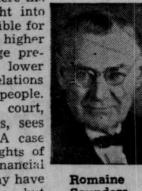
Prairieland Talk . . .

Lower Courts Have Insight

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS Retired, Former Editor, The Frontier

LINCOLN - Is the supreme court always right in reversing the findings of the lower court? Maybe so from a purely legal aspect and in-sofar as human judgment is capable of dealing with facts. There are some instances, however, involving human relations and human rights that transcend anything contemplated in the mass of legal provisions gotten together within the stat-

ute books. And here is where the lower court has an insight into the picture as it is impossible for those sitting with the higher court to have. The judge presiding at the trial in the lower court sees the human relations because he is one of the people. The judge in the higher court, wrapped in judicial robes, sees only what the law says. A case in point involving the rights of a wife to share in the financial resources in which she may have



had a part in acquiring but which were held in the husband's name in which the court awarded the wife what she asked for was taken to the supreme court from the district court of a Nebraska county and the findings of the district court set aside.

The supreme court had the last word.

On January 23, 1901, The Frontier received the following telegram from Salt Lake City, Utah: "Received today the unanimous vote of the joint session of the assembly for the office of United States senator.—Thomas Kearns." Col. Neil Brennan also got the word that day by telegram and was scarcely less pleased over it than if he were going to the senate from Nebraska, Mr. Kearns was of the pioneer Kearns family of the O'Neill community, and Colonel Brennan recalled in expressing his pleasure over learning of the success of a Holt county young man that Tom had to borrow the money (probably from Brennan) to get out of town when he headed for Utah. . . It was on a January morning that year Pat Shea, living two miles northeast of town, discovered when he went to his cattle corral that 12 head of cattle were missing, having been driven away by rustlers during the night. The barnyard dog was found under a wagon dead with a bullet hole in a

Pointing with the finger of conviction, its advocates tell us that 15 million Americans drink fluorided water. Well, there are about 140 million who don't.

His steel-grey eyes mellowed as they looked into the blue depths of those of the lovely maiden who sat beside him. She smiled encouragement. Nor did youth ardor seem to her a bit of humor. He moved closer. Their knees touched and a thrill like an electric current shot through him. Talkall know the whispered words at such a time as this. Hearts are saying things not to be told here. Daylight fades. Evening shadows gather, then night hides sacred things from vulgar eyes. And under the silent stars that guy ventured a kiss that sealed two souls for the journey together down the highway of life. The days may come and the days may go, as the song has it, but still | that makes up the real Holt of prairieland. the hands of memory weave the blissful dreams of long ago.

It is the old story—a few shots of firewater and he was ready to defy all the laws of God and man. And a worthwhile citizen like Chet Calkins was swept into eternity. Now after the passing of many months his liquor-crazed slayer has been found. Two are guilty-the one who filled the glass, the other who raised it to his lips.

ity tax on employers and employees from 11/2 to

and receipts at the present rate are far outrun-

ning expenditure for old age pension and sur-

vivors' benefits. Next year's anticipated payments

are \$2,500,000,000, anticipated collections are four

it favors going on a pay-as-you-go basis, much

can be said for the plan. As a matter of fact, the

vast surplus is no surplus at all, since previous

administrations used the money and put in its

needed, than is being paid in, taxpayers must fur-

sions, including the American plan, Canada

adopted a pay-as-you-go formula. It is working

our Canadian cousins. Now that their dollar is

If the time ever comes when more cash is

After an exhaustive study of all old age pen-

In years gone by, we sort of looked down on

In the trust fund now are 18 billion dollars

While the administration hasn't indicated

Editorial . . .

place a government IOU.

nish it a second time.

two percent.

Friends at Amelia may remember Sam Clerk, who for a short time lived in that community and did carpenter work. I saw Sam recently. He presented a picture of the tragedy of life that overtakes so many as the end approaches. Sam lay upon a bed, a mere skeleton, a frightful object, yet he knew me. At the same place is a happy old scout in contrast to Sam. Jim Hansen, who operated a farm down in Greeley county, is 88 and still on his feet and was having a gay birthday party the day I dropped in. Sam Clark remembers Amelia and a bit of renewed vigor lighted up his emaciated face when that community was mentioned. Experiences of life in some spots of earth leave bitter memories; experiences of life out on prairieland store memory's warehouse with treasured visions of the

Industrial conditions in his line as the breadwinner for the family were such that a dear friend found it necessary to fold his tent and depart for a distant point, there to rekindle the fireside. I never knew of one better as a linotype operator. The family remain in our community for a time and then they are gone. It is by communing with trusted friends that life's hard bumps are mellowed. As the highway of life lengthens toward the evening shadows there comes the vision of friendships formed along the way. If these hands that play upon the typewriter have ever torn the heartstrings of a friend it was not so meant.

