakly, "What next?"

Think of the chances for pugilistic films that "sock" the spectator right in the eye. Think of the tender banalities the screen lover may whisper straight into your ear - by way of a small speaker concealed in each cinema seat. Think of the possibilities for the sort of thing forecast by Aldous Huxley in "Brave New World" as electrical attachments in each seat convey sensations, smells, and tastes to the patron-in realistic accompaniment to the story shooting out from the screen in oversized verisimilitude.

It may put an end to some of the violence in week, the films. An audience can take just so much battering. But even at best a person may hesitate to shiver through a polar expedition or wallow through a Roman banquet. If things go too far it may seem preferable to stay at home and read a good book about the atom bomb.

newspaper in the world, is not impressed by the civil defense setup and the recent A-bomb show on the Nevada wasteland. Quips the Trib in a classic cartoon: "If you can't scare 'em, draft

Lucky kids at Lynch. Dr. R. E. Kriz, veteran physician and surgeon, has decided to build a swimming pool and give it to the town.

Already there are those who are predicting a dry growing season.

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#### Letter to Editor

O'Neill, Nebr. I enjoy your paper. The farm contacts and news about were changed it seems to the cattle industry interest me. business interests would be I note Dewey Schaffer's re- better served. port of the Washington meeting he attended. My question is: How do the powers that be tended to keep ruination from expect the cattle industry to overtaking the producer — not adjust itself with corn being to guarantee him a fat income. In this area corn is going to

there will be an equal catas- prices. trophy in the corn industry, while cattle prices cannot recover with an out-of-balance me.

just corn and cattle prices I realize Mr. Benson has

pledged himself to support the present statutes. But if they The corn loan taken advantage of. It was in-

So I think while we are having this period of readjustment be overproduced. There is now it would be better policy to a surplus. By the end of 1954 soften the support of corn

This may be just a pet peeve of mine, but it seems real to \_JOHN T. HALL

State Capitol News

### Diversion Vote Good Trading Stock; Carpenter, Lee Tickle Funnybones

Gov. Robert B. Crosby and the powerful chairman of the legisature's budget committee trigger-tempered Arthur Carmody

Neither man will concede that they are anything but the best of friends and that's probably true to the surprise of nobody. on a personal basis, but insiders phoney budget submitted by

Some of the veteran Trenton egislator's complaints have been ublic. He has pointed to the fact that Crosby recommended to the legislature that something be done about completing murals in the capitol yet didn't propose a penny for that purpose. Another 'gap" in the governor's budget spotlighted by Carmody is an ppropriation for the school lunch program in the department of

It's an open secret that Carmody feels the budget doesn't truly represent the state's financial picture because money which is "obligated" is counted as having been spent. Reportedly there is about \$5 million in such funds in the highway de-

ntly irked at having several department heads appear before his Meyer held in an opinion

The betting here this week was that Sen. Richard Marvel of Hastings will have to raise his water diversion bill on the floor because it is doomed to die in the Public week sat through four long hours of testimony and on Sunday flew Hoyt will get \$6,500 under the the length of the Platte valley for a first hand look-see at what the fuss is all about.

Marvel started out one vote behind in the committee. Already counted on his side is Sen. Tom Coffey of Alma while three certain opponents are Sens. Joseph D. Martin of Grand Island, Walter J. Williams of Kearney and Robert C. Brower of Fullerton.

The four with so called "open' minds are Chairman Hugh Carson of Ord and Sens. William Moulton of Omaha, Glenn Cramer of Albion and Hal Bridenbaugh of Dakota City.

Disposition of the water diver-sion bill is expected to break a session. You can't escape the comparsion of youngsters trading autographs: One of Hopalong Cassidy is worth half a dozen of some lesser light. So it is with the diversion bills.

The last of the three bills on which Governor Crosby and Tax Commissioner Norris J. Anderson hoped to build a state policy was due for final consideration this

It's LB 89 which is intended to hold the tax intake of governmental units to 105 percent of the amount they could have collected in the preceding year.

Crosby has urged it as a brake on tax collections after the pass-The Chicago Tribune, the self-styled greatest | age of the 50 percent assessment bill, LB 272. The thrid measure was the annual valuation law. On a test vote last week, Sen. Terry Carpenter's motion to kill

Due up this week also is Sen. Dwight Burney's attempt to raise his two percent sales tax measure

which was finally killed by the revenue committee late last week Burney, who has been beating will tell you that Carmody is his head against the wall in bemiffed at what he considers a half of a sales tax for what seems

like forever, refuses to be dis-couraged. Even if he fails this his impassioned oratory had many time, he says, it won't be a com-plete loss. "People are coming to laughing. see that it's the only answer," day is coming."

vantage of the confusion which the women of Nebraska?' followed the supreme court de- Lee stumbled over his own way out of what seemed a near pressure on me. hopeless mudle.

