Gleaming City Lays Below

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Revired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN-Ed and I had stood that January night on elevated ground looking out upon the gleaming lights of the city that lay below us. mankind that go to make up a great city held

Here were the homes of fathers and mothers and their children, centers of business activity, social life and revolting dens of Here and there a light would go out and here and other lights would appear as a dot in the night. Streets and thoroughares ablaze under electric glare and the rumble of traffic

rolling to and fro. We look and listen, each silently absorbed in the night picture where the Romaine hand of man has reared its Saunders alters. Then turn away to roll on rubber tires down the mountain-side trail; but pause a moment to look up into space, out there in the depth of eternity and see other lights that spill a celestial glow on mountain peak and vale and desert land below. Our attention had been drawn to the lighted ways of our fellow creatures down there in the crowded haunts of men.

But out there, high above us, there glows in transcending magnificence the lights hung there by an Infinite hand.

The winter equinox, December 21, brought to prairieland the sunlight glow and warmth of mild autumn days. The lengthened shadows of early evenings now will begin to fade a few seconds each day and as the glowing orb of day climbs northward it is usually met by subzero weather and raging blizzards. But today is mild and bright-we step out to shake a leg and enjoy a stroll in the sunshine.

The National Institute of Arts and Letters hands up a prize of \$1,000 for any literary aspirant who comes up with a novel that meets the requirements of the Institute with a flow of literary beauty, irrespective of "commercial success." The country is flooded with commonplace printed stuff and this is a move to revive the niceties in writing that Americans once knew.

Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff, again a state senator, is quoted as being loaded for the coming session of the unicam with taxation schemes. He favors a state sales tax and income tax. If the legislative personnel frowns on both of these, the Terrible Terry will propose increase in taxes on liquors, cigarettes, cigars, theaters and some other things that we can live without. Sen. Frank Nelson has not passed on to his friends what he might have up his sleeve in the way of legislative enactments, but he may have long ago concluded we have too much piled up now in the tax has been toyed with by others in the legislature, but Nebraskans generally are opposed to such a tax. Maybe what's needed is not tax money but less spending.

The human body's circulatory system is the world's most remarkable transportation system, reports the January Reader's Digest. It is an estimated 60,000 to 100,000 miles long, longer than any U. S. railroad, and blood circulates through the system at five quarts per minute-7200 quarts every 24 hours.

Rome. There was one master for it all, and he

arm of the Roman law was long. Everywhere

there was stability, in government and in society,

too. There was oppression-for those who were

not the friends of Tiberius Caesar. There was

the tax gatherer to take the grain from the fields

and the flax from the spindle to feed the legions

or to fill the hungry treasury from which divine

Caesar gave largess to the people. There was

the impressor to find recruits for the circuses.

There were executioners to quiet those whom the Emperor proscribed. What was a man for but to

or read strange manuscripts. There was enslave-

disdain for those who did not have the familiar

visage. And most of all, there was everywhere

a contempt for human life. What, to the strong,

world, and a Man from Galilee saying, Render

unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and

Caesar, offered a new Kingdom in which each

man could walk upright and bow to none but

his God. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one

of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

And He sent this gospel of the Kingdom of Man

men who loved darkness were afraid, and they

tried to lower a curtain so that man would still

piaces that the truth did set man free, although

the men of darkness were offended and they

tried to put out the light. The voice said, Haste

ye. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you, for he that walketh in darkness

brightly. But afterwards Paul of Tarsus, too, was sore afraid. He feared that other Caesars.

other prophets, might one day persuade men that

man was nothing save a servant unto them, that

men might yield up their birthright from God for

would settle again over the lands, and there

only of what they should eat and what they

should wear, and would give heed only to new

come to pass that men would not look upward to

see even a winter's star in the East, and, once

more, there would be no light at all in the dark-

Then might it come to pass that darkness

So the light came into the world and the

But it came to pass for a while in divers

Along the road to Damascus the light shone

unto God the things that are God's.

unto the uttermost ends of the earth.

believe salvation lay with the leaders.

pottage and walk no more in freedom.

knoweth not whither he goeth.

Then, of a sudden, there was a light in the

And the voice from Gailee, which would defy

was one man more or less in a crowded world?

There was the persecution of men who dared think differently, who heard strange voices

for the centurions saw that it was so.

Everywhere there was civil order, for the

But everywhere, there was something else,

Editorial

was Tiberius Caesar.

serve Caesar?

