Prairieland Talk . . .

Tragic Accidents Will Continue

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN - Suggestions to reduce traffic disasters are called for.

Since mankind began to move about over the country there have been fatal traffic accidents-some because of carelessness, others from foolhardiness, and from causes too numerous to

The first that haunted my childish mind with

a nameless horror was when it was told in the home that a man walking in the road the previous night was killed when hit by a runaway team. My next was when a father in our neighborhood left his team untied as he went into a saloon and his little boy sat on the wagon alone. The team moved on and was soon on a run. The boy was thrown from the wagon and killed. I saw his brains that had been left on the road by a wag-

Saunders on wheel that cut the little fellow's head open. Highway travel, train and air have decreed the death penalty and the Titanic

on the high seas is not exempt, neither is the pedestrian hiking down the street. I have been spilled out and the car wrecked and the lady and I taken to a hospital because a gent butted into a street on which the traffic had the right-of-way. That was 25 years ago, since which time similar traffic situations and much worse have steadily increased.

While we keep on the go, it will get no better.

Harry Orchard died last month, at the age of 88, after 50 years in the Idaho penitentiary on conviction and confession of setting the bomb that took the life of Governor Steunenberg. His conviction carried the death penalty but sentence was changed to life imprisonment because of the unusual act of Mrs. Steunenberg, who interceded to that end and eventually resulted in an archcriminal turning to religion. He had followed a trail of crime as the death agent of the Western Federation of Miners that was the terror of western mountain states, and this organization was involved more or less in the Orchard trial, with such legal talent as Clarence Darrow and Senator Borah defending and prosecuting. There is a man living in Lincoln today, Andy Randall, who took the fleeing Orchard off of a train and placed him under arrest. Few "lifetermers" have had such nationwide attention as Orchard. His life's story is given in the book, "The Man God Made A clergyman from Washington, D.C., who had been interested in the Orchard affair, spoke at the funeral rites held in Boise.

Are we ungratefully indifferent to our heritage as citizens of a great state? It is 100 years since the territory of Nebraska was organized. The state historical society has given some attention to our 100th anniversary as have also a few communities, but all too little notice is taken of an event that plowed a fruitful furrow in the realm of American history. Business interests of many communities throughout the state provide for the annual functioning of celebrations of a sort with a combined background of advertising the town and appreciation for what the patriots of the community have meant to them in a business way. But 100th anniversaries don't come every year and the generation that lives to see it may well do something.

The name of M. F. Gribble of O'Neill appears among those on a list of directors of the Sandhills Cattle association selected at a recent meeting of the cowmen at Thedford in Thomas county. The association took action by resolution opposing government price supports either for cattle or grain crops because of "regimentation and drain on the United States treasury." Any programs that would encourage beef consumption were endorsed. The most popular "program" would be to cut the price of a roast to where a fellow could

The Holt Record with a Paddock date line somewhere in the late 1870's and a hard-baked printer by the name of Smith, the whole force from editor to jerking the lever of a Washington hand press, was Holt county's first newspaper. The last issue of that sheet perished in the flames that burned The Frontier building and plant back in the 1920's. The little four-column paper in a frame had hung on the north wall overlooking more modern printing equipment in the old Frontier building and so far as I know no one thought of saving it from the flames Minneola, Page, Inman, Chambers, Amelia, Emmet and Dustin have each been the burying ground of the ambitions of printers, the newspaper at Chambers outliving all the others though in the end giving up the struggle because of lack of local support. Stuart and Atkinson have each experienced the thrill of the editors of two papers at journalistic warfare, while six papers in O'Neill turned up the editorial toes to the daisies.

From the open door I see in the street below a boy at play, happy with some trifle he tosses into the air, watches it float upward and then return to earth. The ardors of poring over book and fidgeting in a seat in school are over for him and the long sun drenched days of summer are his away from teacher's commanding look. Out of school, out there on the street he is free, animated by the inspiration that all living feel when the shackles of discipline are burst asunder. Free-until ma calls out, "Johnny, get in here!"

