Prairieland Talk . . .

Nebraskan Becomes Moslem

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN-A native lad of Nebraska's prairieland, now in Turkey, will become a Moslem as a condition imposed by a dark-haired maiden if she becomes his bride. Youth or maid will join most anything at the dictation of Cupid. Maybe a few sincerely, more hypocritically.

This Nebraska lad, unlike the Persian youth in Sir Thomas Moore's story of "Lallah Rookh,"

does not seem to care what he joins if he can have the Turkish beauty he wants. The Persian youth had scaled a dizzy height in pursuit of "that tyrant Arab," only to find a trembling dove in the person of an Arab maid. Emotions of the ages stirred. But no; she was not a Persian maid and away he plunged in loyalty to the faith of his fathers. Are there no more maidens

fair on prairieland that our boys go to distant lands to find a life's companion! Do the hundreds of millions in the Moslem world also have an appeal? Shall I join a setup because there are

lots of them? But listen-talking to a few followers there was One who said, "Enter ye in at the straight gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat. Because straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life and few there be that find it." Mohammedans, Brahmans, Buddhists comprise 65 percent of the world's peoples. And here goes a Nebraska guy to join them to get a bride when he could have one from a choice selection of prairieland beauties.

Maybe he wants more than one.

Instruction, slogans, stated periods, drive carefully and other preachments are having little or no effect to reduce traffic tragedies. Ten dead on the highway down by Waterbury at one blow, six at another destiny of death and five at the third crackup and one at other points where death waited that day. Human hands, human eyes, human senses being what they are, the traffic tragedies multiply.

Mrs. Graham left in tears. Thus the story ends of the visit of a young wife to her husband behind prison bars. It was her first visit since he was jailed to that Denver, Colo., man charged with placing the explosives that blew up an airplane and took the lives of 44 aboard the plane, including the mother of the accused. Yes, tears came to the heart burdened wife. Not only she, but sorrowing souls whose near relatives were on that airplane, and so the tragic wreckage leaves other horrorhaunted lives. Who planted the explosives, John Gilbert Graham or some other agent from a synagogue of Satan? Graham said he did, then said he didn't. Conjectures had lead a trail to a powerful group of which Graham was the agent. This is unand the Western Federation of Miners, similar crimes were frequent, one such resulting in the death of a train load of strike breakers, another killing a former governor of Idaho. The responsible parties for those crimes of a half-century ago were caught and prosecuted, some spending their days in prison, others deported. Graham, or whoever is guilty, should be made to suffer.

South Dakota has just 95 square miles area more than Nebraska, our state having 77,520 square miles and South Dakota 77,615 square miles. Kansas has 82,158 square miles within its boundaries. The Pacific ocean spreads across 71 million square miles, the Atlantic 34 million, the Indian ocean 28 million.

Out of the air comes a voice this morning prophesying tempest and snow just ahead. The sun glows golden in the blue canopy above that we call the sky and under which we strut, live out our days and die. Lift not imploring hands to that ethereal blue. It, like you and I, is helpless, too. Lift supplicating hands and look farther beyond the hands of Orion down the avenue of light emanating from the throne of the Infinite. And here we helpless pieces of the game we play upon the checkerboard of days and nights (to borrow a line from an Arabian poet) are then lifted from our blundering ways. The hand that writes on the scroll of time neither pauses nor backward goes and the record it traces neither tears nor regrets erase, but there are smiles in place of tears as nothing is seen that record to disgrace.

A 19-year-old miss, Nancy Isrig, is a freshman at the state university starting on a career to become an engineer. Maybe the inspiration arises from the work of her dad, who is an engineer in the state highway department.

A lady of mature years and crowned in snow white glory has been treading the streets of the community for 17 years going from door-to-door taking orders for the products of a manufacturing concern that turns out toothpaste, shaving dope, bedroom cosmetics and many dainties for dolling you up. Her sales have amounted to \$32,000 and she keeps going from household - to - household where not alone the commercial instinct is put to work but that fundamental human impulse, "Did you hear the latest?" is bandied back and forth. The old gal had employed her husband as delivery boy and collection agent but he died in harness and now she manages the business single handed and promotes the interest of the ladies' discussion

Lunar property contracts on the market. The man in the moon will have to move over. . . A CIO little boy was lost in the sandcontract with a Connecticut concern provides that women employees are to be given two days a year to get hair waves. . . Lincoln's west O street million-dollar overpass is to be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies today (Thursday). . . 16,700 beef cattle were sold at the Sandhills Cattle association sales and shows held at O'Neill, Burwell, Bassett, Valentine, Gordon and Alliance. . . In the interests of "economy," busybodies have come out with a operation for the removal of a changed typewriter keyboard. . . The highways are no respecters of persons; Rev. John Troyer, pastor of the Mennonite church at Beaver Crossing was a highway victim near Seward.

