

Prairie Land Talk . . .

# Irate 'Lady' Lampoons Guy

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN — A newspaper man came over from Denver, Colo., not long ago and addressed one of those numerous association gatherings that is made up of patriots who think they know the score who had convened in Lincoln for a week's confab. The Colorado gentleman vigorously defended the freedom of the press.

There has not been a real outspoken press since Braun's Iconoclast faded out a half-century ago when its fearless editor was struck by a bullet and fell on the street of a Texas city. The nearest thing to the Iconoclast in journalism today is the Hearst publications and a sheet down in one of the Carolinas known as the Yellow Jacket. But freedom of the press provides also freedom to suppress some things.

Standing on a street in O'Neill in front of a hotel a day in the long ago with an eye open for a news story, a couple came along and the "man of the house" went into the hotel and asked a gent sitting in the hotel lobby to step outside with him, when the "lady" of the couple wheeled away with an umbrella on the head of the defenseless gent as her companion joined in the beating. The friendly advice of an influential citizen was needed to make no mention of that street scene in our popular family journal next issue.

A newspaper should ever be free to suppress scandal as well as to protect the interests of communities by exposing that which is detrimental.

A toll gate highway from coast to coast is being urged by promoters. Pennsylvania and Ohio have it with Illinois and Iowa next. Then Nebraska or Kansas—which?

The able chairman of the state democratic committee endeavors to forge and furnish a partisan buildup for the Bourbons out of the McCarthy-Stevens affair, twisting it into a serious break with the administration of President Ike, with a democrat's vision of a disrupted GOP. What goes on between the senate committee and the army is merely a mildly entertaining sparring match when placed in comparison beside the tragedy of a million desolated homes in America where there have been tears and heartache for fathers and mothers and young wives for sons and husbands who have bled and died on battlefields in distant lands in three wars in less than a generation while democrats were running things. The army now is engaged in a bloodless battle with a fighting Irishman at the home base. That's fine—nobody hurt, we get a laugh out of it and eventually participants will kiss and shake hands.

One patriot's suggestion to remedy the highway situation is to permit no one at a steering wheel who had attained the age of 70. Maybe no driver's licenses should be given to any under 70.

Editorial . . .

## Need for New Churches

Rev. Dr. Eliot L. Fisher, an executive of the division of home missions of the board of missions of the Methodist church, recently said there were more people living where churches are not established than at any other period in American history.

The churchman pointed this out at the annual meeting of the Methodist church's board of missions. To help combat the situation he outlined, the Methodist church is conducting a drive for 3,000 new congregations in the next three years. The church hopes to raise \$100,000,000 to house them.

Doctor Fisher says the United States is suffering from a large "displaced" population, constantly on the move. He says that seven out of 10 persons who moved in 1953 will move again before the end of 1958. He also pointed out that in some years more than 30,000,000 Americans have changed their places of residence.

The problem outlined by Doctor Fisher is one which all churches should seek to alleviate. We sometimes forget that the United States is still a very young, and rapidly growing, country, with large numbers of displaced persons and moving families. Such changes and population trends place a responsibility on the churches to keep up with the growing demand in new and growing communities. The churches thus still have a wide field in front of them, as they have had since the founding of this country.

### Watch Out for Terry

(From Dakota County Star, South Sioux City)  
Terry Carpenter, voluble tongued state senator from Scottsbluff, may have rank republicans a bit worried.

Carpenter, as you know, is one of five candidates for the republican nomination to the U.S. senate. In fact, he was one of the first to toss his hat into the ring.

Terrible Terry, who achieved the name through hours of debate on trivial issues in the state legislature, is a former democrat. He's now masquerading as a republican.

"He's no more a republican than Harry Truman," a top ranking state republican leader told us recently. A statement with more truth than fiction. Terry apparently realized several years ago that Nebraska is generally a republican state.

Carpenter has money. He recently ran page ads in two leading Nebraska weeklies. Although he wasn't present at the GOP convention in Fremont recently, observers say he couldn't have been any more conspicuous with his presence. Carpenter ran a page ad in the Fremont paper during the session. He's radical and out-spoken.

It would be a shame if the voters selected Carpenter in preference to such candidates as Martin and Curtis.

One Nebraska newspaperman recently phrased it something like this:

"I've come to the conclusion that Carpenter doesn't stand for anything except Terry Carpenter."

Lawyer (handing client \$100)—Here is the balance of your award of \$500, after deducting my fee. [Why do you frown? Aren't you satisfied?]

Client—I was just wondering who got hit by the car, you or me.

Promises are easier to make than they are to fulfill, but people continue to make them carelessly.

## News, Views and Gossip

BY THE EDITOR

TALK TURNED to the McCarthy-Pentagon hassle, as inevitably it does these days. In the circle on the street corner were Dr. L. A. Carter, Col. Ed Evans, Joe Biglin and this writer. Evans was lamenting some of the time-consuming aspects of "the big show" but Doctor Carter was concerned about the executive "gag" ruling, preventing federal employees from passing information. The grey, venerable doctor cited the Teapot Dome oil scandal.

Joe Biglin and I pleaded youthfulness and, therefore, wouldn't remember. Then the semi-retired medic delved into his historical treasure.

Doctor Carter pointed out the congressional probes in the twenties depended vitally upon information given by officials of the department of interior, department of justice and federal trade commission, sometimes by lowly employees. In order to bare the story of giving away of oil resources by a member of the cabinet, the investigators, Sens. Burton K. Wheeler and Tom Walsh, both of Montana, demanded data from Attorney General Cummings and the Gen. Harry Daugherty and the latter refused—a "gag" rule similar to the now-famous Truman and Eisenhower rulings.

