Neglected to Arrange for Water

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Revired, Former Editor The Frontier

and them

LINCOLN-A lady up at Bassett, writing a of the Northeast Sandhills", has asked us what information I could give her relating to early day irrigation proposals in this territory.

Many schemes sprouted in the active brains of energetic gents in O'Neill. Irrigation, sugar

beet growing, a chicory factory that functioned for a time grinding up the chicory plants into "coffee", a meat packing plant, a creamery, a brickyard, railroads, artesian wells, rainmakers and

race horses. In the early 1890's the Elkhorn Irrigation Canal, a ditch from Cherry county across Brown, Rock and Holt, sprung into life on paper to be financed by bonding the precincts in these counties

Romaine through which the ditch was to pass and all adjacent territory benefitted thereby. It was never quite clear where the water was to come from.

Another and later irrigation proposal that the lady at Bassett mentioned at the Golden irrigation ditch which culminated in Ditch Company cattle ranch layout in the Dry creek country and ended up as a little lake out there that became a resort for O'Neill bloods. Irrigation and the various other pioneer projects passed out of the picture for nature to take over and convince promoters that prairieland is the grass, hay and cow country of America.

The first herds bore the brand of the Spade Outfit, the first bale of hay was the work of the capable hands of Tremaine VanValkenberg of Inman and the first prairieland song came from a homestead pioneer south of Inman who wrote the "Little Old Sod Shanty on My Claim"-My ears are tough as leather and they flop in windy weather, but I'm happy as a clam in this land of Uncle Sam while holding down my claim! . . .

It will be Governor McNichols for Lieut. Gov. Steve McNichols of Colorado, a cousin of the late Billy McNichols. The recently elected governor of Colorado is a son of William Mc-Nichols of a pioneer O'Neill family. His father left O'Neill many years ago for Colorado and for some years past has been a city official of Denver. His son now becomes chief executive of that Rocky Mountain State.

"Vanishing Prairie" is the title of a group of pictures now being shown on the screen. Seventy years ago there were pioneer patriots on nearly every quarter section where now none remain. Settlers have vanished but the prairie remains as it was a hundred years ago. As recently as 40 years back, 25 miles south of O'Neill, in the adjoining county of Wheeler there was a homestead family on every section. Today there are none, the open prairie remains, human habitation has vanished. Where the compiler of Prairieland Talk was a homestead lad in the long ago there were lights in the windows at night. Today there is neither window nor light. The virgin prairie remains stretching to distant horizons robed in velvet green in summer, now this November clothed in a robe of autumn colors, the feeding grounds of beef herds where buffalo once roamed. Vanishing Prairie—generations are born, live Mr. Nelson had the majority vote in three countries at the home of Clarence Ernst. In the home of the find the horse on a ranch in their little day and pass on; the prairie stays with

Mid-November on prairieland. Stately trees thesis entitled "The Settlement and Development stripped of summer's silken follage reach nude arms high above our heads and those silken robes turned to emblems of the dead spread a Llanket at our feet. Walk abroad in the fresh invigorating autumn air, the blue heavens above from which glows unclouled sunshine. Flowers have faded. days early merge into night and high in the southern heavens a bright moon looks down upon peaceful prairieland, far removed from troubled lands. The summer bloom of red and blue and yellow is but a memory, bright tints of autumn adorn the scene. Surrounded with plenty, dwelling in peace and comfort on prairieland I think of the many thousands of careworn men and women and homeless little ones in other lands the urge comes to help again in the raising of funds to bring a measure of help to those in need in

They had been over in Canada and headed for home with a cargo of game birds stored in the "deep freeze." At the North Dakota entrance to the home land border patrols held them up, counted the storage of wild winged creatures and confiscated the lot, in other words stole the catch of the Yankee lads. Somebody is always taking the joy out of life.