Six Russians fell before the firing squad at Moscow the other day. The decree had gone forth that the six native Muscovites must be shot for "conspiring" to overthrow the government of the reds and go "capitalistic." The reds among us in Yankeeland preach the overthrow of our national and state governments that guarantee to all a way only his personal business probof life as each individual chooses to make it and lems but a great interest in the Ia., was a weekend guest in the thinkable, although in the days of Harry Orchard | replace that way of life with one ordered by a public affairs of the community. Duane Summerer group of dictators. None of these promoters of destruction have faced a firing squad and continue to enjoy the blessings of freedom among us while devising sinister schemes to destroy that freedom.

> Ray C. Johnson, serving his ninth term as state auditor, will be a candidate again and probably will be reelected, having entered his name last week to appear on the primary ballot for the republican nomination. The duties of some state and county offices are such that the longer an official serves, the more efficient the service rendered. County judge, district judge, superintendent of schools, state auditor, railway commissioners are among those and maybe the term of office should

Editorial .

Bridges Usually Bear Up

poem about a bridge.

It concerned the weary, fearful, traveler who viewed with horror the prospect of trying to cross a deep, treacherous chasm that yawned below. The only way to cross was by a rickety, flimsy, makeshift bridge. The concluding line of the poem was the reassuring thought that "strangely enough all the bridges I have crossed today have borne me up," or words to that effect.

So many of us are crossing so many of our bridges long before we reach them that our daily existence has become a torment instead of a joy, an ordeal instead of a glorious adventure, torture instead of satisfaction.

There is more than one woman and more than one man in our community who never saw an apple blossom or a tree last spring, never saw a flower, never heard a robin singing to its mate after a summer's shower, never once saw the riotous gold and scarlet of the countryside this autumn.

It was not because they were physically deaf, dumb or blind. It was because they were so mentally imprisoned in a dark pit of despair and worry about the bridges they thought they faced that never once did they see or hear the beautiful world about them.

Palace Guard

"Washington observers are - it is generally agreed - a thick-skinned lot, accustomed to the sordid realities of national politics concealed by the headlines and high-sounding comments of editorial writers. Nevertheless, even the most hardened watcher of the Washington scene displays some disgust with the efforts of the palace guard to get President Eisenhower to run again."

Thus begins an article in a recent issue of the upcoming Washington newsletter, Human Events.

"In the past 20 years, the quadrennial exertions of these camarillas who surround (and usually shape the course of) presidents are a familiar phenomenon. No one who has once caught 'Potomac fever' likes to relinquish power and the members of the palace guard (1953-'55) are no different than their predecessors. On October 1, right after the president's stroke, Human Events warned that this would be one of the big factors in the interregnum government. Not only power, but fear of the loss of a job-by some who might even, in these busy times, find it difficult to get anotherprompt these denizens of the white house to work frantically to ensure continuance of they key positions. It is a genuine fear; few in the capital doubt that if, for instance, Nixon would take over the reins of power, he would clean house in the white house. The prevailing suspicion of what the guard is plotting was well expressed in a broadcast on November 8 by NBC commentator Earl Godwin.

"The indelicacy, not to mention cruelty, of these efforts to get a sick president to continue to bear the burdens of his high place has caused even some very cynical observers here to lift eyebrows. "One 'caper'-details of which have begun to

Grace Noel Crowell once wrote a memorable I crowd worked on various private friends and social companions of the president, to persuade them to write letters to the president (when he was in Denver) strongly expressing the hope that the ill executive would run again. Some of these friends of Ike have yielded and, it is said, their letters Real Estate Transfers suggested that only the president can maintain the present high level of business prosperity and can save the 'spirit of Geneva.'

> "The president's reaction to such communications is not known," the article concludes.

Worthy Trying

Arthur J. Riedesel, publisher of the Ashland Gazette, comments upon a recent movement to bring new industries to Ashland, calling attention to the fate of small communities which waited too long to diversify their source of income. He writes

"A lot of communities of our size or thereabouts scramble madly to diversify the sources of their income, but too late. Sloth and lethargy in many cases have resulted in a town dying as a trading and community center. When the collapse of the town becomes clear, committees are organized to do something about it. Usually they can

No doubt hundreds of persons will throng the streets tonight (Thursday) for the annual yuletide window unveiling. Coming up next week are bogus dollar days under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Every time the government gets into the business of trying to distribute the milk of human kindness, the milk turns sour. There is no substitute for individual responsibility.

Sometimes the Thanksgiving turkey lasts longer than normally would be expected.

