

Prairieland Talk

Frets About Arkansas Snakes

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN—Idling away the passing moments seated on a bench in the shade of a tree, a little girl came to sit with me. The faith and simple trust of a little child—why should life's harsh experiences in after years curdle the milk of human kindness and childish trust!

She was a sociable little lady and about the first thing she confided in me was that I would not see her again, because her family was moving to Arkansas. Said they did not have much money but her daddy and mamma both worked hard to get enough for the move and to get settled in a new home. Both mother and father will teach school where they are going. The little lady quite concerned about the snakes and snapping turtles she had heard about but would try to keep away from such, but still was a little fearful lest a rattle snake would get into their house!



Romaine Saunders

She confided in me that she was 5-years-old, next would be 6, then 7 and some day she would be big, get married and have babies, thought five would be the limit.

I gave her a dime and she scooted away to a nearby store. Presently, she came back with a bottle of grape, sat by my side and in the course of a few minutes emptied that bottle down her 5-year-old neck; meanwhile, keeping a weather eye to the rear and side for fear her brother would show up and demand a drink from that bottle.

Bottle empty, the little miss took it back to the store, hoping to receive two pennies for it which she said she would give to me.

An irrigation project in the McCook community serves a territory 17 miles in length by three miles in width. Talking with a patriot from that part of the state recently, it was learned that the reports of crop and weather conditions out that way had been badly mixed with fiction. The gentleman informed me the fruits of the ground were abundant and the community prosperous. Both Cozad and Brady taxpayers thought it their duty to provide, via bond issues, more and better facilities for the school kids. Among the tragic stories coming over the air this Monday morning is that telling of the drowning of a Long Pine man in Enders lake. Lincoln has hung up the welcome sign for state fair visitors, but I don't think you will have as much fun as you did down at Chambers as the Holt county fair came to life again. The first Holt county fair was held on the open prairie a mile east of a village called O'Neill in 1884.

While out of the city earlier in the month, a pioneer Methodist preacher of Holt county died and was laid to rest in Wyuka cemetery in Lincoln. The deceased had lived in Lincoln in recent years. Some living in the Blackbird community today may recall when Reverend Kuntz was pastor of the Methodist church there and at Min-

She was looking up at the overspreading branches of a lordly cottonwood that stood in a setting of silken-gowned bushes and reached its foliage-adorned arms heavenward. It was at an intersection suburban bus stop, a moment to wait for the outgoing bus that would take her back to her down-town abode where stone walls and sun-heated concrete left no room for a blade of grass or a growing twig. There is a bit of pantheism or love of nature in most of us. The lady had gone to the very city limits to get away for a brief span from walled-in surroundings and where she could stand upon God's green earth, walk among the flowers and trees and look up into the blue above. Then the bus rolled to a stop and the lady with whom I had talked of green fields and hospitable people on distant prairieland got aboard with a bit of wistfulness reflected in a parting look.

Mr. Spindler's story of the battle of Wounded Knee recalls seeing some 10 years ago in a museum in a New England city the figure of an Indian on which was the buckskin jacket worn by Chief Sitting Bull, the Indian police who shot Chief Sitting Bull and brought on the battle on the Pine Ridge known as Wounded Knee. The lady and gent in charge of the museum were told the story of the killing of Sitting Bull and the battle that followed by the supervisor of this department and they looked at me in wonder. Whether it was because they were listening to a real Sioux Indian story or looking at a specimen from the Nebraska neolas. I did not learn.

A plutocratic Nebraska dairy concern pays money to go on the air with a glib salesman to tell the world that their "sweet cream" butter has not been exalted to the clouds by the experts. You don't know what the real thing is if you have never spread a slice of bread with country butter churned from sour cream. When I sat down to the dinner table at the George and Maude Meals ranch south of Atkinson recently, I went all out for the country butter and maybe the girls had to do a churning after my departure.

