

PrairieLand Talk . . .

Miss Meals-Confirmed Californian

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LINCOLN—The turnover in population the last half-century in the O'Neill community has spared some who remember when Gus Doyle was postmaster and a charming young miss waited on those who came to the general delivery window. That miss was Laura Meals, a cousin of George Meals up near Atkinson and later was claimed as a sister-in-law by PrairieLand Talker.



Saunders Romaine

Miss Meals has become a confirmed Californian and makes her home in Santa Barbara, one of the West coast's cultural centers. I have had a visit from her with the attendant inspiration of living again the days of long ago when we were part of the "young set" of the town. Miss Meals, witty and keen of mind as ever, has nevertheless arrived at that serene period of life when you can go to bed as you feel like it and get up as you feel like it; with no white haired old guy sitting around in the easy chair grunting when spoken to.

She is amply provided for with "money to burn" coming in from various sources and gets much out of life.

I like to see a horse run—better still if I am on his back. But what I know about race tracks would inform no one. Over at Las Vegas where about all they do is gamble and watch the races, a federal judge has pronounced the race track bunch bankrupt and a Southern Californian has been called in as referee.

Have been told that it is known as "Dusty Miller." Why so beautiful a thing adorning the landscape amid bramble and ivy vines and floral bloom along quiet streets should be given plebian classification has not been discovered by this prairie grass product. Dusty Miller, a knee-high specimen of plant life adorned with silver gray foliage formed in exquisite designs that only the Master Artist of nature hangs on tree and bush. A few doors down the street the entrance to a home is flanked by clusters of this silver gray bush and I stop to pluck a leaf as I walk that way. Climbing the wall by daughter's front door is also a vine decorated with foliage of varied tints from which I have stolen a leaf to place beside the Dusty Miller to take home with me. But the row of yellow beauties in full bloom all winter in daughter's back yard are too gorgeous to be violated by human hands. And now the land of the prairie rose, the nodding goldenrod and endless miles of native grass calls as I pack my baggage to take off.

By judicial order, Jimmy must kick in with \$1,500 a month for the support of his family. They ought to make out on that, although it is less than half the amount the Mrs. asked for. And Jimmy stays in as democratic candidate from his California district.

A Ph. D. in the California university at Los Angeles is the first educator to be heard to speak out on behalf of a class of vanished Americans. The Negro cowboy. It was noteworthy, the professor says, that the early day code on the cattle ranges drew no color line and men were accepted for what they were, not for the color of their skin. These were a few of the colored gentry of the lasso near the southern edge of Holt county in the days of the visits of the festive punchers on the streets of O'Neill and those dark skinned boys were the best behaved of all such and were accepted in good standing, but one gent known as Jim got in bad with Tom Mullen when he, black skin and all, claimed to be Irish.

February 27 the Iowa society had a gathering in one of the parks, its members in large numbers getting in on the day's festivities. Were it not for the patriots who came here from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and other states, Southern California would have remained a desert. I met a charming lady a few days ago who hales from Lindsay, Nebr.

Every day one or more traffic deaths in the Los Angeles area. The last I noticed the published figures there had been 111 since January 1.

Editorial . . .

The Warren Lesson

The senate has confirmed Earl Warren as chief justice of the United States by voice vote and without a single audible nay. Of which it might be said: All's well that ends well.

As to Justice Warren himself and the high office he should so ably fill—yes. But all is not well with a nation and with its congress when such things can happen as those which delayed for eight weeks the confirmation of the Warren appointment, the Christian Science Monitor points out in a recent issue.

Had the senate, even thus belatedly, been soberly debating the qualities of judicial experience and statesmanship demanded ideally for the nation's top arbiter on constitutionality, the picture would have looked a little less ugly. But it was not. Confirmation was stalled in committee while senators bent to extremist pressure and called for FBI clearance on a distinguished public figure who has stood successfully for a quarter of a century. It was delayed on the senate floor because one committee chairman solemnly placed in the record as egregious a collection of unvaluated, unsupported, and scurrilous charges as has yet erupted into this era of irresponsible accusations.

Mr. Warren, because he is a national figure with a host of loyal supporters, has come through unscathed. But what of the little man caught by this turgid whirlwind of suspicion and political opportunism?

The very conspicuousness of the Warren episode should point a lesson.

On Covering the News

(Guest Editorial from Blair Pilot-Tribune)

News is more perishable than ice. News events must be covered swiftly in addition to being complete and accurate. There is nothing deadlier than yesterday's news.

