Prairieland Talk

## "From Teacher to Storekeeper"

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

Kate Mann was the oldest of the three daughters in that Mann family that came to O'Neill from southern Wisconsin about the year 1882. Miss Kate at first taught school before the town had a school

house where the present great school building now stands. From teaching Kate became a helper in her brother John's store, and when that ambitious brother left this little Prairieland town to go to that great mid-continent city by Lake Michigan to launch into business, Kate took over the business John had started here to continue operating it for some years until age required her to



retire. And her brother John's auburn hair turned white, he too took the halting step of the aged, returned to O'Neill to end his days. And another. No more is seen of that business woman early mornings going down 4th street to unlock the door to the store there on the corner, go in and manage the business started by J. P. Gallagher. Yes, Miss Meire a long time business lady had to give it up finally as Kate Mann did. But another lady is still with us in business and heads up the Stannard store, the only place you

Father and mother went out to work leaving their 6-year-old daughter to care for the other two children, one a baby. The little girl lighted the oil stove to warm some milk for baby. Her dress caught fire and she rushed out of the house calling for help. A neighbor rushed to help the child and put out the fire. Father and mother away at work as it takes both of them to make a living these days. And a tragedy in that home 6-year-old Suzie died but baby sister got her milk.

can buy a banana now on south Fourth street.

Towels, wash cloths and soap came to me as holiday gifts, maybe some feeling that dad should

The gas boys of the O'Neill community had to do it this cold January weather. So you had to turn down the gadget. Well, in the days of buffalo chips and hay burners we fired up on cold winter days, crawled in between feather beds at night and the stove turned cold.

President Kennedy proposes to seek to be added to the social security benefits hospital and medical insurance for the aged citizen who has no other means to provide for his doctoring when ill. So grandpa and grandma can lay down sick under taxes why not?

Shoot if you must this old grey head, but spare your country's flag. A hundred years ago the arm of that grey haired Baltimore woman reached out of her upstairs window to save the flag of her country. A company of soldiers were marching by and shots had been fired at the flag. Stonewall Jackson headed that company of soldiers and when he saw that "old grey head" and heard the appeal of a loyal American woman a shade of sadness and a blush of shame came over his face. "Halt" the dust brown ranks stood fast. Who touches a hair of yon grey head dies like a dog. "March on", he said. I have traveled along that same street and there stood the building where a patriotic woman defended her country's flag. And that company of southern fighting men marched on to defeat, my own dad having a hand in bringing to pass that defeat that reunited us all again under one flag.

The sun glows in golden glory this 12th day of January '62. Seventy-four years ago this day Prairieland was visited by that terrible winter storm, the blizzard in the year 1888 that took the lives of some here in Holt county and left many dead cattle on the prairie. And the picture comes to me again of Grandma Chapman in her bobsled, her team up to a hay stack and she frozen to death, her little granddaughter by her side crying for mama and daddy. Grandma had left home near Dustin to take her little granddaughter to her parents in Stuart and was caught out in that killing winter storm. But the sun shines today 74 years later in the march of time. And I am at my typewriter because I did not get started that morning with a team for the Inman country.

John, George, Bill and men of other names are you now on the last half of lifes journey: Love and adore the wife of thy youth if she still abides with

As a young fellow he came from Denmark to Nebraska, farmed for some years down in Greeley county. Later located in our Capital City and did odd jobs and then to one of those modern institutions known as a nursing home and got a monthly old age check from the State House. Today old and a raving wild-eyed old Danish American is confined to the crazy ward at the state hospital. Another I have known. He came from Germany some 70 years ago as a young lad. Lived his life in the farming regions just out of Lincoln. Today "off in the head", another from distant lands for our state institution. And I call to mind several others who came to us from foreign lands who live peacefully medical care. After 70 years voting and paying in their old age here in our Capital City enjoying health and a sane mind.

Editorial

## What Can I Do?

Christian Science Monitor

It's easy to be cynical about the news. Headwallowed in the swamps of the world's problems.

Fill in your own blanks. "--- is a mess. The situation in ---- is hopeless. We have - disgracefully. How can you make any sense out of -

much of it. It is child's play to pull things apart. It takes courage and tenacity to put things together and make them work. We do this in material affairs. We build great structures and great organizations. We solve technical and scientific problems of the utmost complexity.

But how many citizens have the resilience to look at a tangled series of conflicting interests like the Congo and think-not out of impatience and irk, , but think as if they were the Secretary of State? There is no substitute for saying, "What would f actually do, if the decision were mine?"

A quick answer is no answer. Policies are not made that way. Anyone can apply his prejudice and come up with a predictable decision which will be predictably out of touch with actuality. A look at one side of a dispute is an invitation to be tripped up by unseen factors on the other side. President Kennedy has frankly said he made a mistake for just this reason in the case of the landings in Cuba.

constructive thinking about world affairs by leaders and citizens alike is primary. No one should allow lines by themselves are a depressing diet. Reporters himself to read about this or that crisis and merely consider themselves realists and unless they are sigh, "What a mess we're in." To that degree he careful it is only a short step from there to pro- is spreading the mess. Too many evil results flow fessional pessimism. A good many year-end reviews from the absence of decision to struggle against

Good results flow from good motives and the good actions that follow. A citizen needs a coiled spring in his mental reaction to the headlines. A decaying situation can be reversed to the precise This is irresponsible thinking and there is too degree that men and women confront it with a more than proportional application of good.

