

Prairieland Talk

# \$20-Million Pleases Shopkeepers

By ROMANE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN—Air base functionaries, caught by the camera some newspaper guy had secreted under his coat when making a visit to the base, were in a happy mood about the luncheon that usually sets off a "committee meeting."

The smiling mood may have been the reflection of an inward inspiration that comes from knowing of the soft flutter of 20-million-bucks to be annually tossed out of the federal treasury for this specific setup. Anyway, our capital city has the air base. Now it may be in order for Lincoln citizens to provide themselves with subterranean hideouts in the event of a bomb raid on an inviting target such as these air bases are supposed to be.

Commercial interests of the city are also interested in the fluttering of those 20-million-bucks, as well as toll-stained hands of guys and gals that labor at the base becoming partakers in tasting the federal cake. A wife and mother next door to where my typewriter is parked puts in an eight-hour shift at the base.



Romaine Saunders

"Panty" raid by roughneck students, scorched hands and faces from hot irons wielded by plucky coeds, a broken nose, other scars and a group of rioters expelled from the campus—and the University of Nebraska still stands. A riot at the pen and the garden quite—the penitentiary still stands and members of the board of control hunted up another boss of things at the pen. Next the capitol city joins with the rest of the country to "slow down and live." Countrywide publicity told the story of the university campus incident. I learned today of another story involving a group of men students attending the state university—a story that somewhat dispels the bad taste left by the other incident. A group of young men at the university make a practice of hunting out needy families, especially aged couples, whom they can help in some way. Two blocks up the street from where Prairieland Talker now dwells lives such a couple, aged and infirm. To their home came one evening a month ago two young men, students of the state university. They asked if there was anything about the home or premises that needed repairing. The old gentleman told them there was much that ought to be done but he could not afford to have it done. Twenty young men from the university showed up at that home, repainted the rooms, painted inside and out and reshingled the roof. And it cost the old couple not one cent.

An able north-Nebraska editor bewails what he apparently has concluded to be a kindergarten aspect of our unicam legislative body, attributing the lack of legislative talent to the absence of any lure for financial reasons, and cites a few states that have hung up such lures in the way of high salaries for their law makers. To have spent the past six months in such a state during which time the legislature was in session but I could discover no brilliant statesmanship among its members. State affairs are managed as well in Nebraska as in any of the 48 states. Heaven help us if the ebullient tide of time brings upon its crest a dearth of patriotism whereby the job of state senator becomes attractive only because it has become a plunder-bund.

Editorial

## Back to Good Old Days? Never!

From the first days of mankind its has been common practice to bewail the perilous times and long for the "good old days."

We better quit our moaning and start thinking about the "good new days" because those allegedly "good old days" belong in never, never land.

There never has been, since the beginning of time, an easy era of living. Mankind is always going to have to travel on a rocky road on this earth.

The quicker we resign ourselves to the fact the better we will be, physically and emotionally.

At least 60-percent of all the people that walk into the offices of doctors in O'Neill, and anywhere else, have nothing organically wrong with them. In too many cases the physician has to work hard to make the patient feel that he is "doing something" for their self—imagined physical ills. Worry, tension and fear are to blame for most of the troubles that we think are physical. We have worried ourselves into a first-class race of neurotics.

Thousands are worrying about Communism, H bomb "fall out," fear of cancer, dread of heart disease, fear of another war.

We are worrying ourselves into a state of national sickness that is appalling.

Dr. Otto L. Bettag, director of welfare for Illinois, said "We better start thinking in positive fashion that this is still a pretty good world."

"We as citizens should emphasize our good points for better mental health," he said.

"When people yearn for the good old days they are yearning for a day there never was."

"Throughout human history there has always been a bewailing about degeneracy of our times."

Who wants to return to the good old days? Doctor Bettag says he "doesn't want to return to the days when there were epidemics of smallpox, typhoid fever and cholera, the 'good old days' when children died by the thousands in childbirth, when children slaved in factories, when there were at least three dozen lynchings a year, when bootlegging was big business and when rioting and breadlines were an every day sight."

