

Prairie Land Talk . . .

# Abnormals Are in Command

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — Maybe we of prairie land are stuck up and don't like to think that we might have been a crummy outfit had our lines not been cast in pleasant places. Decency controls the lives of most of us in this part of the nation. A newspaper guy in the country's largest city has a story to jar the sensibilities.

"Somebody's got to blow the whistle on the breakdown of American decency," he says. "More bums and scum are fouling up life today than at any time. I have been working on the berserk Broadway beat for 10 torrid years, and on newspapers for 2 years. Never have I seen so many vice lice—so much tomcatting—such hordes of fallen females, panders, hopheads, phonies and abnormals—as deface America now. Abnormals are in command and, God help us, abnormality is becoming normal. This leaves me no room for another holler—a blast against lying. Once it was a sin, later it was naughty, today it's a fine art. Unless we do something about it, this decade'll be known as the 'filthy fifties.'"



Romaine Saunders

Let us turn from this picture of depravity and look at another. A woman gifted in song in a city at the other extremity of the continent when told that her days were numbered because of a deadly scourge, gave one more concert.

"Oh, listen to a maiden's prayer, for Thou canst hear tho' from the wild, and Thou canst save amidst despair," she sang. And then one day summing up her life for a friend, she said: "If God gives me a few more days or months to stay, it is to enjoy them and not to make others mean and weep." The end of life's trail a few steps ahead—those few steps bringing cheer into the lives of others. Brave soul!

The greatest Christmas gift to prairie land was a blanket of snow laid across the landscape in gleaming white undisturbed by winds that took a layoff for a few days. What snow does for the land cannot be duplicated by artificial means, though we complain a lot about having to clear highways and byways and footways.

Science has a job for the clergy. Conferring with a representative group of gentlemen of the cloth, a group of scientists put it up to them in these words: "Gentlemen, we're frankly frightened. In finally achieving nuclear fission, we've either discovered something that will greatly bless our culture or thoroughly blast it. The threat is not in the explosive power of the atom; we can control that. What we cannot control is the explosive power of human nature. The plain fact is that man's skills have outdistanced his morals; his engineering has leaped ahead of his wisdom. We can't stop or cancel scientific advance. But we can and must, if this world is to survive, help them to close the terrific gap between man's morals and his cleverness. In God's name—if you still believe in God—tell us what you can do to help. Otherwise we perish." Bold words. But is it not a regrettable truth that along with the loss to science of the moral guiding star the clergy to a pitiful degree stand dumb in their clerical robes without the message that once moved human hearts?

Globemaster. But is it? Is not the earth, the forces of nature, the law of gravity and an unseen hand out among the stars the master of this globe? And man's boasted supremacy at times is but mockery that results in such tragedy as struck in eastern Washington and turned into horror-haunted homes what had been planned for a joyous holiday season. Men have done great things, brought into being marvelous inventions, but that thing which dogs their pathway which is summed up as accident seems in the end to be globemaster.

A clock was brought to a jeweler for repairs. Opening the case he found a time-faded sheet of paper on which had been written: "Repaired February 23, 1883; weather clear; national affairs, muddled." To bring this up to date the jeweler wrote and placed in the clock: "Repaired August 14, 1950; weather clear; national affairs, still muddled."

Thalia S. Woods, an executive of the federal civil defense administration in Washington, D.C., who tours the country at times addressing groups of women, interesting them in measures for defense of homes and communities in the event of foreign invasion (which Washington seems to regard as a possible threat), is a daughter of pioneer Holt county parents. Her father, L. T. Shaner, had an early day trading post at Inman and her mother as a young woman was in educational work in Holt county.

Mrs. Woods recently spoke before a large gathering in Austin, Tex., explaining the plan and need of preparing for defense.

Mrs. Woods, who is a niece of Prairie Land Talker, said in her address in the Texas city that there are now three million volunteers serving in civil defense organizations. Among the scores of women's organizations now having a part in defense work are mentioned the Daughters of the American Revolution, Young Women's Christian association, National Council of Jewish Women, National Council of Catholic Women, Campfire Girls and many others.

Why women in civil defense, asks Mrs. Woods. "Civil defense is protection of the home front. It is the protection of everything most sacred to women, beginning with the home and including our civilization."

There have been perfunctory spasms along this line in Nebraska but it may take a wallop from an enemy bomb to wake us up. Federal civil defense also includes preparation for aid in times of local community need when disaster hits.