> Didn't every farmer's sleigh carry a buffalo robe? . . . Wasn't the minister always dressed in black? . . . Did your "Doc" look like he never got enough sleep? . . . What ever happened to the Barry boy next door who was always yelling "Your're another?" . . .

> MENOMONEE FALLS, WIS., NEWS: "If fire strikes your home, first get everyone out of the

> "Then call the fire department. "If the fire has gained headway, the first two or three minutes after you discover it may be the most important minutes of your life."

> INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINN., JOURNAL: "The average husband worries about what the government spends and what his wife spends. The difference is that he's not afraid to criticize the



# Frontiers

50 YEARS AGO

Farmers living in the Minneola country are feeling quite confident that the proposed interurban road will be built the coming season. . Dell Aiken has been reappointed postmaster at Atkinson, R. R. Marsh at O'Neill. and B. E. Sturdevant for receiver of the land office here for another term of four years. . Last week the eastern butter Dorsey News markets were higher than they have been for over twenty years.

.Gus Weinrich will have a public sale of his personal property at his farm three miles northeast of this city Monday as he is moving to Pierce to engage in business. . .Sanford Parker, register of the O'Neill land office and an old timer in this territory recommends that O'Neill copies Norfolk and enjoy the fine sleighing this winter.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

O'Neill citizens donate \$166.80 for Ohio flood relief. . . William Spangler, a prominent farmer living southwest of Clearwater, died at his home Tuesday afternoon after two hours illness. Cold weather lasts a month. snow covered ground destroys pheasants. . Spalding academy basketball teams defeated St. Mary's 22-11 but were stranded in O'Neill overnight due to drifting snow. . . Last rites held Saturday for Marion D. Pritchett who died at his farm home northeast of this city Thursday evening at the age of 75 years. The O'Neill Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Penisten Wednesday afternoon at which time Mrs. H. E. Coyne will review a new

#### 10 YEARS AGO

book.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stenger, Lynch, observe their 50th wedding anniversary. . . Heart ailment proved fatal to Ogden Wood, semi-retired jeweler. Strong winds, snow and subzero temperature batters O'Neill region for 30-hour seige. . .Funeral services held for Mrs. Hannah Stevens, 89, Page, who died January 19 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Gray following a year's illness. . . Stuart Community church holds annual meeting; votes to have nine trustees instead of six. . . Jimmy Sawyer is elected president of the

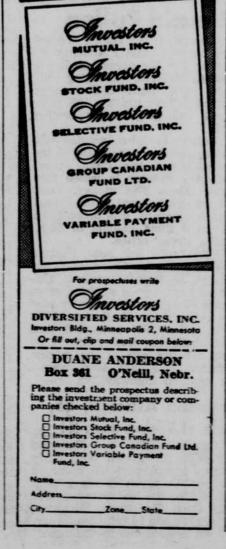
### 5 YEARS AGO

D. C. Schaffer, president of the O'Neill Production Credit association for the past 20 years, announces that he will be a candidate for office of director. . Five Cub Scout dens organized in city. . . Charles A. Bare, 80. retired Lynch rancher, died January 21 of a heart attack. Former Burlington railroad agent at Page, Henry Howerter, succumbs January 20. . . Gold Star Mother, Mrs. Royal Lanman, 58, dies January 20 at her home in O'Neill. . . Marriage of Miss Shirley Jean Keller, Spooner, Wis., and Stanley G. Young, O'Neill, performed January 12 in First Wesleyan Methodist church of Kansas City, Kan.

## The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lienhart

have commenced housekeeping in the Baldwin house. . . Charlie Graham and Chauncy Porter drove horses to O'Neill Monday for the horse buyer. . . Smith Bro's have ordered a new ice plow and expect to harvest a big crop of ice. . . Bogart & Lienhart is improving their store by new paper and paint. . . Highest prices paid for hides at Smith Bro's. Adv. . . Mrs. I. Eckley is expected home the last of the week from Kansas where she has been visiting her mother and sister. .Wesley Gaines, the lecturer, will appear Saturday night at the



25 YEARS AGO days working at her farm home Buss Cavanaugh, local Cham-bers boy, middleweight, wins cleaning and packing, as Ben

received word Tuesday that their

son, Henry and wife of Clear-

water were again parents of

twins, a boy and a girl. . .Fire

destroys the farm home of Mr.

and Mrs. Ralph Eacker Sunday

evening. . . Eileen O'Malley.