These are the days of mass education, of greater health and prosperity than ever before, said the optimist.

"Religion is having a rebirth," he said, "Remember Christ, was an optimist."

There may not be anything physically wrong with you but keep on doing a first-class job of time and a half worrying and there really will be something seriously wrong, say the doctors.

As an antidote for gloominess about the world swallow these mental pills today.

There are 162,922,999 Americans who are not members of the communist party.

Over 37,011,460 couples will stay more or less happily married during the year.

The internal revenue service will find about 43,816,154 income tax returns for 1954 filed correctly.

Some 162,380,580 persons will be safe from fatal heart attacks.

About 33,293,000 children are learning something at school.

Eighty-three countries in the world do not know the secret of the H bomb.

The plaintiff note of the mourning dove greets the new day as the sun glows across prairieland this bright morning in mid-April—plaintiff but joyous song to a wanderer returned to his homeland. Unaware of it all, the feathered beauty has been given life and freedom of the air unmolested by retrievers and hopeful sportsmen and remains safely as one of the chorus of songbirds that have drifted in on stately wings from the winter's retreat to be with us another summer. Springtime and summer come again down the highway of time. Flowers, apple and plum tree blossom with a promise of ripened fruitage. Gardeners and field workers are at it again, while capable sisters are pushing the sweeper at the annual job of spring house cleaning. Every hour or two another calf is added to the herd out on the ranches, baby chicks scamper about and have a little banyard fun before the fatal hour when they will sizzle in a hot frying pan. Plan to see some prairieland friends at O'Neill in another month and trust Billy McNichols makes good his threat to come out of Hollywood, Calif., to join the "homecomers" at that time.

Notables of the democratic political group hanging out at the nation's capital indulged in a lovefeast with the trimmings at one hundred per cent, expounding partisan doctrine which consists mostly of peeling the hides of President Eisenhower and his administrative assistants. Mr. Truman was among the banquet speakers, being critical of the administration's foreign policy. The administration foreign policy for 20 years previous to that at present was to send the flower of American young manhood across the seas to bleed and die on foreign battlefields. The foreign policy of the present national administration has been to bring our soldiers home as soon as possible.

Lawmaking bodies toy with many things aspiring statesmen think should be incorporated into the law of the land. Gallant fellows in our state legislature were inspired to regulate by law the wages of women so the women employees would get the same check payday the men working beside her got, but there was an overwhelming element against them in the unicam and the measure met an untimely death. Should lawmaking bodies step in and tell the employer and employee what the rate of pay for her services shall be, maybe the next step would be to determine by law what husbands should hand their wives to finance household expenses.

Whether he regrets having been born a century too soon or is happy that he was, a venerable friend in a distant city has discovered that at the past rate of inflation by the end of the century, now 45 years distant, if you hire a guy to work for you it will mean reducing your bank account \$1,000 a month, and 50 years later the working man will be an aristocrat drawing \$650 a week. "Anyway," my friend advises, "keep your powder dry."

Some individuals listen to learn; others talk to be heard. . . . In view of widespread opposition to the proposed world calendar, our government has taken a stand against its adoption.

Lacking other points of attack, politicians have recourse to the federal farm aid program.

### Dust Ikish; Showers Luscious

Within a span of four days last week many midwesterners felt the pangs of despair and the bliss of happiness. Weather-wise, that is.

On Tuesday, April 19, a cold front moving across the state kicked up a fierce duststorm, which rivaled the worst ordeals of that type of the "terrible thirties." It was the dust, as much as anything else, that created a mass exodus from midwest farms to the West coast and to the cities 20 to 25 years ago. Nobody knew for sure where last week's dust came from. Some was reddish; some was local. Denver, Colo., Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Valentine and many other points reported vicious storms which practically obscured the sun.

At week's end came the sweet and luscious rain, giving everyone good reason to erase the vivid memory and ikish taste of dust.

Forecasters had encouraged us with the word there would be "scattered thunder showers in eastern Nebraska." A gentle rainfall set in at noon at O'Neill and spirits of the people were buoyed when they learned 1.73 inches of badly needed moisture had fallen before the skies cleared.

