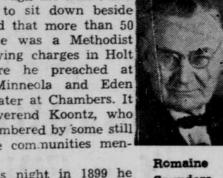
Prairieland Talk . . .

### Meets Up with Pioneer Preacher

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Frontier Editor

LINCOLN—Seated out in the open today under the June sky, taking in the scene as automobiles hurried hither and yon, when an aged

patriarch found his way across the street through the traffic and was invited to sit down beside me. I learned that more than 50 years ago he was a Methodist preacher serving charges in Holt county where he preached at Blackbird, Minneola and Eden Valley and later at Chambers. It was the Reverend Koontz, who may be remembered by some still living in the communities mentioned.



Christmas night in 1899 he

left his home in Indiana with his wife and two young daughters for O'Neill and from there was taken to Blackbird where they made their home and Reverend Koontz took up the work of a pioneer pastor of three church groups, the purpose for which he had left Indiana where they were overstocked with preachers.

He now at the age of 84 is living in retirement and has one daughter still living whose home is in Lincoln.

You hear of the "good old days." Days have come down the highway of time since the dawn of creation. "The evening and the morning were the first day." Since light dispelled the darkness of that first day the sun has come forth at dawn in a blaze of glory, rode its flaming orbit across the heavens and lighted other regions when the Milky Way spread a band above and stars glowed out of the depth of space. As days come and go the "good old days" were no different than today. But the days that have gone into the record of time were not all good. We blundering, shortsighted mortals messed things up then as we do today-yet out of memory's full-laden store arise visions of the days of yore, with their struggles, defeats, victories, happiness and heartaches, prosperity and adversity, boiled potato dinners and sumptuous feasts, days of toil and hours of loafing, social contact and lonely periods. Our days are what we make them and the white heads of each succeeding generation have the fun of telling young sprouts about the "good old days."

The Pnarisees and Sadducees may be tearing themselves to shreds in Washington but the functions of our United States government go on as usual.

O'Neill's notable cowboy, Dewey Schaffer, and president of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association, got a number of prominent men of the country to give the cattlemen their views of things agriculturally and the live stock outlook at a neeting of the association up at Chadron the last three days of the week ending June 12. Wheeler McMillen of the Farm Journal, W. W. Cenerazzo of Summerville, Mass., and James C. Keogh of Time magazine were among the guest speakers from out of the state at the gathering. Are they looking to Nebraska back there in old New England for their beef supply?

He was no hobo. Clean, not badly dressed, young and going some place as he headed out of town, maybe to see an aging father and mother far away, far in terms of walking. With the hope of getting a lift he had signaled passing cars but all sped on unmindful of the wishes of a footman. And so he walked on. Those of an earlier generation out there on prairieland had the time and the disposition to drive a mile or two out of their way to ask a settler if he would like to go to town or wanted something brought out. Substituting the steering wheel for a pair of lines makes the dif-

At a horse auction in a Kansas town that drew buyers from Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri 70 head of animals were offered for sale and brought up to \$150 for one nag. Is the horse on the way back?

A Fillmore county farmer assures me we will have our oatmeal-oat crops that have been pretty much of a failure in recent years, hold a promise today of a forthcoming heavy yield. . . Fred Seaton's name appears among the brigade of patriots for the republican nomination for U. S. senator. Mr. Seaton is capable but he belongs to Kansas rather than to Nebraska. I favor the home folks. . . . Senator McCarthy will probably yet emerge the winner. . . . The State Historical society will continue archaeological salvage work this summer at Ft. Randall reservoir.

Congressman Miller has filed again for the Republican nomination. He has represented the Fourth Nebraska district in congress since 1943. Carlton Laird of Scottsbluff asks for the democratic nomination.

The Hon. Mr. Wilson, secretary of defense, says truth, not bullets, must stop the Reds. I wonder. A bullet is the only thing that penetrates the something else or at least be made two barns in the southern part of mental processes of the pagan world. What is available to the trustees for use the county. . . Over 11,000 Netruth? asked the Roman governor. And Truth in in the existing new park, which braska men were placed in gaina personality was nailed to a cross. "Truth forever was described as second-to-none ful employment in Nebraska by on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne; yet in Alabama for cities of that class. the national reemployment serbeyond the dim unknown standeth God within the shadows keeping watch above His own."