Your "new house" is not quite up-to-date unless the roof glows in bright blue, subdued green, flaming red or some other flashy color. The lights and shadows were the dwellings of I believe it was the late County Surveyor Norton, a pioneer of the Cache creek country of southern Holt, who made a roof of hay laying it in rows shingle fashion. That was an improvement on the board overlayed with sod roofs and withstood the elements about as long as the cedar shingles that were in use about everywhere. Gaudy colored roof overhead adds nothing to the comforts of home, but may inspire a bit of admiration, not unmixed with envy, on the part of the neighbor across the street.

> January of the year 1957. Two hundred years ago this month, 1757, a great American, Alexander Hamilton, was born. In January, 1737, another notable was born, Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga. And it was in January of the year 1915 that New York City and San Francisco were connected by telephone, and in January of 1927 that New York and London citizens could gab over the telephone. Three hundred years ago in January of 1657 Indians sold a strip of land joining South Kingston, R. I., to the white settlers. The greatest event in January comes off | Fremont. every four years-inauguration day.

By recently becoming members of our State Golden. Historical Society these residents of other states and one abroad will keep in touch with life on prairieland: Illinois-E. E. Perkins, E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Grange; California-Mrs. Betty Ballard, Mrs. Frances Larsen, W. C. Black, jr.; Florida-Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Whitner; Virginia-Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lange; Colorado -Miss Verra Stebins; Michigan-Mrs. Paul A. Reger; Joseph G. Rosa of Ruislip, Middx, England. Many Nebraskans are added to the list of members of the society from time-to-time.

A block up the street from where I finger typewriter keys lives a scholarly lady who had been a teacher at one time in the Bartlett schools, and, as she recalls with a twinkle in each blue eye, was the favorite of the village gallants who took her to shows and parties in Spalding, Ericson and up to Chambers. She is now a capitalist and what's more important a grandma. Her holdings consist in part of an apartment house and I understand the occupants of one apartment formerly lived in Page. The capital city gathers to its expanding limits prairieland patriots from all parts of the state.

American corporations gathered a harvest during the last statistical year in profits of 40 billion-dollars.

Those cheerful guys behind barred windows in postoffices who handle the mail, along with those on streets and highways delivering the same, are targets from time-to-time of the critics. statute books and comes down to Lincoln prepar- I want to join with any others who have a word ed to cast negative votes on roll call. A sales of praise for the mailcarriers and postoffice workers and commend them for the way they get our mail to us this holiday season, working like beavers so the Christmas packages and other mail gets into the hands of those to whom ad-

> If adults set youth the proper example, it might be possible for young people to follow their

Don't play around too much with "schemes". Hard work pays much better dividends.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith

Nixon As Santa Claus

of his mission via a radio announcement. There

was considerable speculation the "goodwill mis-

had taken a look at the presidential succession

law (passed in 1946). Sending the vice-presi-

-Guest editorial from

The Wall Street Journal

Christ hath made us free and be not entangled

again with the yoke of bondage.

ramifications had been announced.

forces across the border.

while, we'll wait and see.

In Hoc Anno Domini

to Damascus the whole of the known world lay he would have us remember afterwards in each

ment of men whose tribes came not from Rome, dent into hazardous Austria was somewhat of a

in bondage. There was one state and it was of the years of the Lord:

When Saul of Tarsus set out on his journey | spoke to his brethren, the Galatians, the words

When You & I Were Young . . .

Skidmore Hurt in Scalding Hog

Hook Strikes Man in the Sunday-school stddens. Verle Tuttle was in charge. Mouth

50 Years Ago

one mile east of O'Neill. . . . at Ewing, Supervisor Skidmore met with a painful accident. Henry Cole was helping and had a hook fastened in the hog which let loose, the point striking Mr. Skidmore in the mouth, taking out a part of the gum of the upper jaw and passing out through Spangler, accompanist. his upper lip, but not tearing Mrs. Willis Shrader is super- Christmas at the home of their John Pruden were guests at the stolen from J. U. Yantzi and Teachers are Mrs. Dale Napier, and Mrs. Mick McKay and fam- Burtwhistle on Christmas day. seven from D. A. Doyle, Ben Mrs. Archie Johnston, Mrs. Leo ily. Johring and Smith Merrill say Miller, Mrs. Verle Tuttle and Guests at the home of Mr, and turned Friday from a trip into they each lost some fine geese.

20 Years Ago

here by plane from Fairbanks, parents, Mr. and Mrs. William ily for a turkey dinner Christ-. The Chicago and Krueger. Alaska. . Northwestern Railway company will pay \$14,16.62 in taxes for 1946 in Holt county. . . Clarence P. Conger 79. of Inman died in Elgin where he had been residing. . . Andrew Springer, 77, died new year's day.