An Indian maid, with the stoical indifference to pain characteristic of her race, recently submitted to the amputation of an arm in an Omaha butchery institution known as a surgical ward. Another Indian just heard from over that way claims to be 114 years of age and was involved in the Custer affair up on the Little Big Horn, 39 scalps from the heads of soldiers being his trophies of the day. Had not the barrels of firewater first got what was under those scalps sitting Bull's band would have lost their scalps instead. Happily, the day is past when mountain and plains men counted the redskins that bit the dust or warriors returned to camp clutching white men's scalps taken in the raid. The Sioux and Apache have turned to peaceful industry and the works of art turned out by Indian hands cannot be duplicated by the machines of palefaces. Among the greeting cards and gifts with which Prairie Land Talker was favored at Christmas, some from unexpected sources, out of the former domain of thief dwellers came a pair of beautifully wrought moccasins. Now I hear the call of the open country to come out across the trail once more and at eveningtide sit down, fold my legs and rest moccasined feet before the campfire.

A dozen towns on the North Western railroad route from Norfolk eastward have employed legal talent that appears before the railway commission protesting the commission's findings that grants the railroad permission to discontinue certain passenger trains that have been steaming from Omaha to Norfolk. Suppose the railroad would be happy to run those trains to those towns if the towns could make it worth while. Livery barns had to fold up for lack of patronage. Train service is curtailed for the same reason.

Two young men of the Atkinson neighborhood, the Meals brothers, in the business of baling and marketing hay, have shipped 30 carloads to one man in Denver, Colo., who calls for more. Some Colorado range cattle are feeding on good Holt county hay this winter.

Agronomists are concerned over what to do with the plant known as sweet-clover which they class as a weed. Some years ago we cowmen down there in Swan and Wyoming precincts had no better sense than to mow it and feed it to the cattle and the cattle had no better sense than to wrap a long tongue around a wad of it in preference to the orthodox hay.

It's good to see so many of our armed forces personnel home for the holidays. It appears the military has made an effort to accomplish this.

## Letter to Editor

LeCompton, Kans.  
Monday, December 22

Dear Editor:  
If the editor doesn't object, we would like to take this means of greeting our friends and neighbors at this holiday season through The Frontier.

We have been too busy to send personal cards. We are helping to run a little eating house down here in Big Springs. There are nine of us, all with greedy appetites and it keeps us all busy trying to make things go.

We like the country down here except for a famine of water this year, having to buy our water for household use, have had very little moisture since we arrived here the latter part of October. No snow at all on the ground at present.

The people here are real friendly. They not only gave us wood to burn for the entire winter, but are sawing it in fireplace lengths for us. We want to thank everyone for their nice cards and letters. They pep us up a lot. So wishing each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year, may we all look to Him who is able for all our problems.

MR. and MRS. W. B. LAMB

## Van Every Serves With First Cavalry

Pvt. Dean A. Van Every, whose wife, Ivalyn, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every, live at 826 Grant st., O'Neill, is now serving with the First Cavalry division in Japan.

Veterans of the Korean conflict are giving intensive field training to the new replacements in the unit on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. The division spent 17 months in the combat zone before being rotated out of the line last December.

Before entering the army in May, 1952, Van Every was employed by Safeway Truck lines, Chicago, Ill.

## Van Horn Bulls Fare Well at Valentine

Three bulls consigned to the recent Valentine Hereford show and sale by H. A. Van Horn & Son fared well. They showed the grand champion, a senior yearling, which brought \$1,725. A summer yearling won top honors in its class and sold for more money than the grand champion—\$1,875.

The third entry sold for \$950. The Van Horns have entered 10 bulls in four recent sales averaging \$1,172.

Early in December they purchased a bull in Texas to add to their herd.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

WD—Betsy Alm to Clara Alm 10-18-52. \$1. Lot 6, E 1/2 lot 7, Blk. 17, O'Neill.  
WD—G. C. Funk to Milton D. Funk 10-11-52. \$5. NW 1/4 18-30-14.

B. G. Hanna of Chambers spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McDermott.

## Legal Notices

(First pub. Dec. 18, 1952)  
John R. Gallagher, Attorney  
NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Estate No. 3747  
COUNTY COURT OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA.  
ESTATE OF MICHAEL CURRAN, DECEASED.  
THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, 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 January 7th, 1953, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

LOUIS W. REIMER  
County Judge  
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## State Capitol News

### Peterson, Crosby Sweat Over Budget; 'U' Seeks to Strengthen Medicine, Ag

LINCOLN—The 45 state agencies included in the list for which the 1953 legislature will appropriate funds showed up this week with a healthy bank balance.