His name is Daniel. Not such a Daniel who faced the lions in their den, who stood before Babylonian monarchs, interpeted visions and looked down the centuries to our time and saw "many running to and fro." The modern Daniel is from Texas. He annouces that he will be there January 3 to "guarantee Democratic control of the senate." He goes to our federal law making body not as a patriotic American to sup- ing World War II. . Weddings of wheat now requires three man port laws for the good of all but to jockey for partisan advantage. . . Let us look at another, dee of Stuart and Charles Siegel too many years ago, that same a native of Kearney, Neb. His name is Halliwell known as the Medicine Man of the Amazon. He has neither medical degree nor druggist certificate, but for 25 years has been ministering to the needs of natives of the jungles of the Amazon going up and down that river healing the sick, saving the lives of victims of deadly jungle ser-

Mr. Stevenson, rising up out of the avalanche that overwhelmed him on November 6, and wellnigh chocked by despair, said "Our cause will ultimately prevail." The "cause" he refers to was a longing eye on federal job at the disposal of the chief executive.

Fern Hubbard Orme was defeated by a few votes as a candidate for the legislature in the 20th district. There had been a half dozen on the primary ballot seeking the nomination and among them legal action was begun to keep Mrs. Orme's name off the ballot, taking it to the supreme court. The court order went against them, and this aroused resentment on the part of other primary candidates which resulted in a concerted effort to defeat her at the November election. Her friends in O'Neill, where Mrs Orme's girlhood was spent, no doubt regreted to learn of her defeat.

Sen. Frank Nelson ranks among the best of Leader Presented Holt county vote-getters and can well feel a Appreciation Giftapproval of the majority of voters of the district. held its final meeting for 1956 ties and no doubt approves Boyd county voters supporting their home man.

Editorial . . .

K-12 Move Is Tempered

proposal, including the state board of education, state education commissioner, school groups and other enthusiasts, have had a change of heart lately. Whether or not the election results have influenced the softening attitude, we cannot say.

The K-12 plan is a device under which each district in Nebraska would HAVE to offer schooling from kindergarten through high school. If made into law, this would have the effect of forcing "shotgun" mergers of school districts and and bringing numerous rural districts under a single administrative head.

Of course, the basis for the K-12 movement is to insure that all property in the county proportionately pays for the maintenance of the high school; whereas, it is contended, some people virtually escape school taxes under Nebraska's horse-and-buggy school system.'

K-12 enthusiasts point out that Nebraska has many more school districts than Texas. However, they fail to state that some of the Texas districts have from five to a dozen schools within the district.

The Nebraska legislative council, meeting in Lincoln last week, rejected the K-12 redistricting proposal on the theory the final word should be left with the local people. And, in post-election decisions, some farm groups and education groups see the light and now recommend the redistricting technique should be a matter of "educating" the people.

State Senator Frank Nelson of O'Neill stedfastly has argued both on the floor and before civic, teacher and parent groups that the volun-"We will have lost something of far more

value if the forced redistricting is imposed. Forced redistricting is not democratic," he contends.

And Senator Nelson is correct. Thus the K-12 movement has been tempered

It is reassuring to us that a far-sighted, studious and seasoned man like Frank Nelson has been returned to the legislature.

Senator Nelson's wisdom has helped shortstop other rare notions for legislation and, by virtue of his overwhelming reelection earlier this month, he can be depended upon to continue. Usually his "shortstopping" is not dramatic, but he plays the game cautionsly, and to our

knowledge, has never fumbled the ball. Meanwhile, The Frontier feels that redistricting needs a shot-in-the-arm, all right, but the "shotgun" approach is the incorrect way to go

Redistricting in Holt, Boyd and Rock counties, for example, is attended by certain problems that do not exist in Burt, Washington and Dodge counties. Well-graded and graveled roads at every section line and denser population make redistricting simple, even on a voluntary basis, compared to vast distances and sparse population such as we have to deal with in Holt.

Not Good Ambassadors

American soldiers generally prove to be sorry ambassadors in times of peace. Whether we like to admit it or not, the average American is flambouyant, boisterous and prone to brag a bit about

Because the GI has lived on the highest standard of any peoples in the world, and because Audited (ABC) Circulation-2,559 (Mar. 31, 1956)

Proponents of the K-12 school redistricting | he usually is better paid, job-for-job, than his counterpart, wherever he is stationed, the agressive front is not very appealing to local inhabitants in many cases.

> In Europe, for example, the people live together closely and the result is they are quieter and are forced to guard their privacy.