The owners suffered \$200,000 losses when a mill and elevator burned at Bertrand, in Phelps county. . . A suicide in Lincoln, one traffic death in Seward, two such in Omaha and eight in Iowa reported for one day. . . Thomas Cronin, a former deputy sheriff of Douglas county, is charged with obstructing justice through alleged tampering with witnesses. That's not like any Cronin we have known. . . Corporal Edward Dickenson drew a dishonorable discharge and 10 years in prison at the court martial. He may regret having returned to the land of the free and habitation of the timid as well as the brave. . . The radio newscasters reported today that the president of a religious body with world delegates now assembled in San Francisco, Calif., stated in his address that all Bible phophesy has met its fulfillment and the next is the drum beat of eternity for the

At the recent republican convention held in Fremont, Mr. Thomas, a delegate from Omaha, presented a resolution which was adopted, endorsing the work of Senator McCarthy, the Omaha delegate feeling that the Wisconsin senator is one government official who has "the intestinal fortitude and the backbone to fight this gang of communists in the open." This is gratifying to many as is also the resolution introduced by the delegate from Hay Springs endorsing the administration of Governor Crosby who "has been subjected to criticism and abuse wholly unmerited."

Three inches of rain in spots here and there, hail covering the ground with pebbles of ice in isolated areas, gentle showers elsewhere; thus the month of May came to a close on prairieland and we look out upon the peaceful scene now robed in the green of summer. Yes, there is a tragic touch here and there as the messenger of death haunts street and highway. And again we have laid a wreath in some sacred spot in memory of the dead, the muster roll of eternity year by year adding to the sleeping saints and sinners. But down the lengthening road of time the living procession moves on, some daily adorning life's mission and others effortless, hoping for the best. And looking out this evening across the green robed landscape toward the setting sun, earth and sky proclaim to prairieland dwellers the bounties of nature for another season.

Editorial . . .

On Saving Decadent Empires

The mapping of foreign strategy in these difficult days is a task of staggering dimensions as evidenced by this nation's dilemma in Indochina. All of us are hopeful the Eisenhower administration will show the way for keeping our youth out of a conflict in an area where for centuries afeudin' and a-fightin' has been a byword. Frankly, the outlook, as The Frontier sees it, is not

We wholeheartedly agree with the words of Congressman Carl T. Curtis, Nebraska's First district representative, who made this memorial

"I can see absolutely no justification for sending American troops to fight in French Indochina. I hope that President Eisenhower's efforts to avoid war are successful. I know he is doing all he can to avoid any armed inter-

Congressman Curtis, who declined to run again for the congressional post but now, following Sen. Dwight Griswold's death, is making a bid for the republican senate nomination, said he is concerned about "ungodly forces throughout the world which are intent upon dragging the United States into another costly war."

Unfortunately, too many of those ungodly forces are to be found in Washington. Since the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt's first election, the whole of our foreign policy has been based upon aiding and propping up decadent empires which, by virtue of their economy and progress of man, could not be saved and can never be restored to great world powers of yesteryear.

Reckless intervention has taken youth off O'-Neill streets for two major wars plus the late

Great Britain has shared largely in this handout, also France, Italy and Germany. Even now, when Asiatic affairs are so crit-

ical, the British don't relinquish their trading with the reds. And the Indochina crisis is not so bad but what the French send only professional troops there-not conscripts. Yet there are ungodly forces in these United States who are convinced that, by ye gods! we'll have to go settle it yet!

How absurd! Louis Bromfield, writing in Sunday's World-Herald, suggests that the policy of supporting old empires comes chiefly from the northeastern portion of the United States and this area, by any means, does not represent the most of the American people. It does represent a substantial portion of the country's wealth and has produced the biggest percentage of striped-pants boys.

Customer Loss

A national survey to determine the percentage of customers lost and the length of time a grocery store, implement dealer, printer or other business man retains his business reveals some

interesting facts. Of 100 customers. 15 quit the first year-leaving. 85

13 quit the second year-leaving 72.

11 quit the third year-leaving 61.

9 quit the fourth year-leaving 52. 8 quit the fifth year-leaving 44.

7 quit the sixth year-leaving 37.

6 quit the seventh year-leaving 31. 5 quit the eighth year-leaving 26.

