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Prairieland Talk . . . 'Old Jules' Occasional Visitor

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LINCOLN-Possibly Mrs. Dave Stannnard, L. C. Gillespie or some relic of pioneer days may recall having seen a bewhiskered and begrimed specimen of frontier life from

over at Niobrara who came to O'Neill a few times. That was Old Jules, about whom Mari Sandoz wrote a book.

Miss Sandoz is to be the after dinner speaker at the 76th annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical society to be held at the Cornhusker hotel in Lincoln September 25. Miss Sandoz is the author of a number of books dealing with pioneer life in Nebraska.

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public attention is immaterial but Gov. Robert Crosby designated August 23 as "Mari Sandoz day." Her first book was "Old Jules" and he was her dad.

. October 14, 15 and 16 the Nebraska Library association will be in convention at the Blackstone hotel in Omaha Miss Elizabeth Hage, librarian at Eldridge, Ia., will address the first session. Mrs. Marion Marsh Brown of Omaha, a Nebraska author of note, will be one of the convention speakers.

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Where the O'Neill bus depot now functions and meals and lunches are for sale, J. J. McCafferty conducted a hardware and tinshop business from early days until 1903 when T. V. Golden bought out Mr. McCafferty. Then Walter Hodgkin of the Leonie country and J. H. Peeler became partners in the business. . . It was in that year that two prominent families of the Emmet community became closely associated when Stella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Maring, became the bride of Alexis Ashton. . . That year J. S. Harrington was elected mayor, Clarence Campbell city clerk, Barney McGrevey treasurer, O. E. Davidson police judge, and E. H. Whelan, James F. Gallagher, Emil Sniggs and Henry Zimmerman composed the council membership. . . .

Representatives of the nations that were gathered in Brussels ostensibly seeking common grounds for unity that will lead to world peace give it up as hopeless, as most any prairieland patriot could have told them. Trust the world council of churches meeting in an American city can get together on fundamentals, as those at the first council of the Christian church did in old Jerusalem in the year A.D. 52.

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Was it what he ate at a luncheon over at Omaha or the lingering bitterness of defeat at the polls that exploded again when Adlai Stevenson addressed a group of Nebraska democrats in which he said the present national administration is "stuttering, stammering and staggering?" The not yet forgotten new deal administration did not stutter or stammer handing out mink coats, gath-

ering about it the five percenters, making millionaires out of building contractors through "cost plus" and escorting certain favorites aboard the gravy train. It did not stagger at involving the country in three wars in less than a generation, bringing desolation to a million American homes when word came to mothers and fathers and young wives, "John killed in action." Pendergast vote frauds and ballot box stuffing in Kentucky -no stuttering and no prosecutions; internal revenue collectors caught in bribery and no stuttering; Capone gangsters pardoned without batting an eye after serving less than a third of their time; millions of government funds tossed to administration favorites under the guise of "RFC loans" with no stuttering involved. Come on, Mr. Stevenson, you are at heart a patriot-just cut out the partisan animosity.

A prairieland woman, Mrs. A. W. Koester of Alliance, was honored at a gathering in New York of Camp Fire workers for her outstanding leadership of the Camp Fire Girls of her community being one to whom was awarded the national medallion of that organization. . . President Eisenhower is said to have expressed regrets that Sen. Eva Bowring of Nebraska will not serve the full six-year term. Many Nebraskans feel the same. It could be made possible, not probable, by a write-in campaign. . . The name of Amos L. Leder of Atkinson appears among a list of 14 Nebraskans arriving from the Far East aboard the naval ship which docked at Seattle, Wash., recently.

In promoting the nomination of a candidate for U.S. senator, The Frontier returns to an early tradition. In the hectic political history of Holt county what the editors of The Frontier had to say was a guide post for voters.

