Prairieland Talk

## "Memory Lives On"

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, 4110 South 51st St., Lincoln 6, Nebr

Manns, Mullens, Biglins. Memory goes back 60, 70 years and even beyond that. Seven in the Mann that made the county seat town in Holt county what

it was in their day. Where now are they all? U know and I know. But here today is a respected and prominent business man whose middle name is that of the Mann family, his mother being one of the three sisters of the late merchant prince, J. P. Mann. And an esteemed friend and worthwhile citizen of O'Neill is of the Mullen family and still with us. The name Biglin survives yet where it was hung up about 75 years ago on



Romaine

what is now south Fourth street. Times moves on, those we had known are here no more; but their

names are still with us and we who knew them are glad for that \* \* \*

A Lincoln man shot and killed his wife, took off for the country and was found dead of a pistol shot. Their children left without mother and father and memories of tragedy to treasure through life. \* \* \*

"I was born on a farm." so said he to me as we talked a bit together. Then he compared farm life and its influence on boys with life in the city, contending that the bad kids are those in towns and cities. Yes, but there are some young devils far out from city life. I was born in a small city, have seen most of the big cities of our country, stood on mountain sides and know the open country. The good and bad are every where. And where I have traveled life's highway the good kids out numbered the bad. Life in the country, in the city. John and Joe and Jim, Mary, Maude and Mae are all OK if mother and dad followed that Heaven sent instruction to "Train up a child in the way it should go." \* \* \*

Christmas week brought me not only a number O'Neill in the long ago. of greetings by mail but a few in person. Among these was Jerry, late Frontier promoter of news. He and his wife and their daughter now make their home in Lincoln, in my part of the Capitol City. Jerry is at it yet, now preparing stories for publication of life in North and West Nebraska as we old timers knew it before the days of the automobile and airplane. He also attends the State University and will come from those classic halls soon now with the PhD degree hung upon scholarly shoulders. And he promised to bring little daughter over to visit

State Senator Mrs. Orme goes to Washington near the middle of January to have her say at a family, a number in the Mullen and Biglin families gathering of members of congress to consider proposals for helping aged citizens, Mrs. Orme taking the place of a Nebraska congressman at his request as he could not be there in person. Now maybe Fern will be inspired to seek a seat in congress herself.

Write it 1961—and make it the best year so far

Christmas day the sun glows in golden glory from the cloudless blue sky, not a trace of snow, but calm and bright and mild throughout the day. So far the forecast of a mild winter has made good.

I have had a visit from Rev. W. J. Lowrie and Mrs. Lowrie, who are down from their home at Brainerd, Minn., to spend the winter in Nebraska, they having a residence property in Auburn in the southeast corner of this Beef State. Rev. and Mrs. Lowrie spent two or three days at Christmas time with a minister friend in Lincoln, taking off for Auburn they came my way. Rev. Lowrie followed the way of his father, Rev. N. S. Lowrie, who was the first resident pastor of the Presbyterian church in O'Neill. W. J. is now retired, having reached the age of more than four score years. Will, as we knew him back in the 1890's when he and I sat in our saddles and rode the prairies of Holt county, recalled during our recent visit the time he and I were out some 20 miles northeast of O'Neill and a large section of that country was swept by a prairie fire. But Will and I and our horses under us escaped without being scorched. The Lowrie home was on Everett street to the west of Third street where the family lived for some 20 years before moving to Lincoln over 50 years ago. Will's father and mother are in the abode of the dead here in Lincoln. His brother Clinton, Will informed me, is visiting at the home of his daughter in Beatrice for a time, but now makes his home with another daughter in Alberta, Canada. Clinton too is a retired Presbyterian minister, was a gay young lad on the streets of

So the new governor and out going lieutenant governor who has been serving as governor favor a four year term for Nebraska's chief executive. If a four year term for one state official why not for

Editorial

## A World of Distractions

today, it is the word "Distraction."

This is a common enough word, but it has wide and significant meanings. For one thing, the dictionary tells us, it means a drawing off or diversion of the mind. It means confusion and perplexity. Then, at the far end of the spectrum, it means aberration, will be worth every necessary cost if this ideal is frenzy, even madness.

