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Prairieland Talk . . .

Matron Caring for 3 Aged Men Told to Install \$500 Fire Alarm

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — Official or assumed official regulations work a hardship on the citizens, mostly ladies, who are trying to do something for the aged and dependent segment of society. A certain official oversight of the places that have come into the picture in recent years may be necessary but the tendency is where such authority is either assumed or authorized to be unreasoned.

One place of which I learn where the matron has but three aged men to look after is required to install a fire alarm at a cost of \$500 and do certain other things at heavy cost before she can have a license as an operator of a nursing home. These fire alarms are installed in such places in other states at a profit for \$200. High rents for houses added to the cost of license requirements tends to discourage our capable women from entering a much needed field of service for the aged who have no other hope in life.

If the situation is a matter of state regulation perhaps Sen. Frank Nelson can work out a corrective measure if he returns again to the legislative session.

The American Bible society reports the largest volume of

scripture distribution, foreign and at home, for the year 1951 in the history of the society, more than 16 million Bibles or portions of the scriptures sent out from the society headquarters last year.

A family prayer and world peace gathering in Los Angeles, Calif., sponsored by prelates, is reported to have had a response of 80 thousand men and women. Probably there is no other community quite so much in need of what can be done on your knees.

Charley W. Petersen is right in contending you can't levy a school tax unless you have school. Sen. Frank Nelson of O'Neill was right in opposing the passage of the blanket tax measure and the supreme court says so, too. I don't know of a man in Holt county who has made any more honest return through the years of his property holdings for assessment than Mr. Petersen.

Lincoln sleepers were awakened before dawn by the growl of distant thunder. After weeks of wilting heat and southern winds suggestive of the hot blasts in July, 1894, the roll of thunder was sweet music to awakened sleepers and as cooling rain began to fall naked bodies began to stir in search of something for covering. It was no gully-washer that sprinkled the capital city but the fraction of moisture, cool winds and overcast sky brought cheer to a hundred thousand city dwellers, revived vegetation, gave potatoes a new lease on life and punched up the prospects for a wheat crop out on the farm lands surrounding the city. It was noted in this department a year ago when there was an excess of bellyaching about the wet conditions that maybe this year tongues would hang out for water. The present shower was wholly inadequate to soak up the parched earth, but having begun more may come.

Day-by-day there is seen each new day the genus homo on the go chasing after another dollar. About the happiest gent I ever met has as his material possessions a safety razor, a battered suit case, the clothes he wears and a Bible. It was said by One that our lives consist not in the abundance of things we possess. With neither property nor taxes to worry him there rests upon the hoar head of that old timer a sort of halo that softens the gloom of life's lengthening shadows and crowns his 87 years with the golden glow of approaching sunset. Another old

timer encountered from time to time is horribly boring and you walk on as soon as decency will permit. He will talk you into a nervous rage with his detailed accounts of his youthful days down on the farm that have no more interest for the one being so bored than a frog's croaking.

The defeat of a bond proposition by Lincoln voters by a vote of 8-3 is an expression of how people are feeling over the tax burden.

Getting off such nonsense as "rapacious and predatory interests," John L. Lewis, the shaggy old miners' union boss, offers steel mills strikers \$10,000,000 of his union's funds to aid in their support while out on strike. Some of the most sinister figures in America today have got in control of labor organizations. Demands of certain union groups are largely responsible for the high cost of living. Antitrust laws bear down on corporations while such organizations as Lewis represents feel they are above the laws of God and man. If the miners have 10 million dollars to hand out to help paralyze the steel industry they are faring a lot better than many struggling business concerns all over America. Lewis is particularly bitter about the Taft-Hartley law which gives union and non-union labor an even break, and if invoked by one in the White House with the courage of a Teddy Roosevelt or a Grover Cleveland labor troubles would be curtailed. Some years ago members of the International Typographical union, affiliated with the well-managed American Federation of Labor, contributed to the support of striking printers in Chicago until they were tired of it, withdrew such support and the Chicago printers had to root hog or die. They went to work.

Can't blame him for denying it, seeing his official job was at stake. The incident reported from Milwaukee involving a Nebraska M.D. in a police action and fine for setting the hotel bed on fire by way of the cigarette route may have given even free and easy Milwaukee a shock and wholly and scandalously misrepresented our fine group of prairieland doctors.

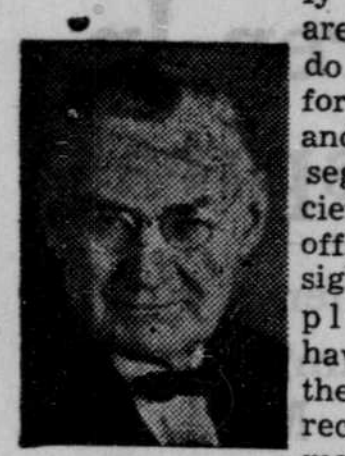
June 28, 1904, the date set for land office officials to accept entries for the enlarged homestead in Holt and other counties with extensive tracts of grazing lands, there were lined up to file on claims at the O'Neill government land office between 600 and 700 men and a sprinkling of women to whom a homestead of 640 acres looked good. For two weeks before the day that such homestead applications could be received strangers were drifting into town, having spotted a section of land mostly out in the sandhills they wanted to homestead. Congressman M. P. Kinkaid of O'Neill had secured the passage of the enlarged homestead law for his district and homesteaders then became known as Kinkaiders. Among O'Neill people who secured such homesteads were Jake Pfund, Jim Harnish, Guy Green and Phil Ziener.

