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### Prairieland Talk

### No Drouth Relief for Holt

### By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Revired, Former Editor The Frontie

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LINCOLN-The empire of Holt, 48 by 60

relief" is to be considered. Coming up from the south through Hall, Howard, Greeley and Wheeler counties and cross into Holt down there where Pat Boyle once lived, the bloom of prairieland's velvet-coated landscape is at once apparent. It was in 1894 that Holt county was shrouded in dry sheets and fanned by burning winds. Once in a century seemed enough but again in 1931 the pinch of

Saunders poverty hit for a minute, only for verden plenty to bloom again across the land.

President Eisenhower flew west to cast an official eye on drought gasping communities eligible for "federal aid". The South Fork country, Swan lake and Goose lake regions have no hands out, Green Valley and north to the river gulches, east across to Redbird and on to the Middle Branch and elsewhere in the county you can get a roast beef dinner and pumpkin pie any time.

Twenty counties in Colorado, much of Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma need drought relief. Also some few counties in Nebraska and South Dakota. And there is lways the helping hand, official and non-official, at times like these extended to affected communities.

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About the year 519 B. C., after the banquet of wine had soured and he with the Persian princess were sore because the beautiful queen Vashti refused to come strutting in the nude before them, to exhibit her feminine charms, that King Ahasuerus published a decree throughout his 127 provinces that "every man should bear rule in his own house." Starting with Queen Vashti the Medes and Persian ladies had begun a movement in behalf of woman's rights. What's thisit must be put down, the lords of the realm declared. After more than two thousand years the womanhood of the East lies crushed under a law of the Medes and Persian of a forgotten people. And gents, in this land of the free and home of the brave, are you altogether innocent?

It was a week in January in the year 1905. Andro Mazgo, a homesteader living seven miles southwest of O'Neill "proved up" on his claim before the U.S. land office. . . E. S. Kinch, a pioneer of the O'Neill community but at the time living at Oakdale, in Antelope county, was a visitor among former friends here. . . Grattan boasted having more taxable property than any township in the county but were complaining that the tevy for township purposes was too high. . . A pleasant evening was spent by young friends with Miss Ruth Harnish in honor of her 16th ly with the Corrigan drug store here but of late dim, feel again the warmth of throbbing hearts Wash, visited relatives and

. . .

A winter day, a day with a blanket of snow miles of level grasslands and lowlying hills where spread in white purity across the land, a day with man has found his peaceful abiding place and clouds hanging in sullen gloom above us, Zero over which a Page patriot, Mr. Cronk, will con- reading on the indicator out where frosty breath tinue to hold a restraining hand as chairman of of winter blows from without the polar regions. county board, has been declared today as standing Snow, ice nd frost put pep in each step as you Cards are out for the wedding plans to build a new dwelling in out, in lush green abundance, so no "drought venture forth to meet the trivial things of life another day, and something in the smiles and frown of those you meet along the way show what the moods of men may be on a winter day. You hurry new baker. . . Two men escaped along. Your mission over in the open air under serious injury in Emmet when a clouded sky, footsteps hasten to take you to their bobsleigh was hit by a your gas-heated winter abode. So I sit by the through train. Their horse rewindow and catch a glimpse of a bird awing as ceived a broken leg. . . John P. it soars away on the hunt for a bit to feed upon. Becker and Anna Freidle, both of And over beyond the untrod blanket of snow the Atkinson, were granted a marhighway traffic comes and goes. The paper boy riage license. . tosses the evening edition on the porch by the ols had a birthday party. There door. I sit down and read the story of a troub- were 12 guests and her teacher, led world, and then evening shadows gather as a Inez Harding is dangerously ill winter day draws to a close.

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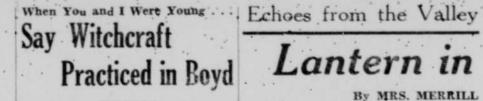
This 10th day of another year prairieland has been favored by a blanket of snow spread across the land, accompanied by zero temperature Frontier", was host at a dinner while the sun glows in golden glory high above. Did you wake up the other morning with something sticking down there in your throat and a | Cole of Star, is the kind of subvoice like a grizzly bear; from fingertips to toenail ends a sensation that something had gone haywire in the functioning of muscles and joints. You got up and on the advice of friends took a of her son, T. S. Mains. . . Little pill, repeating the dose every four hours. You Bobby Cole of Emmet, was taken grew worse, flighty and restless at night. Then to the Stuart hospital critically there came a dripping at the nose, a heave and ill wih pneumonia. . . a cough and spit. Just one of those little invis- Shelkopf started harvesting ice able but alive germs hit you and you "had a with the help of Walter DeVali, cold." And here comes Jack Frost and puts to rout Preston Jones, Cecil Griffith, the germs that those pills every four hours seemed only to feed.