One Year Ago Miss Helen Gallagher died sudenly at LaCrosse, Wisc., while visiting relatives. . . Mr. and and Mrs. William Kelly will receive a trip to Bermuda as the result of a 25-word contest. . . Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fluckey of Chambers celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. . . George Syfie, 80, of Atkinson, Rev. Raymond Lisco, former assistant pastor at St. Patrick's church died. Donald Roger Davis, 14, of Atkinson, died.

Two Christmas Day Masses at Ewing

EWING-Two masses were held on Christmas day at St. Peter's Catholic church by Rev. Peter F. Burke. The children sang Christmas carols preceding mass with Miss Sharon Kropp, organist. The adult choir sang for mass with Mrs. Kermit Jefferies, accompanist.

County Fairs Get Parimutual Money-

Nebraska county fairs' share of horse racing revenue in the state zoomed to a new all-time high during 1956, Earl Moyer of Madison, chairman of the Nebraska state racing commission, announced.

A total of \$67,908.60 was distributed by the racing commission, with each of Nebraska's 93 counties receiving an equal share.

ROYAL THEATER

Maureen O'Hara, John Forsythe and Tim Hovey in EVERYTHING BUT THE TRUTH

The wonderfully warm, hilariously different story of one little guy with a big brave heart who Our favorite news letter, Human Events, re- dared to tell the truth. . . and set the whole country spinning! ported the visit of Vice-President Nixon to Aus-Not Family Night

tria was a "stunt" cooked up by the "Madison avenue press agents" in the white house circle. Fri.-Sat. Jan. 4-5 The visit was ballyhooed even before all the BIG DOUBLE BILL Willard Parker, Mara Corday The vice-president was said to have learned and Barton MacLane in NAKED GUN

He lived by the law of shoot sion" was heralded publicly even before anyone to kill . . . but shoot first!

> Hayward and Teresa Wright in THE SEARCH FOR BRIDEY MURPHY

gamble on a heartbeat, Human Events declared. At last the motion picture that This is why: Had any misfortune befallen the veep on the junket and should the president's the facts behind the health give away before his second term is up, strangest event in the history of the presidency could have been passed to the hypnotism. What is the truth democrats via Sam Rayburn, speaker of the about the woman called Bridey Murphy? What really happened Meanwhile, the state department warned in that living room?

that a visit to the hard-pressed Austrian govern-Sun.-Mon.-Tues. HOLLYWOOD OR BUST ment would have to be made by America's number 2 man, because Vienna fears Russian military Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, whose pictures have always been The veep made the trip, the humanitarian bonanzas at the box office and refugee angle at Christmas time worked well, have again been included among Eisenhower's health continues good, Nixon was the top ten money-makers in unscathed in the danger zone, Sam will remain this year's Herald poll for Fame, here appear in what is allegedly

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their final film together. We do not have much confidence in India's Matinee Saturday & Sunday 2:30 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Prime Minister Nehru; except, possibly, for his Friday and Saturday admission— Adults 50c; Children under 12, ability to get some dough out of Uncle. Mean-12c, Free if accompanied by parent. Wedn. and Thurs. Family nite. Family admitted for two

Adult tickets.

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And so Paul, the apostle of the Son of Man, Audited (ABC) Circulation-2,559 (March 31, 1956

United Presbyterian Holds Yule Program Tucker.

Christmas program presented by Brandt.

"Bethlehem"; "A Lesson by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunaway They returned home late Christher home four miles north and mas Story" were playlets by the the holiday weekend at the papresented "The Last Song."

> trumpet solo "The Holy City", son, Richard, were guests on ing guests at the home of Mr. and by Paul Gunter and a vocal so- Sunday, December 23, at the Mrs. Ed Jones at Chambers. lo, "Star of the East" by Sandra home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ar- Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pruden, sr. Shrader, with Mrs. Wilbur cher. They were enroute to At- James Pruden, jr., Mr. and Mrs.

Fourteen turkeys were intendent of the Sunday - school. daughter and son-in-law, Mr. home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leo Miller.

Other Ewing News

Miss Anastasia Carney and Mrs. Rose Bauer entertained Page, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thorin Cronin and family returned to Joseph Donohoe were married at a 6 o'clock dinner Monday and son, Charles, of Chambers, their home at Pierre, S. D., after Patrick's church. . Mrs. evening, December 24, honoring and Marlene Black of Lincoln. spending a few days with her V. V. Rosenkrans of Dorsey the birthday anniversary of her died. Mr. and Mrs. O. M. eldest daughter, Miss Geraldine parents and will return to Lin- and other relatives in Ewing and Herre and Jimmy spent Christ- Bauer of Norfolk. Guests were coln about January 1st, for vicinity. mas and the weekend following Mr. and Mrs. Gail Boies of school. She is a senior in the Mr. and Mrs. Howard Andrews at the home of his parents in Ewing. Miss Bauer remained to Lincoln high school. Fremont. . . Mesdames Ben spend Christmas day with her Grady, H. J. Hammond. P. C. Don-mother, returning to Norfolk mas at the home of her brother day, December 26, after spend-one and Ira Moss entertained. Tuesday morning.