We have a plentitude of distractions these days. The cold war goes on and on, ever-broadening, with no end in sight. The world's eyes were recently riveted on an unprecedented meeting of chiefs of state at the United Nations in New York where. literally, one well-aimed rifle shot could have marked the beginning of World War III. We have just gone through a political campaign of unique intensity, in which the decision was agonizingly close. We have witnessed a reign of terror in Africa which reads like a chapter from the Dark Ages. We have seen the establishment of what amounts to a Communist-dominated state a few miles from the Southeastern tip of this nation. And-in a single year some 40 new countires with their own flags, parliaments, aspirations, and latent and unknown powers, have come into being.

On top of all this, we have our deep and passionate controversies at home-as to what should be done in such diverse fields as education, medical care for the old and indigent, the production of electric power in the nuclear age and, above all, the proper role of government in ordering and directing the lives of the people.

So "Distraction" is the symbolic word. Our minds are torn in a hundred fragments. The problem has been compounded to an enormous degree by magical progress in the arts of communication, visual and verbal. In a matter of seconds, some event taking place half a world away is made known to us, in words and pictures. In a matter of hours, we ourselves can physically travel half a world away from our homes.

It is no wonder that, living as we must in this turmoil, it becomes, as the old French proverb has it, more and more difficult to see the forest because of the trees. Fundamentals become dim and may even be lost beneath the cruel and blinding light of changing and threatening events.

But some things do not change. That is what we, because of our heritage and because of our inescapable position as leader of a free world confronted by a slave world which wants to destroy us, cannot afford to forget.

The question is: What is it all for, this spending of almost unimaginable resources of energy and treasure on a scale never before so much as approximated in history? Why may we be asked, as a people, for personal, material sacrifices greater than any we have yet known?

There is a simple answer-that we must defend ourselves and our friends among the nations against the forces of darkness which are our enemies. But that is not the whole answer by any means.

The real answer is that we are doing this-if it is to have any real and permanent meaning at allin order to preserve the best and oldest ideal that history knows, which is freedom. Freedom means many things. It means a high degree of personal responsibility and pride, in which one cares for himsolf and his family without looking to government government has spent more than \$85 billion for for aid unless no other avenue is open. It means, in veterans' benefits of one kind or another. This is the fine old sense of the phrase, a government which more than three times as much as the U. S. spent is the servant and never the master of the people. for this purpose from the Revolutionary War to It means that leadership and national purpose come World War II.

along your life's pathway. Happy New Year!

all state and county officers.

Another year ahead. Open again the windows of your soul that the glow of love and peace and joy may shine in; forgetting the blunders of life now left behind and move forward determined to be true and just and kind.

If there is one word which describes the condition under which we and all civilized peoples live from above. It means a deep spiritual belief that every man is important, as a person and an entityand that men in the mass can never be allowed to submerge the individual, and make him a number

among faceless millions of numbers. Whatever we have done, are doing, or must do, kept bright and shining before us. But if we lose itif we allow the individual to become a powerless, driven pawn in a game played by rulers-everything worth while will be lost too.

If you're an average consumer, during your lifetime you'll eat the equivalent of 33 hogs, 10 lambs, 8 steers and 4 veal calves.

#### Feeling No Pain

Reprinted from the Evening World-Herald Omaha, Nebraska Saturday, Dec. 3, 1960

Budget increases requested by all the agencies of the State of Nebraska for the next biennium amount to 26 per cent, Governor Burney said. That would be a whopping increase, and we imagine that a good many Nebraskans are wondering why such huge requests should be made.

Where, we imagine these Nebraskans are asking themselves, will we get the money?

The director of one of the state's agencies supplied his answer to that question Thursday at a budget hearing. Mel Steen, director of the Nebraska Game, Forestation and Parks Commission urged that a state sales tax be enacted.

A sales tax, Mr. Steen said, is a "painless way of raising revenue." By which we suppose he means that sales taxes ordinarily are collected in nickels, and dimes, and quarters, and that the frequent parting with small change is less painful to a tax-

payer than annual lump-sum payment in dollars. Mr. Steen evidently believes that the limit to which government is justified in tapping the taxpayer's pocketbook is established by the amount of pain the process causes. Under the sedation of a sales levy, the citizen apparently is expected to be

easier picking than he was before. Well, Mr. Steen displays an uncommon frankness. He wants more money to spend. No ifs, ands, or buts about that. And he simply proposes that his yearning for more spending money be satisfied by socking the people, with the humane reservation that

it be accomplished with as little pain as possible. He utters none of that nonsense about "replacement" of taxes. He doesn't resort to the standard line that a sales levy "will lower your tax bill," He asks for more money, and tells how to get out and

We hope the citizens of Nebraska will bear in mind the truth implicit in Mr. Steen's demands. We hope they will not forget that a sales tax is primarily a way to force them to pay more taxes, and provide more money for the spenders, and put more employees on the government pay roll, and breed more bureaus to regulate and harass them, and in general to make government bigger and bigger.