Along this time of year school boards make the levies and other provisions for the next school year. At one time the Minneola district failed to accomplish this at the annual meeting because of a tie vote. Then County Superintendent Slaymaker brought mandamus suit in district court to compel the board to act to the end that school for the coming year would be provided for.

Not that it concerns prairieland, but first resorts and dude ranches up in the Colorado Rockies crowded out the picturesque prospectors, put to flight the bald eagle, started the silvertips waddling down the mountains and frightened away the antlered monarchs of the waste. Now on the site of a once hopeful miner's cabin there is a broom factory, the promoters of which report the sale of \$125,000 worth of brooms in a year. Is nothing to be left inviolate, since here comes the household broom to sweep away the charm of wooded slopes and snow-crowned peaks?

"The plain truth is that Americans, as a people, have never learned to love the land to regard it as an enduring resource. They have seen it only as a field for exploitation and a source of immediate financial return." — Dr. H. H. Bennett, chief of U.S. soil conservation service.

Supper guests at Bill Clausens Sunday, June 15, were Mr. and



Romaine Saunders



Concession stand (above) did a 180-degree turn when O'Neill's new drive-in theater was visited by a small twister on Sunday evening, June 15.—The Frontier Photo.



Scene of debris behind the screen. Mrs. Ed Ludeman, O'Neill spectator, views piece of 2x6 kindling wood. The owner, R. V. Fletcher, says the theater will reopen on Thursday, June 26.—The Frontier Photo.

ROCK FALLS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Curran and family, of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived Friday evening, June 13, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Curran.

Mr. Albert Sterns and Doris attended the Bowden-McKenny wedding in O'Neill Monday morning, June 16.

Guests at James Curran's Sunday, June 15, for dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curran and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Curran and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Curran and family and George Curran.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sterns and family were supper and evening guests at the Albert Sterns home Sunday, June 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Waegli and Leroy were guests at the James Curran home Wednesday evening June 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Margritz and family were dinner and supper guests at Bernard Blackmore's near Amelia Sunday, June 15.

Mrs. Henry Vequist visited Orville Morrow's Saturday, June 14. Betty and Judy came home with her to stay until Tuesday morning, June 17.

Guests at James Curran's Friday evening, June 13, for supper were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Curran and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Curran and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Curran and family and Delia Ernst.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist and family attended a family dinner at Mrs. Celia Grutsch's Sunday, June 15. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grutsch and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Grutsch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pongratz and family, Mr. and Mrs. James McNulty and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lansworth and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown and family visited at Oswald Druke's Friday evening, June 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hynes attended a father's day dinner at Kenneth Young's in Ravenna. They were on their way to Yellowstone national park and other points in the West. Wesley Taylor's are doing their chores.

Some of the chickens are going into the freezers in this neighborhood. Mrs. Don Hynes, Mrs. Wesley Taylor and Mrs. Henry Vequist dressed some for Mrs. Lyle Vequist Thursday afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hynes and Mrs. Lyle Vequist dressed some for Mrs. Hynes Friday. Mrs. Anna Brown and Mrs. Albert Widfeldt dressed a bunch Friday afternoon, June 13.

Tommy Vequist has been spending considerable time at his grandparents recently.

Visitors at the Gus Karel home Wednesday, June 11, were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morrison from Boulder, Colo.

Dinner guests at Bill Clausens Sunday, June 15, were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Karel and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Waegli and Leroy Harris.

Guests at Floyd Johnson's Sunday, June 15, for supper and the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rakes and family and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Lange and family were guests at Bill Clausens Wednesday evening, June 11.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Vequist and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Taylor attended the dance at Bernard Pongratz's Sunday evening, June 15.

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Special Legislative Session May Be Called to Face Nebraska's Highway Crisis

LINCOLN — Highways moved back into the headlines this week after a Sunday meeting of newspaper editors at Kearney called to urge Gov. Val Peterson to summon a special session of the legislature to deal with the growing problem.

Peterson explained that he was reluctant to call the lawmakers to Lincoln because in their last regular session they voted down, 24-17, an attempt by Sen. Otto Prohs of Gering to reenact the penny-a-gallon gas tax increase.

The governor went on to say he could understand the legislators' action; they had what sounded like a clear mandate from the people who in the fall of 1950 knocked out the gas tax boost approved by the '49 legislature.

Peterson did note that the vote was narrow—about 12,000 votes out of 40,000—and that the language of the proposition was confusing, "but expect that helped one side as much as the other."

(The 1951 legislature changed the referendum law to avoid such "confusion" in future elections.) The governor laid before the editors a yardstick for measuring a problem to determine whether a special session call is warranted; First, there should be a widespread recognition that a real problem exists and second, there must be a solution upon which there is pretty general agreement.