His name was Graham. It went out a night last week at the Colorado penitentiary to pay the penalty for having plunged 44 souls into eternity a year previous. Victims of that airplane explosion that Graham was responsible for have been avenged, but that does not blot away the stain of one of one of the worst crimes of modern times.

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The president goes to congress with a word Page, Edward M Shaw, sr., 68, picture of the world as he sees it today with of Orchard. . . Francis Luben of presidential advise as to what America should do about it. Governors of states and Nebraska's being pulled along the road, in-Anderson among them, lay before the legislative to the Elkhorn river. . . Melvin assemblies the local picture. And statesmen now are burning the midnight electric bulbs shaping up laws to wipe out the world's troubles. Injustice, suffering, sorrow, enslavement, hunger and even death is to be ended as the "free world" boys take over.

If you have come to the twilight hour of your days and sit tonight within cloistered walls of your home with your life's companion by your fied by state officials that their side, away from the welter of human carnage and high school will have to go. . . human sorrow that is a blighting hand in other Dewitt Gunter of Ewing submitlands, take that life's companion by the hand, ted to surgery. . . Mr. and Mrs. birthday anniversary. . . Jake Hershiser, former- look again into eyes once bright now growing George Rector of Marysville,



### Family Makes Charge Against Another

### 50 Years Ago

A family of Boyd county requested that officials arrest another family for witchcraft. of Ciyde Murman and Miss Adeline Wrede. . . The infant of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cameron . William Salem is the died. . Helen McNichwith pneumonia.

### 20 Years Ago

D. H. Cronin, editor of "The for members of the Holt County Publishers association. . . E. E. scriber to bring joy to any editor! He has paid farther ahead than any of our readers. . . Mrs. Margood time. garet Mains, 82, died at the home Mark William Hubby and Morris Graham.

#### 10 Years Ago

Baim, a Holt county Frank esident for 53 years, celebrated his 88th birthday anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Grener are the parents of a boy. . Miss Gail Widtfeldt, a junior at O'Neill high school, received naional recognition for students for her poem "Tis Night". Deaths: Leroy T. French. 84, of Emmet fell from a stack of hay Clyde was guest of honor at a birthday party. . . A post-nuptial shower was helds for Mr. Lyle Childers of Chambers.

versary.

### Practiced in Boyd Lantern in Window By MRS. MERRILL ANDERSON

It was a half-century ago. Art Anderson, his wife and six the son in a horsehide coat and children had moved from the began inching his way toward eastern part of Nebraska to the home in the blinding storm. sandhills country. Daylight turned to darkness.

Living in a 10 x 12 ft. soddie Mr. Anderson's hopes of survivthey were happy and hopeful in ing began to fade as he groped for their new location. They had hours At the soddie Mrs. Anderson

kept a coil oil lantern burning in other improvements that would the doorway. The dismal light follow flickered and occasionally went Mr. Anderson loaded up his

out as the wind howled against 8-year-old son to accompany him the prairie home. team and wagon to the near-Moments crept slowly by. railroad point to get a jag lumber. The day was fair Mrs. Anderson knew it would be Ithough foggy. It was a 40-mile a miracle if anyone caught in undtrip. the storm managed to survive-As the day progressed clouds Exhausted Mr. Anderson, and gathered. By midafternoon snow his son somehow made it to the was falling. oddie, having been guided by They were homeward bound Providence and by an occasional as the storm became more in- glimpse of light from the feeble tense. The storm became so fierce lantern hanging in the doorway. the horses would no longer face

The horses perished and the the storm. remains were not found until the Mr. Anderson and his son freed snow melted in the spring.

String Instruments

William Maloun home. Boost Party Fun Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendricks and Nina visited the Bob Risor

CELIA-Monday evening sev- family at Butte Saturday. eral families gathered at the Joe LeRoy Hoffman and sons were Hendricks home for a general Sunday morning visitors at the Victor Frickel home.

ner and supper guests in the

Several brought string musical Donald Dobrovolny spent Thursinstruments with them and the day with his sister, Mrs. Duane evening was spent playing and Beck and family.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman inging songs. Those present were Mr. and and sons were Saturday after-Mrs. David Rahn, Mr. and Mrs. noon visitors at the William Orville Orr, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maloun home. Dorothy Scott Lewis and family, Paul Focken, was a Saturday evening visitor Kay Butterfield, Elvon Anderson, at the Maloun home. Connie Hitchcock and Jim Hen- Mr. and Mrs. John Sicheneder

spent Sunday with Mrs. Fern Morsett and family of Royal.