The "thunder showers" netted Omaha a 2.50 inches deluge; Tarkio, Mo., was hit by a small twister; Coin, Ia., had a cloudburst.

Such was the midwestern weather picture the third week in April, 1955.

Attorney-General Brownell is quoted as saying that President Eisenhower is our greatest national blessing. That may be well understandable coming from one holding an important post under the "national blessing." There are national blessings, national privileges and opportunities in America that transcend any individual however great his position may be. Perhaps Mr. Brownell had not in mind the individual but rather that the national constitution creates the office of chief executive and the people of this nation have the ballot that says who the chief executive is to be.

If you can stand a shock, look up your budget records for 1939 and note the difference in the cost of living. That was just 15 years ago.

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When You and I Were Young . . .

## 'Doc' Matthews Now in Tennessee

### Big Blowout Held at Bergers'

50 Years Ago  
Miss Katie McNichols, who had her right ankle sprained some three weeks ago by being thrown from a wild colt, is again able to be out. . . . Miss Nellie Hendrix and Harry Prouty were united in marriage at the bride's home north of Atkinson. Rev. Alexander performed the ceremony. . . . The party at Bergers', out Eden valley way, was largely attended. Dancing and card playing was the entertainment. . . . The Frontier received a letter from the founder and many years' editor of The Frontier, W. D. Matthews. He and his wife are now residing in Memphis, Tenn.

20 Years Ago  
The Young Republicans of Nebraska will meet in Hastings to organize a permanent Young Republicans organization. . . . It's the county. One hundred and sixteen new automobiles have been registered in the county treasurer's office since the first of January. That is \$90,000 worth of automobiles and averages the registration of one new car per day. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauman celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary at their home. Around 35 persons were present. . . . Dust like powder hung over the southwest part of the county in the early afternoon. At 4 it was dark and lights were necessary. The night brought the much wanted and needed rain.

10 Years Ago  
The fire department was called to St. Mary's academy. Smoke damage was done in the basement due to defective wiring. . . . Dorothy Josephine Bohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bohn of O'Neill, has received her appointment as second lieutenant in the army nurse corps. . . . Fred Watson was up from Wyoming precinct with steers for the sale ring. He reported the livestock industry out his way continues in a flourishing condition. . . . O'Neill business concerns have weathered the vicissitudes over a half-century—drought, hard times, storms and hot winds—but the boys on the OPA have them about floored. . . . Ed Earley reports the loss of five calves during the blizzard April 16 when they drifted over with snow and smothered. Others were found with ears sticking out of the snow and survived.

One Year Ago  
Miss Ardye Alton has been elected president of the O'Neill chapter of Future Homemakers of America. . . . One hundred and fifty-one Ewing citizens are members of the American Red Cross this year. . . . O'Neill was chosen the site for the 1955 IOOF annual meeting at the annual district session held in Page. . . . The senior class of Atkinson high school will present its class play, "Our Miss Brooks," at the high school auditorium. . . . G. C. De-Backer returned to his duties at the J. C. Penney store, his first activities there since he was injured in an automobile accident March 12.

Assistant Leaders Chosen by Wranglers—  
The Sandhill Wranglers' 4-H club met at the home of Carol Hanson Sunday, April 17. The purpose of the meeting was to give out new material on projects.

We have a few new assistant leaders for the various projects: Mrs. John Mohr, for sewing; Mrs. Alfred James, for gardening; Mrs. Harvey Hanson, for cooking; and Mrs. Robert H. Clifford, for birds. We were all very happy to receive our new material.

After the meeting we played games and Mrs. Hanson served a lunch. Our next meeting will be at the home of Bobbie and Bonnie Clifford April 29.—By Robert O. Clifford, reporter.

Willats with AA Unit in Japan—  
ORCHARD—Pvt. David L. Willats, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Willats, route 1, Orchard, is a member of the 40th anti-aircraft artillery brigade in Yokohama, Japan.

Private Willats, an artillery mechanic in battery D of the 753d anti-aircraft artillery battalion, entered the army in October, 1954, and completed basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif.

