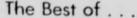
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# "Prairieland Talk"

#### By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

With the death of Romaine Saunders comes the end of new Prairieland Talk columns, However we feel that previous columns were of such great interest that we will reprint selected items as a regular feature of The Frontier. We hope new readers will receive as much enjoyment from the accounts as we have and those who read it for the second time will refresh memories or find new inspiration and information they missed on the first publication .- The editors

#### March 18, 1948

A state university professor sees further decline in population if we remain a strictly agricultural state. Prairieland covets not the belching smokestacks of factories and battles and busted heads

of striking workers. There is room in Nebraska-room in the "far flung open spaces where no plow has turned the sod". room for men to live and breathe God's free air, to see the glory of the sun rise and the splendor of the sunset's afterglow, room for villages and towns, for homes on the land. Nebraska — the cow, grain and hay state where families may live and work and learn and

worship in unworried and un-

hurried freedom.

Editorial

Romaine Saunders

If Congress has authority to fix monthly rents on dwelling houses and apartments has it not authority to say what share of the crop the renter shall turn over to the land owner and how much cash he puts up per acre for pasture? Is there any limit to price fixing?

The morning was cheerless and soggy. Clouds, like a gray curtain, hung across the sky. Pavements were wet, bespattered with mud, a raw wind penetrated to the marrow. The pedestrian, wrapped in morning gloom and mental melancholy silently grumbled about the bad weather. Then a citizen crossed his path, flashed a captivating smile as he called out a cheery "Hello!" and the face of the young man shone with a full measure of glory be. "Oh, heck it's not such a bad day!" And so the sunshine of a warm-hearted personality dispells the dark shadows of unlovely thought even as the glow of noonday sun overwhelms obscuring clouds.

Robert Meals accompanied the diplomatic mission to Ankara, Turkey and is now serving the Turkish government as advisor on munitions. He

tioned at an army flying field at home. His observations and experience brings the conviction that the next world tragedy will drop from the sky bombs and explosives, with the ground army in equipped to take over conquered territory. Soldiers, who have felt the world pulse, viewing the situation as they do, what may patriots everywhere contribute toward peace among mankind?

The Indian mother packs her papoose in a blanket on her back while his lordship - her man walks ahead of her unincumbered. The native African mother carries her baby astride a hip as she works the farm land, while her man lolls in the shade. They were walking up O street in Lincoln, the young mother carrying the child in her arms while the young dad walked by her side empty handed. Men just don't take to caring for babies.

The Frontier today with a bulky issue out does anything in small town newspaper endeavor in this part of Nebraska. An enterprise of this kind cannot but reflect great credit not only on the editor but business interests of O'Neill that have made such an undertaking possible.

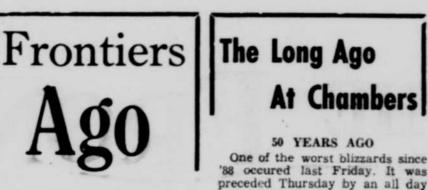
When Calvin Coolidge occupied the White House he once had a visitor on Washington's birthday, one of those gents who like to cast a shadow over national heroes. He remarked that Washington had been a gambler. Mr. Coolidge looked out of the window in the direction of that tall shaft guarding the Patomic and said "the monument is still there."

Men count their real estate holdings in the thousands of acres. When the bell tolls at the end

The sizable lists of candidates for presidency are getting organizations set up in Lincoln to promote their chances at the April primary. Gov. Dewey of New York will be boosted again by Lee Rankin, a young Lincoln attorney whom I have known since he wore knee pants. Mr. Rankin managed the Dewey campaign four years ago. Mr. Stassen has invited the New York governor to a debating party, which is not likely to materialize. Debates render participants raving, caving, stark staving mad and settle nothing, but furnish a little fun for spectators.