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. . . Do you wish there was somewhere within reach a fabled "Land of Beginning Again"? Every new day opens its gates to beginning again. Every human failure makes an appeal, begin again! Every loss and every misplaced hope offer the promise to the one who will begin again. Did aspirations build a high tower that now lies in rubble?--begin again! Have you made a sacred

News, Views and Gossip BY THE EDITOR

Sandhills Are Rich

This is a sample of what S. W. Lohman of the United States Geological Survey has to say about the Nebraska sandhills in a special "type area" study of "Subsurface Facilities of Water Management and Patterns of Supply": "Nature has endowed this area grass.

with an abundance of grass, natural hay meadows and water. "In the western and northern parts of the area the thousands of Lohman's effort, done from a natural lakes and ponds provide water for the livestock - elsewhere, stock wells with windmills are easily constructed. In an have said in his "Prairieland area north of Hyannis many Talk." flowing wells supply stock water. "Judging from the numerous brown haystacks that dot the luxurious meadows, ordinarily more of this commodity is grown than is consumed."

Cattlemen began to settle the sandhills after 1860, as railroads pushed westward, Mr. Lohman pointed out. "The first settlers found unexcelled natural conditions for cat-

tle-raising and experience has not forced a change in the use of the land," he adds. He calls the area "unique," topographically, and says it "re-

sembles a stormy sea. Most sections of the high plains are underlain by large ground-

water reservoirs, but the sandhills is exceptional in that respect. "The mean rate of replenish-

ment to this particular reservoir is about five times greater than that in most other parts of the high plains-thanks to the mantle of porous sand which the precipitation infiltrates readily," he explains.

The area's population has dropped since 1920-from about 45 thousand.

economic activity. "Previously the area had con-

tained many small, separately To Kentucky owned homesteads in a region where only large holdings could be profitably operated," Mr. Lohman points out.

Since World War I, and particularly during the drouth of the '930's, small farms have gradual-

chamber of commerce booster

when he talks of the sandhills'

"exceptional" recreational facili-

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ties.

"The many lakes, ponds and | When You and I Were Young ...] marshes are a haven for wild ducks and other waterfowl, which provides good hunting," he says

He cites the "good fishing" and the wild fowl, including the pheasant, grouse, prairie chicken and partridge. Mr. Lohman calls the ground-

water streams in the sandhills "striking," because they are so clear despite their fast flow.

Ground - water supplies have been "virtually untouched" in the sandhills, he says, though they serve lands outside the area "and can serve additioanl lands." Incidentally, Nebraska Con-gressman A. L. Miller of Kimball is chairman of the house interior committee which sponsored the study of nine areas in the United

States, chiefly n the West. We were so impressed with Lohman's sandhills' findings we could not resist reproducing portions of his report. Excerpts from The team started at once for their cranny on Pennsylvania avenue, are similar to something our friend, Romaine Saunders, might causing any damage. . . Lloyd

Videots

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Three matrons, one from Emmet and two from O'Neill, were discussing television the other evening. Mrs. Al Carroll said, one day

massive building crash in ruins an airplane was over O'Neill and and a grea monarch of the forest in radio contact with its home topple from its throne. . . O'-"A man's voice came in on increased by another vehicle of channel 6," she said, "and the pilot told his home base to relay struction at Hagensmith's blackto his wife the word he was over smith shop for the Dewey.

O'Neill and would like to have his wife meet him in about 30 A free day will be held in O'minutes. Mrs. Bud Cole mentioned that Neill. Funds for entertainment telephone linemen were working have been raised and a day with on a pole and a TV viewer she knows insisted the test conversa-ed. . . Two persons were injured tions on the phone line splashed in an auto accident when the car into the TV set and out into the they were in went out of control

livingroom. and into the ditch five miles west Our good wife, third member of the trumvirate, reports "pick-ing up" Charleston, S.C., and Pensacola, Fla., occasionally — Mrs. Blain had been a resident of this county since 1909. . . The rethis county since 1909. . . The resomething which has been rath- publican and democratic county er common. conventions were held in O'Neill