Spencer Navy Man Arriving May 22—  
SPENCER—Howard R. Friedrich, electronics technician third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Friedrich of Spencer, is scheduled to return to the U.S. May 22 aboard the destroyer USS Uhlmann.

The Uhlmann, a unit of destroyer division 152, visited Hong Kong and Singapore.



### Soldier on Leave

Pvt. James Walnofer (above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Walnofer of Orchard, spent the April 16-17 weekend with his parents. He has been in the army since January and is stationed at Ft. Riley, Kans.

## Ike's Popularity Mounts, Miller Says

### Congressman Makes Annual Poll

President Eisenhower is more popular with Fourth district voters now than he was in 1952. Returns from the 86,000 questionnaires mailed by Rep. A. L. Miller to all boxholders in Nebraska's Fourth district, show that 72.6 percent of the farmers and 76.5 percent of the town people would re-elect Mr. Eisenhower in the next election; Mr. Stevenson received a 7.6 percent vote from the farm and 8 percent from the towns; others, such as Senator Knowland, Chief Justice Warren, Senator Kefauver, Governor Harman, General MacArthur, made up the balance.

The flexible farm price system is better-liked in the cities than on the farms; cities voted for it 72.6 percent, but only 56.7 percent of the farmers gave their okay. The 90 percent parity plan received a 27.4 percent favorable farm vote and 15.9 percent wanted to return to the 100 percent parity program. Nearly 70 percent of the rural and 60 percent of the city returns voiced approval of a bushel quota on wheat; its running-mate, the two-price system, lost out by a negative vote of 50.6 percent on the farm and 53.6 percent in the city.

More than 60 percent of the farm and ranch, and 70 percent of the city questionnaires, showed favorable reaction to present social security for farmers.

Many other groups, such as doctors, lawyers, veterinarians, may ask to be brought under the law in coming years.

A majority of the questionnaires showed dissatisfaction with the present foreign policy, although 43.7 percent of the rural and 46.3 percent of the city returns expressed a favorable view. The same question brought a 91.6 percent "no" vote in the last year of the Truman administration. There is almost universal agreement among people in the Fourth district that communism in China should not be admitted to the United Nations. The vote was approximately 93 percent against, and only 7 percent for bringing red China into this body. A comparable percentage thought U.S. should grant less foreign aid.

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92.5 percent of the city people and 90.6 percent of the farmers.

A bare majority of the returns, 51 percent farm and 57.6 percent city, favored federal aid to school construction, but only 42.5 percent and 44.6 percent of the farm and city returns, respectively, invited federal aid to education.

Statehood for Hawaii and Alaska received an approximate 76 percent favorable poll, present selective service was approved by about 65 percent, and nearly the same number would like to raise postal rates to meet the cost of service. Opinion on universal military training is evenly divided. Only 40 percent favored voting privileges for 18-year-olds, and about 55 percent said "no state sales tax." A 54 percent vote to "hold the line" on tariffs outnumbers the 23 percent who want them lowered and the 20 percent who thought they should be raised.

### Joins Shorthorn Group—

PAGE—Ivan R. Heiss of Page has been elected to membership in the American Shorthorn Breeders' association, oldest breed recording group in America.

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## Letters to Editor

O'Neill, Nebr.  
April 22, 1955

Dear Mr. Stewart:  
I wish to take this privilege to thank-you for the wonderful train ride and for giving me an opportunity to attend the meeting at Bassett.

I also want to thank-you for letting our school visit your studio. We enjoyed it very much. Thank-you again!

Sincerely yours,  
JANET KRUGMAN

O'Neill, Nebr.  
April 23, 1955

Editor:  
Wish to thank you for giving us the tickets to take the trip to Bassett, Janet and myself really enjoyed the trip very much. I especially enjoyed the meeting and talks given.

Wish also to thank you for permitting my school to enjoy watching during the broadcast and some taking part in it. The children are still talking about it.

We also visited the Tri-State plant and hatchery, First National bank, county sheriff's office and county jail.

Thanking you again.  
Sincerely,  
MARTHA MURPHY  
District 60

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