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Prairieland Talk . . . **Editor Wanted Holt Sliced**

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN- The metropolis of southeastern Holt county, the roadside sign reading "Ewing," as you come up the highway, and "Ewing" in bold letters on the North Western railroad depot confronting you as you roll into town on the morning passenger train, receives attention from a writer at the State Historical society in Lincoln, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Radtke, through the medium of the January issue of the Nebraska Newspaper, an

organ of the State Press association. She takes her readers back to the year 1888 and escorts them through the cowboy town to the editorial sanctum of the Ewing Democrat, another newspaper just added to a list of 14 then coming from Washington hand presses in Holt county.

The Democrat, O. C. Bates editor, an inspired pagan who had drifted into Holt county towns as a tramp printer, had" been launched primarily to elect Grover Cleveland of New York

president. Bates survived the flying cowpunchers' bullets a few months and then drifted back to O'-Neill, dividing his time between his two loves, a case of type at the Tribune plant and a beer keg at the Crittick saloon. Bates saw the triumph of his political god in 1892 after defeat in 1888, but the defeat of his scheme to divide Holt into three slices. He set type in the basement of the First National bank building, moved on to Atkinson and got a job on the Graphic, then to Stuart, everywhere bringing to the journalism of his day the poetic beauty of a literary genius.

At the time the Ewing Democrat was launched the town already had a paper, the Item, Clarence Selah editor and Clyde King printer. The Item was later moved to O'Neill.

Selah was at one time federal revenue collector and was serving as county judge of Holt county when he died many years ago. Clyde King was editor of The Frontier in the early 1890's.

Mrs. Radtke quotes from other papers what they had to say of the first issue of the Democrat. Fellow editors of Holt county greeted the newcomer as follows:

Good advertising patronage.-The Frontier. Sparkling with crystal gems of literary merit. -The Tribune.

Chock full of spicy reading matter. O. C. Bates, editor and publisher, is an oldtime democrat, well posted upon the issues before the people, and will place the Democrat in the front ranks of north-Nebraska's journals .- Stuart Ledger.

In point of typography will compare favorably with any weekly publication in the state. We accept its invitation to cooperate in all efforts for the moral and material prosperity of the Giant Town .- The Item.

Politically, friend Bates is badly off, but fraternally, here's our fist .- Atkinson Graphic. * * *

Gratitude of Prairieland Talker goes across

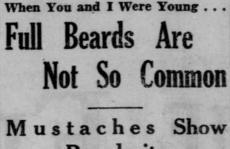
The Morris and Corrigan drug stores functioned side-by-side some years before and for some years after the Barret Scott lynching ruffled the surface of community life 60 years ago. On Douglas street a few steps from the bank corner these two dispensaries of drugs, Hosters bitters and licensed whiskey prescription providers were also the social centers for the notables about town in the evenings, such as R. R. Dickson, J. B. Mellor, T. V. Golden, Clyde King, Denny Cronin and some others. Most of them had six-shooter on them during the period of high tension growing out of the finding of Scotty in the Niobrara river. Edward Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee, sent a reporter to O'Neill to write up the story of the tragedy, with instructions to wire in what The Frontier would say editorially. This reporter found Clyde King at the Morris drug store, asked to have a copy of The Frontier's editorial estimate of the Scott lynching. Clyde replied that he had not to the exterior of the building, written it yet but if the reporter would defer a a few minutes from wiring in his story he would

have it for him. Stepping back to the rear of the room, Clyde went to the prescription counter, wrote the editorial, handed a copy to the Bee man and the writeup appeared in both the Omaha Bee and The Frontier.

The state university promoters of sports think they have secured the one it is going to take to make the Cornhuskers a notable aggregation in the realm of football. Coach Elliott and wife have arrived in Lincoln, launched first on house hunting and we trust they will be able to make out on Mr. Elliott's 12-thousand a year salary.

Traffic deaths in Nebraska the past year are said to have numbered 317, or 11 under the previous year. Many of these were out-of-the-state residents. Our straightaway, few turns highways place Nebraska among the safest for motorists. . . The threet vets' hospitals within the state are to continue to operate. . . It was in a northern Minnesota town-a bear, a wolf, a bobcat were seen looking the town over, a reliable forecastthe natives say, of an early spring. . . Out of old Ohio comes the story that 600 citizens receiving pensions for the blind also have driver's licenses. ... A Lincoln widower, father of a little girl, when acquiring wife No. 2, insists that his little daughter accept the new mistress of the home as her real, true, maternal mom come back from the dead. . . A 92-year-old patriot is pictured standing by his 35-year-old spouse and holding a baby in his arms, the latest addition to the household, and expresses a desire for more. . . January 3-they're on, January clearance sales-what the thrifty citizen has waited for.