Friday. Mrs. Victor Frickel attended January 15, for the annual meet- the Lutheran Ladies Missionary ing. Bob Pease and Quentin Hic- meeting at the church Tuesday

seers for coming year. The budget Mr. and Mrs. Omer Poynts were Friday dinner guests at the \$ \$1,500. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Lauridsen Mark Hendricks home. In the and sons, Charles Johnson and afternoon, the men were Atkin-Jim Lauridsen were Sunday din- son business visitors.

ner guests at the Louis Lauridsen Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck and home. Mr. Johnson stayed for a daughter were Monday evening

longer visit with his daughter and family. Rev. and Mrs. George Hollingshead of Newport conducted Bible study class at the Hans Lauridsen home Tuesday, January 15, In spite of the cold evening a good

Ray Pease visited his father, R. M. Pease, at ONeill Saturday. Mrs. LeRoy Hoffman and Mrs. Margaret Chace attended the teachers' training class at Butte on Saturday.

Glen Sorensen was a Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Lange and

visitors at the William Maloun Survey Books Are Distributedhome.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schwindt |. LYNCH-Mrs. Frank Weeder and Venita also Mr. and Mrs. was hostess to members of the Fritz Naber were Friday supper Highland extension club at her guests at the Milton McKathnie home Thursday afternoon, January 17. Mrs. William Elsashome. ser and Mrs. Art Retzloff pre-

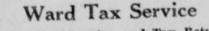
the horses. The father wrapped Visit at Page-Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Waller, Shades and Lighting".

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Rita and Gary of Wayne State A shower was given Larry Teacher's college visited Sunday Dean, little son of Mr. and Mrs. with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Snell of Tommy Meuller.

Extension club survey envelopes were distributed and the Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter vis- members are to meet at the home

ited Sunday afternoon with Mr. of Mrs. Velma McDonald Saturand Mrs. H. Hubbard and Mr. and day afternoon to fill the survey Mrs. Ace Hubbard at Chambers. blanks.



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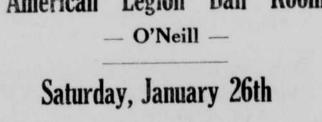
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Amelia. . . W. R. (Bill) Tenborg celebrated his 82d birthday anniin the navy. . . Amelia was noti-

One Year Ago

Deaths: Roy Worden, 67, of attendance was reported. . . Lyle Fox enlisted

O'Neill visitor.

Other Celia News Creek township met at the Alex

dricks. Lunch was served.

Duane Beck and Ralph Arnold helped Victor Frickel butcher on Fourteen members of Sand

Forsythe home Tuesday evening, kok were reelected road over- afternoon, January 15.

living at Norfolk, spent a few days among friends that understand God's design for man and his friends here. . . Billie Sammons mate on earth. in O'Neill.

### Editorial

## **Beautiful K-12 Wants Sponsor**

12th grade) redistricting program for Nebraska schools have indicated they are abandoning hopes of finding a sponsor in the current session of the unicameral legislature.

State Education Commissioner Freeman B. Decker indicates his office and the state board of education are having difficulty finding a state senator who will lend a name to this explosive issue-not that a number of senators wouldn't love to introduce it if they thought they could risk the ire of the voters back home

However, the state education commissioner, according to a press handout, wants it understood the K-12 plan remains the grand solution for Nebraska's backwoodsy school problems; that, in effect, our children will grope and stumble along in the world and our tax load will be inequitably distributed until this beautiful K-12 plan comes to pass.

The K-12 boys, in temporary defeat, want it understood they are champions of home rule and local control. But that's not the interpretation most of us give to the contents of the master handbook, which provides K-12 for everybody, like it or not, by 1960.

Few Nebraskans question but what redistricting of some sort is needed. On the other hand few are willing to turn the problem-lock, stock and barrel-over to a great white father in the state capitol tower.

Nebraskans resent compulsory redistricting with Lincoln retaining the final authority.

