

Prairieland Talk . . .

Lindberg Tragedy 20 Years Ago

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — What is love? Will thou be taught, thy heart must teach alone. Does ambition urge to great achievement, aspire to lead others, to work miracles, to speak with the tongue of an orator? I show unto you a more excellent way, said the great Apostle Paul. Though speaking with the tongues of men and of angels if love is wanting it is but sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. The tongue of man, how often it leaves in its cruel wake a crushed and wounded soul!



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Charity, love suffereth long with human blunders and is kind; it leaves no scars but bestows the healing balm of sympathetic service. Love envieth not, and lifts the soul above the hatreds and envy and jealousies of the world. Amid the world's welter of human want and human woe, and out of the babble of tongues and confusing noises love finds a way to be silent. When in the presence of overwhelming sorrow the greatest act of love is to turn silently away and let the tears wash out the sorrow-laden soul.

Love has found a way amid life's storms to rest in calm assurance that out beyond the stars standeth One within the shadows watching over His own.

Love not the world, wrote Apostle John. Love not the defiling things of the world is John's warning. In the world are many beautiful lives, beautiful things to be loved, the things of nature, flowers and trees, the sweep of open country, the mountains and the waterways that compose the vast storehouse of nature that we love, and above all our friends, our homes and our country.

"I have loved the earth with a passionate love, And the silent spell of the hills, And the purple floor of the mighty moor And the scent of the daffodils."

What is love? Doctor Webster defines it as "a strong feeling of affection." It is more than that; it is a principle of life. It goes to the fever cot to ease pain, it wipes the tear from the child's face, it ministers to human needs, it builds churches and welfare centers, it is the polestar of home life and community welfare. Wars drive the plowshare of destruction through the earth; love binds up the wounds, restores broken bodies—a symbol of the love in heaven and its wavering image here. And love knows when to be silent.

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Twenty years ago the country was aroused over the kidnaping of the Lindberg baby. The two national banks in O'Neill received from the treasury in Washington the serial numbers of the currency making up the \$50,000 ransom and were instructed to wire at once if any of this currency showed up in O'Neill. Other things were on the agenda at that time, among which were daily visits from men scouting the country out of jobs. It was a time, too, when Judge Malone's office was kept busy granting marriage licenses. One day a group of young folks showed up at the county judge's office, having come over from Verdigre on a wedding bent. The prospective bride and bridegroom were adding a little color to their romance by coming over here planning to be married on the authority of a Knox county license. The bridegroom, learning the marriage must take place in the county where the license is issued, reached for his purse and plunked down the fee for a Holt county license and Judge Malone performed the ceremony with dignity. That was the year, too, when drought and grasshoppers in a section of northeast Holt led to the discovery that one thing Russian was of some use. Russian thistles and foxtail grass were cut for hay.

Holt county is one of 19 counties in which the state board of equalization raised valuations for taxation. If public officials would exercise the same diligence in eliminating waste that they do in chasing after tax dollars the public would rise up and call them blessed.

The Business Outlook

While it is true that there has been a slowdown in most business fields in recent months, yet experts seem to agree that no depression is in sight for 1952. In fact, nationwide sales by chain stores made their first big jump in April—and were up 13.2 percent over April sales in 1951. Meanwhile, government statistics show that the average American is saving more money now than he ever has and that American savings are at a record peak.

The economic experts point out that this situation is perfect for a sudden buying spree, since the funds are available to the average purchaser. However, the market has changed in recent months to a buyers' market and there seems to be little scare buying at present.

Scare buying in 1950, and to some extent in 1951, set off a buying boom that most business firms enjoyed up until this year.

Government leaders point out that as long as the United States continues to re-arm at the present pace, no depression is probable since this is, in itself, a sort of pump-priming. Price Controller Ellis Aronson points out that defense spending has not yet reached its peak and that, therefore, no serious recession is possible at this time. In spite of these pronouncements, some business show sales gains while others show sales very slow or even sales losses. If the labor unions of the country win wage increases, this will be a further stimulant to business, since it will put more money into the hands of consumers.

Of course, there is a fallacy in such reasoning, because business firms will have to increase the price of their products in order to pay higher wages. Nevertheless, the spiral which we have witnessed over the past decade or so may continue if labor unions win wage increases. And our prosperity—whether false or real—is likely to continue a little longer at least.

Some economists believe some sort of recession is likely in 1953, though they say it will be a slight one. The defense program is scheduled to continue well through 1955, or even into 1953, and, therefore, no serious depression is expected until after the rearmament peak—to be reached this year or next.

Perhaps the best summation of the present situation was given by a leading business man recently when he said that today's market is a normal reaction from the war-scare markets we have experienced in the last two years. The country has had so many sellers' markets in the last 24 months that a buyers' market almost seems like a recession.

