

Prairieland Talk . . .

Picket-Pin, Pony Are No More

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—October 1. Heating equipment still idle and household fans yesterday were running. Tonight I look out of the open door. High in the southern heavens a near full moon glows with radiant splendor. It is a calm night, only the muffled rumble of traffic and the glad laughter and shouts of children playing in the street. So I switch off the electricity and from the throne of an arm chair look out upon the moonlit earth and sky. And 'ere you are aware of memory's store you are dreaming the old dreams over and walking down the highway of yesterday. It was upon that highway of youthful dreams, of youthful longings, of youthful I walked again with friends that I have known—Sam and Ed and Lena and Maude and Kittie and Minnie and all the others. Youth walking down the highway of life comes face to face with an angel. And so looking out upon the moonbeam-drenched night I "turn the leaves of fancy" and there comes upon the highway of yesterday one with a smiling face under a crown of glory of red-tinted tresses; her eyes were blue, a deep blue, and something in her smile and frown, the poise of maidenly dignity, the radiance of womanly charm proclaimed her every inch the lady. And being every inch a lady inspires her youthful captive to be every inch a man. At least a fellow makes a try at it.



Romaine Saunders

Life has its treasures of heart and soul that linger as sacred memories, memories of days of happiness and hours of care coming down the long highway hand in hand with that angel meet face to face in the long ago. She now lies beneath the sod and cares of life are borne alone. But tonight sitting by the open door care has cast her anchor in the harbor of a dream:

"For I find an extra flavor in memory's mellow wine That makes me drink the deeper to that old sweetheart of mine."

Tuesday, November 4, is the big day, marking off another period of four years of national life. What you think of government trends and government accomplishments the past four, eight, 12, 16, 20 years will have to guide your pencil when you line up with other millions in the election looth. The lifelong adherent to the political group favoring his conception of the science of government may not be so sure of it all as he looks out upon the troubled sea of national life. Maybe your party representatives in the smoke house in Chicago didn't select your man of destiny. Man for man there may be but little choice between the two reaching for the doorknob at the white house. It then becomes a choice of principles of the science of federal functioning. I suppose a fellow has to be pretty loyal to party lines, or shall we say prejudice, to approve all that has been going on behind the scenes at the white house and vote for its continuance. But that is the Yankee privilege. There was a fellow in the white house by the name of Herbert Hoover. A lot of folks thought "there ought to be a change." There is a fellow in the white house today from Missouri. A lot of folks are thinking "there ought to be a change."

The chief executive of a state or of the nation represents the people. I cannot conceive of it being either good official taste or to the best interests of the country to go on a whistle stop speaking tour to lambast one party candidate and rave over the qualifications of another. Mr. Truman is at a low ebb anyway, so it doesn't make much difference, but he is still our president, and should sense that it is his duty to respect the rights and faith of all if he desires respect from all.

If one of the Irish Peellers survives in or around O'Neill he can tell you of the time his baseball group was "peeled" by an aggregation of girls who were touring the country and known as the Boston Bloomers and which bloomin' bunch came to town to match their skill against the Peellers. The gals were something to see in action on the ball diamond. But the boys of the Peellers gallantly let the girls walk off with the honors that day.

No Ox Cart Government

Wheel Does a Cycle?

"Bless my soul if the wheel isn't turning full circle," said the "nasty old reactionary republican."

"For years," said he, "I've winced every time I tried to make a criticism of the democrats. They always answered everything by harping back to their stock in trade, 'remember Teapot Dome!'"

"And now it looks like the democrats have a mess cooking in the Teapot and isn't it refreshing to see what they will do about it?"

There is a strong possibility that the wheel of scandal has come full circle, to stop this time squarely in front of the democrats. There have been some strange goings on in connection with the status of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserves.

Congress should get busy and see if there isn't a move on foot to change the status of the oil reserves under the cloak of secrecy.

An inquiry should be made to determine what part is being played in the maneuverings by Clerk Clifford, former white house advisor and ghost writer. Clifford is another democrat who has reached the land of financial milk and honey through his intimate associations made through the white house. He is now on a retainer of \$525,000 for five years to a major oil company.

Congress is wondering if shifting of the oil reserves from the navy assistant secretary in charge of oil reserves to the navy assistant secretary in charge of procurement wasn't a means to an end by kicking the former official upstairs.

If there is something bad cooking in the tempestuous Teapot Dome it will be interesting to see if the democrats have the same unswerving determination to investigate and prosecute a scandal as did the republicans back in the twenties.

As of October 1 traffic deaths in Nebraska the previous nine months are reported at 251, 10 more than for the same period a year ago. It is not so important that another translation of the Bible has been brought out as it is that a confused world turn to the sacred pages for guidance. The many revisions of scripture undertaken fall far short of the beauty of the language employed in the authorized version. . . . Striking workmen have become common occurrences in the industrial life of the country. Even a town like Crete, down on the Blue, has its strike.