of burnisned gold and my heart was thrilled with music gusning forth with joy untold. January 1, another year begun. Prairieland glows radiant this sun-splashed dawn at the beginning of the year 1956. Cloudless and caim, ethereal blue above, city



Popularity

50 Years Ago Mustaches are becoming fashonable. This winter has not brought out the usual number of full beards, but several O'Neill men are training a stubby brush of hair under the nose. Doctor Gilligan and Ed Whelan will each soon have a growth sufficient to apply the curling iron. . . The pupils of the eighth grade were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kline, the occasion being the 14th birthday anniversary of their son, Otto. . . Fire broke out in the Wolverton restaurant and an alarm brought the fire company to the scene of smoke and flames. Little damage was done but the interior requires considerable repairing. . . B. E. Sturdevant of Atkinson is in Washington, D.C., in the interest of the Weather Circuit candidacy for the receivership of the O'Neill land office. . . The Snyder Lumber company has a fine span of dapple grays in a new harness hitched to one of their coal wagons. They were feeling so good when first hitched up that the gait of a coal team was system of air navigation aids with too slow and they took a little the connection of Beatrice, Kearspin. The driver was knocked off ney and McCook with the weahis footing and landed on the floor of the wagon box. The horses earlier were Alliance, Norfolk and

were stopped after a two-block Ainsworth. run, resulting in a broken wagon tongue.

20 Years Ago

A find that aroused intense in- O'Neill's municipal airport is erest was made below the power under study as a possible location dam on the Niobrara river. Wood of a similar weather installation. choppers found buffalo skulls where a herd had died in the quicksand. . Mrs. Julie M. Uecker, 83, died at her home after an illness of several months. Eden Rebekah lodge. Thirty-one ... Paddy, a little over one-year-old, a squat, flat, small, white dog ben of Inman, district deputy owned by Cecelia Edwards, be- president, and her staff. The Inlieves in armament and has arm- man staff installed the Eden ofored himself with one horn on ficers. the right side of his head at the point where cattle grow horns.

Those who have seen it wonder if the under dog is preparing for war. . . A young couple strolled into the county court here recently and asked the price of a marriage license. Informed it was \$2, the girl pulled out a fruit jar full of pennies. The county treasurer counted out 200 of them. . . Char-I stepped out this early morning, under the sky lies Fox gave the eighth grade exams at the Meek school.

10 Years Ago

Ernie Weller of Atkinson has purchased the O'Neill Livestock Market. . . Signalman Bill Grady phia, Pa., af left for Philade

. . . Miss Ardith Roth and Elwyn

Robertson, both of Chambers,

were married by Rev. Lloyd Mul-

lis at the Methodist church in

Former Gov. McKelvie | WSCS Plans to Buy Expires in Arizona

VALENTINE-Sam R. McKel-STUART-The Woman's socivie, 74, twice governor of Nebras-ka and one of the state' greatest recently in the church basement exponents for upgrading the cat- with 21 members present. Mrs. C. tle industry, died Friday after-noon, January 6, in Mesa, Ariz. led the devotional program. Re-He was born at Fairfield April ports of the circles were given. 15, 1881, married Flossie Fellers It was voted to continue the June 18, 1904, in 1905 became three circles which had been ineditor of the Nebraska Farmer. stituted on a trial basis during He published the farm magazine the past year. until his death. A committee composed of Mrs.

As governor he authorized first George Keidel, Mrs. C. R. Myers appropriations for Nebraska's faand Mrs. Joy Greenfield was mous capitol, revamped the state's administrative setup, de-clined the post of United States for the church dining room. secretary of agriculture, and he made famous his sandhills ranch near Valentine. The place is known as the By-the-Way ranch. He was a Methodist.

New Officers Takes A3/c Walter D. Rutherford Posts in Club-

Returns to Scott

by contacting by radio or phone

one of the stations.

days with his parents.

(above), son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rutherford of Page, last The Martha Citizenship club met Friday, January 6. The newweek returned to Scott air force ly-elected officers took charge of base near Bellville, Ill., where the meeting. Officers included: Roberta Klabenes, president; he is attending radio maintenance school. He spent the holi-Sheila Hertel, vice - president; Jeanette Klabenes, secretary; Su-san LaRue, news reporter, and Kathy Farrier, treasurer. In order to hold an office, members must have a C average. Adds Three Cities The next meeting will be held Friday, January 20. — By Susan LaRue, newsreporter. Nebraska's department of aeronautics has announced that a new link has been added to the state GRANDFATHER DIES Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Nordmeyer

went to Gresham Sunday to atther bureau at Omaha. Connected tend the funeral of her grandfather. George Pollock, 91, who died Thursday at Gresham. Mr. Pilots can have complete and Nordmeyer was a pallbearer. up-to-date weather information

Attend Conference-

Mrs. Carrie Borg, Rev. and Mrs. Duane Lauber, Mrs. Nancy Her-mann, Rev. C. P. Turner, Mrs. Edna Huebert and Mrs. Roy Cole attended a Wesleyan Methodist prayer conference Saturday at Niobrara.