The Wesleyan Methodist church leaders came to Holt county to pitch their tent and establish a state camp ground. Camp meetings went out a generation or two ago and it may be this group will revive interest in open-air church services. The camp site is six miles east of Atkinson and St. Joseph's Catholic church in Atkinson invites its communicants now to bow the knee in a splendid new church edifice.

The fellow who told his wife that he had turned down an invitation to dinner and dancing because he wanted to listen to the ball game will be up and around in a day or so.

While the United States is bringing up its youth to be air-minded, the communists seem to train theirs to be error-minded.

When You and I Were Young... Auto Journey to Chambers in 2 Hours

'Old Pioneers' Here 31 Years

50 Years Ago

John Golden's house was struck by lightning. A chimney was knocked off and shingles were scattered to the winds. J. H. McPharlin moved his family in from his ranch in Swan township and will remain here until after the field trials. Will Zink, who played ball in this city in 1899 and held cases in The Independent, is now playing ball for St. Joseph in the Western League. O. O. Snyder, William Lickard and D. H. Cronin accompanied Ray Saberson in his automobile on a trip to Chambers. The road to Chambers is about the worst in the county, but the trip was made in less than two hours. The Frontier scribe attended the old settlers' picnic held in Kaczors' grove. Several of the old pioneers had lived in Holt county as many as 31 years.

20 Years Ago

Lawrence Francis Stevens died at his home near Page at the age of 21. The doubles tourney ended in a final blaze of glory with James Duor and Jerry Phalin defeating Larry Phalin and Don Stannard. At the meeting of the Simonson post of the American Legion, Ira H. Moss and J. D. Cronin were elected delegates to the state Legion convention. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilman. The regular South Honey Creek club meeting was held at the home of Ronald and Marian Huebert. Editor Jackson of the Chambers Sun was looking after business matters in this city.

10 Years Ago

A recital of instrumental music

will be given at the O'Neill high school auditorium. The young people of the Methodist church at Chambers held a party in the church parlors in honor of several servicemen who are home on furlough. Fifty-one awards will be presented by the Chicago & North Western Railway company to the boys and girls in eight mid-western states showing outstanding proficiency in 4-H club work this year. Jim Welch of Knoxville suffered a very peculiar accident while threshing. Mrs. Evert Miner entertained the Misses Carolyn Wintermote, Bonnie Grimes and Doreen Gled in honor of Sharon Miner's sixth birthday anniversary. It was also Doreen's birthday anniversary.

Miss Frances Gotschall was chosen queen of the annual Atkinson hay days. D. R. Sutcliffe has taken over the dental office and practice belonging to Dr. C. M. Eason. A "Miss Emergency March of Dimes" will be chosen at the dance to be held at the American Legion auditorium. Six persons were injured in a two-car collision at the O'Neill Drive in junction of U.S. highways 20 and 281, northwest of the city. Drivers of the two cars were Dale Mlinar and Frank Aerts.

Eby Medical Specialist at Fitzsimons

One Year Ago

Army Pvt. David L. Eby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Eby, 117 S. Second street, O'Neill, recently completed the army's medical specialist course at Fitzsimons army hospital, Denver, Colo. Private Eby entered the army in January, 1955, and completed basic training at Ft. Bliss, Tex. He was graduated in 1953 from O'Neill high school and attended Nebraska State Teachers college at Wayne.

Public Attends

The Pleasant Brook 4-H club met August 5 at the Tuttle schoolhouse. The next meeting was held at the St. John's church. An achievement day of the Pleasant Brook 4-H club was held there with the public attending.

2 Men Sign for Grace Bible School

CHAMBERS — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams held a farm sale at their place northeast of Chambers on Saturday, August 13. The sale was well attended and satisfactory prices were received for most things. The Adams family is moving to Omaha Monday, August 29, where Mr. Adams will enter Grace Bible institute. Mr. and Mrs. Jerald McClennahan and two sons expect to leave within two weeks for Omaha where he will enroll in the institute. Both men will go into full-time Christian work.