A day late in June Lincoln hotheads were cooled off by hailstones the size of baseballs. The hail was not so plentiful as to cause any damage. It was nature's way of turning on refrigeration during a period of sweltering heat.

The tinted beauty of the hollyhocks is come upon in unexpected places. Plants and shrubs were adorned less than usual at apple blossom time with floral color but later blooming plants burst forth in gay attire. The goldenrod has never failed at this season to nod its yellow head as you rush by along the highway. Beauty, thirst for knowledge and the lure of a thing "good for food" caught Mother Eve in a trap as she looked up into fruit-laden branches of the forbidden tree. That wouldn't have happened if she had lingered among the hollyhocks and goldenrod.

A hot day in July, 1900, R. C. Wry was in from Chambers and reported the crop outlook the best ever, also expressed himself as confident that Chambers would soon have a railroad. . The Lynch Sun had a story one week in July of that year about Doctors Newell and Gallagher losing their clothes, money, medicine cases and other incidentals but saving themselves from drowning when attempting to ford the Niobrara river while responding to a night call to treat an injured man on the Holt county side of the river.

Holt is defined by Doctor Webster as "a wooded hill; a burrow or hiding place." Holt county has been all of that and more. It has the wooded slopes that served as hideouts for the Middleton and Wade element and logs for the in Nebraska. One of these storms cabins of the first settlers. The grassgrown along the Blue was charged with reaches and fertile fields and a lot of fine folks-

Along weed-grown alleys or beside roadways in late June were seen in full bloom the deadly nemlock plant, a concoction from which was said to be the cause of the death of Socrates, the ancient Greek philosopher. The plant is easily identified, about waist-high, fern-like leaves and small white blossoms in clusters branching out from a main stem. But to avoid what befell that ancient Athenian, better let it alone.

Out of Old Nebraska . . .

Heavens Crashed with Thunder'

Emigrant's Version of Nebraska Storm

Judging from their diaries and letters, nothing on the long trip from the Missouri river to California or Oregon left a more lasting impression on the covered wagon emigrants than those sudden violent storms which came up on the prairies. Present day Nebraskans know something about those storms, too. Consider, though, the problem of facing one, with all your worldly goods packed in a not too sturdy covered wagon. At their worst, the prairie storms provided a not to be forgotten experience for the overland emigrants.

James Pratt, bound for California in the gold rush of 1849, described a hail storm near the upper California crossing. His 22-26-13 own words tell the story very

"The lightning flashed, and the heavens crashed with thunder, as fierce and terrible as the description at Sinai Mount. The hail came with a roar. The cry was, 'unloose the cattle from the wagons, and let them go.' Some succeeded in doing so; but so sudden and terrible was the storm, that in mass the cattle wheeled with the wagons, for they were facing the storm, and amid the terrors of the scene, the expedition seemed to be destroyed, and our hopes and lives jeoparded. Many were badly injured with the hail stones which cut their faces and heads. I received a blow on each side of the head which made the stars

Fortunately, though, the damage was not serious. Two wagon tongues were broken, but these were speedily repaired and with-

in two hours the train moved on. That same summer, according to Alonzo Delano, also bound for California, a hurricane near the forks of the Platte resulted in the loss of hundreds of cattle and the virtual ruin of some wagon trains. The high wind brought a driving rain which continued all day. That night, Delano wrote, "We turned into our damp beds with a feeling of cheerlessness, though not despaired."

Delano reported that for several days they saw families including women and helpless children, left on the broad praire, hundreds of miles from aid, without a means of travel. Many cattle were found from 25 to 30 miles off the road; many others were not found at all.