Governor Crosby and State week for state employees meas-Banking Director J. F. McLain ure, has led to a suggestion that got bad news the other day from this session be dubbed the Follies be having been spent. Reportedly there is about \$5 million in such funds in the highway department.

Last weekend, Carmody, appar
Last weekend, Carmody, apparwas glad tidings.

committee urging salary increases sought by the governor that for their staffs, and at the gov- Crosby and McLain will have to ernor's disclaimer of responsibil- wait until 1957 before salary inity for the requests, told news- creases voted by the 1951 legismen that Crosby's budget would allow nearly \$2 million which could go to increase salaries.

Crosby's answer was, yes, it a supreme court decision in the could go for that, but it won't. He action brought by a former inbelieves, he said, in a safe finan- surance commissioner Loren cial cushion for each department, Laughlin, who claimed he was but he stressed to his department heads that he will approve no now receives \$10,000 - a - year general increases and that before and if he's still around in four any boosts at all are granted, years, he will get \$11,000. McLain they'll have to have his okay. The also will get a \$1,000-a-year hike if he's still in office. The opinon was particularly important in the case of Ress, who left the \$7,440 a-year post of deputy state engineer to take the department's top job. His predesessor, Harold Aitken, got \$7,500 and the opinion says Ress is entitled to the \$8,500 week sat through four long nours post for less. Both Pansing and

> It's been a long time since the legislature has laughed so hard as it did last week before killing the bill which provided that women doing the same work as men should receive equal pay Sen. Terry Carpenter, the colorful freshman from Scottsbluff, took the floor in his second defense of womanhood within several days. Although he assured his colleagues he wasn't joking,

## Wouldn't it be better to adust corn and cattle prices Sage of Chelsea Sells Holdings

Hugh O'Neill Here on Business

50 Years Ago

In the municipal campaign, the opposing candidates for mayor are Dr. J. O. Gilligan and J. S. Harrington. . . The new word "manywhere" has been accepted and is now used manywhere. . The Griffin Brothers are erecting a building north of the Snyder Lumber company office into which they will move their tailor shop. . . Edward Adams, the Chambers banker and lumberman, was an O'Neill visitor. . . Hugh O'Neill, the celebrated "sage of Chelsea," was in O'Neill disposing of some of his real estate holdings. . . A son was born Clark Hough purchased the lease held on the Dewey hotel and will LINCOLN—A first class feud is in the making here between advanced by voice vote.

LINCOLN—A first class feud LB 89 failed, 32-9. It was then also includes the livery barn.

20 Years Ago A Holt county spelling contest will be held April 7 in the public school auditorium. . Arthur Mullen refused the position as federal circuit court judge for the eighth district, Joseph W. Wood- | rough, now judge of the United States district court in Omaha, will receive the appointment. James A. Donohoe, attorney of

Sen. Earl J. Lee of Fremont said, "it may take awhile, but the contributed to the merriment ay is coming."

When he rose in rebuttal to Carpenter's jab, "Are we going to been mildly surprised that allow a few poultry men in Burney has not taken fuller ad- Omaha who skin chickens to skin

cision in the Johnson county case words and blurted, "No employto hold the sales tax aloft as the ers of chickens have put any

This episode, coupled with a similar low - comedy exhibition during debate on the 40-hour



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... The Ewing school board let the contract for the erection of a new school building to replace the one destroyed by fire last December. . . The final session of championship going to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham. . . The Montgomery hardware store opened for business under the firm owners of Francis and Paul Montgomery. . . The president issued a second demand to gold hoarders to return the gold to the government by May 1, 1933, or penalties will be given to those refusing to meet the dead-The order affects those holding \$100 or more. Six hun-

in the possession of hoarders. 10 Years Ago

dred million dollars has been re-

turned but \$1,303,989,559 is still

State Sen. Tony Asimus returned to Lincoln after visiting relatives and friends here. Jack Morrison, USN, returned to to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mellor. . . New York after spending a leave Clark Hough purchased the lease with his mother, Mrs. R. R. Morrison. . . A campaign is started to save all fats which are needed to make glycerine and explosives and otner war needs. The services were held March 22 for quota for Holt county is 4,138 pounds. per month. . . Military sgt. Max Wolfe. . . R. H. Shriner moved his office from the Dean Streeter barber shop to the Emmet Harmon building on North Fourth street.

One Year Ago Mrs. Helen Kreymborg is the new Holt county home agent succeeding Mrs. Viola Damkroger. . . At the city election J. E. Davis was elected mayor; O. Dale the bridge tournament was held at the Golden hotel with the son, city treasurer; Joe Stutz. son, city treasurer; Joe Stutz, Emmett Crabb and L. M. Merriman, city council; H. W. Tomlinson, police magistrate; H. L. Lindberg and Mrs. Loretta Hynes, board of education . . . The O'Neill teachers received a five percent wage increase. . . The Chambers high school girls' volleyball team won the championship in the Sandhill Gateway conference.

Friday evening callers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Allen were Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Durr of Stuart and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Laursen.

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