Ever since those stirring pioneer days when The Frontier was loaded with Doc Mathews' glowing word pictures of "God's Country" and Jim Riggs later sent gifted scribes out across prairieland behind a pair of ponies to write up the homesteaders and cowpunchers and leave a copy of the paper where he found a human being, on down to the present time, The Frontier has waved the banner of community progress. Through the edition of September 25 in which a 20-page supplement was devoted to O'Neill's new medical center, Editor Cal Stewart continues the tradition established by its founder and promoted by subsequent editors.

In the days of long ago when the venerable pilgrim of this department was a shy young teenager the grounds that have been taken over by the medical center was good grazing land where I picketed a splintered relic from the reservation to graze during the day after being hitched up for a time in the morning.

The Sioux over on the reservation, what is now Boyd county, slit the ears of their ponies. It was my luck to have the care of an ornery cayuse as ever took the bit.

Fences hadn't been introduced and the picketpin to which 50 feet of rope was attached and then tied to the halter of the pony served in the place of fences. The picketpin was about a foot long and went into the ground full length easily by a few kicks from your booted heel, and no horse on the end of 50 feet of rope could pull the picketpin out. The vacant places, of which there were plenty, were pretty well occupied by staked out ponies. From the G. M. Cleveland home on what is now North Second street east to St. Patrick's church, a small place of worship where the present edifice stands, was open grass land which we had taken over.

Johnny O'Neill, a son of the general, had a similar setup east of the Methodist church for a cayuse of which he was deathly afraid and had kids ride for him. You rode them every day or you had them to break each time if you didn't.

The picketpin, the rope, the pony are no more. The onward sweep of time opens the gate to new vistas. And if some day the prairieland talker should be lying on a bed of pain in O'Neill's new medical center, fever's delirium might bring again the tramp of hoofs on the sod where in the long ago he had staked out and talked to a pony that once had been ridden by a brave of Spotted Tail's band.

What is a toehold, a receiving line, a covered dish dinner, a horse laugh, an afterthought, a main drag, an ill wind, a night owl, a split second, a gold widow, a gold digger, a poker face? Is the underdog a coon hound or a poodle? What does a goofy look like? What swells the swell-head? Is it after Thanksgiving dinner that you talk turkey? What is a stuffed shirt? How long is a shortcut? Who is Mr. Whiskers? Is moonshine a liquid or a light? Where do you go when you get just around the corner? What is a galoot, a geezer, a gazook? Does asking fool questions entitle a guy to a kick in the pants?

While visiting in a New England state the past summer my son living in Ohio writes that he had a talk with an army officer "who served under MacArthur for a year in Japan. He was very vehement in his belief that in pushing MacArthur aside we were doing without the services of a man who is by far the most able man in the United States today." No single act of the president has been received with such widespread disapproval as the removal of General MacArthur from the command in Asia. His successor is making progress losing the war.

Millions are to be blown in "developing" the Niobrara river country if the plans of a new crop of busybodies materialize. "Development" schemes have budded and bloomed and faded during the past 60 years only to in the end let nature rest in its appointed way. The Niobrara country is alright as nature formed it. If the individual wants to "develop" by the irrigation route it is a simple matter to put down wells for that purpose and is proving a success in other parts of Nebraska.

Guest editorial from the Atlanta (Ga.) Journal

The Nebraska legislature recently was called in special session. Some \$5,000,000 in taxes had been collected in the state which the courts had pronounced unconstitutional. The legislature was called in session by Gov. Val Peterson to arrange to return the money the taxpayers had overpaid.

A government paying money to taxpayers is spoken of as a novelty. (As a matter of fact the federal government is constantly returning over-payments by citizens of their income taxes.) The real novelty in this Nebraska case is the ease and inexpensiveness of calling a special session of the legislature.

The legislature of Nebraska is a one-chamber body, as all city councils are. There are only 43 members, all calling themselves senators. The 43 senators can meet promptly with no great drain on the state treasury. So small a body can move swiftly. (The 43 senators vote on bills by pressing electric buttons at their desks, a device which could save an economy-talking congress at Washington weeks of time and oodles of money in a year. Had the national convention, regardless of impatient television viewers, thought of that?)

Thanks largely to the efforts of one man, Sen. George W. Norris, Nebraska was persuaded 15 years ago to vote to substitute this small one-house legislature for a bicameral body with three times as many members.

It has worked so efficiently, so economically that Nebraska has no thought of returning to the old system. The people would as soon think of abandoning their eight-cylinder cars for the ox-carts which preceded them.

Yet, with this example before them, the other 47 states go along with their oxcart legislatures. In not a single one is there any substantial movement for a like change.

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WD—Lelia Garwood to Wm A Thompson & wf 9-9-52 \$6500- Lot 17 & No 13 ft lot 16 Blk 5- Atkinson

SD—Peter W. Duffy, Sheriff to A C Morton 1-30-43 \$20.38- Lots 1 & 2 Blk 7- McCafferty's Add- O'Neill

WD—Marian F. Mounts to Floyd J. Wilson & wf 7-12-52 \$12,500- Lot 15 Blk 18- O'Neill

O'NEILL LOCALS S/c and Mrs. Richard Tibbetts and infant daughter of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived here Tuesday, September 30, for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tibbetts. Richard Tibbetts has just been discharged after four years in the navy. They plan to locate somewhere in Nebraska.