It is not often that what newsmen call "big news" breaks in any given small community, but when it does, it must be given that same swift treatment and sent on its way to the public.

Not all news is cheery. Much of the goings-on carry the ring of tragedy or at least unhappy situations. Yet news is news.

The other day one of those infrequent big stories occurred in Blair. A 16-year-old missing Colorado girl, object of a three-state search, turn-

Feeling maybe that the peak has been reached and that from now on there may be a slowing down, a group representing home loan agencies that have financed much building in Southern California give out word for the future—"caution and conservatism." Speaking of the housing situation in Los Angeles county, one executive in the meeting said, "I think we should be careful not to overhouse the area." It should be suggested that there is still room in Nebraska and if you are once settled on a sandhills ranch you will not likely want to move.

A guy leveled a gun at a banker and threatened to kill. The teller handed over \$1,000 in cash. That's one way they have out here to "cash a check."

Maybe that gent who came up with fairy tales about Governor Warren is sorry he spoke. Jurists, clergymen, military men, scholars, scientists, politicians, others on public payrolls and some common blokes came in for a look over; some free from taint, others with scarlet stains, some with an air of smug insolence behind the "fifth amendment." No loyal American need take refuge in "constitutional guarantees," and to the extent this is done that guy is under suspicion, be he in the uniform of an army officer or wearing overalls.

I saw it parked by the curbing yesterday on Glenoaks Road, one of Burbank's busy streets, a car bearing a Manitoba, Canada, license plate. And the temperature at that hour stood at 86. Saw a gent at the steering wheel wiping his Canadian brow and he seemed to be waiting for something before heading north. And my newly formed friend, the traffic cop, helping the school children through the traffic, was making plans for a trip back to his former Wyoming home.

Living costs are about the same in all cities the country over. A broken home is life's greatest tragedy for little children.

Some busybody thinks Maryor Carl King of Burbank and his deputy, Earl Blais, should be kicked out. Something like a recall has been proposed, but nothing tangible as to why and wherefore appears in the picture. Maybe just the trend of the times in which envy or suspicion find a target among public officials. Unless you are prepared to take it, better pass up public office.

An 80-year-old patriot smoked in bed once too often — his one-room abode went up in flames and he with it.

Near East, the battleground of the ages, where they are at it again. Ancient Damascus, which saw the passing of Babylon, the overthrow of Nineveh and the fall of empires—has her time come? In April the army is having an auction of surplus material valued at \$12,000,000, a Los Angeles concern being consigned the job. Maybe some will show up at the auction from the latest seat of war to get in on the bidding.

Up at Reno, Nev., a Los Angeles bad man was given from one to 10 years in the pen by the court for beating an old man to death. Is human life now that cheap?

Arthur H. Sulzberger, editor and publisher of the New York Times, one of America's greatest, accompanied by his wife, stopped in Los Angeles enroute to Honolulu for a month's visit to the islands.

Two guys, one 85 the other 82, are promoting a campaign to raise funds for the Red Cross and call upon young people "with energy equal to ours" to join them in the money raising effort.

Barbers close shop in the Los Angeles area Sunday and Monday, union decree requiring them to observe the five-day week.

Two sections, 1,280 acres, are known in prairieLand as a small ranch. Out here one-quarter section, 160 acres, is spoken of as a "large ranch."

'Dee' Willm, 67, Expires at Lincoln

Diebold ("Dee") Willm, jr., 67, retired farmer of 1008 South 32nd st., Lincoln, died suddenly Saturday, February 20, of a cerebral hemorrhage at his home in Lincoln. Mr. Willm lived most of his life in Lancaster county. Before retiring to Lincoln, he resided in the Eagle community near here.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel; daughters—Miss Marian Olson of Iowa City, Ia.; Mrs. Lois Lee Walter of O'Neill; sisters — Mrs. Freda Trunkenbliz of Eagle; Mrs. Ann Ludi of Lincoln; three grandchildren. Burial was from the First Presbyterian church of Lincoln at the Eagle cemetery.

Chambers News

Mrs. E. H. Medcalf returned Sunday from Sioux City where she had spent several days with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Medcalf, and family. Mrs. Ben Medcalf has been ill with mumps.

A/2c Duane Porter arrived Wednesday, March 3, from Germany where he had spent the past 32 months. After a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porter, and family and other relatives, he will go to Ogden, Utah. He expects to be out of the service in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane K. Miller visited relatives at Neligh Sunday, March 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Vearl Tuttle and family of Clearwater were Sunday, March 7, dinner guests in the John Honeywell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Shavlik and Pamela drove to Elgin on Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. Emma Shavlik.