All of which proves there's a on the same day. D. H. Cronin certain amount of fascinating was elected chairman of the rethousand persons to about 36 voodoo in TV and even the elecpublican county convention and tronics engineers don't complete-Garry Benson of Ewing, secre-That, however, is a poor gauge | ly understand it, else these things tary. Dr. N. P. McKee of Atkin-son and W. H. Holliday of Stuart of the sandhills' prosperity and would not be permitted to occur. -CAL STEWART are counterparts from the demo-

Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy and daughter, Lynne, left O'Neill organizing a teen age canteen in on Friday, August 13, via auto O'Neill. Many cities all over the for Louisville, Ky., to attend the country are adopting this idea. 72nd annual supreme council . . . Six Holt county 4-H club meeting of the Knights of Colum-

One Year Ago Chief Petty Officer Duane Thorin was one of the POW's Minus Owner's Okay, returned in a recent prisoner exchange in Korea. He had been a North Korean captive for 19 months. The U.S. civil service commission announced that the **Team Sprints Home**

the run. . . Pat Biglin's team in- ject.

dulged in a little sprint the other

night without the consent of the

driver. The team was standing

by the oil tank at the North Western track when the bell an-

nouncing 6 o'clock peeled forth.

quarters up town and got there

by a circuitous route without

Gillespie and family returned

last week from an exended visit

at Minneapolis, Minn. Lloyd says

they were about in the storm

center when the Twin Cities

were devastated by the recent

cyclone. However, none of them

were injured beyond a hair-

whitening terror as they saw a

Neill's omnibus service will be

20 Years Ago

Family Sees Building first examination for postmaster at O'Neill will be conducted **Topple in Storm** R. R. Dickson's black and Dr. Earl Leonard Deacon, famous white English pointer, Colonel, British meteoroligist, popped in won the grand prize at the field for a few days' visit at the wiztrials of the Nebraska Field Tri-als association. Second place was east of O'Neill, officially desigwon by an English pointer own- nated as the Air Force - Camed by Judge Harrington. There bridge research center's great were 25 other dogs entered for plains wind turbulence field pro-

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Four kids around 17 years of age from what were supposed to be respectable homes in an eastern city were caught in a police dragnet for beating, torturing and killing their victims "for the fun of it." Two churches in an eastern Nebraska community were visited by a similar gang and destruction wrought within sacred precincts. And such inhuman, evil acts are rewarded with a few years confinement at most. Maybe the whipping post would be the thing for the kids, awaken parents to their responsibility, and jar the public out of its unconcern.

The state supreme court faces an unusual case for judicial decision. A Lincoln lawyer brings suit for damages against one of the district court judges of Lancaster county, alleging that the lawyer's good name and character suffered from what the district court judge got off his chest and fired at the attorney who was representing a client in his court. A case of "smear" coming from the eminence of the judicial throne.

vow and failed?-begin again! Has the highway of life been strewn with failures and disappointments for you? It is not too late to begin again. Out of life's turmoil, out of life's struggles, out of life's failures, here stretches forever ahead the "Land of Beginning Again."

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The daily suicide record in Japan is placed at 54, the favorite means to this end being to jump into the burning crater of a volcano. And this record is said to be surpassed in Switzerland, Belgium and Australia, three countries of earth that escape involvement in world wars.

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Plates on which are inscribed in letters of gold, "Liquor Kills," are riding the rear bumper of cars. These express the conviction of the gent at the steering wheel, who is thus trying to tell the public that booze is responsible for more highway crackups than will be admitted.

Editorial . . .

Time for Stop Sign

One wonders how many persons are yet to be killed, maimed or injured at the dangerous junction of U.S. highways 20 and 281, northwest of O'Neill, before a stop sign is erected?

No matter what the Nebraska highway department's policy is concerning which federal highway should have the right-of-way, if any, etc., it is entirely wrong not to have a large sign north of the intersection for warning and slowing down the southbound traffic and another sign, ordering a full stop for that same traffic, at the intersection. A "slow" sign has been in position for sometime, but obviously this has been inadequate.

