

Prairie Land Talk . . .

**'Advanced Thought'**

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN—So the state of semi-nudity is a mark of progress, is it?

Yes, this is the age of "advanced thought." And see what we have! Three wars, blood and tears and desolated homes in less than a generation, crime that baffles officers of the law, mere children charged with revolting crimes. High taxes and a staggering public debt; a daily cry for more pay to meet the high costs and work 'til you fall over to earn enough to maintain the home; high rents with thousand dollar properties priced to the sky.

Traitors abroad in the land and on public pay rolls, moral values flouted and the cynic thumbing his nose at common decency.

The daily paper tells what happened, what was discovered and where. It leaves the reader in the dark as to cause, effect and other details. The weekly paper gives the complete story which, when you have read, there is nothing more to be said. The daily arouses curiosity, the desire to know more; the weekly tells it all. . . The Leigh World has gone into the hands of a new owner, the sixth since Prairie Land Talker got out his last edition in that little Colfax county town. . . Most vacationers are back home recovering from it all. One such puts it this way in a letter to this scribe: "There is just no place like home." Learn to esteem the blessings of home by galavanting over the country. A Holt county citizen after visiting the show places remarked to his wife when nearing home that those haystacks dotting the meadows looked better to him than anything they had seen on a 2,000-mile trip.

Cattle prices having come down from \$30 to \$17 per hundredweight, the fellows out on the grasslands are beginning to wonder. There was a time if we got \$17 for a thousand pound beef we stuffed the 17 in our jeans feeling pretty good.

A blind man seen about every day on the street is something of a remarkable personage. Hand him a leaf and he will tell by feeling or putting the leaf in his mouth what variety of tree it came from. As the shadows and calm of twilight settle across the land and the insect orchestra plays the evening melodies you may hear only katydids rasping away, but he will tell you a score of other insects he can hear coming in on the evening air. One compensation for being blind, but who would care to exchange sight for the sound of buzzing insect life?

Next the school bell rings, and then Nebraska's biggest show at the state fair grounds. Haven't learned whether there comes to the editorial desk an envelope from fair managers with "comps" enclosed along with a column of superlatives for our next issue about the coming fair. Nebraskans take pride in the annual exhibits of the state's resources and the editorial attention accorded such events might well be rewarded with a pass at the gate with "freedom of the grounds."

Motorized wheelchairs for invalids will soon be available. . . Rear Admiral Byrd, retired, is planning another south polar expedition "when world conditions will permit." . . French navy divers have gone down in the Mediterranean sea to a depth of one mile. . . A guy employed in the government printing plant in Washington is accused of being red, but he is not a printer.

The Nebraska Public Library commission has received as a gift from the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods in honor of their parents a Gerstenslager Bookmobile which will be stocked with 1,600 books from the commission and used in demonstrations throughout the state.

Editorial . . .

**We Lost the War**

Everyone rejoices now that peace has come in Korea. It is an ominous peace, a strange cessation of hostilities, yet the shooting has stopped.

The rejoicing is not in the same spirit that marked the termination of other United States wars, which were waged on an all-out basis, no holds barred.

There are sad aspects of the Korean debacle. The most notable one is that it 's the only war in history that the U.S. has lost. No one will refute that the actual fighting responsibility largely was borne by the U.S. and South Koreans. There the semblance of a genuine United Nations effort ends. The efforts put forth by other allies were very puny indeed compared with the cost in men, blood and machines borne by the U.S.

Little South Korea's gallant defenders put forth tremendous effort in relation to the size of the country, its population and its resources. But the big burden fell to the U.S.

As this editorial is being written, no news has been forthcoming regarding release of communist-held prisoners-of-war from the O'Neill region. However, it is sincerely hoped Operation Big Switch will yield this area men who have been held in red captivity.

We lost the war! Not only because of the tremendous cost in lives and in money, but because we are ending just about where we started without attaining our objective. The entry of the Chinese reds into the war at the very time when the U.S. had it won, spelled the difference.

Our allies (political—not physical), who were trading with China, coupled with lame Washington leadership, restrained our forces from attacking the real enemy, and insisted that not even Red China's bases be disturbed. This provoked the MacArthur recall and history will prove, we think, MacArthur had the right idea.