Capt. and Mrs. H. M. Christenson and family, Mrs. Nellie Ma-loney and Mrs. Edna Coyne visited Sunday at the Mrs. Lawrence O'Malley home in Chambers.



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1956. They are: Mrs. Berlin Mitchell, president; Mrs. Goerge New Dining Tables Keidel, vice-president; Mrs. Ray Greenfield, secretary, and Mrs. Wilbur Moon, treasurer.

CDA in Session-

The Catholic Daughters of America held a business meeting on Tuesday night, January 3, at the Knights of Columbus hall. Mrs. Mark Schelkopf was chairman. Mrs. Mike London won high; Mrs. Grover Shaw, low, and Mrs. Anthony Stanton, door prize. A luncheon was served by the committee.

named to investigate prices and Visit Merriman Home-

Mrs. J. J. Jesse and son, John, of Omaha arrived Tuesday, Janu-Rev. D. D. Su was in charge of ary 3, to spend a day with the L. installation of the officers for M. Merrimans.



middle of each month to allow claims. Other county business will be taken care of at the meetings at the end of each month.

Please file claims by the 15th of each month. Claims filed after the 15th will be held until the following month. Warrants payable on the last day of each month as has been before.

Romaine Saunders

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the snow to L. E. Downey, freight agent at Denver, Colo., for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, for one of their 1956 calendars, which is not only one with large figures but is a work of art as well. Lee thus remembers me each year, and my guess is that the scenic wonders of Colorado have not dimmed Lee's vision of his native prairieland and treasured memories of life as a kid in O'Neill.

The able gentleman and one competent lady who compose the official group directing the affairs of the capital city have concluded it is time to join the procession and stick out receptive hands for a substantial "federal grant" to finance a halfmillion-dollar street widening undertaking. When O street was extended east to 48th and beyond from side to side appeared ample. Present day conveyances "running to and fro" make it necessary to rebuild the towns, as O'Neill patriots have discovered.

open plains touched at dawn with light that glim- Starr Noble died at the O'Neill mers and glows until the gloom of night, folding all hospital following a brief illness. in darkness until the glow of dawning ushers in another morning. The days, the nights, the weeks and months and years come and go on prairie and bringing joy and sorrow, smiles and tears. And Chambers. . . The Bid or Bye pasisng by the jungles of the crowded haunts of club met with Mrs. Frank Cronk men and society dames, here they take from Ne- at Page. . . A stranger with a braska prairieland a housewife and a maid, the one crowned as Mrs., the other Miss America.

A New York church man defines and describes the modern youth as having a philosophy of irresponsibility, disregard for discipline and an exaggerated ego. About like kids have always been, from which have come the Lincolns, the Jacksons, the Washingtons, the Grants, the Roosevelts and Eisenhowers, the Mike Harringtons and Moses P. Kinkaid.

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patched chin, broken teeth, blood spots on his clothes, a bit blearyeyed from tarrying at the bar, talked of an automobile crackup in language neither picturesque nor refined. . . Charles McEvony of Athabasca, Al., Can., has been visitng in O'Neill. Mr. McEvony was a settler in Swan precinct under the section homestead act,

streets and country lanes, fields and meadows and visit with relatives. . . Josiah

One Year Ago

The United Lutheran church of

Spencer will dedicate its new organ which was recently purchased and installed. . . Frank Cronk of Page has been reelected chair-

man of the Holt county board of

supervisors. . . Construction of the O'Neill public school's new elementary grade school building is progressing at a rapid rate. . . Fol-

lowing a report by Harvey Way-

man and Homer Mullen, in which

they said they spotted a mountain

lion asleep in a ditch near the

road within a mile of the city,

considerable curiosity has been

aroused. . . A 13-year-old girl,

Beverly Anderson, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson of

Bristow, was taken by ambulance

to Omaha, having been injured in

a two-car accident near Bristow.

without details of the violent

death of Emma Schaaf, 44, native

of the Stuart and Atkinson com-

munities, who was murdered at

. . Holt county relatives still are

Voiceless Majority

In the December 29 issue of The Frontier government handouts were discussed. We stated:

Editorial . . .

"Congressmen have a pet explanation for increased federal spending . . . saying folks at home are 'clamoring' and 'demanding' such-and-such. Actually," our editorial continued, "there is no widespread or organized demand at all for many of these costly activities. The socalled 'clamor' is simply an excuse for free spenders."

Naturally we were gratified when the Chicago Tribune, considered by many as the world's greatest newspaper, this week offered this in comment on President Eisenhower's message to congress:

"It is true that various pressure groups are forever clamoring that the government do things for them; and it is true, as a reading of Mr. Eisenhow_ er's mesasge makes evident, that politicians try to do things that will endear them to these voting blocs.