It's a fair guess the corner is the scene of about one death per year, on an average, not to mention the alarming frequency of near-tragic accidents. In most instances one of the vehicles is driven by a stranger who doesn't know the danger inherent at the tricky and deceptive corner.

Disregarding all other considerations, The Frontier feels appropriate traffic control signs should be erected without delay. The same feeling is held by Holt County Sheriff Leo Tomjack, who investigated the most recent accident in which six persons were hurt, although not seriously.

No Future?

(From the Nance County Journal, Fullerton)

Sometimes people say there's no more future left in this country. Everything discoverable has been discovered, they say, and everything inventable has been invented.

We're surprised at this lack of information about all the things this country needs. The field for new things is practically limitless. The bigbrain who can come up with a rattle-proof popcorn sack for the character in back of you at the movies will have it made. The future Edison who will invent a simple porch gadget to drench an insulting magazine peddler when you push a button inside the screen door will acquire honor and riches. A fortune awaits the perfector of a device that will permit you to talk back to radio and television orators when they get too mouthy in your living room. A rear-view mirror to show a hefty gal in shorts how she looks to everybody **Example In Foreign Relations**

Greek farmers in the tiny village of Antheless recently unveiled a bust of Walter Eugene Packard of Berkeley, Calif., in recognition of his contribution to their local economy. The 70-year-old United States soil authority turned an alkali soil in the Antheless region into a rich rice-producing farmland.

Paekard required six years to do the job he went to Greece to accomplish and is soon leaving Greece to return to his home in California. Until he transformed the Sperkhios river district into a rich rice-producing region, Greece was forced to import about \$5,000,000 worth of rice annually.

Packard found that he could wash out the alkali acres with fresh water from the Sperkhios river, thus making it suitable for rice production. After six years, Greece now exports roughly \$5,-000,000 worth of rice annually, rather than importing a similar amount.

The difference, after the work of Packard, is a difference of \$10,000,000 in Greek foreign exchange funds a year. Greek farmers look upon Packard's work as a miracle, and the former U.S. land reclamation director highly deserves their thanks for transforming this community into a fertile farm valley.

These are the things through which genuine international understanding and friendship are developed and if the United States had more ambassadors of the Packard variety, it would have the support of more and more of the world's peoples.



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ly been merged into large ranch-es. bus held in the Kentucky hotel. members have been selected to represent Holt county at the **First Quality** ed several places of interest in state fair. . Dorance C. Crabb and Franklin J. Scott were in-PER PAIR 69c cave. Enroute home they also vis- ducted into the armed services Hyannis Richest ited friends and relatives in Chi- during the month of August. . But he points out that the cities cago, Ill., Kenosha and other The Woodman circle organized a cities in Wisconsin, returning sorority chapter here. There are and towns in and near the sand-**3 PAIRS** hills have been growing at about the same pace as other com-munities on the high plains. -----25 charter members. He mentions that Hyannis, with a population of 432 in 1950. ELKHORN FLOWER SHOP "is reported to have the greatest wealth per capita of any com-munity in the United States." SBORNE'S New Location: 413 East Douglas Street "This wealth was derived from cattle-raising," he explains. (Four doors east of former location) However, great wealth was drawn during World War I from the water of alkali lakes around O'NEILL, NEBR. Night Phone 530W Day Phone 579 Hyannis The Family Shoe Store Mr. Lohman sounds almost like We Telegraph Flowers "North-Central Nebraska's Finest"

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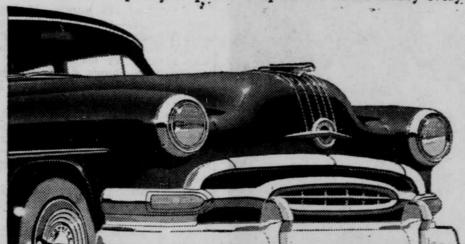
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