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leak out—is described as follows: The white house | Audited (ABC) Circulation—2,463 (Mar. 31, 1955)

When You and I Were Young . Irish Martyrs

Honored in Omaha Jury Acquits Sunday white ribbons, and \$33.80 in

award money. Officers were elected: Morris Pongratz, president; Barbara Mrs. Victor Harley. Wayman, vice-president; Richard A jury of 12 men, good and Ernst, secretary; Velda Ernst, true, acquitted the Fremont ball treasurer; Connie Brockman,

violating the statute by playing Projects for next year include baseball on Sunday. . . Will Da-vis, a former O'Neill typograph-ical artist, is spending the week Help Mom and Dad." Next meetwith his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. ing will be in January.—By Bar-

L. Davis. . . The entertainment bara Wayman, news reporter. pal church was a successfu affair. . . Mrs. L. G. Gillespie is Chambers News visiting in Tilden. . . Ben F. Conant of McHenry N.D., and Maud Waring of Middlebranch were

married. . . The United Irish societies of Omaha and South Omaha joined in a memorial demonstration in commemoration of Larry Tangeman and son of the martyrs, Manchester, Al- Scottsbluff, Mr. and Mrs. Arlin ited their son-in-law and daugh-

Ball Team

50 Years Ago

20 Years Ago Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gillespie returned home from Lincoln, where he had been the past five Al Dierking. weeks attending the special session of the legislatue. . . The ladies of the city are soliciting funds and new and used toys to enable the children of the less fortunate to have a nice Christmas. . . C. B. Yarnell, local manager of the Golden Rule store, was in an automobile accident south of Atkinson while returning home from a state managers meeting at Holdrege. . . Considerable excitement was created in the southeastern part of the county when it was reported that a hills. Crowds of farmers were out looking for the lad. He was found asleep in a sand blowout. The little boy is the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, who live on the Garver place southwest of Ewing. . Mrs. Josephine Peshek, 70, died in the local hospital following an

10 Years Ago

Kenna and son of Lincoln came man, and Kay. to spend Thanksgiving here. . . an active life that involved not and family at Kearney.

Johnson were married. . . The Reverend Kattner residence in clubs, met at the assembly room of Atkinson and M. E. Carpenter of the courthouse.

One Year Ago red with a Chamber of Commerce Joe Shonka of Burwell. is stationed there. . . Mrs. Nora and family of Chambers. Henderson of Page observed her 83d birthday anniversary.

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Morris Pongratz

The Grattan Flats 4-H club boys held a meeting Friday, November 18, at the home of Richard Ernst. Members received their achievement day ribbons and Holt county fair money. The club received Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Hodgkin. 15 blue ribbons, 10 red and 11

team, which was charged with news reporter.

Thanksgiving day guests in the Alvin Tangeman home were Mr. and Mrs. Jerald McClenahan and two sons of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Synder is Mrs. Larson's mother. Larry Tangeman and son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harley vislen, Larkin and O'Brien. Speaker of the evening was E. H. Whelan of O'Neill. . . A dance was given Scottsburi, Mr. and Mrs. Armin ited their soli-lin-law and ter, Mr. and Mrs. Duke Struebing, and family at Grand Island Sunday.

Marilyn Walter of Sioux City, family, John Walter, sr., and Mrs. their parents were in Omaha.

spent Thanksgiving in the Robert Turner home at Grand Island. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stevens, accompanied by Mrs. William Turner, drove to Grand Island on Friday. The Stevenses went on to Polk to get her mother, Mrs. Rowena Larson, and returned to Chambers. Mrs. Turner remained in Grand Island visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner, and family. with the First marine division, On Sunday, Mr. Turner and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and rine Cpl. John M. Anderson, son Mrs. Willard Thomson, the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson

Turner home. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Penner of Lincoln spent Thanksgiving weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Daas. Mr. Penner attends the state university.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McClenahan and two sons of Omaha Mr. and Mrs. Allen Van Vleck spent the weekend with his parof Woodbine, Wash., arrived here Clenahan, and Jack and her parand will make their home in O'Neill. . . Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mcents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Tange-

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Young After more than half a century, and two sons spent Thanksgiving R. E. Chittick of Stuart has sold with their son and daughter-inhis drug store and retired from law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Young,

