

Prairie Land Talk

# "The Fun is Over"

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

For more than twenty years the lifeless remains of Clarence Malone have laid to rest under the sod down at Inman. He had served as county judge of Holt county, at first in the old courthouse and then in the new. Dealing day by day with legal matters of state, Clarence had poetic visions and walked away from the drab affairs of his office to stand under a tree along the walk that led to and from the courthouse, open his poetic soul and tell me as I came by that "Maud Muller on a summer day raked the meadow sweet with hay." He would get into his car at times to drive away from it all. I see him again as he sat in his car in front of the Sun office in Chambers where I was helping at the time Clarence out there in his car eating a lunch Mrs. Hammer had prepared for him. Now today Judge Malone is gone—Dead Yes, dead. The one Being who gave us life reminds us all that "the living know that they shall die, but the dead know not anything." So Malone's fun is over and he lies today where nothing more can be known.



Romaine Saunders

Along the streets snow and ice; walking about out there not very nice. So I stay in where it is warm, out of the cold and winter storm.

Rancher George Meals, a good friend and close relative, living south of Atkinson, informed me by letter recently that his brother had died, I suppose up in Alaska where George's father and mother ended their days. George's brother like George himself was an O'Neill kid before landing in Alaska with his dad Jack Meals who served as a government officer when that northern land was being settled.

Winter days and long winter night; so stay in to turn on the heat and lights. Out in the open ice and snow, cold Arctic winds continue to blow. Every where across the land it is the same, they say. But one of these days Tom and George and Bill will be making hay.

The days ahead—the same as the days behind. Eat and sleep, up and on the go, hands out to get the money needed to travel life's highway.

Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life, said the One who can and will do just that.

Gov. Morrison likes the job and announces that he will be a candidate again. Nothing good or bad has come from our chief executive at the State House during his first term and why not keep it that way.

In 1834 I believe it was James H. Riggs came from his Iowa home to O'Neill, took over the print shop that Doc Mathews started here in 1880, Riggs becoming editor, publisher and owner of The Frontier. He was a cultured and polished gent seemingly quite out of place in this pioneer community. The printing business was good and much money coming in paying for the columns of legal notices. James had his brother George come from Iowa to help him and at least two other printers on the job. George left for Omaha about 1890 and James sold The Frontier to Mathews, King and Cronin when Riggs became post master. Three editors of The Frontier were post masters, Mathews, Riggs and Cronin. The Riggs brothers had a sister in O'Neill, Mrs. J. H. Meredith. The Meredith home was at what is now First and Everett streets. The last time I saw it the house was vacant. After his marriage James and family left O'Neill and located in a town east of Fremont. None of the Riggs family now in O'Neill but at least one of the Meredith household was still here the last I knew, Mrs. Mabel Meredith McKenna.

The death of Mr. Platt of Chambers has removed another long time resident of that community. In 1915 I sold him my Wheeler county ranch and he and family made their home there for a time, then moved the five room house and other buildings to Chambers, Mr. Platt opening a shoe store in Chambers which he operated until recent years. We of my household went from Wheeler county to Lincoln for school advantages, and then in '30 or '31 were at home again on prairie land five miles west of Amelia. The last I knew Platt still owned his Wheeler county land.

A cheering letter recently came to me from Prof. O. R. Bowen of Wayne. He, too, was a Holt county lad, his father serving as county judge some 70 years ago. Prof. Bowen was on the faculty of the Wayne Teachers College until his retirement. At one time he was a teacher in the Atkinson schools. Like some of the rest of us O. R. is now a "Has Been"—but a good one at that. The Judge Bowen family came to Lincoln from O'Neill. Prof. Bowen now has a daughter living in Lincoln.

We have now in the White House a millionaire. So our honorable President seems to think a five billion national debt is OK.

## Report from Washington

By Congressman Dave Martin  
Fourth District, Nebraska

The Second Session of the 87th Congress started Jan. 10 and on the next day, the President delivered his State of the Union message in person to a joint session of the Senate and House, in addition to the Cabinet, members of the diplomatic corps, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a nationwide TV audience. It was a most colorful ceremony.

According to the President's report, the nation is in fine shape and everything is sailing along smoothly. I guess, however, one's conclusions depend on one's point of view. As he was talking, I couldn't help thinking that the Federal government is spending 7 billion more dollars than it is taking in this year. I also reflected that more domestic programs were added this past year which added more than the amount of the expected deficit to our expenditures.

No real efforts were made to curtail the expenditures and, thus try to balance the budget. Communism has made further gains right under our noses in the Western Hemisphere, and we haven't done much about it. No, folks, I couldn't agree with the President and the tone of his State of the Union message.