The matter was taken up with President Coolidge, a republican, and he fired Daugherty. Coolidge replaced Daugherty with Harlan Stone (later chief justice of the supreme court), and Stone cooperated fully. Interior Secretary Fall was forced out and went to the pen.

The moral: The right of congress to receive information in the executive arm of the government is precious and of highest importance. The congress has the constitutional right and duty to check on what goes on in the executive and to receive any information it desires. Incidentally, the first article in the constitution deals with congress; the second, the executive; the third, the judiciary.

The congressional prerogative in the checks-and-balances system would be nullified without information.

Thanks, Doctor, for the history lesson.

MISCELLANY: Two pictures we wished we hadn't missed —(1) Harden Anspach and Bartley Brennan moving the mannikins from the former Apparel Shop location to the new store; Anspach clutching lower extremities of the dummies in each arm; Brennan, uppers; (2) the sick horse being led up the sidewalk and into the veterinary office of Dr. G. C. Cook on South Fourth street. An O'Neill mother received a long-distance phone call the other day. The operator asked if the O'Neill party would accept a collect call from "Pvt. David Schine." Somewhat dumbfounded, the

mother accepted the charges, anyway. "Mamma, get me out of the army!" came the voice of her son—a GI on the Eastern seaboard. His name isn't David. . . . A 3-year-old O'Neill lad, in the new swimming pool Sunday for the first time, registered dislike for wet trunks and disrobed before a large audience, explaining to his mommie he had wet pants.

—CAL STEWART

Mrs. William Montgomery of Omaha spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froelich.

## Former Prisoner of Japs Visits Stuart

STUART—Dr. Esther Morse, missionary, came Saturday, May 29, for a visit here with friends. She addressed the congregations at the Cleveland Presbyterian church and Stuart Community church on Sunday, May 30.

Doctor Morse was reared in the Cleveland community, was graduated from Stuart high school and Hastings college. She

has been a missionary on the island Hainan for many years. She became a prisoner of the Japanese when they captured the island during World War II. After her release from the prison and a rest in the United States, she returned to the Chinese people but was taken prisoner by the communists. She was released about four years ago and returned to the states. She has been assigned to go to Pakistan soon by the mission board.

Returns from Washington—Miss Barbara Birmingham ar-

rived in O'Neill Friday from Washington, D.C., where she has been working on her master's degree at Catholic university.

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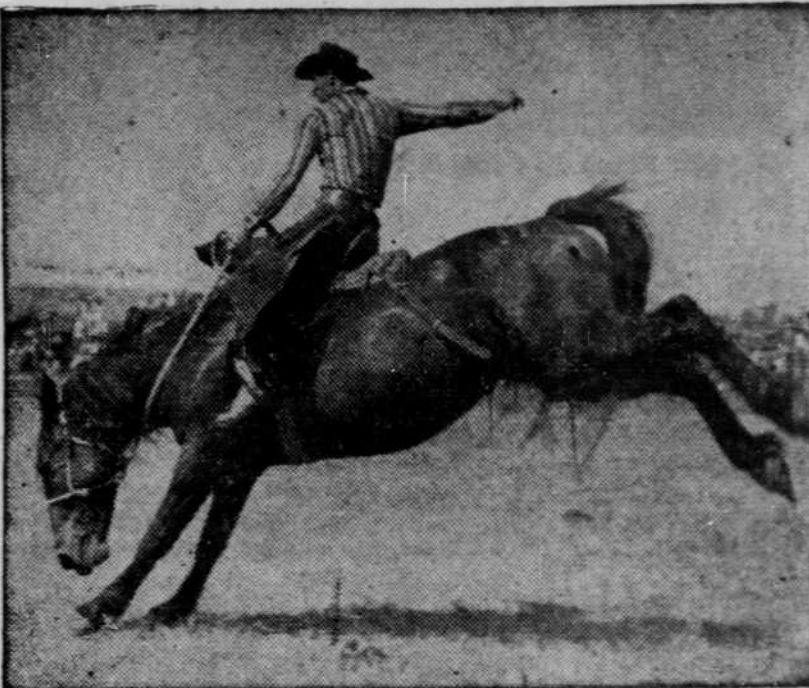
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### Apathy on Commie Issue

In spite of the McCarthy storm, in spite of the obvious guilt of many leading Americans, in spite of the alarming danger from both without and within—the American public still seems to be somewhat apathetic in regard to the communist menace.

Last week a fellow said to this writer: "Why don't you give 'em hell? Why don't the newspapers and radio stations of the nation bring this more strongly to the attention of the public?"

What more can the information industry do? McCarthy's investigating committee has been in the headlines almost constantly for the past three or four years. Grand juries have indicted several persons in high position, such as Owen Lattimore, and found them guilty of perjury.

The menace of communism from within has been more than amply covered for years. Editorial writers have expanded thousands of column inches to the fight against reds in our government. Still, many of the people look upon the subject just as did former President Harry Truman—red herring!

Well, it might be a red herring—but that herring is beginning to smell. And if we don't watch our step it might stink us right out of the country.

Only criticism we have of the treatment of the commie issue by the American press, radio and television field can be leveled at some of the pink-tinted boys who graftily dish up the Daily Worker line without the general public, even the chaps who write their paychecks, knowing it.

Traffic regulations, rigidly and impartially enforced, will save lives on our streets and highways.

Freedom is a gift from the past, but it is not at all certain that it will be a legacy of the future.

Education is not to be confused with going to college—not in these days.

It seems that with Rocky Marciano two is a crowd.

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