Mrs. Mae Hubbard entertained the following guests at lunch following evening services Sunday: Rev. Fred Alexander of Junction City, Kans., Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Adams of St. Paul and Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence McElherson of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter drove to Neligh Saturday to attend a purebred Shorthorn sale. They were dinner guests of her father, M. E. Carpenter, at Oakdale and supper guests in the S. B. Hall home at Brunswick.

Rev. Fred Alexander of Junction City, Kans., was in charge of services at the Memorial Baptist church Sunday evening Pictures were shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mitchell and Mrs. Merle Hanson of Boise, Ida., and Francis Young of Kearney visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young, and family a few days last week. A/3c Burl Young, who had spent a week here returned to his station at San Antonio, Tex., on Thursday, March 4. Harold Dean Young, FSFMR, who has spent the past 20 days on leave, returned to Norfolk, Va., Tuesday.

Mrs. T. E. Newhouse, who has been with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Newhouse, and family at Lincoln, returned Saturday. She was called to Neligh that evening to stay until Sunday evening with her daughter, Kathryn Newhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Svobota and girls of Bartlett were Sunday dinner guests in the Herman Cook home.

Dinner guests Friday, March 5, in the Herman Cook home were Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Rath-

Fourteen friends gathered for dinner at the Walt Richards home Sunday.

Friday, March 5, guests in the who was ill with influenza, bun and children of Spalding and Mr. and Mrs. Guais Wintermote and Mrs. John Wintermote of Chambers.

Clarence Young home were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoppe and family and Mrs. Chris Young and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bring and son and Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, all of Magaret.

Jack Alderson purchased the top selling bull at the Antelope County Shorthorn Breeders' association sale held at Neligh on Saturday. This dark red yearling Shorthorn animal was consigned by W. M. Boyensson of Madison.

Mr. and Mrs. William Turner visited their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner, at Grand Island Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Edwards of Ord came Friday and had dinner with his mother, Mrs. Valo Edwards. They left in the afternoon, accompanied by Mrs. Edwards, for Winner, S.D., and spent until Saturday afternoon in the Rudolph Edwards home. They returned to Ord that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Lenz observed their 28th wedding anniversary Sunday. A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Lenz, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dankert and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harley, had dinner at the Town House in O'Neill in the evening followed by a show. Mr. Harley was an attendant at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Lenz 28 years ago.

The Winona Rebekah lodge of Chambers is holding a party at the regular meeting Friday, March 12. Each member is expected to bring a guest.

Connie Werner observed her 13th birthday anniversary on Wednesday, March 3, with a theater party. Seven of her girl friends were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walter and Mr. and Mrs. William Reicks were supper guests in the Richard Brion home at Neligh Sunday evening. They then drove to Clearwater to attend the installation service for the new pastor at the Lutheran church.

Guests at Boatman's—

Wednesday, February 24, Mrs. Mary Lange of Atkinson and Mrs. Aaron Lange of Atkinson called at the home of Mrs. Hazel Boatman. That evening Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Lange and Sammy of Atkinson were dinner guests of Mrs. Boatman.

Braun-Shald Rites in Stuart Church

STUART — Miss Kathryn Braun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braun of Atkinson, and Don Shald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shald of Stuart, were united in marriage Saturday, February 27, at 9:30 a.m., in St. Boniface Catholic church in Stuart.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Paschang. The bride wore a coral colored suit and her attendant, Mrs. A. L. Kruger, wore a grey suit. They each wore corsages of white carnations and pale pink snapdragons.

The bridegroom and his attendant, A. L. Kruger, wore dark business suits with white carnation boutonnieres.

A wedding breakfast for 50 guests was served at the Ralph Shald home following the ceremony.

The wedding cake decorated with yellow rosebuds and topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom, was baked by the bride's mother.

The bride graduated from Atkinson public school with the class of 1953 and has since been employed in Stuart.

The bridegroom graduated from Stuart high school with the class of 1951 and is finishing his third year of college at Creighton university in Omaha.

The couple left at 12 o'clock noon for Omaha where they will make their home.

Ewing News

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence were in Omaha Feb. 2 on business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kurtz and family of South Sioux City and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruebaker of Norfolk were Sunday, Feb. 23, dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kurtz.

Rudolph Wetzler of Herrick, S.D., consulted a doctor here March 1 and visited with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr.

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