Then, the following week, we received the President's budget message. Let's take a look at his recommended budget.

Total \$92.5 billion—largest in peacetime and not far short of the peak World War II spending. It is \$11 billion higher than 1961; \$30 billion higher than 1965; and \$83 billion higher than 1940. When you add the outgo for social security and other payments not included in the "administrative" budget, the 1963 spending will come close to \$115 billion.

The important point here is that the Federal government will be taking about 25 per cent of the total income of all the people in this country. If you then add the tax take of state government, county, city, and schools, you will find that over 35 per cent of the income of our people is going to maintain government. We have been told by competent economists that 25 per cent is the danger point. If we did not have this heavy drain on our earnings, this money would go into savings and investments, the areas that need new sums for future economic development. The main point I want to make in regard to this proposed budget is this: it can grow so large that it is a positive threat to our national well-being including national security.

The first legislation scheduled for consideration by the House will be a proposed increase in the postal rates to bring in about \$600 million additional dollars. This increase would come out of the pockets of every man and woman in the U.S.—a few cents a week. I am not in favor of the direction of the Administration's proposed increases. Let's raise the rates on the so-called "junk" mail, and let's stop completely the delivery through our mails of the Communist literature which has flooded this country since March 17, 1961. Unless the final bill takes care of these two items, I will not be able to support the proposed rate increase.

Quote of the Week: "We had better get easy on piling up national debt, with the life span steadily increasing, we may have to pay it ourselves... instead of our children." (Wall Street Journal)

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## Church Notes



All ministers are invited to send their church notes to The Frontier. For guaranteed publication, we ask that the notes are in our office by Saturday, one week prior to the services.

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**  
(Msgr. Timothy O'Sullivan and Father Robert Duffy, assistant)  
Sunday: Masses, 7:30, 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday: Confessions from 4 until 5:30 p.m. and from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.  
Masses in the church every day at 7:45 a.m.

**St. Joseph's Church**  
Amelia  
(Father Ralph O'Donnell)  
Masses at 10:30 a.m. of the first third and fifth Sundays of each month; 8:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays.

**Wesleyan Methodist Church**  
Page  
(The Rev. Mina Smith)  
Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; WY service, 7 p.m.; evening service, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Choir, 7 p.m.; prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**Christ Lutheran Church**  
(The Rev. A. S. Gedwillo)  
Thursday: Men's Club, 8 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m., Sr. confirmation class; 10 a.m., Jr. class.  
Sunday: 9:45 a.m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 11 a.m., Divine worship and Holy Communion. Announcements are by registration.  
Tuesday: Church council meets, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Walther League meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**Emmet Methodist Church**  
(The Rev. Glenn Kennicott)  
Sunday: Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 9:45 a.m. Evening church, 8 p.m., fellowship hour will follow with refreshments.

**Assembly of God Church**  
(The Rev. Ivan Christoffersen)  
Thursday: Fellowship meeting, 3, 6:30 and 7:45 p.m. services at Long Pine.  
Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a.m. morning worship and junior church, 11 a.m.; Evangelistic service, 8 p.m. There will be a 7 p.m. youth service.  
Wednesday: Music practice, 7 p.m., prayer and bible study, 8.

**Bethany Presbyterian Church**  
(The Rev. John Hart)  
Sunday: Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
Chambers  
(The Rev. William Roten)  
Sunday: Sunday school and Bible class, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.  
Saturday: Confirmation classes 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**First Methodist Church**  
(The Rev. Glenn Kennicott)  
Thursday: Prayer Circle, 10 a.m.; Woman's society, 2 p.m.; young adults, 8 p.m.  
Friday: Dorcas 2 p.m.  
Sunday: Church school, 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.  
Monday: Sub-District Methodist minister's noon meeting, Methodist church.  
Tuesday: O'Neill ministerial association, 9 a.m., Methodist church.  
Wednesday: Junior choir, 4 p.m.; Senior choir, 8; Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
Robert Granger  
Sunday morning Bible classes 10:00 a.m.; worship services, 11:00 a.m.; Preaching Rally, 2 to 4 p.m. A light lunch will be served.  
Wednesday: Evening services, Bible study and prayer, 7:30 until 8:30.

**Church of Epiphany**  
Emmet  
(Father Ralph O'Donnell)  
Masses at 8:30 a.m. the first, third and fifth Sunday of each month; at 10:30 on the second and fourth Sundays.

**Wesleyan Methodist Church**  
(Rev. Berniece Hubby, Pastor)  
Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.  
Monday: Wesleyan Youth; evening worship, 8 p.m.  
Wednesday: Prayer hour, 8 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
505 East Williams  
Sunday: Bible school, 10 a.m., Worship and communion, 11 a.m.