Figures released by State Tax Commissioner Philip K. Johnson showed that of the \$173,000,000 appropriated by the 1951 session only about \$170,000,000 will have been spent by the end of the current biennium, next July 1.

There are a number of reasons for the decrease. Biggest is the fact that the state assistance department has an unexpended balance of about \$3 million due to a sharp decrease in its case load and a change in the formula for matching federal funds.

Another factor in the saving was the order sent out in the fall of 1951 by Gov. Val Peterson ordering the agencies under his control—the so-called code departments — to trim their budgets by 5 percent.

He estimated this will mean a savings during this two-year period of about \$2,000,000.

The agencies are asking to spend during the next biennium about \$173,500,000. One of the biggest increases is being sought by the University of Nebraska which is seeking to strengthen its program, particularly in medicine and agriculture.

It's on the basis of these requests that Governor Peterson and Gov.-Elect Robert B. Crosby are spending this between-holidays week in preparation of their budget messages to the new legislature.

Federal Aid — Are Nebraska counties losing out in federal funds for the secondary road system because the standards are too high?

An official of the Nebraska farm bureau federation thinks it's possible. Bernal R. Camp, editor of the farm bureau paper, Nebraska Agriculture, wrote in the current issue that the time has come for a demand by Nebraskans for a change in the specification for such roads.

Noting that the proposed million and a half dollar O street viaduct here in Lincoln will be built largely through such funds which otherwise would lapse, Camp said: "Construction of the viaduct with federal funds may solve a temporary problem, but in the long run we feel it is likely to create additional headaches for the state engineer and the highway department at a time when they are anxious to get into operation in the state a sufficiency rating system which would remove politics from highway decisions in this state."

To become eligible for the federal funds, Lincoln and Lancaster county officials agreed to make the viaduct site county territory until after the structure is built and then it will be returned to the city.

Camp's article brought a reply from William Palmer, chief of the highway department's information section, which said:

"Personally I don't think the standard of road building for county federal projects should be reduced."  
He cited several instances of temporary construction measures which had been accepted as qualified for federal aid. "I don't know how standards could be lowered any more than that," he said.

## Good News

There was good news here last week for Nebraska's \$85,000,000 poultry industry.

Forty representatives of various segments of the industry met here and voted to ask the 1953 legislature to match federal research marketing act funds to set up in Nebraska a federal-state poultry marketing service.

The cost to the state was expected to be not more than \$7,500 a year. Frank Mussehl, of the University of Nebraska staff, told the group that neighboring states had the service for years and that the lack of it in Nebraska is one reason this state's eggs sell for 8-cents a dozen under the national average, costing poultrymen in Nebraska an estimated \$12,000,000 annually.

## Oath

Loyalty oaths have been much in the news here in the past several days. Against a background of charges by an American Legion spokesman that a book used by a University of Nebraska professor was improper and counter-charges by university personnel that academic freedom was being threatened, there appeared a rash of demands for loyalty oaths for teachers and all public employees as well as for a statewide investigation of the threat of communism in the state's school system.

What many of those making the loyalty oath suggestions appear not to know is that the 1951 legislature provided an oath for teachers and another for everyone

news-filled with the meeting of the 1953 legislature.

This is to invite inquiries about legislation or other statehouse matters of a general nature in which this writer may be of service. Quite obviously, there will be a limit to the extent of service which can be rendered in individual cases, but within those limitations, your inquiries are welcome.

Send your letters to The Frontier which will forward them to the writer, who resides in Lincoln.

And may 1953 be the best year of your lives!

## Navy Man on Leave

PMI Richard D. Morgan arrived Wednesday, December 24, to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Morgan. He will report back to the USS Boxer. Richard has served 6 1/2 years in the navy.



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SE 1/4, Sec. 7; W 1/2 SW 1/4, Sec. 17; E 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec. 18; S 1/2 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4, Lots 6 and 7, Sec. 19; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, N 1/2 NE 1/4 and NW 1/4, Sec. 20; Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 21; Twp. 33, North, Range 16; West; in Boyd County, Nebraska, containing 939 acres, more or less, according to the U. S. Survey.

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## COURT HOUSE - BUTTE, NEBRASKA

# January 12th, '53

AT 2 P.M.

For further information write the undersigned.

# W. L. BRENNAN

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