4 quit the ninth year-leaving 22. 3 quit the tenth year-leaving 19.

Discourteous treatment, poor service or indifference acounted for 68 percent of lost customers. Another 14 percent were lost because of unadjusted grievances. Price cutting or buying for less was accounted for nine percent. Another three percent of the loss was caused by distant moves; while death and unaccounted for reasons amounted to one percent.

These statistics show a total of 82 percent lost purely through neglect. Whether the reason was discourteous treatment, unadjusted grievances, poor service or indifferdence to the customer's business, it added up to neglect in his mind. Someone neglected to impress upon the lost customer that his business was wanted, that it was important, and that it was appreciated.

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When You and I Were Young ...!

Saloon Muddle

Gross Disregard of Law Is Charged

Spokane, Wash., is visiting his on. brother, Frank, in O'Neill. . . | Charley Meals was graduated with honors from the U.S. mil-with honors from the U.S. mil-Frontier. Mrs. Lamb was born itary academy. . Writs of mandamus recently ordered by the 23, 1888, and the twins are Robsupreme court because of the saloon muddle, were served on the city council by Attorney R.

23, 1888, and the twins are Robert and Hobert, instead of Robert and Howard.

Thank you. R. Dickson. Gross disregard of the law had been charged in some complaints filed against saloonkeepers.

20 Years Ago Mr. Charles E. Martin, Holt . . A barn was destroyed by fire at the old Magirl place west of town. . . Water users must cut and gardens are to be watered of Ewing. cnly between 7 p.m., and 9 p.m.

10 Years Ago The Misses Donna Davis, Patti O'Donnell, Kathleen Flood, Friday. Marjorie Houchin and Audrey Small dressed attractively in \$109.13 selling poppies on poppy chant and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. day. . . Transcontinental flying Harris and son, all of Fremont. records were broken by Col- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunaway onels Jack Carter and Clair ad children of Hastings were P-51 Mustangs from coast-to- at the home of her parents, Mr. coast in 6 hours 321/2 minutes. . . Mrs. Anna Carney died in an Omaha hospital. Burial was in Calvary cemetery with Rt. Rev. J. G. McNamara officiating.

One Year Ago auditorium. . . Cpl. and Mrs. accompanied by their advisor, Donald Borg and Pvt. Gordon Miss Fern Pruden. Hiatt, all of O'Neill, were among the teeming millions who lined Kensington were entertained at London's ancient streets for the J. L. Pruden home on Friday Elizabeth II's coronation. . . O'- afternoon when Miss Fern Pru-Neill's postoffice will become a den was hostess. The informal first-class office July 1. . . James Gunter, Holt county pioneer citizen, was the honored guest at a family reunion held in Ewing. Forty - nine relatives attended the gathering.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS WD - Ferne I. Coxbill and Earl J. Coxbill to Dean V. Stevens and Marian L. Stevens, 5-21-54, \$6400.00, SE1/4 of Sec. 28, T 30-R14, West of 6 P.M. in Holt County, Nebr.

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to O'Neill, in Holt Co. Quit Claim Deed - Theresa Peterson, Mary Fouts, Elizabeth McKenzie, B. Harry McKenzie to Robert A. and Eugene Ramm, \$1.00, NE1/4 SE1/4-2-30-16 WD-Theresa Peterson, Mary Fouts, Elizabeth McKenzie, B Harry McKenzie, to Robert A. Ramm and Eugene J. Ramm \$1.00, S1/2-26-31-16, N1/2-2-N1/2 NE1/4- 3, S1/2 NE1/4- 3-30-16R

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WD—Theresa Peterson, Mary Fouts, Elizabeth McKenzie & B. Harry McKenzie, \$1.00 to Henry Stolte, S½ SW¼ of 14-30-16 WD — Constance F. Biglin to O. D. French and Constance A. French, \$1.00 SE corner of Block 1, SE1/4 of NE1/2- Sec 30-

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Letters to Editor

Brings Mandamus of thanking each and every one for the lovely cards, letters and greetings we received for our greetings we received for our ter from Long Beach Calif. 54th wedding anniversary, Saturday, May 22, also for the Pvt. Tilford Grim and his homemade candy. Your greet-

ings pepped us up a lot.