A vacation is not going away from your work; it is getting your work out of your mind.

August 1. In the blue above white clouds hang in atmospheric idleness. I scan the heavens for sight of one of those mystery ships and a lone airman's plane roars overhead to be lost in the azure depths above. The sun on its appointed course is hidden momentarily by vapors. The dying July saluted the incoming month of August at midnight with a cannonade of thunder but squeezed no rain from dry skies. Corn growers are concerned. Wind this morning from off Kansas stubble fields sways in graceful motion the clinging tree branches. Birds wing their way in search of insects, a squirrel bounds across the street to find refuge in a tree from a dog, human life moves in the accustomed course and radio boys are giving the story of the goings-on in a frustrated world. A girl on a saddle horse rides by which arouses the neighborhood dog population. This is the last lap of summer. The days ahead are to determine the corn yield in this part of the vineyard. . . . City taxpayers are aroused over talk of financing pig disease losses with public funds. . . . July 17 I addressed a letter to Governor Dewey of New York hoping for a reply in extenuation of the New York delegation to the late republican convention. Today I received a reply which said nothing, an art in which some are pastmasters. . . . Remember when it was shocking for a lady to expose a leg above the sheepp? Now they are on display full length in the nude as women go about the streets in "shorts."

The close of the 19th century and early years of the 20th witnessed something of a repetition of the gold rush of the 49ers. It hit O'Neill and several fellows, Lloyd Gillespie one of them, pulled out for Alaska. From California, about that time came the exciting news that Jack Graham had struck a gold mine. Jack as a young fellow lived out in Shields precinct and was an active political writer for the populists of this county, signing himself Sambo Sunflower. He later went to San Jose, Calif, took up stereotyping at a newspaper plant there, married into a family from which he inherited the mine. The Alaska venture petered out for the O'Neill fellows as other ventures in that region did for other fellows. Somewhere among my fading papers are a number of shares in a gold mine somewhere up on the Yukon that hasn't started to pay dividends yet.

It was in August, 1905, that the state of Nebraska first had a complete health and vital statistics setup. The legislature of the previous winter had enacted a law authorizing the board of health and it to appoint a registrar in each county to record births and deaths. The humble pilgrim of this department was appointed registrar for Holt county and his first three appointments as assistants to get the new health feature started out this way were J. P. Lansworth, justice of the peace in Paddock township; Duran Hunt, justice of the peace in Verdigre township; W. J. Darty, justice of the peace, Chambers township. What are known now as precincts were at that time known as townships. The birth and death record of the state kept at the statehouse in Lincoln, the birth record especially, has been of great value in complying with federal regulations which govern in war times.

Daughter-in-law and the children took off this morning for the corn fields two hours drive distant to plunge into the annual program of gathering Stowell's Evergreen for winter feed. I understand the process is to dip the ears of corn into boiling water, cut the corn clean from the cobs and pack it in cardboard boxes that hold about a quart. So for a few days all hands will be busy down on the farm and then homeward with a cargo for the locker. So the summer activities providing the winter's grubstake are again on. The locker will be filled with various things, including maybe a couple dozen fries. And the basement shelves will be loaded with glass jars filled to the neck with nature's products. This is the season when "every wise woman buildeth her house," by storing up grub.

Only \$29.95, shouts the radio gent as he urges us to come in and buy his wonder product. And what will we do with that nickel?

No, No, A Thousand Times No!

The bureau of census has made public that there are at present 119,645 separate governmental units, all supported by the taxpayers. That, it would seem, is too much government, and it probably is.

The suggestion has been made that if townships would be abolished as individual units of government, a considerable saving could be effected. To that The Frontier would say "No, a thousand times no!"

Township government is the grass roots of a democracy. It is the closest that self-government comes to the people. Abolish that, the next step would be county, city and village government on the skids, leaving only state and federal government. That accomplished and the cry would be to eliminate state government and dictatorship would be here.

Any dictator-minded individual who would advocate such a thing should have a sledstake wrapped around his cranium. Counter clockwise.

Foot-and-Mouth Disease

Early in March the dread foot-and-mouth disease broke out in Canada. Now Washington officials in the department of agriculture are concerned because the disease is moving southward and now is only 50 miles from the United States-Canada border.

The nation's meat supply is probably in greater danger than it has been in many years. An outbreak of this disease could cause a critical meat shortage in many areas.

The last time that this country was threatened with the foot-and-mouth disease was in 1929 at which time there was an outbreak in California. The threat today is to the great Midwest livestock area.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

GENERAL ALUMNI ASS'N Uni. of North Carolina Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Editor, Enjoyed your editorial on paying. Appreciate all you are doing for "our town." Keep up the good work!