Under these strange conditions of war, a strategy completely foreign to the U.S. concept, our people were put at a very great disadvantage. They had colossal logistics problems, they had to contend with Oriental primitive conditions, rugged terrain and weather, and they were expected to fight with one hand tied behind them. It was a frustrating situation, indeed — apparently bargained for and prearranged that we should lose the war.

And we did just that—we lost the war! Our own personal feeling, however, is one of joy that it is over. We do not like to see American boys dispatched to fight all over the globe—the third time in 35 years Uncle Sam has swept up and down O'Neill's main street and picked the cream of its manhood for overseas fighting. We have felt all along that, tied up as they were, they could not possibly hope to win.

The atrocity stories make your blood run cold.

We're mighty glad to see the boys coming home, or at least coming from the battlefield. They should, perhaps, never have been there.

We wish folks wouldn't wait until Wednesday to phone or bring us items several days or a week old. We want the news — right after it happens! Okay?

When Ben Franklin flew that kite he had the germ of an airplane idea—and didn't know it. . . The suggestion comes from the Nebraska City News-Press that the automobile license plates be personalized similar to those of Wyoming by showing Terry Carpenter riding a bull. Or J. Hyde Sweet pulling the lever of a Washington hand press. . . Susan B. Anthony, the mother of "women's rights," arrested, tried and fined for voting at an election in 1872; elected to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans in 1950. . . Congressman A. L. Miller flew out from Washington to attend the funeral of his father at Plainville. The senior Mr. Miller attained the age of 91. Congress will be in summer recess. . . County boards in some instances are appealing the state board's valuation boosts to the supreme court. Others are meeting the situation by lowering levies.

We live to learn along life's pathway, Rebuffs to slight and kindness to repay. The slights, the snubs are nothing much—Just bits of venom from souls fed on such. It's the kindly thought, the word of cheer From friends and neighbors we love to hear.

The primitive instinct is strong in the race. A group of neighborhood kids spent last night in camp on an island of the Platte over by Ashland. It was not wholly a group of kids—dads went along. The lure of camp life, the glow of camp fires, a night under the stars, the hum of insects and to awake after the night's repose on mother earth to see not the plastered ceiling above you, but the pink glow of early dawn does something to a fellow and you crawl into the day's duds feeling fit to wrestle with a grizzly. And then you are confronted by the inexorable that you must get back to civilization if you are to get the hotcakes and a steaming cup.

There are doubtless Frontier readers who will remember the Lowrie boys, Clinton and Will, sons of Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Lowrie, Reverend Lowrie doing pioneer ministerial service in Holt county. Both Clinton and Will are ordained ministers, Clinton in Detroit, Mich., and now spending a little time with Will at Lake Hubert, Minn. Will recently wrote an inspiring letter to the engineer of this department with whom he rode the prairie trails in the long ago. Both he and Clinton are facing the shadows of life's sunset but enjoy good health and the peace of mind that comes as a fruitage of having contributed to the uplift and spiritual welfare of those to whom they have been privileged to minister.

War in Korea is at least at a standstill. And 25,604 American soldiers died in vain, nothing settled, hatred living on in the hearts of men, desolated homes and little children left homeless and orphans. Hardly a community across peaceful prairie land that has not felt the sting of the ominous message to father and mother telling that their son had been "killed in action." How much longer upon the march down the corridor of time can mankind survive under a flood of human hatred?

Head somewhere on a vacation trip, see a lot of country and new faces; come home and take a week to get back to normal.

If it is the Nebraska winds the scientists are interested in they should have been here in the spring or come in September. Prairie Land does not put on much of a wind show in August.

So those Muscovites would have us believe they can make the H-bomb. What concerns us most is what they intend to do with it.

The name of Alice Scofield of O'Neill appeared today in a list of 14 nurses graduated at the Bryan Memorial hospital of Lincoln.

When You and I Were Young . . .