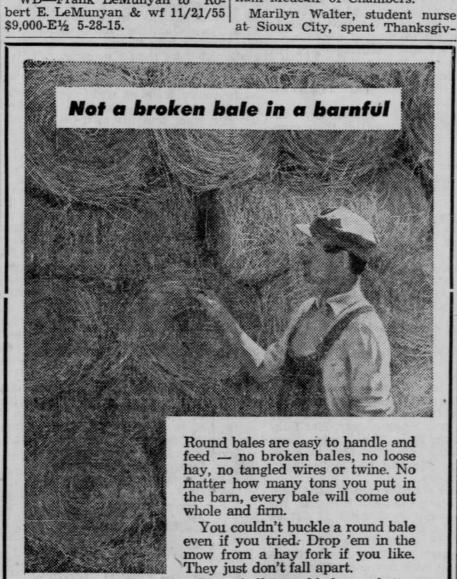
Mrs. Joe Daas taught the Valley Center school Monday as Mrs. girls' interest group met at the K. N. Adams, the teacher, was ill. Thanksgiving day guests in the Page. . . Biglin Brothers were E. R. Carpenter home were Mr. notified of the death of Margaret and Mrs. Ben Medcalf, Bobby Gibbons at her home in Butte, and Kathy of Sioux City, Mr. and Mont. . . Twenty-two ladies rep- Mrs. Dean Stevens, Cherilyn and resenting nine project or women's Terry and Mrs. Herbert Stevens

of Chambers. Thanksgiving day guests in the Wayne Smith home were Mr. and The high school pep club at Mrs. Fred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Inman sponsored a penny carni- Ruben Peltzer, Mr. and Mrs. val. . . Col. Evar Peterson, assist- Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A ant administrative officer for the A. Walter and Mrs. James Platt Nebraska national guard, confer- of Chambers, and Mr. and Mrs.

group here. Possibility of estab-lishing an armored tank guard guests for Thanksgiving dinner company was discussed... No one Mr. and Mrs. Tom Osborne of was hurt when an O'Neill-bound Wisner, Mr. and Mrs. Hale Osbus from Valentine overturned on borne and Sharon of Winner, slippery U.S. highway 20 east of S.D., Mrs. Genevieve Bell of Ne-Stuart. . . Mrs. Clayton Johnson ligh, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Osof Orchard left for St. Louis, borne and family of Atkinson and Wash., to join her husband, who Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Osborne

Guests in the E. H. Medcalf home on Thnaksgiving day were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Medcalf and children and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Miller and family of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Avard and Patty of St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Medcalf and children of Sioux City and Mrs. William Medcalf of Chambers.

at Sioux City, spent Thanksgiv-



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Mr. and Mrs. Gale Hodgkin and children, Judy Jo and A. J., of Denver, Colo., were Thanksgiving weekend guests of his parents,

Vivian Harley came from Seward, where she is attending college, to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with her parents, Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Carpenter and M. E. Carpenter were in Neligh and Oakdale Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Taylor of Appleton, Wisc., came Tuesday, alds. November 22, and visited with his father, Isaac Taylor, his

Mr.

brother and sister-in-law. and Mrs. Glen Taylor, and family and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Green, and children. All were dinner guests Thanksgiving day in the Glen Taylor home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Turner accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Larson of Page to Ainsworth last Thursday where they spent the day with Mrs. Walt Synder. Mrs.

Thanksgiving day dinner guests
in the H. C. Walter home were O'Neill spent Monday and Tuesday with their grandparents, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Hoge and and Mrs. Louis Harley, while

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thorin Mrs. Sarah Adams of Chambers, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Winter-Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christianson mote and Norma Rae spent and family of Ewing and Mr. and Thanksgiving with Mrs. Thorin's Mrs. Leo Adams of Atkinson parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, at Ewing.

Anoka Marine

in Big Exercise-ANOKA-A major amphibious exercise involving 25,000 marines, 20,000 navy personnel, 300 air-craft and 125 ships, was completed November 18 off California.

Among those who took part and daughter, Susan, drove to of Rt. 1, Anoka, and husband of Grand Island and brought Mrs. of the former Miss Arlene R. Seeba of Guide Rock.



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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Yusten were in Wagner, S.D., Saturday on business and were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nohr and family.

Charles Marston of Dorsey was a Thanksgiving dinner guest at the Harden Anspach home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Anderson Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Prescott of spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyers and family

They went on to Johnstown to Thanksgiving dinner guests of visit Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Day Mr. and Mrs. Russell Yusten and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O'- were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd John-Hara and family. They were ac- son and family and Don Van Burcompanied by Mrs. Bertha Pres- ens. The Johnson family were also

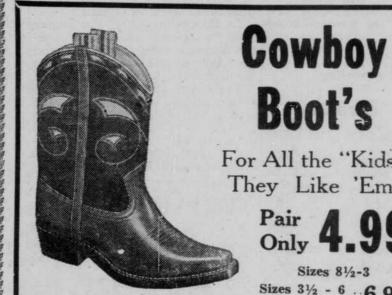
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