Cordially, F. EDGAR THOMAS, Field Representative P.S.: Out here on the East coast we like The Frontier's new look. Like the new spot you have given Romaine Saunders.—FET

When You & I Were Young . . .

Butte-Anoka Trolley Virtually Assured

Promoter Says He'll Invest Half

50 Years Ago It will soon be watermelon time. Keep an eye on the small boy. . . Miss Kate McManus head waitress at the Evans house will take a two weeks vacation to visit friends in Bloomfield. . . Frank Bain leased his blacksmith shop to W. E. Ousley of Fremont. A trolley line from Butte to Anoka is an almost assured fact, as one man has agreed to take the half of the business if the business men of Butte will take the other half. It built it will be 4 1/2 miles long and run by electricity.

25 Years Ago O. A. Hammerberg, residing 11 miles north of Atkinson, found a watch in his corn field. It had been lost by a member of the family for 20 years. It was uninjured and after adjusting the main spring and hands, it is keeping good time. . . A human skull that had once been a part of a skeleton belonging to Dr. A. H. Corbett caused quite a stir on East Douglas street when it was uncovered in the ditch being dug for water connections leading to the new Standard Oil filling station.

10 Years Ago The 4-B clubs have delivered 137,535 pounds of scrap metal. . . The Inman Coffee club met at the home of Mrs. Herbert Rouse. . . Mrs. W. G. Morrow fell this morning and broke a bone in her right arm. . . The REH club had a steak fry at the city park and participated in cards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rooney. . . C. E. France was a winner in a Consumers Power contest.

One Year Ago Robert Lowrey, former air force sergeant, has returned to O'Neill. He was separated from the air force last week at Ft. Frances E. Warren air force base. . . At St. Mary's academy many new faces will be found among the faculty. The new superintendent will be a former St. Mary's graduate, Mother M. Erica, formerly Agnes Hughes, who was a 1915 graduate. . . Howard Dean, principal at O'Neill school the past two years has been elected superintendent of schools at Stanton, Ia. . . A hail storm wrought considerable damage. Hardest hit was W. A. Tuner, Walter DeVall, John Pruss, John Jansen, James Conway, Mrs. Joe Ramold, Kenneth Braasch, Frank McDonald, Joe Madura and A. H. Johnson.

'REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS'

- WD—Charles Thomas Thompson to Leo L. Thompson & Wf 8-1-52 \$5- SW 1/4 29- SW 1/4 NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 SW 1/4 32-26-14
WD—Herbert H. Locke to Joseph W. Locke 7-24-52 \$10,000-NW 1/4 32-30-14 SW 1/4 25- All 33-30-15
WD—Jacob C. Locke to Joseph W. Locke 6-24-52 \$10,000-NW 1/4 32-30-14 SW 1/4 25- All 33-30-15
WD—Helen A. Locke to Joseph W. Locke 7-31-52 \$10,000- Same land as above
WD—Joseph A. Krysl to Elvon L. & Neale E. Hamilton 7-7-52 \$23,800- SW 1/4 19- NW 1/4 29- N 1/4 30-29-16
WD—Mary Timmermans to Frank Greger Sr 7-29-52 Valuable considerations Lots 7 & 8 Blk 30- Pioneer Townsite Co Add-Stuart
WD—Frank Greger Sr to Mary Timmermans 7-28-52 Valuable considerations East 25 ft & West 75 ft of lot 20 & all lot 21 Blk 7- Hallocks Add- Stuart
WD—Elsie L. Krueger to James Sholes 8-2-52 \$50- Lot 8- Blk 5- Western Town Lot Co Add- Inman
WD—W. W. Freeman to J. B. Melles wf 7-28-52 \$2550- West 1 and E/4 100 acres of lot 8 in NW 1/4 33-30-14
WD—George H. Jones to Barbara Belzer- no date \$2350- Lots 5-6-7- & 8 Blk 18- Hazlet's Add-O'Neill
EXECUTOR'S DEED—Lyle P. Dicks, Ex to Matilda Rotherham 1-6-51 \$2000- Lots 10 & 11 Blk 21- Ewing

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State Capitol News . . . Johnson County Landowner Takes Equalization Issue to Supreme Court

LINCOLN—The All-Nebraska Association of Road and Highway associations, meanwhile has apparently given up hopes of reconciling its differences with the farm, trucking and petroleum groups which have fought highway revenue for the past four years and plans to tackle the problem alone. Dr. Eric DeFlon of Chadron, temporary chairman of the highway commission association coalition, said a meeting here at Lincoln with representatives of the opposition groups "proved very indecisive. He said that after the six-hour session, "it became very apparent to me that further effort to arrive at common conclusions was hopeless."