The year 1849 appears to have been a particularly stormy one contributing to the death of George Winslow, who lies buried near Fairbury. Winslow, a member of a Massachusetts gold seeking company, took sick. He seemed to be improving, but as Brackett Lord wrote from Ft. Kearny: "at five o'clock p.m. there came up a most violent shower such as one you perhaps never saw, there is nothing on these plains to break the wind and it sweeps on most furiously. The lightning is truly terrific and when accompanied with wind, hail, and rain as in this case it is truly sublime. To this storm I attribute G's

Purple Heart Winner Returns

WALNUT-Cpl. Walter B. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johson of Walnut, is returning to the U.S. after serving in Korea with the 45th Infantry division. Johnson, whose wife, Dorothy,

lives in Orchard, arrived in Korea in September, 1952. He was a squad leader in company L of the 180th regiment. He has been awarded the purple heart for wounds received in action, combat infantryman badge and the A graduate of O'Neill high

schools, Johnson entered the army in January, 1952, and received UN and Korean service ribbons. basic training at Ft. Riley, Kans. The 45th infantry division, orginally an Oklahoma national guard unit, has been in Korea since December, 1951. It has par-

ticipated in heavy combat actions

including the battles for "T-Bone Hill" last summer. Visitor Here-Miss Mary Hanley of Omaha was in O'Neill Wednesday and Thursday, July 8 and 9, visiting friends and looking after business

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July 4, for a furlough with home folks. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spencer of QCD—Missouri Province Educational Institute to Helen Ryan Goding 4-30-53 \$- & division of and 1 property E½NW³/₄ 11- All 14- Lynch. NE³/₄ 23- W³/₂ 24-29-11 SW³/₄ 5- Mr. NE¹/₄ 7-28-11 Reserves mineral Niobrara visited at the parental

Pete Gengler home recently. QCD—Loretta Doyle, et al to Helen Ryan Goding 4-30-53 \$1- & of Butte visited relatives here on division of property E½- NW¼
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Jerry J Tomjack 7-6-53 \$1- part Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brady and family of O'Neill viisted at the C. A. Bare home Sunday.

of NW 4SE 4 3-26-9 WD-Violet Regina Carroll et al to Chester Elsworth and Ernest Frederick Jungbluth 6-16-53 \$1423.23- SE¼ 3-25-13 & NE¼

Lynch News

Kay Hoffman of Norfolk spent last week at the Frank Weed-

On Wednesday, July 1, the Lynch American Legion elected Aldon Zink, commander at a meeting at the Legion hall. Billy Spencer was re-elected vice-commander; R. M. Ducker, adjutant; Sid Woolf, chaplin; Thomas Courtney, jr., service officer; Jake Birmeier, finance officer.

Maxine Jehorek of Omaha came Thursday to spend the July 4 weekend at the parental home, Martin Jehorek's.

Doreen Huber of Lincoln is home with her parents for the summer months. She has been employed at Lincoln the past

Mrs. Fred Schochenmaier and son, Herman, of Bonesteel, S.D., visited at Albert Kalkowski's on Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ducker

were Yankton, S.D., visitors Fri-

The Mulhair families enjoyed



BUTTE LEGION BALLROOM Tuesday, July 21

WD—Anna McCartney to Gilbert E Strong 7-2-53 \$600- East 30 ft of Lot 16 & West 30 ft lot Dorsey, Lynch, Monowi, Verdel, Dorsey, Lynch, Miami, Fla., the annual Mulhair family re-Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Collins and Cottage Grove, Ore., are visiting union at the Niobrara state park family returned to their home in Lynch relatives this week. Broken Bow after a weekend visit here with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gengler of

Mrs. Cora Barnes and Miss Eva

Mrs. H. C. Nollett of Valentine

Cecil Zink attended the funer-

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Meuller

and family of Pickstown, S.D.,

spent Fourth weekend at Thomas Courtney, sr., and jr., homes

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al of a brother at Sturgis, S.D.,

has spent the past week at the Peter Gengler home.

Niobrara, Verdigre, Miami, Fla., Bonesteel, S.D., Wakefield, Haand family of Eagle Creek spent | home last week at the parental Theodar, Stanton, Pischelville. dore Norwood home Mr. and Mrs. Harold France. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kirwan and family of Ainsworth have and family of Ft. Randall, S.D., been in town the past two weeks

visited at the Theodore Norwood ome Sunday. Martin Jehorek, sr., and son at-Pfc. Arden A. Spencer of Ft. Martin Jehorek, sr., and son at-Bliss, Tex., came late Saturday, tended the auto races in Omaha

unday, July 5.

Miss Nancy Morton of Omaha ited a couple of days with her mother, Mrs. Grace Edson, and Sunday, July 5.

vas a Lynch visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mulhair and family visited at the Jonas Johnson home Saturday.