I don't know much about the background of the southern feeling toward the Negro, but if a domain the open spaces of Africa were made available for the colored folks of our black belt the whites that have been knocking them around would have to go to work

The statistic gatherers say there are 3,882,000 is a son of Col. Charley Meals who won his spurs cattle in Nebraska. The best they can do is take



#### 50 YEARS AGO

B. H. Parker wore an unusual St. Patrick's day decoration. Byron pinned on a five-dollar bill in lieu of the shamrock or green ribbon which he wore until it was torn off by an ultra en husiastic son of Erin. . .Father Flannigan, assistant parish priest, has been transferred to Omaha. Father Gleeson has been sent here from Omaha to take his place. Col. Neil Brennan departed yesterday for Omaha, where he joined a large concourse-something like a trainload-of implement dealers from all over Nebraska who have been subpoened as witnesses in the government suit to dissolve the International harvester trust. . . Miss Mary Howe has accepted a position in O'Neill and has resigned her position at Chambers as teacher in the high school resignation to take effect about April 1. . .Peter Ryan arrived home Tuesday from Delaware where he had been since last September, Mr. Ryan in the meantime having had the whiskers removed that long adorned

#### 25 YEARS AGO

his face

Saturday evening a surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brady at their home near Dorsey, the occasion being their Silver anniversary. . . Mrs. Mable Meredith McKenna filed for the republican nomination for county clerk last Wednesday. . . Frederich Schafer died at the home of Fred Tesch, northwest of Emmet last Monday at the age of 79 years. . .Michael D. McKenny. who was convicted in district court last Wednesday morning of having stolen four calves valued \$65, the property of Harry Van Fleet living near Atkinson. was sentenced to six years. . The Bowen Variety store was broken into last Sunday night. the cash drawer rifled and about fifteen dollars in cash taken. Mrs. Mayne Weddel was hostess to a luncheon honoring Miss Clarissa Teaquist, who will go to O'Neill to assume the position of chief operator at the telephone

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wide anniversary.

Pages Past

them. Forrest West left last Sun- tions were given. Diane Summer- der by Linda Woldneck, presiday for Douglas, Wyo. . Born to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Miller, March 5, an eight pound girl. A seven and 1/2 pound girl born March 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Charley Sterner.

### One of the worst blizzards since Inman News

### By Mrs. James McMahan

ed to snow and accompanied by a terrific windmade traffic of any Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reynolds went to Omaha Wednesday to atkind impossible. . . The little sons tend the Lumberman's Convenof Wood Jarman met with a very tion. They returned home Friday. painful accident last Friday afternoon by upsetting a teakettle Mrs. Albert Reynolds spent Monday in Neligh on business. of boiling water on themselves She also called on Mr. and Mrs. while playing in the kitchen. They Bert Reynolds. were badly scalded but are re-

ported by Dr. Gill as getting Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Keyes, Mr. along fine at present. . .Dr. Ox-ford reports the birth of a fine and Mrs. Roy Gannon. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark and Mr. and baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hansen and War-Mrs. Oscar Nelson last Friday. ren attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Frank Lienhart purchased the M. Clark Sunday at Walthill. barber shop and business from Mrs. Keyes is a sister of Mr. Wood Jarman last week and took Clark and Mrs. Gannon is a sisimmediate possession. Will Bigter of Mrs. Clark. lin and Leo Mullen came down Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cunningham from O'Neill Monday to embalm the body of LeRoy Nicholl, preand son have moved from O'Neill paratory to shipping it to Corto the tenant house on the Har-

vey Tompkins farm south of

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rectionville, Ia., for interment.

rain which in the evening turn-

Mr. Otto Retke, Mrs. Curtis At four p.m. Monday, March Smith and Mrs. Ethel Tompkins 21, at the Methodist parsonage in were supper guests of Mr. and Ainsworth, Rev. John Hart, pas-Mrs. Harvey Tompkins and sons tor of the M. E. church there, Saturday evening. officiated at the marriage of Miss Lo.raine Ella May Giberson of

Cub Scout News Dinning, to Mr. Leyn Leroy The Inman Cub Scouts met at

town.