DeFlon mapped plans for another meeting of his organization in order to draw up a plan for presentation to the 1953 legislature, thus apparently giving up its earlier discussions of a special legislative session to enact a revenue law. DeFlon has been consistently active in connection with the Nebraska U.S. Highway 20 association and in the highway 20 national association. In this connection he has frequently visited O'Neill.

Trouble — The state of Nebraska appeared headed for trouble this week with the filing of a supreme court challenge of the state board of equalization's action in fixing farm land assessments in Johnson county.

Officials here at the capitol were frankly open-mouthed at the possibilities involved in such an action and the impact they might have on the whole Nebraska tax picture.

The challenge is being brought on behalf of L. E. Laffin, a Lincoln resident who owns farm land in Johnson county. In his notice of appeal he did not indicate how much he wanted his assessment cut but his attorney Guy Chambers of Lincoln, said, "We want equality with the other counties."

Testimony at the recent board of equalization hearing on hiking farm land assessments in 19 counties brought out the fact that Johnson county is now assessed at 82 percent of the 20-year farm land sales price.

The 19 counties involved at the hearing were all below 50 percent and the board moved them up to the 50 percent mark. This move by the board, incidentally, is not exactly popular in Holt and the 18 other counties thus affected.

If the supreme court orders the

board of control which administers the program. Mrs. Prince said that individual grants did not suffer in the saving which was brought about by three principal factors: In 1950, congress increased social security. The effects of this was to keep some aged persons of the assistance rolls altogether and to reduce the amount of supplemental aid needed by others. The 1951 Nebraska legislature passed an act making stepfathers responsible for the support of their stepchildren and tightening the reins on parents who skipped to other states to avoid child support. The assistance department also began bearing down on relatives who were found to be financially able to help support their aged. Social Security — Nebraska's first governmental employees began retirement this month under the Social Security legislation passed by the 1951 legislature. Records in the office of State Tax Commissioner Philip K. Johnson show that nearly 24,000 public employees are now covered by social security. In addition to state employees, covered are workers in such agencies as cemetery association, airport corporations, soil and sanitary districts. All but six of the state's 93 counties have extended the plan to cover their workers. The six which have not are Thomas, Arthur, Frontier, Garfield, Kimball and McPherson. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Campbell entertained 25 relatives Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at the M&M cafe in honor of Miss Nancy Froelich.

Advertisement for Sweet Lassy beef-builder. Features a picture of a cow and a man. Text: "3.24 LBS. GAIN ON SWEET LASSY Says Benjamin E. Dowell Robinson, Kansas". "Get Bigger, Faster, Cheaper GAINS with this great BEEF-BUILDER". "RICH WITH MOLASSES These golden pellets pour like grain in any weather... thanks to an exclusive manufacturing process developed by SCHREIBER MILLS, INC. REG. U. S. PATENT OFFICE". "SWITCH TO SWEET LASSY TODAY! SWEET LASSY is easy to feed. Pours like shell corn in any weather. Get a supply today! See for yourself how it can make cattle feeding easier. MORE PROFITABLE. SCHREIBER MILLS, INC., St. Joseph, Missouri". "SHELHAMER FOODS Phone 173 — O'Neill".

Advertisement for Buick's Power Steering. Features a picture of a Buick Roadmaster. Text: "BUICK'S POWER STEERING? It's the big NEWS of the year". "THERE is a host of things that endear a ROADMASTER to anyone who loves to drive. There's the might of its Fireball 8 Engine—most powerful ever put in a Buick. There's the thrift of its Airpower carburetor—a four-barrel automatic that literally brings increased power right out of thin air. There's its hushed and luxurious silence—its poised and level ride that cost a million dollars to develop—and the infinite smoothness of its Dynaflo Drive. But the thing that has brought the most cheers for this big and obedient beauty is Buick's version of Power Steering.\* Gone is the tug of turning, parking, maneuvering in small space. Power Steering takes over the effort of turning the front wheels—makes it a one-hand operation. Do you have to learn to drive all over again if you have this new Buick feature? You definitely do not. On the open road, you have that same sure sense of command that you've always had. Coming out of a curve, you can loosen your grip, and the front wheels right themselves just as they do on every Buick. But you'll notice this: When you suddenly hit loose dirt or sand—or a stretch of rough road—Power Steering smoothly goes into action—helps take up the jerk—makes control of the wheel easier and driving safer. Wouldn't you like to try out this newest wonder—on a ROADMASTER or a SUPER? You say the word, and we'll do the rest. Equipment, accessories, trim and models are subject to change without notice. \*Optional at extra cost on Roadmaster and Super only." "Custom Built ROADMASTER by BUICK". "WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT BUICK WILL BUILD THEM". "A. MARCELLUS PHONE 370 O'Neill".