Peterson was asked whether he would consider including the creation of a highway commission in a special call since opponents of the revenue laws have said they will not agree to "pouring money down the same old rathole" and won't give up the fight until a commission runs the state highway department.

"I will consider anything that would forward the best interests of Nebraska, even though that may not agree with my personal thinking." The governor has often said he would not oppose a highway commission bill.

The editors moved to appoint a committee which would consider the advisability of urging a special session of the legislature.

Who's Who — Since the special session talk has come up, this reporter has had several inquiries as to the voting records of the various legislators on the bill to boost the gas tax.

The measure was LB 122 and Sen. O. H. Person of Wahoo moved to kill it. It was on this motion that the proposal fell. Here's the vote on Person's motion. A vote for the motion was a vote to kill the bill:

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WHEREAS, Dale Leo Hines, Convicted in Holt County, on the 28th day of March, 1951, of the crime of Burglary, has made application to the Board of Pardons for a Commutation & Parole, and the Board of Pardons, pursuant to law have set the hour of 9:00 A.M. on the 24th day of July, 1952, for hearing on said application, all persons interested are hereby notified that they may appear at the State Penitentiary, at Lincoln, Nebraska, on said day and hour and show cause, if any there be, why said application should, or should not be granted.

JAMES S. PITTINGER
Secretary,
Board of Pardons.
RICHARD C. MEISSNER
Chief State Probation Officer.
(NEBRASKA BOARD OF PAR-
DONS SEAL) 8-9c

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William W. Griffin, Atty.
NOTICE FOR PETITION FOR
ADMINISTRATION
Estate No. 3841
In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, June 16, 1952, In the Matter of the Estate of JENNIE HOLLOWAY, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said estate that a petition has been filed in said court for the appointment of NORA EVELYN PUGH as Administratrix of said estate, and will be heard July 10th, 1952 at 10 o'clock A. M. at the County Court Room in O'Neill, Nebraska.
LOUIS W. REIMER,
County Judge. (County Court Seal) 7-9c

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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Holt County Board of Supervisors of Holt County, Nebraska, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction and repair of all wood, steel and concrete bridges and culverts in said County of Holt for the budget year 1952 - 1953, as necessity may require and at the direction of the County Board of Supervisors.

Sealed bids must be submitted in bidding blanks furnished by the Department of Roads & Irrigation, State of Nebraska, and must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$1000.00, said check to be on a solvent bank in Holt County, Nebraska, as a guarantee.

Sealed bids as requested above will be received up to 11 o'clock A. M. on the 15th day of July, 1952, at the Office of the County Clerk, at O'Neill, Nebraska, and will be opened by the Board of Supervisors at that time.

The Board of Supervisors reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Done by order of the Board of Supervisors of Holt County, Nebraska, this 28th day of May, 1952.
RUTH HOFFMAN
County Clerk 7-10c

Going Up — Still on the subject of assistance, payments last month averaged \$52.48, according to figures on file in the office of State Aid Director Neil C. Vandemoer.

The average is up three cents from April and up 55 cents from a year ago. The number of recipients, however, is down some 1,300 since last year. There were 21,326 persons receiving aid last month.

Total old age payments amounted to about \$1,120,000 last month compared to \$1,181,000 a year ago. Aid to dependent children last month amounted to \$258,000 for 6,854 children, averaging \$39.96 per family. This form of assistance amounted to \$304,288 in May, 1951, for 8,202 children, an average of \$39.03 per family.

Aid to blind amounted to \$46,416 last month or \$62.22 per case for 746 persons. A year ago, it was \$44,807 for 729 persons, or an average of \$61.46.

O'NEILL LOCALS
Miss Kathy Rubick is spending the week in Chambers at the John Honeywell home.
Miss Barbara Muff arrived in O'Neill Sunday from Washington, D.C., where she is employed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and plans to spend a three weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Muff and family.

Tough — Governor Peterson said last week he thinks the board of control has been too tough on Nebraska assistance recipients by denying them payment of their medical expenses while they are out of the state.

The board's chairman Mrs. Mary Prince, said it was felt that if recipients could afford to go traveling, they could afford to foot their own medical bills.

This, Peterson said, is "unrealistic and unduly harsh" and he asked the board to see if the policy couldn't be softened.

Then the governor opened up administration of the assistance program at the county level and said that county commissioners are in the best position to know whether ineligible are on the relief rolls and should toss them out.

"If these people are not taken care of the rolls," he said, "it's simply because of political reasons." The governor's remarks are similar to those of Sen. W. J. Williams of Kearney who drew the wrath of several counties when he said the aid program "stinks at the county level." Later Williams said he had intended his remark to be off the record.

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10 p.m.—Boby Mills Orchestra in Park Pavilion
• BICYCLE & PONY RACES
1:30 p.m.—Bicycle Race—Boys 12 or under—Purse \$25
1:45 p.m.—County Pony Race—Free-for-all—Purse \$75
2 p.m.—Bicycle Race—Girls 12 yrs. or under—Purse \$25
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