Fluckey of Chambers. . . Miss Lathe schoolhouse Monday after Verne Walter and Lloyd Jutte school with Den Mothers Alta were home from Wayne College Widtfeldt and Lois Tompkins. a weekend recently; coming to The Cubs began work on their Neligh with another student from March projects. Neil Tompkins college, being met by Lloyd's faserved treats.

ther, William Jutte, who brought Inman Cub Pack No. 283 met them to Chambers Sunday of at the schoolhouse at 8 p.m. Alter last week. . . The Ceder Creek the flag salute led by Arlee But-Baptist Mission will hold its dedterfield, the Cubs and parents ication services Sunday, April 3 sang "America the Beautiful' with all day program; the real and recited a pledge to keep our dedication service being in the country clean and beautiful afternoon, . .Nebraska as you so Achievements for advancement in well known is the home of Arrank were discussed. Lois Tompbor Day, which comes on April 22. kins led in singing and Alta Again this year, plans are under-Widtfeldt and Joy Gallagher difoot for celebrating one way or rected games. The bear badge another this 66th anniversary of and a gold arrow point were conthis important event. The Amerferred upon Rodney Alder. The ican Legion, The Izzak Walton program for the evening closed League and the University of with the singing of the "Star Nebraska are sponsoring the state Spangled Banner'' and the Cubs reciting the Cub Scout Promise. Mrs. Justin Butterfield and Mrs. Howard Jackson served refresh-

er presented "We Sew with Clean Clean Hands"; Phyllis Tomjack was on "Our Sewing Tools" and Julie Summerer showed us how to "Thread your Needle and Tie a Knot'

We worked on our towels which are to be completed by the May meeting. Many of the girls showed their apron materials and also the attractive sewing boxes they had made. Our next project meeting will be April 15.

Mrs. P. W. Summerer and Mrs. Bud Tomjack assisted the leader as our regular assistant, Mrs. Ted Tornjack was ill.

#### Nifty Needlers 4-H Club

Saturday at the home of Debbi Asher. The meeting was brought to order by our president, Jolene Grass and the minutes were read by Andrea Wettlaufer. Roll call was answered by exchanging cookie receipes.

The business meeting was then adjourned and we all went to our classes, followed by group singing led by Mrs. Lyndley Crumly, Mrs. Asher served lunch fol lowed by games, in charge of Patty Jo Crumly.

Janet Kelly was a guest. We will meet next with Becky Beelaert.

Laurie Scheinost, reporter Midway 4-H club

Midway 4-H club met Friday at 8 p.m. at the Linda and Jeanette Woidneck home.



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dent. Roll call was to wear something green. Plans were made for the coming year.

After the meeting we sang a few songs. The project books were passed out, plans made for next month's lessons and the year books filled out. The rest of the evening was spent playing games.

Jeanette Woidneck and Karla Anson of the "Let's Cook Project", made a delicious lunch of sandwiches, vegetable plate and apple crisp. This was served cafeteria style by Linda Woldneck, who is taking "Meal Planning". The next meeting will be held at the home of Sharon and Kar-

Nifty Needlers 4-H club met la Anson April 12.

Pamela Crawford, reporter



when he told me ....

of life's trail all you can have is 6 feet of land.

at West Point where he went from O'Neill under assessment figures which never account for the appointment from the congressman of the Sixth last hoof. But those figures disclose a beef popucongressional district in 1901. Robert served as an lation more than three times that of humans. officer in the late war, himself a product of West Point

yourself some asbestos bedding.

of an officer in the aircraft service on the sleeve Psalms. of his coat, replied: "It is too near to suit me". He has seen three and a half years service in word motto: "Willing and able". And that expresses Europe and in the Pacific and at present is sta- the capacity of Reno divorce courts.

By the word of the Lord were the Heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of If you must smoke yourself to sleep, better get his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap; he layeth up the depth in store-Asked what he thought of the prospects of an- houses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the training last week. . . The Bethaother war, the tan clad soldier with the insignia inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him -

The state of Nevada expresses it in a three-

# Good-Bye To A Friend

The Frontier and Holt County lost a friend last dainty and mild-eyed antelope, the waving sea of edited the paper and later as he served as a guest ories, too, he recalled for us. editorial writer. His vivid accounts of early happenings in the settlement of this area, as well as his keen observations on present day happenings, made his column a favorite with young and old alike.

wild and reckless era when a new country was night across the sweep of yesterdays when a warm, being settled. The harsh visitations of nature, the rolling thunder, the wild lashing of raging winds, weeks of merciless heat from cloudless skies, devouring clouds of grasshoppers, all served as a challenge which men and women of that genera- vain or futile that touches the mysterious depth of tion faced with conquering courage. Mr. Saunders human emotions. We have the yesterdays and today. brought these memories to life as he recorded them in his writings.