Ernesti Finishes Non-Com School

CLEARWATER—Specialist 3/C Carl L. Ernesti, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ernesti of Clearwater, recently was graduated from the Seventh army non-commissioned officers' academy in Munich, Germany. A driver assigned to the 100th light truck transportation company, he successfully completed a five-week course in leadership, map-reading and other military subjects.

Specialist Ernesti entered the army in 1953. He arrived in Europe in August, 1953. Ernesti is a 1948 graduate of Ewing high school. He was a farmer before entering the army.

Rural & City PHILLIPS "66" PRODUCTS New & Used Tires Greasing & Washing Borg's '66' Service PROMPT TANKWAGON SERVICE Phillips "66" Station Phone 362

Gets Master's Degree at Colorado State

Among the 478 students graduating from different departments at Colorado State college of education, Greeley, Colo., is Stephen W. Price, formerly of O'Neill, who received his master of arts degree in education administration on August 18. He will return to Schuyler this fall where he will resume teaching business education. Mr. Price is married to the former Grace Suchy of O'Neill. The Schuyler school is headed by D. E. Nelson, formerly of O'Neill.

Grattan Clubbers on Safety Tour

The Grattan Flats 4-H club held a meeting Monday, August 1, at the home of Velda Ernst. Plans were made for achievement day and the Holt county fair. The next meeting will be held at the home of Barbara Wayman on September 1.

On Friday, July 29, the club members went on a safety tour of all the club members' homes.

Frontier for printing! sprig a delicious soft drink... NEVER TOO SWEET NEVER TOO SOUR

.. DANCE .. AT O'NEILL AMERICAN LEGION AUDITORIUM & BALLROOM Saturday, August 27th NOSMO KING ORCHESTRA Adm.: Adults, 1; Students, 50c

Editorial

Something Is Wrong

Nebraskans are beginning to ask themselves: Who is running the state penitentiary—the inmates or the constituted government officials?

It is quite apparent that something is radically wrong and that things have not been right for some time now. It is further apparent that concessions gained by the prisoners following rioting last March gave them the notion they should try again. Appeasement simply does not and cannot work with incorrigibles—men who cannot abide by the laws of society or else have no desire to do so.

The 13-hour combination riot and fire last week, causing more than one hundred thousand dollars in property damage, came on the heels of a sordid backlog of goings-on between the walls—including murder, knifings, uprisings and just plain insolence.

The fact the thugs were in command of the institution for 13 hours does not reflect well upon the prison administration or those responsible for the appointment of the administrators.

On the other hand, at the international level it has been fashionable since the advent of one-world, do-good theories to sit down and talk things over with Chinese reds, Moscow reds and other outlaws. Those conference talks usually result in one-way appeasement and concessions favoring the evil side.

It is really no wonder, therefore, the small fry outlaws in state institutions inherit the misguided idea they're entitled to conference concessions, too. And, where discipline and administration are weak, they can stir up quite a spectacle.

Dollar a Year Men

The current practice of the government utilizing dollar-a-year men in high administration posts is being abused to such an extent that it is questionable whether any dollar-a-year men should be permitted to accept top government jobs.

Recently the commerce department released a list of dollar-a-year men serving the government and some of them handle jobs involving decisions which affected the former business (and future business) of the official—and its competitors.

It has also charged that in the defense department some key men working there without pay are still being paid by big companies. The question comes up for close scrutiny when competitors of the firms who pay the salaries of these top government officials charge that specifications and work ordered, in many cases, conform to the products or methods used by a certain company.

The situation is thoroughly confused. Officers of cabinet rank were forced to sell large holdings in big corporations. Charles Wilson sold a couple million dollars worth of General Motors stock.

Yet officials below cabinet rank are getting by with what the topmost officials were barred from doing. One criterion should be enforced for all. We do not like the idea of officials or anyone remaining on the payrolls of big profit firms while doing defense work, other government work, except as consultants with no authority over planning, purchasing and design.

And consultants should be just what the word implies—consultants. Present practices in government allowing abuses such as those outlined above should be ended. If the republican administration does not want to be charged with granting special favors, and playing favorites, in the business world, at the cost of the taxpayer, a new set of standards is necessary for dollar-a-year men.