> Reports from the Far East indicate that American conduct has been so bad, in places such as South Indochina and Thailand, that widespread antagonism has been caused. This has been the case in many other countries in recent years since the end of World War II, and it is a problem the state department and our foreign policy strategists must somehow solve.

Of course, many of the GI's are conscripts and their presence in remote parts of the world is not their own doing. Resentment of their predicament might be responsible for some of the conduct.

The braintrusters in the state department should have taken all into consideration when they started planting young Americans around the globe in what we consider a futile, pointless and

As a nation, we Americans are prone to ridicule anything we do not understand or which is different from the American way. This was true during World War II, but when U. S. troops were liberating captive peoples, such conduct was condoned in a spirit of thankfulness and appreciation.

However, U. S. troops, foreign missions and training staffs in the various countries of the Far Eat today have not entered these countries as liberating saviors, but as representative of the United States. Their conduct is closely watched, and it reflects o nthe country they represen.

Few politicians have sense enough to retire when they are still on top and still able to retire

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It's strange but the less one knows, the easier is to form an opinion on any given subject.

Question: Name the second largest Italian city. Answer New York, U.S.A.

We suspect that Gamel Abdul Nasser is about as tricky as the name sounds.

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When You and I Were Young . . .

E. E. Babcock Shows Speed in Picking

B u t Paper Doesn't article, the question was posed, Tell Full Story

50 Years Ago rows, 50 rods long, which made Mr. Babcock's speed might be made if the reporter would tell us what he picked. Damero of Pheonix expects to lan do no other job. If the farms ter of Verdel visited with Mrs. have a phone put in his house was quite sick last week but is through the application of standfeeling better. . . Helen C. Boyd and Floyd J. Kelly were united

20 Years Ago Mrs. Eliza Graves, 80, died in her sleep at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Iva Dixon. Thelma L. Alm, nine - year - old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alm, died after an operation for Harvey acute appendicitis. Allen of Page has a mule which ne raised himself that is 30years-old, fat and in condition to work. Another mule, a full sister of the 30-year-old, died a little over a year ago at 29.

10 Years Ago The distinguished service cross Walter Stein, formerly of O'Neill. In 1907 Zeffa Ziemer and Walter Stein and Zella Ziemer and Oscar Marcotte were also married in a double-ring ceremony.

One Year Ago

Rodney Elkins of Chambers the veteran's day celebration. . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Chapman and five chlidren of Ewing, were hurt when their car hit a patch of ice.
... Mrs. Cora Tasler, 87, of Atkinson, who traveled by covered wagon to Holt county with her parents, died. . . The men of the cutting bee at the Don Larson and it brought back childhood "Grandma" Sarah Evans of Venus, who does her own housework, celebrated her 92d birthday anniversary.

All members were present. Members and parents staged

a program in honor of the lead- hearts, for a horse thief, who er, Mrs. Homer Ernst. She was had some good points.-Mrs. A. presented a blanket in apprecia- D. Prettyman (Just an old lady tion for all she did for the club. from Bonesteel, S. D. Grattan Flats club members received 19 blue, 31 red and Elkhorn Club eight white ribbons for exhibits, Plans Yule Partydemonstrations and judging at the Holt county fair; also two blue, one red, three white and one pink at the state fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. — By Connie Jean Brockman, news reporter.

John Joe Uhl, a student at Wednesday and his sister, Miss Clay Johnson Sr. Mary Lou, a student at the college of St. Mary in Omaha arriv- held at the Mrs. Tess Protovinsky ed the same day to spend the home at 7 p.m., December 11. holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Uhl.

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Letters to Editor

editorial captioned, "How Ya held their November meeting at Gonna Keep Them Down on the the American Legion hall Thurs-Last week, you carried a guest Farm". And, at the end of the day evening, November 15. Where are the farmers of 1970 and Spencer attended with the coming from - what is your Lynch men as hosts.

We feel that they are going to The Page reporter contains be the sons and daughters of the this item: "E. Babcock picked 48 present farmers and ranchers."

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barta and Evie of Dorsey were Lynch They may, or may not, have a callers Saturday 100 bu., in nine hours. How is that for a pick in Holt county?" colleged degree but our bet is the junior class is busy practically that a larger percentage of them ticing their play, "The Groom That is pretty good picking, no will have. Probably an even larg- Said No", a three-act comedy bedoubt, but a better estimate of er percentage of them will have ing directed by their sponsor, Joe some college training.