> day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Morrow and guests were Mr. and Mrs. Har-old Cook of Denver. Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schroe-

Thomas F. Gallagher, 69, died der and Gloria drove to Fierce, clear and daughter-in-law, Mr. home of her parents, Mr. and of a heart attack. . . Flight Offi- on Christmas day where they and Mrs. Behert Tams and famcer Lloyd R. Vequist arrived were guests at the home of her and Mrs. Robert Tams and fam-

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schroe-EWING—A large crowd gathered at the United Presbyterian church Christmas eve for the Christmas eve for the church Christmas eve for

and other relatives.

Mrs. John Harrington died at Larry" and "Mammy's Christ- and children of Hastings spent mas day. intermediate boys and girls. The ental homes, Mr. and Mrs. Earl son of Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Rockey While assisting in scalding a hog teenage group, all in costume, Billings and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ray Grubbs and sons, Mr and Mrs. Ray Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway.

Musical selections were a Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Miller and Lyle Tucker were Saturday evenkinson where they spent Sam Burtwistle, Mr. and Mrs.

> Mrs. Lloyd Black on Christmas Iowa where they were guests of day were Mr. and Mrs. William her relatives. H. Johnson and son, Delmar, of On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Pat

once and Ira Moss entertained 48 lady guests at bridge at the Golden. Mrs. William Froelich won high score; Mrs. Stuart Meech guest prize, Mrs. Clinton Gatz and Miss Inez O'Connell, all cut, and Mrs. Hugh Covne.

Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones of Chambers of Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mrs. Lyle Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shrader and family, of Ewing, Mrs. Ger and family, of Ewing, Mrs. Greenber 26, after spending the weekend with her mothwere Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shrader and family, of Ewing, Mrs. Greenber 26, after spending the weekend with her mothwere Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shrader and family, of Ewing, Mrs. Greenber 26, after spending the weekend with her mothwere Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shrader and family, of Ewing, Mrs. Greenber 26, after spending the weekend with her mothwere Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shrader and family, of Ewing, Mrs. Greenber 26, after spending the weekend with her mothwere Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shrader and family, of Ewing, Mrs. Greenber 26, after spending the weekend with her mothwere Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shrader and family, of Ewing, Mrs. Greenber 26, after spending the weekend with her mothwere Mrs. Agnes Bartak. On Christmas day they all went to Plainview where they were and family, of Ewing, Mrs. Greenber 26, after spending the weekend with her mothwere Mrs. Agnes Bartak. On Christmas day they all went to Plainview where they were and family, of Ewing, Mrs. Greenber 26, after spending the weekend with her mothwere Mrs. Agnes Bartak. On Christmas day they all went to Plainview where they were and family of Ewing Mrs. Bob Mrs. Bob Mrs. Agnes Bartak. On Christmas day they all went to Plainview where they were and family of Ewing Mrs. Agnes Bartak. On Christmas day they all went to Plainview where they were and family of Ewing Mrs. Bob Mrs. Bob Mrs. Agnes Bartak. On Christmas day they all went to Plainview where they were and family of Ewing Mrs. Agnes Bartak. On Christmas day they all went to Plainview where they were and family of Ewing Mrs. Agnes Bartak. On Chi all cut, and Mrs. Hugh Coyne, were entertained on Christmas James Bennett of Orchard, Mr. Bennett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tams of Windsor, Ill., is a guest at the Thomas F. Gallagher, 69, died der and Gloria drove to Pierce, Clearwater were guests of their home of her parents, Mr. and

strom entertained the following Peter Roudybush was a Sun- Mr. and Mrs. Ray Butler were guests at dinner on Christmas

day, December 23, guest at the entertained Christmas day at the Her parents, Mr. and Mrs James home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Turner of Neligh, Mrs. Jessie Harris and daughter.

Angus of Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. who Clarence Bergstrom of Omaha, Miss Vaulda Welke,

Mr. and Mrs. John Pruden re-

and family of North Platte re-

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Berg-

and son, Guy, left for their home the Sunday-school students. Mrs Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tucker en- Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson at Alamosa, Colo., on Friday aftertained Mr. and Mrs. Bob accompanied their son-in-law ter spending a few days with The primary class gave the welcome; Mrs. Shirley Miller's class presented an exercise, "Bethleberg" of the primary class gave the welcome; Mrs. Shirley Miller's Ewing at a dinner on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rockey

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones and and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pofhal went to Omaha Christmas day and family.

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