Favors, attention, awards are bestowed upon students in schools to those who need such the least. The backward, the timid, the less forward ones who need special encouragement do not get it. Not only so, but the innocent sometimes suffer instead of the guilty even though he preceptor of a school rooom does not will it so, but the guilty young devil can lie better than U. S. senator — Sparkman — for sary. . . First Lieutenants Dercy the innocent one can tell the truth.

republican nomination and will get it. An eff- price supports. There was one out- nebago, Minn., working for the cient public official in a post that nobody wants, standing piece on the Alabama Milwaukee railroad. . . Holt counsimplifies matters as to one county office.

Present price of hats tells the story of why men are joining the hatless brigade,

Editorial . . .

## He Didn't Make General

(From Chicago Tribune)

Col. Otis K. Sadtler, chief of the military branch of the army signal corps at the time of Pearl Harbor, died in retirement the other day. He was a colonel at the end of the war in 1945, and he was still a colonel when he died. Thousands of officers were promoted during the war from the rank they held at the start of hostilities, but not Col. Sadtler. Hundreds, if not thousands of colonels became generals; not Col. Sadtler.

And when the failure of this officer to advance is examined, the reason seems peculiar. For Col. Sadtler, in the events leading up to the Japanese surprise attack upon Pearl Harbor, distinguished himself by his devotion and energy. He tried to prevent a surprise, but his warnings and advice went unheeded.

The army Pearl Harbor board, which investigated the disaster and reported its conclusions in 1944, complimented Col. Sadtler for his "interest and aggressiveness in attempting to have something done" on the basis of Japanese cryptographic messages, which were intercepted and decoded after the United States broke the Japanese secret code. He was, the board stated, deeply impressed with the significance of the information thus obtained, unbeknownst to the enemy, "which pointed only to war, and to war almost immediately."

Col. Sadtler testified to the receipt of the Japanese "East wind rain" message, inserted in a radio broadcast from Tokyo, which had been arranged as a signal to Japanese diplomats oversuggestion that American overseas commands be | inent issues. alerted, but was informed that they had been adequately warned. He went next to Col. Walter Bedell Smith, then secretary to the general staff, but Smith said he "did not want to discuss the

The report of the army board placed a part of the responsibility for Japanese success on Gerow. It was highly critical of Smith. The report of the minority in a congressional investigation of Pearl Harbor in 1946 listed Gerow among those guilty of "failure to perform the responsibilities indispensably essential to the defense of Pearl Harbor." Testimony in the investigations disclosed that the night before the Japanese attack, when there was still time to warn Pearl Harbor, the first 13 of the 14 part final Japanese message breaking off relations with the United States was delivered to Smith, with word that it should go to Gen. Marshall, the chief-of-staff, at once. The army board called Smith's failure to act "unfort-

Gerow, during the course of the war, was promoted from brigadier general to lieutenant general and placed in command of an army in Europe. Smith was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general, became chief-of-staff to Gen. Fisenhower in Europe, later was made ambassador to Moscow, still later chief of the central intelligence agency, and now is under-secretary of state. Gen. Marshall, who muffed the last min- year; elsewhere in the United States, \$3 per to the secretaryships of state and defense.

The contrast to Col. Sadtler, who tried to

hit the glory road. The colonel never went ahead. His zeal in trying to head-off Pearl Harbor was not appreciated by the powerful patrons of the others.

#### Newspaper Growing

Despite the advent of television, pocket-size books, drive-in theaters and other modern forms of entertainment, circulation of newspapers continues to increase. Editor & Publisher, weekly magazine of the journalistic trade, reported recently that 1953 circulation set a new record, moving up about one percent from the 1952 figures. The Frontier, incidentally, is enjoying far and away the greatest circulation in its long and colorful history-entering more homes each week than any other newspaper in a wide area. Moreover, The Frontier is one of only seven weeklies in Nebraska with an audited circulation. Our circulation records are examined and doublechecked by the only recognized circulation auditing agency in the world—the same agency and personnel who audit the principal newspapers and magazines in the United States.

We are humble and deeply gratified by our circulation record, all of which has been made possible by a loyal, responsive and growing family of readers.