Since the end of World War II, The Federal

25 YEARS AGO More persons have been killed

Frontiers

Owing to the storm and the

blockaded conditions of the rail-

roads cattle receipts so far this

week have been scarcely heavy

enough to make a market. . .

Two more aviators have taken

the death plunge. Some people

are always ready to take great

risks in order to do something

a little different . . . James Earley

automobile contest lately closed

by a Sioux City paper. The prize

which goes to Mr. Earley is a

Flanders automobile. . . The mer-

cury ranged from 32 below zero

on Tuesday morning to 36 above

this morning. . . The speedway to

Health, Bliss Native Herbs, the

great Blood Purfier, Kidney and

Liver Regulater at Alberts Har-

25 YEARS AGO

school six miles east of Cham-

bers spent Christmas here with

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George

Mitchell. . . Judge R. R. Dickson

sent in his filing last Thursday as

candidate for re-election to his

present post as judge of the dis-

trict court of the Fifteenth Judi-

cial district. . . Miss Lois Cald-

well of Utica, Nebr. visited at the

L. R. Tompkins home several

days last week. . . A force of

workmen started in this morning

tearing down the old Holt County

jail building getting the ground

ready for the excavation for the

Girls, this is leap year and there

are several eligible bachelors in

the city who are suspectible if

10 YEARS AGO

S. D., moved the Scottville hall

. . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker had

their son and daughter-in-law,

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker of

Seattle, Wash . . . Mr. and Mrs.

C. E. Worth have received word

that their son Charles E. has

been promoted to the rank of

technical sergeant . . . Glenn Adams Tuesday succeeded his

elder brother Leo T. as president

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Trussell and

Verna of Orchard were New

Year's day guests at the home of

5 YEARS AGO

Pvt. Robert J. Fritton, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fritton of

O'Neill has been enrolled for a

12-weeks' course of radio school

at Camp Chaffee, Ark. . . . Doug-

las and Daniel, identical twin

sons of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich

Frahm were the first born in

Holt county in the new year . . .

E. V. Sageser met with a slight

accident Wednesday, December

28, when his car overturned on

an icy road a few miles from O'-

Neill . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph

Tusha of Verdigre held open

house in observance of their gol-

Lyle Fox returned to Hastings

Monday after spending the Christ-

mas holidays visiting relatives in

den wedding anniversary

O'Neill.

of the Chambers State bank

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Clarke.

Building movers from Wagner,

a new foundation last week

telephone conservsation with

new court house and jail.

properly approached.

Margaret Honeywell, teaching

ness and Shoe Store.

in automobile accidents in the U. S. during the past 15 years than lost their lives in the 6 major wars of the nations history. . . Mr. and Mrs. John Butler and daughters left Monday for Omaha where they will establish their future home. . . Man has survived the age of stone, bronze, iron, discovered inventions, etc., but there is some doubt as to whether he will pull through the age of ivory. . . Bill Sammons passed away, Monday, Dec. 30th following a 10 day illness at his home southeast of Amelia. Bernard Cavanaugh left Thursday for the CC Camp after spend-Christmas at home.

#### jr., was the lucky winner in the Clearwater New

Mrs. Charles Curtright HUnter 5-3290

Elkhorn Valley Home Extension club met December 28 with Mrs. Simon Nore. Eight memlers and one visitor were present. Mrs. Charles Curtright conducted the meeting which opened with the club creed, led by Mrs. Nore. Roll call was answered by each naming her favorite Christmas song. Year books for 1961 were distributed and new officers will preside at the next meeting. Games were played and gifts distributed in this way. Mrs. Melvin Jacobsen and Mrs. Phillip Nore won prizes. Lunch was served.