**Wise Mill Gets New Gas Engine Hives, Graphophone Spell Misery**

50 Years Ago

J. H. Wise installed an eight-horse gasoline engine at his flour and feed establishment to supply power for operating a feed mill. . . Judge Kinkaid went to Kearney where the examination of applicants for appointment to the West Point military academy were held. Merle Kline and Owen Meredith are two O'Neill boys to take the examinations. . . The Great Northern line is selling round trip tickets to Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore., for \$45 and to San Francisco, Calif., for \$50. . . Bob Williams is building a carpenter shop just north of Bazellman's lumber office. . . C. E. Hall, R. R. Dickson, S. J. Weekes, Thomas Simonson, H. A. Polk and John Skirving attended the republican judicial convention at Valentine. . . The Black Hills passenger which was due at 9:52 a.m., did not arrive until after dark because of a heavy rain which caused a washout in the western part of the state. . . Frank Erittel has been visiting his father at Neligh for the past three weeks. . . C. W. Hamilton and family toured the Pacific coast states. . . Wanted: Several persons of character and good reputation to represent and advertise an old established, wealthy business house. Salary \$21 weekly with expenses additional. Horse and carriage furnished. . . Gollmar Brothers circus gave a performance featuring the only real living hippopotamus in captivity. . . Supervisor Grimes brought a load of lumber from Chambers with a three-horse team and wide tired wagon. . . To a bad attack of the hives add a little prickly heat, a few mosquitoes and a graphophone playing in the next house and you have a sample of intolerable misery.

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20 Years Ago  
In an automobile accident two miles east of here, three persons were seriously injured. They were Charles A. Swarmer, 77, who suffered internal injuries and his son, Charles C. who received severe head lacerations, one ear being almost severed, a broken collar bone and many cuts and bruises. Mrs. Swarmer, 47, wife of Charles C., received a broken left wrist and a badly crushed left leg, internal injuries and

many bruises. She was taken to a Norfolk hospital where it was necessary to amputate her left leg. She failed to survive the operation. The elder Mr. Swarmer is in serious condition and the younger Mr. Swarmer is getting along satisfactorily. The accident occurred when the younger Mr. Swarmer was driving about 55 miles an hour and hit loose gravel which caused the car to roll several times. . . James Tuor and Ralph Tomlinson went to Norfolk to participate in a tennis tournament. . . Nebraska's new divorce law went into effect the first of the month and on the first day two judges issued 46 divorce degrees, an all-time high for Nebraska. . . County Superintendent Luella Parker went to Center where she officiated and judged at a school exhibit at the Knox county fair. . . Mrs. Giesle remained for a longer visit there and in California.

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**Big Sunday Program At Antelope Fair**

NELIGH—The biggest event of the year in Antelope county will open wide the gates at Riverside park fairgrounds this weekend for the three-day county fair featuring a program for thrill-seekers. The "Tournament of Thrills" with the famous Chitwood Dare-

devils headlines two full programs Sunday, August 30, afternoon and evening. It is the world's greatest show of its kind. On Saturday and Monday afternoons the stock car racing promises more spills and thrills for another pair of exciting afternoons.

There will be many other features including daily baseball games, high quality free acts, marching bands, pagents, skits, parades, and one of the largest carnival midways ever to play northeastern Nebraska.

Relay horse races Saturday and Monday afternoons have a part in the "most interesting program" in years at any county fair in the state.

The Saturday night program is given to youth. There will be the stock parade, boy scout pagent and home talent skits to entertain Saturday night. The Sunday afternoon and night program will be the Chitwood "Tournament of Thrills" in 28 events. The Antelope Saddle Club drills and man-

euvers, plus trained horses occupies the Monday night program, together with a calf scramble when six 4-H'ers will come out with a calf to feed next year. A tractor race and demonstration are a part of the Monday afternoon program as is also the marching bands spectacle with bands from all over the county taking part.

The 1953 Antelope county fair—Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 29, 30, 31—promises to surpass in entertainment, and,

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STOCK CAR RACES, county drivers  
BASEBALL—Humphrey vs. Antelopes (Midgets)  
RELAY HORSE RACE  
EVENING  
STOCK PARADE  
HOME TALENT PROGRAM  
SKITS BY 4-H CLUBS  
BIG MIDWAY - PENNY PENNINGTON DAILY

Sunday, August 30—  
AFTERNOON  
TOURNAMENT OF THRILLS  
BASEBALL—Oakdale vs. Tilden  
EVENING  
TOURNAMENT OF THRILLS  
MIDWAY - FREE ACTS - PENNINGTON

Monday, August 31—  
AFTERNOON  
MARCHING BANDS  
STOCK CAR RACES, county drivers  
BASEBALL—Elgin vs. Orchard  
PARADE OF FLOATS  
TRACTOR RACE  
RELAY HORSE RACE  
EVENING  
ANTELOPE SADDLE CLUB  
CALF SCRAMBLE

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