We like to take the view, too, that the different news media do not necessarily compete with a weekly newspaper that delivers all the local and regional news-mostly about folks you seas that war was coming. He went to the chief of know. Of course, this must be balanced with the army war plants, Gen. L. T. Gerow, with a | feature material, pictures and comment on pert-

Nothing can or will take the place of a good local newspaper in American life and we're flattered in being a part of that fraternity that constitutes the rural American press.

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carry out his duties, is striking. The fumblers all | Audited (ABC) Circulation-2,335 (Mar. 31, 1954)

#### News, Views and Gossip

BY THE EDITOR

WE ENJOYED the few hours Press association, instructed us to cent enforcement. pick the best editorials appearing during a 12-month period in news- When You and I Were Young . . papers published in cities and owns up to 3,500 population. No easy chore-because there were some good ones.

We favored for top honors a tabloid's expose of a county highway commission which, apparently, helped push through the state 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' legislature a bill extending by four years the terms of office for the commission members; took a trip to Washington, D. C., at taxpayers' expense, including an engineer and one of the board's three demy were: Etha M. Adams, Anna attorneys; and generally was in- L. Dwyer, Margaret C. Green, efficient. The editorial at the same Dorothy K. Testman, Nellie C. commissioner who was doing a nes A. Hagerty, Agnes Kelly and good job and produced outstand- Constance H. Harrington. . . Sadie Forty members and friends ing results in his district.

paper which had been crusading bridegroom's home in Blair, . without success for improved mu- Mrs. J. B. Fitzsimmons of Cresnicipal park facilities until about ton, Ia., is visiting the Golden five years ago. Finally, a trust family. . . "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fund from a wealthy family set tent show will play a one-day up an elaborate and adequate re- stand in O'Neill. Forty actors, creational park outside the city musicians, singers, dancers, and limits, but the trustees reserved real negroes from the cotton belt and fourth grades in the Creighthe right to fix the salaries of the are the feature attractions adverton public school next term, havpark personnel, etc. In recent tised. months, the city council in the Alabama town finally decided a park was needed inside the town at her home northeast of the city The newspaper exploded and in-sisted the park money be used for her home here. . Wind destroyed Subsequent issues revealed the vice. . . An unknown man drivnewspaper was on the right track ing a car with an Iowa license because civic groups quickly got plate entered upon the new wet park idea was scuttled.

editorials (there were 50 entered) said he thought we'd had one touched on the racial segregation big flood in O'Neill. issue (which inevitably is a hot topic, particularly in view of the recent U. S. supreme court decisinging one tune to the negroes and Gail Abart, sons of Mr. and innocent one can tell the truth.

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Mr. Vaughn, register of deeds for Lancaster unty since 1933, is again a candidate for the unty since 1933, is again a candidate for the unty since 1933, is again a candidate for the unty since 1933, is again a candidate for the unty since 1933, is again a candidate for the unty since 1933, is again a candidate for the unity since 1933, is again a candidate f educational outlook. The article ty 4-H club camp will be held at pointed out that education in Long Pine in July. Alabama is next to the lowest in per pupil cost among the states.

The traditional eloquence in the South was evident in most of the eer homesteader, died in Elgin editorials. But we found only two Her death was marked by coinnewspapers comparing in overall cidence with her arrival in the excellence with some of the fine United States from Germany 70 Nebraska weeklies that cross our years ago. . . A petition with 16 desk—i.e., The Nebraska Signal signers was filed. It opposed eight blocks of paving and street im-(Geneva), Aurora News-Register, gister, Wayne Herald, Oakland and a dozen others.

weren't a bit on the cruel side, Atkinson's childen. compared to their counterparts "The Greatest Show on Earth' (Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey) . . . In case you've wondered, the water depth is 101/2 feet in the diving area under the 10 foot board at the muny pool . . . A nearby South Fourth street neighbor who dislikes Joe McCarthy

came in Tuesday and breathlessly | Miller Files for announced Joe soon would be conducting a congressional investigation in heaven. We nibbled. "Joe has learned there are several leftwing angels," quipped the funny-