"But it is true to a far more impressive degree that the vast majority of citizens want nothing from their government except to be let alone. And that is the one thing that government will never do for the voiceless majority."

Newspapers are remiss in their responsibilities if they do not reflect the attitudes and the opinions of the voiceless majority.

Farmers Caught in Squeeze

(The following editorial comment from the January 5 issue of the Creighton News aptly sums up the farmer's plight as we enter the new year.-Editor.)

Farmers in this area got caught in a double squeeze this year. Crops were short and the prices of livestock have dropped. If farmers had raised a lot of feed themselves, they could have withstood the livestock price drop better. Cr if the price of cattle and hogs had stayed up, feeders could afford to buy feed and still come out fairly well.

For that reason this area sees the farm problem as greater than in some other sections of the nation, although all farmers have suffered by the drop in prices without a corresponding drop in cost of operation.

In a strictly rural community, the effect is felt in towns, too. Stores reporting a drop in volume cannot report a drop in cost of operation. While indications are that only the smaller towns are suffering so far, it is likely that some of the larger

Some think that the only thing needed is to get Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson to resign and by some magic prices will again soar.

We don't pretend to be an economic expert and don't have an answer to the problem-but in that respect we seem to be on a par with most everyone.

Teaching Our Language

(Guest editorial from Omaha World-Herald)

A sorry commentary on the job some of our secondary schools do to teach youngsters the English language was voiced the other day by trustees of the University of Illinois.

The university for 20 years has been shuffling Paradise, Calif. freshmen who are deficient in use of the language into a non-credit "remedial" course. The trustees decided to discontinue it after 1960 because the number of incoming students needing it is increasing so rapidly. Last year 782 freshmen had to take it. After 1960 incoming freshmen will have to master college English courses or flunk.

"The university can hardly ask the taxpayers to buy again from us the sort of elementary composition instruction they thought they were buying in their tax investment in local schools," said English Prof. Charles A. Roberts.

A very sound point, indeed.

In St. Louis the management of the municipal zoo fired the lion tamer for failure to report for work. It sounds a little hasty. Most people would have had a heart-to-heart talk with the lions first.

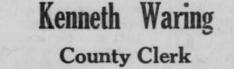
Popular music has passed from the groaning stage to the shrieking stage and now is headed, it seems, for the ee-ee, oou-ah-oou level.

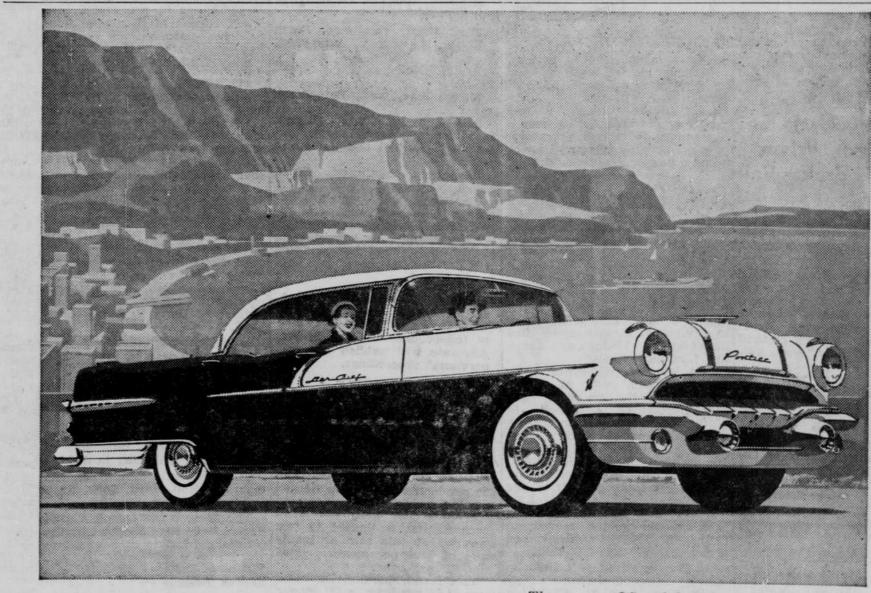
The intelligence rating of game birds is underrated, unless the intelligence level of hunters might be overrated.

CARROLL W. STEWART, Editor and Publisher

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per is a membe the Nebraska Pres midwestern communities will feel the pinch, too, tion, National Editorial Association and the Audit if the situation continues. Bureau of Circulations.

There appears to be no immediate solution to the problem. The drop in prices has been created by a surplus production in recent years. A lot of suggestions have been made on correcting the sit-'uation. In just about every case, when the idea is

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followed through to completion, a snag is struck. Audited (ABC) Circulation-2,530 (Sept. 30, 1955)

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