**Inman Methodist Church**  
(The Rev. Robert Linder)  
Sunday: Church school, 8:40 a.m.; worship, 9:40 a.m.  
Wednesday: Choir and MYF, 8 p.m.

**Center Union Church**  
Sunday: Morning worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 11 a.m., and Christian Endeavor, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Cottage prayer service, 8 p.m.

**Methodist Church**  
Chambers  
(The Rev. Charles Cox)  
Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

**Page Methodist Church**  
(The Rev. Robert Linder)  
Thursday: WSCS, 2 p.m.  
Sunday: Church school, 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.  
Tuesday: King's Daughters, 8 p.m.  
Wednesday: Choir and MYF, 8 p.m.

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Editorial

## Johnny Can Read

The scores made by St. Mary's sophomores on the California Achievement Test are heartening. Johnny CAN read, and Mary does comprehend! In a class of 28, where grade placement scores ranged from seventh grade to fourth year in college, two students rated fourth year college placement, four rated third year college, five rated second year college, two first year college, and four more rated above their own grade and chronological placement. The scoring on this highly standardized test was done by the University of Nebraska, and the above compilation was made from the mathematics reasoning section, a rather close approximation to potential.

In studying the correlation between reading comprehension and a knowledge of language mechanics, one sees evidence of good teaching or steady application to study or both. In the first native ability plays the major role; in the second, acquired knowledge is more important. What these students have acquired has kept pace with or apparently outstripped their potential. In some cases, they are achievers, and such a situation makes teaching most satisfying.

You mean you've forgotten the town where last year's circus posters stayed up until covered by this year circus posters? . . . Weren't you personally acquainted with the cow that supplied the milk your milkman brought in a quart can? . . . Weren't you the boy who hated to play "Postoffice" at the party—and stayed the longest? . . .

### What Is A Fair Price?

During these years of inflation and depreciating money, have you heard your neighbor cuss the price of something? How many times have you engaged in the whimsical practice of calling someone else a gouger—without knowing anything about the other fellow's business?

A prime example of this kind of senseless game took place between a couple of friends, whom we may refer to as A and B, at a golf club recently. At the moment the manufacturing drug industry, and the prices of its products have been subjected to considerable discussion.

Friend A, while sipping his Scotch and soda, complained that he was having to take some pills that cost 50 cents apiece. His companion B, an executive of a drug manufacturing firm, couldn't refrain from pointing out that the drink A was having cost 95 cents! Suddenly A began to look at the 50 cent pill in a new light. Perhaps he began to visualize the years of research and development, the costly processes of production and distribution, and the training and skill of the physician who had prescribed the life-saving drug.

What is a fair price for such a drug? What is a fair price for a Scotch and soda? These are things we have to judge on more than heresy, prejudice, and headline-seeking pronouncements.

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## Friday, Feb. 9

Sale Starts at 12:30

In case of bad weather sale will be held 1 week later on Feb. 16

### 36 HEAD OF CATTLE

- 1 - Guernsey milk cow, 6 years old
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- 17 - Good stock cows, 5 to 9 years old
- 10 - Heifer calves, 400 lbs.
- 7 - Steer calves, 450 lbs.



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## FARM & HAY EQUIPMENT

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| 1948 J. D. "B" tractor                        | J. D. 12-ft. rake                                | J. D. corn planter   |
| Tractor cultivator for A or B with Quick-tach | Letz 10-in. burr mill with auger, nearly new     | Kramer tractor winch to fit "H" or "M"                       |
| J. D. 2-bottom, 14-in. plow, No. 52           | Owatona 32-ft. elevator with 10 h. p. Onan motor | Three section harrow   |
| J. D. tractor mower                           | Case wagon with box                              | Buzz saw   |
| J. D. model H tractor spreader                | Steel wagon with box                             | 5-3 International electric cream separator, used very little |
| J. D. 4-section rotary hoe                    | Steel wagon with rack                            | 300-gallon fuel tank with stand                              |

## MISCELLANEOUS

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|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|---|
| 2 - feed bunks       | Hog feeder | Chain hoist, 1/2-ton    | Lots of other tools and items too numerous to mention |
| 60-ft. drive belt    |            | Brooder stove           | Lots of old iron                                      |
| 11x38 tractor chains |            | New set of tap and dies |   |

## HAY & GRAIN

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 30 - Tons of alfalfa in stack | 450 - Bales of alfalfa  | 800 - Bushels shelled corn |
| 10 - Tons of prairie hay      | 50 - Bales of oat straw | 600 - Bushels oats         |

TERMS OF SALE — Cash or make arrangements with clerk

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