Principles of the Nebraska Small Schools association, organized to save small schools such as the two-grade Amelia high school in Holt county, spread across the state like an old-fashtoned prairie fire. Through that association people became aware of some of the conniving going on 'neath the great statute of The Sower. They now, belatedly, realize much of the difficulty has developed during the past four years in which the highest education office in the state has been appointive rather than elective. The state board of education, a new twist for Nebraska, is set up so that terms of members expire on a staggered basis. Result: If you don't like the manner in which the board is conducting the state education business, it'll take a number of rears to throw the rascals out and change the composition of the board.

The K-12 enthusiasts are talking of dropping the scheme now while the prairie fire is at its height. This talk will tend to check the flames that are lapping the state capitol steps. With the fire extinguished and the weary minutemen back home minding their own workday tasks, the great white father and his disciples will conjure up something else.

Our guess is it will be a referendum issue in 1958.

Thinking behind this will be that the masses from Omaha, Lincoln, etc., will go along with K-12 because the proposition will sound nice, but the pitfalls in the administration of K-12 will be recognized only by the rural people who will be primarily affected.

### Shucks, Quit It Gals! Guest editorial by Reed O'Hanlon,

Blair Pilot-Tribune

Mr. Dior, the Parisian fashion expert, still hasn't crawled out of his hiding place under the Audited (ABC) Circulation-2.559 (March 31, 1956

Exponents of the K-12 (kindergarten through | rocks since he erringly decreed flat chests for women a couple of years back.

The howl, which went up from men who like their women to look like women-and from the sented, the remainder of the majority of women themselves-set Mr. Dior back 20 years on his career.

Now, even as Mr. Dior peers out anxiously from under his stone ,someone has managed to make the 1957 hats for women look like beehives.

We've always gone along with women's hats of all kinds in a sort of expansive mood. But if our wife or any of the other women we consider good-looking show up with one of these upsidedown-looking monstrosities reminiscent of the awful periods of 1922, we shall personally shoot down both wearer and perpetrator of this awful fraud.

And we shall be set free by any jury in the USA.

### Vast Difference

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormon church) owns a remarkably long and varied list of business enterprises, including a bank, an insurance company, a department store, a sugar company, a coal mine, ranches and so on.

But in this case, there' is one vast difference from most business under takings which are carried on by essentially non-profit organizations such as churches. A factual article on the Mormon ventures in the Wall Street Journal states:

"The church insists on paying full Federal taxes on all profits from business activities, though legally it could often claim exemptions." This country could use more of that kind of spirit! and principle.

Prepared as we are to love our enemies, it's difficult to do in the modern world when you can't tell, from day to day, exactly who they are.

It is surprising how' well one can get along with others if you keep your mouth shut and let somebody else do the talking.

The enthusiasm with which the cigarette industry is turning to filters indicates that filters cost less than tobacco.

A child performer needs an awful lot of talent to make up for not being a close relative.



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children, who have been living at of Amelia caught an 11 pound Zephyr Hills, Fla., returned Wedfish while ice fishing. nesday, January 16, to their farm northeast of Atkinson where Mr.

### Attendance Game to Be Employed-

uary 25.

LYNCH-The Rural Progressive extension club met with Mrs. Edmund Rohdi Thursday, January 17. Mrs. Bernard Weber was assisting hostess. Thir-

een members were present. After the lesson on "Lamp shades and lighting" was preafternoon was spent in visiting. The on-time and perfect attendance game is again taken up in 1957. Sides were chosen. The survey group members are to meet at the Elmo Barnes home on Friday afternoon, Jan-

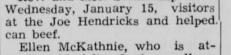
### O'NEILL LOCALS

Jerry Weaver, C. D. Hartronft and Charlie McKay left Sunday for a few days of business in

Denver, Colo. Mr. Hartronft will go from Denver to Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hendershot and family were Sunday supper S.D., spent Friday and Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ray of ing them with their work.

and Mrs. Duane Mintle have been living. The Mintles are moving to the farm of Mrs. Fern Warren, where the Frank Disterhaupt jr., family lived before moving to Minnesota. Rev. and Mrs. Steinkamp were Wednesday, January 15, visitors



tending Norfolk Junior college, spent Thursday to Sunday evening with her father, Milton Mc-Kathnie, and family. Charles Phipps spent Sunday at

the Mark Hendricks home. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hendricks were Tuesday dinner guests of

Rev. and Mrs. Steinkamp. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Focken

and family were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Mark Hendricks home. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks

and Preston Pike of Rapid City, guests at the Omer Poynts home. Duane Waldrop is spending some time at the Paynts home helpwith Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wray.

Tilden were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hammer-Mr. and Mrs. Weston Whitwer. berg and Alex Forsythe were din-

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