Romaine also recalled the lure of Prairieland which fascinated and captured the very lives of those of his generation. The harshness of Prairieland was tempered by the pleasant winds of romance and adventure, the whirr of wings of count- it well. less Prairieland birds, a visit at the home of a

week with the death of Romaine Saunders. Mr. grass, the fragrance and color of the prairie rose, Saunders, author of Prairieland Talk, achieved a the fairy music of the meadow bells and the lingkinship with Frontier readers during the years he ering harmony of landscape and sky. These mem-

The following paragraphs from one of his early columns reveal some of his insight on life:

"The tide of time ebbs, and out of the receding shadows who would wish to close the heart, the Mr. Saunders grew up in Holt county during that vision, to one lovely thing? There was a starlit soft hand rested in mine and blue eyes reflected full surrender as gentle words spoke their mutual faith

> 'Are yesterdays only vain memory? Nothing is Who knows that he will have tomorrow only as he may have built it in the yesterdays and today for that greater tomorrow?"

> Romaine has stepped across that threshold into the greater tomorrow. We are sure he has built

> > BJR

The entire teaching and custodial staff of the O'Neill and pubhere from Scottville Saturday. lic school has been re-elected for the 1953-54 year. . .Army Pvt. Bernard Janzing of Camp Roberts, Calif., graduated with fellow members of his company as they completed basic infantry ny Presbyterian church will hold its first service in the new sancthe week. . .Ralph Stevens spent Sunday in O'Neill, as usual. tuary on the evening of Good Friday, April 3. . .Harding Crea-Mrs. S. H. Page will open a kinmery of O'Neill has been awarddergarten at her home next Moned a certificate of merit for winday, March 19. School hours 9 to 11:30. Tuition \$1.00 a month. ning first place in their group for having bought cream from New barber, W. F. Rief. . . The

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stations whose average score for

marriage license was issued to

Frankie L. Buckles, 18, of Merri-

man and Miss Wilma Van Buren.

18, of O'Neill on Saturday, March 21. . .DEATHS: Thomas Harding

85, O'Neill, Marine 2/Lt. Henry

Schleuter and William H. Kal-

**5 YEARS AGO** 

Simonson unit 93 of the Amer-

ican Legion announced that

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1952 were 93.87 per cent. .

bags Saturday morning under 50 YEARS AGO the direction of Donald Keyes A. E. Riggs is now located at Scoutmaster. A large pickup load Lomax, Ill. . . Alvie Davis was of materials was gathered for the

Goodwill Industries. John Aaberg made a trip to Iowa The Boy Scouts held their regthis week. On his return trip ular meeting Monday evening, he called on Sam Coover who is March 11 in the Manual Arts now proprietor of a bowling alley building of the Inman Consolidatand pool hall in Omaha. C. H. ed School. The boys worked on learning the Morse Code. Frink of Wood River was a guest of his son, Earnest, the first of

ments.

Boy Scout News

4-H Club Notes

Goose Lake 4-H Club The "Let's Sew" girls of the Goose Lake 4-H club met at the Ladies Mission meets with Mrs. Roy Waring Thursday. . Bror Bengston is moving to the Keshome of their leader, Mrs. Duane E. Summerer for their secner place. . .Elias Clark and sons have finished shucking 200 acres ond project meeting.

of corn without help. . .Myron Hartford and son, Allen started for Norfolk Wednesday, . .C. C. FEDERAL LAND BANK Hartford and John Bengston were **Real Estate Loans** callers at the R. K. Stevens home **On Farms and Ranches** Boyd, Garfield, Holt Wheeler Counties Through Federal Land Bank R. J. Bryan, accompanied by Assn. W. R. French drove to Lynch FARM CREDIT BUILDING Lyle P. Dierks, Mgr., O'Neill, Nebr.