Mrs. Melvin Held of Page vissister, Mrs. Don Aller, and fam-Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wells of ily.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Davy of

Mrs. Hannah Streit returned to

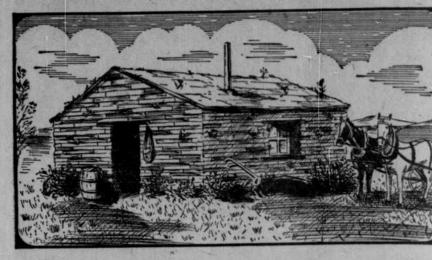
the C. C. Courtney home Sunday,

July 5, after a several days' stay in Norfolk.

southern Nebraska are here visit-

ing the parental Glen Davy

It Happened In NEBRASKA---



Before 1900, Nebraska was a sod-house frontier. To build a home, settlers needed little more than a spade, thickly matted sod, and the will to work-hard! Sod was cut into blocks-roughly 1 foot by 3 feet-for the walls. Then a dirt roof was laid over brush and branches. After a rain, the dirt roof might bloom with colorful prairie flowers.

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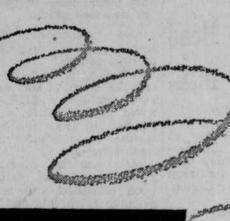
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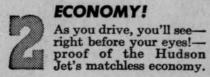
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The West probably will face a tougher Russia and a tougher Russian policy as a result of the ouster of Lavrenti P. Beria as deputy premier and minister of internal affairs in the Soviet union. The change may not come at once; for Prime Minister Georgi M. Malenkov-if he does emerge as the dominant figure-probably will need time to consolidate his power down through the Soviet bureaucracy and to complete the purge which has evidently begun.

But, assuming that Beria is slated for oblivion, Malenkov has moved much more rapidly and successfully than most observers of the mysteryshrouded Russian scene believed possible. The rivalry between the two for power is known even to have preceded Joseph Stalin's passing. By many indexes the head of the dreaded secret police seemed to be overshadowing the man whom Stalin had chosen for his successor, There was the removal of Malenkov as com-

munist party secretary, the damping down of eulogies in the Soviet press, and the reversal of charges against the 15 doctors. But Beria's boldness and his challenge by control of the Kremlin guard helped Malenkov gain support of the bureaucracy and the army to win a test in the Meanwhile, the uprisings in the eastern

European satellite states, so disastrous to communist prestige, provided a whip to be used against the man initially responsible for preserving order in the occupied empire. The fact that he now has been charged with "criminal antistate actions . . . in the interests of foreign capital" while identified with a policy of concessions and conciliation seems to imply some repudiation of the "peace" campaign.

toward the outside world. The sweet cooings of the last few months plainly reflect a vast uncertainty among the men of the Kremlin and a need Audited (ABC) Circulation—2,200 (Mar. 31, 1953).

President Eisenhower has suggested postponto have their hands free for grappling with each ing next year's scheduled hike in the social secur-

Pay as You Go

It is far from clear yet that by removing this leading rival Malenkov has completely established himself as the single master of the Soviet union in the sense that an apparatus of dictatorship demands one master. The red army must have backed Malenkov at least tacitly in this move; but what will be its eventual role?

Problems Unchanged in Decade

The national farm problems of 20 years ago still exist today. The Eisenhower administration seems to generally favor the solution which President Franklin Roosevelt advocated two decades ago—a two-price program for agriculture, reports the July issue of Successful Farming magazine.

The continuing problems include finding ways of increasing foreign farm markets through reciprocal trade agreements and handling wheat, cotton and butter surpluses. Roosevelt favored a price on the portion of the agricultural product moving in domestic commerce and another price on the portion in foreign commerce.

Eisenhower administration leaders as a whole advocate establishing marketing quotas for individual farmers, based on domestic requirements. When a surplus develops, a producer could sell within his quota. But if a farmer wanted to exceed his quota, he would have to buy marketing certificates. Proceeds from the certificates would be used to finance surplus sales abroad or through school lunches.

In a period of 11 years more than 82 million vehicles have traveled the Pennsylvania turnpike highway which extends from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, with a record of one-fortieth of one percent highway accidents. Canada is now developing a highway on a grand scale extending from Newfoundland to Vancouver island.

Pathfinder tells it. Heard in a government building at the coffee bar: Gee, I better go back to the office or I'll be late for quitting time!



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