Dale Hale was dismissed from the Tilden community hospital on December 24, where he had been a patient several

Mrs. Jim Workman left Sunday for Grand Island where her son. Russel of Denver met her and they returned to Denver Monday. Mrs. Workman will spend about three weeks in Denver with her daughter, Art Kelly and family and assist in the care of Mr. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Corder and Lisa returned to their home in Texas after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Thurs. - Fri. - Sat. Mrs. Roy Stevens, in Neligh and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Corder.

School resumed here January after a holiday vacation. Kindergarten will commence January 16.

New Years Eve guests at the Charles Curtright home were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Schrage, Mr. Mrs. Melvin Jacobsen and Mr. and Mrs. Emery Carey . Connie Dredge of Ainsworth

spent Monday night in the Harry Knapp home as a guest of Gaylene Knapp. Larry Lucas came from Denver to spend the holidays with

is small daughter Lisa Ann at the Arthur Lucas home. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lincoln and family have returned to their home in New London, Conn., after spending the holidays with Thurs. - Fri. - Sat.

Mrs. Lincoln's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thiele sr. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller and family of California spent the holidays with his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Floyd Muller. Word from Mrs. Ernie Fuller, who suffered a stroke sometime ago, is encouraging. Friends here have been informed that she is improving. Robert Siems is a patient in the

Tilden hospital being admitted there December 26. Benita Prater visited last week in the Don Maulding home in

### The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

Saturday afternoon marked the beginning of a fierce blizzard which reached its heighth Sunday night the mercury hovering around 30 below zero and snow driven by a 50 mile gale, it made this one of the worst storms, that has visited our section in several years. . . The doctors all know that the hardest patients to cure are those who have nothing the matter with them. . .Mr. Atwood, the Proprietor of the Hub is placing his goods and will soon be ready for business. . . Owing to the storm the stage did not get from O'Neill Monday. . . Go to Smith Bros. for the highest prices for your butter and eggs.

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## Venus News

By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Waring and sons, Arlie and Willis, were hosts at a family Christmas gathering at their home December Those present were Mrs. Ethel Waring of Page, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Waring of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Waring and family of Fairbury, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pease and family of Niobrara, Glen Waring and Kevin of Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Finch and daughter, Margie, of Brea, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Larry Taylor and Mark of Scottsbluff Mr. and Mrs. Veldon Godel and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heiss and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Rassmusun and family of Eola, Ia., spent Christmas eve and Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffrey. Other guests Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell and Julie of Om-

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Lieb and family of O'Neill spent Thursday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. Arden Laursen and family Mrs. Ressell Plainview is vis-

iting at the Grandma Evans home

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Christmas day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George home of Mrs. Edna Boelter were Jeffrey and family, her children, Mr. and Mrs. Del-

bert Boelter of Creighton, Mr.

ily, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Boel-

ter and Loren, Mr. and Mrs. El-

mer Kocina and Marlin Winn.

Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs.

Jake Efflie of Creighton and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hildrith

and family of California visited

Tuesday afternoon at the Donald

Kinnison, Donald Caskey and

Christmas dinner guests at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bar-

tos were Mr. and Mrs. Roy

Brookhouser and Jeffrey of Nor-

folk and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Spending Sunday and Monday

with their parents were Mr. and

Mrs. Larry Brookhouser of Grand

Island and Mr. and Mrs. Ray

Brookhouser and Jeffrey of Nor-

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Faulhaber

spent Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. Paul Baker and

The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Boelter and

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey vis-

ited at the home of Mrs. Edna

Sharolyn Caskey is visiting

Mr. and Mrs. Lavaine Hines

and family were Christmas

guests at the home of his bro-

ther, Lloyd Hines and family at

Tuesday evening visitors at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney

Faulhaber were Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Caskey and

family spent December 27 at the

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Andersen of Elba spent the Christ-

mas weekend with their daughter

family at Schuyler.

Mrs. Donald Caskey.

Boelter December 26.

with her grandparents.

Ralph Brookhouser.

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Harry Caskey homes.

Brookhouser.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffrey, Paul Lee and William Jeffrey and Mrs. Willis Boelter and famvisited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser Decem-

> Mr. and Mrs. Leland Caskey of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Ora Caskey and Larry and Gary were

Christmas evening dinner guests at the Edwin Porter home at Orchard. Other guests there were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter and family of Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Porter and Jerome of Holdredge and Mr. and Mrs. Verlyn Gibbs and boys of Clearwater.

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