The town of Hell, Mich., which always bobs up in the news when it freezes over, is now known as Hiland Lake, and this offers an opportunity for more propriety in everyday speech around the home. E.g., "Where in Hiland Lake did somebody hide the screwdriver?"

Baby Boom

Statistics for 1955 show that an all-time record will be set for births this year. It might be interesting to some people to note that the summer months, especially August, are the months in which the highest birth rate occurs during the year.

No one has explained exactly why this is, but year after year, August makes an excellent showing in births. The rate of births for 1955 is already one percent of the 1954 rate, and it is estimated that almost 400,000 babies will be born this month. The booming birth rate means a good outlook for the business future, since the larger the population, the larger the potential demand for goods. But the baby boom also means that the shortage of educational facilities will probably continue to plague this country for many years to come.

The baby boom of World War II has already affected the schools and is causing the current severe shortage. World War II babies are about ready to emerge from school and enter the business world, marry, create new families and new demands. By 1960, it is estimated that the number of new families and the increased demand will be swelling rapidly.

Crown Frowns

A British royal commission looking for possible new sources of tax revenue has, after long investigation, decided against attempting to tax gambling gains as income.

Its reasons are described as fiscal: If the gambling gains of bettors are taxed as income, then in justice the crown must permit gambling losses to be deducted from taxable income.

But the crown would come off much the worse in this exchange, because gambling losses throughout the population invariably and by much exceed gambling gains. This is a truism both in the United States and Great Britain, because the gambling fraternity sustains itself and makes a great profit off the demoralizing endeavor of many persons to get "something for nothing."

Whose pocketbook stands the difference? The public's, of course. The British commission wisely holds that the nation's pocketbook cannot afford to share the loss.

Congratulations to the St. Joseph's Catholic church clergy and parish in the Atkinson community for the magnificent new church.

It has been said the rain falls on the just and unjust. And sometimes it falls on just nobody at all.

Now that football season is here a lot of Saturday afternoons will be pre-arranged.

THE FRONTIER

CARROLL W. STEWART, Editor and Publisher Editorial & Business Offices: 122 South Fourth St. Address correspondence: Box 330, O'Neill, Nebr. Established in 1880 — Published Each Thursday

Entered at the postoffice in O'Neill, Holt county, Nebraska, as second-class mail matter under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. This newspaper is a member of the Nebraska Press Association, National Editorial Association and the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Terms of Subscription: In Nebraska, \$2.50 per year; elsewhere in the United States, \$3 per year; rates abroad provided on request. All subscriptions are paid-in-advance.

Audited (ABC) Circulation—2,463 (Mar. 31, 1955)

As Every Mother Knows... "Tomorrow's Child is Today's Food" Future Good Growth And Good Health Depend So Much Upon The Quality And Kinds Of Food You Give Your Child 3 Times A Day NOW! WONDER BREAD HELPS BUILD STRONG BODIES 8 WAYS! Get It For Your Child Today! Note How Famous Wonder Bread Compares With Meat, Milk, Fish And Eggs, And Make It One Of The "Foundation" Foods In Your Child's Dietary! 1. MUSCLE As much Protein as a serving of roast sirloin of beef. 2. BONES & TEETH As much Calcium for bones and teeth as in a helping of cottage cheese. 3. BODY CELLS As much Phosphorus for cell metabolism as 1 egg. 4. BLOOD As much Iron for rich red blood found in 3 lamb chops. 5. APPETITE As much Vitamin B, to help maintain appetite as supplied by a serving of fried liver. 6. GROWTH As much Vitamin B, for growth processes as 3 slices of yellow American cheese. 7. BRAIN As much Niacin to help maintain mental health as 6 sardines. 8. ENERGY As much Energy as supplied by the carbohydrate, fat and protein of 2 glasses of milk. *This amount consumed daily is not a substitute from a nutritional standpoint for the total nutritional value of the various foods listed.