Reed Tomjack, who visited his parents, Holt Sheriff and Mrs. Leo Tomjack, here for three weeks, has been returned to San Francisco, Calif., for reassignment.

Jack Honeycut of Omaha recently brought Mrs. Andrew Morton Mable for an indefinite stay. Mrs. Mable Gatz returned to Omaha with Mr. Honeycut.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Crabb left Monday, September 29, for a week's visit with relatives at Denver, Colo., and at Waverly and Council Bluffs, Ia.

LEGAL NOTICE

(First pub. Oct. 2, 1952) Julius D. Cronin, Attorney NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNT Estate No. 3813 COUNTY COURT OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA. ESTATE OF CHESTER CALKINS, DECEASED. TO ALL CONCERNED: Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed for final settlement herein, determination of heirship, inheritance taxes, fees and commissions, distribution of estate and approval of final account and discharge, which will be for hearing in this court on October 22, 1952, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

LOUIS W. REIMER County Judge. (COUNTY COURT SEAL) 22-24

DR. H. L. BENNETT VETERINARIAN Phones 316 and 304 — O'NEILL —

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LEGAL NOTICE

Julius D. Cronin, Atty (First pub. October 2, 1952) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OSCAR W. PETERSON and ROSE A. PETERSON TO AUTHORIZE JULIUS D. CRONIN and JOSEPH DAAS, EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS SALEM, DECEASED, IN NEBRASKA, TO EXECUTE A DEED TO REAL ESTATE CASE NO. 14812 ORDER

NOW, on this 26th day of September, A.D. 1952, this matter came on before the Court upon the petition of Oscar W. Peterson and Rose A. Peterson, under oath, directed to this Court, alleging that on or about September 24, 1945, petitioners entered into a written contract with Thomas Salem, now deceased, to purchase Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), and Nine (9), in Block Twelve (12), in Amelia, Holt County, Nebraska, together with certain other personal property; that the payments provided for by said contract have been fully made by said petitioners, excepting the final payment, funds for which have been placed in escrow in the Chambers State Bank pending execution and delivery of deed. Petitioners pray that a day be fixed for hearing on said petition and that notice thereof be given as provided by law, and that upon said hearing a decree be entered directing the executor of this said estate for and on behalf of said estate to execute and deliver good and sufficient deed conveying said premises to petitioners.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a hearing be had upon said petition in the District Court Room in the Court House at O'Neill, Nebraska, at the hour of 10 a.m., on the 22nd day of October, A.D. 1952, and that notice of the pendency of this matter and of the time and place fixed for hearing thereon be given by publishing a copy of this order for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to such hearing in "The Frontier," a legal newspaper printed, published, and of general circulation in Holt County, Nebraska.

BY THE COURT D. R. MOUNTS Judge

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sausser were supper guests Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Sausser.

State Capitol News . . .

State's Traffic Laws Due for Overhaul in Next Session of Legislature

LINCOLN—An official of the state highway department will ask the 1953 legislature to take a cinch in the state's traffic laws. Owen J. Boyles, director of the motor vehicle division, said he will urge adoption of a uniform code under which more than half the states now operate and will ask the lawmakers to take the lead in establishing a demerit system whereby consistently careless drivers would be penalized.

The code, Boyles explained, would strengthen Nebraska's traffic laws and "pick up all the loose ends now existing in our present statutes." Sen. Arthur Carmody of Trenton recently called for a stiffening of driving laws.

The point system would work like this: A driver picking up 12 demerits in a three-year period would lose his license for one year. Drunken driving would carry 12 demerits or immediate suspension of the license. Involvement in a fatal accident where the driver is responsible would also be "worth" 12 demerits.

Leaving the scene of an accident would cost eight points, reckless driving six points and speeding four points. All other violations, except parking would count three points. Every three years the demerits would be wiped clean and a driver could start accumulating them again.

One of the things that bothers Senator Carmody is the automa-

ment, particularly in the assistance, health and agriculture departments.

He attacked the democratic state platform as "still going right down the Truman road." Crosby's opponent, Democrat Walter R. Raacke of Central City, has been calling for a revision of the state's primary election laws, legislative action to supplant the four-mill blanket tax levy recently held unconstitutional by the state supreme court and for an expression from the people as to whether they want to pay more money for better roads.

The former speaker of the legislature is also stressing that he will be on "the job" governor and will "not use the governorship as a stepping stone to Washington."

Budget—The men who help decide how much state government is going to cost in Nebraska started getting down to brass tacks this week.

Tax Commissioner Philip K. Johnson, who with Budget Supervisor Paul Wagner will prepare Gov. Val Peterson's budget recommendations to the 1953 legislature, said informal meetings with the various agencies on their 1953-54 requests will begin in about a week with formal hearings slated for November.

Wagner said every effort is being made to hold the spending line but some big spending agencies have indicated they'll ask for sizeable increases.

The governor's budget, of course, is only a recommendation. The governor named in November will offer his own suggestions to the legislature, who after all has the final word on who gets how much.

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