We don't feel worthy of the way the Lord has cared for us Miss Maggie Wettlaufer and David Yantzi were united in David Yantzi were united in Him Who is able for all things, and we mean to follow Would like to correct a little

THE LAMBS

Ewing News

county pioneer, died at her Mrs. R. G. Rockey on memorial braska has received over \$31 million of federal PWA funds.

. . A barn was destroyed by ligh, Mr. and Mrs. Buford son and son of Orchard, Mrs. ren, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yelli Vera Anson and son, Mr. and and family, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mrs. Willis Rockey and son. all Roudybush, all of Ewing. down water consumption. Lawns | Vera Ansul and down water consumption. Lawns | Mrs. Willis Rockey and son, all

Mrs. Frank Noffke, who has been visiting relatives in Wichita, Kan., and Norfolk, arrived home

Guests at the William J. and H. R. Haris home on Sunday red, white and blue, collected were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mer-Peterson when they flew their guests on the memorial weekend

and Mrs. Earl Billings. Those from the Ewing chapter attending the Future Homemakers of America workshop held at Kearney this week were Bonnie Jo Jefferies, Doris Ann Spahn, Benitta Bollwitt, Geraldine Rot-Two hundred and fifty people herham, Mary Ann Kallhoff, were present at the Page alumni Bethyl Daniels, Patsy Pollock, banquet held at the Page school and Francis Noffke. They are The Past Matrons and Star

afternoon was followed by a luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gibson and

family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Gillette at Chambers memorial day. They also attended the services at the

On memorial day, Mr. and

The Fleming family held a re-

Pvt. Tilford Grim and his wife from Verdigre spent memorial day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Grim in Ewing. Private Grim was home on a six-day leave from Ft. Sill, Okla. He left Monday for Camp Kilmer, N. J., from where he will be sent to

the Europeon area.
Gerald Grim SN, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Grim, received his discharge on May 19 from the coast guards and is at Port Angelus, Wash., where he has employ-ment. Other guests at the Grim both of Crieghton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wood and family of Lincoln spent the holiday weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rotherham. They returned home on Sunday, A family get-together was held

memorial day at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. John Turay. In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hobbs and sons, Mr. and Mrs. William Hobbs and child-

Mr. and Mrs. John Shiffbauer, sr., accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Shiffbauer, and son, all of

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Mrs. Henry Baum drove to Atkin- Norfolk, were visitors on Thurs-, ton on Friday enroute to College

were Sunday dinner guests at were held Saturday afternoon. the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Conner. The occasion in honor of Washington D.C., are vacationthe birthday anniversary of Dee- ing at the home of Mrs. Borden's mer Conner.

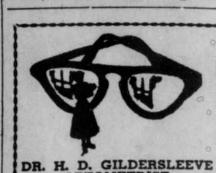
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kropp and family spent memorial day with her mother, Mrs. Anna Young, at Inman.

Miss Luetta Haake of Neligh operator of the Modern Beauty shop in Ewing, is making her home with Mrs. Edna Lofquest. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McBeth and family of Rochester, N. Y. were guests on Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Latzel. Other guests at the Latzel home for a 1 o'clock dinner honhome on Sunday were David oring the McBeths were Mr. and Hamilton and Alvera Beurman, Eddie Kaczor and family of Eddie Kaczor and family of Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. August Theile and family of Clearwater and Mrs. Myra McBeth of Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Ebben Grafft

were overnight guests in Fuller-

son where they decorated the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Springs, Ia., to attend the funeral graves of relatives at the ceme- William Hobbs. Mr. and Mrs. Deemer Conner law, Mrs. Earl Grafft. The rites Mr. and Mrs. Sam Borden of

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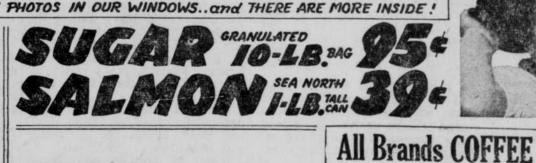
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