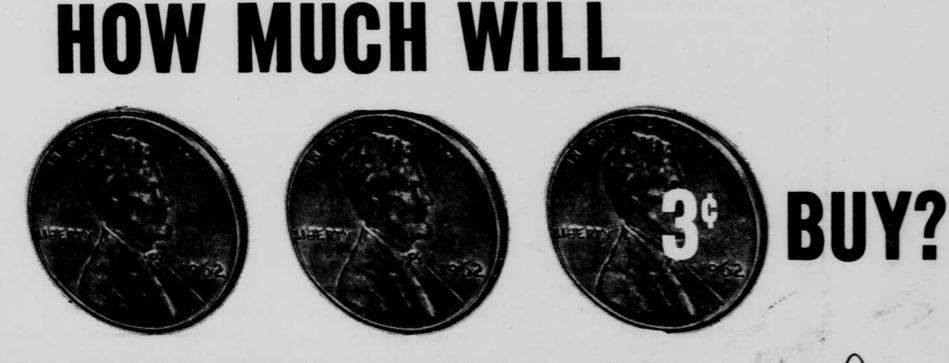
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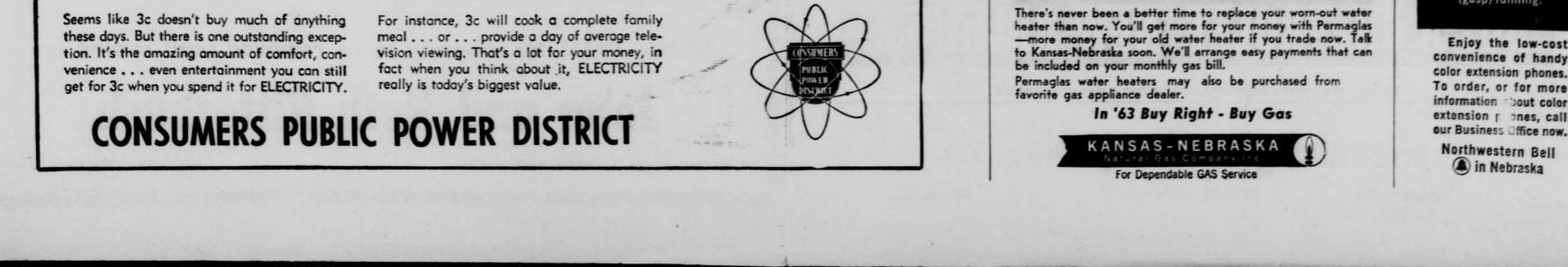
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.Miss Donna Fuhrer 25, a well known O'Neill invalid who paints by using a brush in her teeth, Saturday was taken by ambulance from St. Anthony's hos-

pital here to University hospital at Omaha. She is suffering from a heart ailment. . .James Nissen, a Junior at Page high school has been chosen as boy stater for this year and will be sponsored by the American Legion post No. 315. . .DEATHS: Fred Fritton, 69, O'Neill, Charles Cronk, 74, Page, Mary Dierks, 55, Atkinson, wolf hunt Sunday east of Creigh-Julie Braddock. 80, Bassett and ton. Eight hundred men got five

Tuesday.

George Schneider, 22, O'Neill.

Elaine Pauline Krugman, daugh-Saturday to meet Miss Marjory ter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krug-Bryan off the train from her man has been chosen to represchool duties at Burke, S. D. The sent O'Neill at Cornhusker girls storm hurricaned them on home, state at Lincoln in June. . . Ten arriving at 11 a.m. Gertie Stauf Pin Alleys, a bowling firm opfer, principal of the school, acened here in December, has been companied her. . .Kansas Klan sold to Mr. Poleck of Prague carry fight to United States Supreme Court to show they are purely American. . . Fred Clark, Harold Grass, John Lamason, Mildred Palmer and Marjorie Park visited eighth grade Friday. .P. X. Larsons, working out at the Knudsen place. . .H. L. Bittner and wife moved to Plainview March 1. . Lucille Kemper had the misfortune to throw her knee out of joint and is unable to attend school. . .Lawrence Munderloh, Orville Kemper, Jimmie and James Hildreth went to a

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wolves in the circle and killed