Farming is no longer a busi- play the first week in December. . . Frank ness engaged in by people who and ranches are to be mainthis week. . . Mrs. J. Twyford tained in high productivity ard conservation and management practices, we feel that the standard of living will be sufficiently high (comparatively) to Martin Jehorek home on Monattract young people with college day. educations.

At the present time, one of the winners of the recent Sioux City permanent agriculture contest, Merwyn French, jr., has a college degree and is farming and doing a commendable job of it, not because he has to but because that is what he wants to do.

There are a number of other called on old time friends here young farmers and ranchers in the county who have a college degree and are back on the land by their own choice.

We must keep in mind that was awarded to Bernard F. Co- modern mechanization is reducday of Atkinson, who served as a ing the number of farm people first lieutenant in the Seventh necessary to produce the needs of infantry regiment in France dur- the nation. For example, an acre recently were Miss Beatrice Jar- hours of labor to produce. Not of Columbus, Miss Dorothy Mae acre of wheat (with probably Brandt of Atkinson and Law- less yield) required 60 man hours relatives here last Sunday. rence Schneider of near Stuart; of labor. Although it may not reand in Beverly Hills, Calif., in a double-ring ceremony, John J. Marie, they will be compelled to Stein and Frances Louise Myers do a superb job of management, and Richard R. Stein and Betty
Jo Hamilton. The bridegrooms
are the sons of Mr. and Mrs.
are the sons of Mr. and Mrs.
the soil to keep it productive.

Perhaps as your guest editorial expressed, farms are being sold in Wisconsin because sons and daughters of the present generation, who have attended college, are not returning to the

We do not feel that that is the ate the most flapjacks during present trend in this locality, and don't believe it will be the case in the future. Holt County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors

> Bonesteel, S. D. I heard you on WNAX Night Call, Monday, November 12,

I wonder if anyone in reach of your voice had an experience with Kid Wade such as my fath-

My father had but two horses and Kid Wade stole one of those. The Grattan Flats 4-H club As his captors were taking him father a letter telling him where

Always a soft spot in our

The Elkhorn Project club met in the Mrs. Frank Grenier home Tuesday, November 13, with 17 members and one visotor present. The lesson "Finishes for Furniture", was given by Mrs. Bob Cook, assisted by Mrs. Ed Price. Lunch was served by cohostesses, Creighton University, arrived Mrs. John Kersenbrock and Mrs.

The Christmas party will be

Donald Schoenle, a student at the seminary in Elkhorn, plans to Carnival skating party, Thanks- spend Thanksgiving at home giving night, November 22, at with his mother, Mrs. Francis 30p Schoenle and daughters.

Members from Butte, Naper Other Lynch News

KC's from 4 Boyd

Peniska. Plans are to present the Mrs. Violet Tweedy and daugh-

Thirza Crawford Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tuch of Niobrara called at the John Hurd home Tuesday. Ernest Vomacka of Gregory,

S.D., was a business visitor at the The Raymond Havranek family spent the past week with re-

latives in Sidney. Joe Sextro of Butte was a Lynch visitor Thursday. Mrs. Thomas Muller entertain.

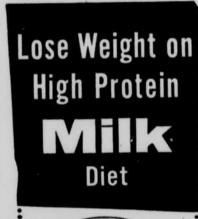
ed a group of ladies at her home Monday afternoon. Eldon Carver of Pierre, S.D.,

last weekend.

The Lynch fire department sponsored a Thanksgiving dance in the Lynch Ballroom with the Mullen family furnishing the

Georgie Courtney left this

week for his base in Othello air force base, Washington having spent 20 days here with his parent; and other relatives. Henry Hulls of Verdel visited





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Mrs. Joe Fredrickson of Gross here. He is stationed in Massavisited her sister, Mrs. Nata chusetts. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald Towns Meet at Lynch Bjornsen last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ducker at-

LYNCH - The Boyd county tended the Fred Kaplan funeral dies sponsored their annual ba-Knights of Columbus council at Verdel Monday.

met him at Grand Island Sunday. The First Methodist church lazaar at the American Legion hall

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