Chambers, freshman at Wayne

State Teachers college, was re-

tary of the Newman club organi-

By Mrs. Harold Osborn

Visitors at the Carson sisters

and the Edward Carson home

were Mr. and Mrs. Harry John-

This community has been wit-

nessing some very sub zero wea-

ther the past few days accom-

panied by wind, which makes it

seem much colder than the ther-

The Graham family is hav-

ing their turns at the flu and

bad colds, some feeling worse

Monty Pickering spent Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyer

jr. and Vickie, Atkinson, visited

Sunday at the Roger Rosenkrans

and family visited with Frank's

Lyle Wells drove Mr. and Mrs.

Howard Wells to Sioux City Wed-

nesday so Howard could see the

doctor again after having sur-

and Leslie took in the basket-

ball game at Lynch Saturday

evening. Lynch boys won, giving

Mrs. Howard Graham, Marlyn

parents over the weekend.

gery the week before.

them a trophy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruzicka

night at the Leslie Stewart home.

son on Sunday.

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zation for Catholic students.

fight over Jerry Jones, Wayne, in technical knockout. . . Many res-Mrs. Virginia Scranton and idents here are stricken with flu. Mrs. Janice Jenkinson drove up .E. E. Eminger is receiving from Plainview to help Mrs. medical care for severely frozen Miles and to also visit a while feet. . .Mr. and Mrs. John Haake

at the John Derickson home Fri-Mr. and Mrs. Buss Greene drove out Sunday to the Osborn home to help since Harold isn't feeling very well.

Miles is planning on returning to

## cently re-elected recording secre- Riverside News

By Mrs. Lionel Gunter

The United Presbyterian Women met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Wayne Shrader. Mrs. Kitty Fry assisted with the lunch Mrs. Vearl Tuttle gave the lesson "Lets Face The Facts" from the program guide, Mrs. Lionel Gunter had study guide on Romans: "God's Righteousness". Mrs. Web Napier led the Prayer Group in prayers for Egypt and eastern area of the United States. Mrs. Vearl Tuttle presided at the business meeting, the program department is to plan Family Nights. The Mesdames Wilbert Napier, Wilbur Bennett and Archie Johnston are to get prices on electric roasters and mixers and report to the February meeting. Members are to answer roll call in February by naming and locating a National Mission Station, \$25.00 was donated to the mimeograph fund and voted to pay \$.50 each month for dues. There were 16 members present. The women will meet with Mrs. James Kay with

Mrs. Alfred Napier in February. Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry visited last Sunday and were overnight guests at the Duane Jensen home in Newman Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier went to Sioux Falls, S. D. last Sunday. Nancy, Susan, Reta and Sonja stayed at the Dale Napier home

Mrs. Keith Biddlecome and Mr. Gordon Barta and Roger Roand Mrs. Lionel Gunter visited senkrans cabled in a couple of at the Frank Schmidt home Tuesstacks of feed for Harold Osborn day afternoon.

as he is confined to the house, Mr. and Mrs. Don Larson and by having a severe time with a Linda were supper guests Wednesday at the William Lofquist | 513 E. Douglas Mrs. Leta Miles spent several

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Shrader ate dinner Friday at the Lynn

Mrs. Gary Tessmer and sons visited Tuesday afternoon at the Alfred Napier home. Mrs. Frank Schmidt visited Mrs. Rudy Ahlers Friday after-

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller entertained Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnston last Saturday evening for their wedding anniversary by taking them to O'Neill for din-

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hord were dinner guests last Sunday at the Lionel Gunters.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Biddlecome, Fremont, Mrs. Virginia Fields and Mrs. Earl Schnebel, Norfolk, were supper guests last Saturday at the Keith Biddlecome home.

Marilyn Johnston spent last Saturday night with Joan Miller and Becky Miller stayed with Barbara Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery called on Mrs. Joe Tomjack last Sunday evening. The Art Busshardt family were dinner guests last Sunday at the Dave Pollock's.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Uecker, Steve and Diane, California, came Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Ahlers and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fry and

family left Thursday afternoon to visit her brother, Keith Gibson, and family and his sister, Mrs. Frank Emsick, and family. They plan to call on Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bartak in Omaha over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry visited at the Otto Retke home in Inman Friday evening.

The Riverside Missionary Society held their January meet-

ing Thursday afternoon at the Melvin Napier home. They also had a pink and blue shower for

Mrs. Everett Keesler. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ahlers and family, Wisner, were guests last Sunday at the Rudy Ahlers

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier and family were supper guests at the Lynn Fry home Tuesday. The Arlen Miller family visited at the Lynn Fry home Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fink and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller visited at the Ora Switzer home

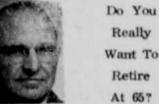
Thursday evening. Mrs. John Napier visited at the Alfred Napier home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery visited the Joe Tomjack family Wednesday afternoon. The Marvin Pribnow family,

Cedar Rapids, visited at the Earl Pierson home last Saturday.

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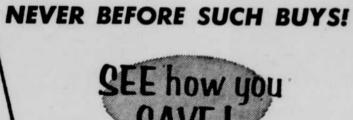
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