Joe Wert was being elevated to the house of representatives. from patrolman to chief of police, Doctor Miller, chairman of one startled a good many, some of of the 19 regular committees of whom have asked our reaction to the house (interior and insular the promotion. It is really not affairs), is seeking reelection to necessary for us to comment, be- his seventh consecutive term. we devoted to judging the entries cause most people know our rein the Alabama newspaper con- gard for Wert as a public official things, handles all irrigation and test. Our assignment from Jack working at a job which is 99 per- reclamation legislation, intro-Beisner, manager of the Alabama cent public relations and 1 per-

## Cottonbelt

to Be Staged

50 Years Ago Graduates from St. Mary's acatime commended at least one Brennan, Margaret A. Grady, Ag-Agnes Cain and Harry Higley Second place honors went to a were united in marriage at the

Mrs. Calmer T. Simonson died into the hassle and the second concrete pavement in the east end of town and drove nearly a half-We noted that only one of the mile right down the center. It is

> A surprise party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook honor-

> One Year Ago Mrs. Elizabeth Kallhoff, pionprovement in the four square

blocks adjoining O'Neill's center. Independent, Ord Quiz, Albion ynski and Jeanne Head graduat-News, Burt County Plaindealer ed from St. Francis school of (Tekamah), Dakota County Star nursing at St. Joseph's hospital in (South Sioux City), Neligh News, Minot, N. D. . . . A band og oldfashioned gypsies with modern trailers and shining new cars MISCELLANY: The circus spent several days camped in was jolly good. We wonder, Atkinson's city park. The modthough, if those animal trainers ern nomads intrigued some of

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## Reelection in Fourth

Rep. A. L. Miller of Nebraska's Fourth congressional district, announced this week that he had completed filing for the repub-THE ANNOUNCEMENT that lican nomination for reelection

Doctor Miller, chairman of one duced in the house.

In his filing statement, Re-presentative Miller, said "I will continue to do my utmost to promote the best interests of the people of the Fourth congressional district of Nebraska in the Actors Coming same forceful manner I have in the past." Doctor Miller is from Kimball.

New Pastor, Family

Feted at Church-EWING-The Upper Room club sponsored a fellowship din- Entertain Norfolkansner following the morning wor-ship hour Sunday at the Methwas spent informally, departing Forty members and friends vere in attendance.

The Bridgon family comes to the Ewing church from Meadow

Joyce Miller Signs at Creighton -

CREIGHTON-Miss Joyce Miller of O'Neill will teach the third ing signed a contract with the board of education last week. Miss Miller has four years experience as a grade teacher. The faculty for the grades is now complete.

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#### Letters to Editor

Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D. C. June 10, 1954

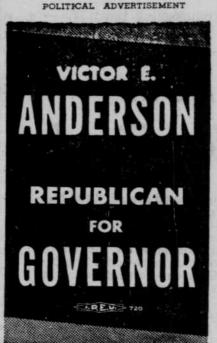
Dear Mr. Stewart: One of your leading citizens, Mr. Julius Cronin, has been kind enough to send me a copy of your editorial of Thursday, June 3. I thank you so much for your reference to what I had to say regarding the Indochina situation. I am glad to see your comment and I wholeheartedly agree with it. I am hoping to get up your way soon and I shall look forward to meeting you. With personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours, CARL T. CURTIS

(Editor's note: Veteran Representative Curtis of Minden has declined to run again for the First district congressional seat. He is a republican candidate for the U. S. senate nomination.)

Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elden Butterfield were Mr. and odist church, honoring the pastor Mrs. Elbridge Maynard and fam-and family, Rev. and Mrs. Lee ily of Norfolk. Lois Maynard reily of Norfolk. Lois Maynard re-Bridgon and son. The afternoon mained and will visit for several weeks at the Butterfield home.

Frontier for printing!



## NOTICE

Monday nights, commencing June 21st and continuing through the summer, have been designated as "Adult Night Only" at the O'Neill Swimming Pool. Only those out of high school or over 18years-old will be allowed in the pool on Monday nights.

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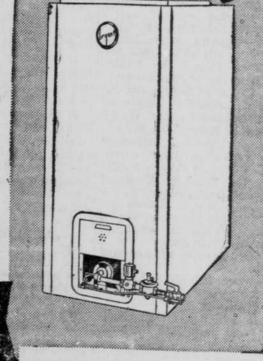
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