## Who Inspired These Monuments

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Revired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN-A friend in O'Neill who comes from pioneer Holt county stock writes to me ex- look down the highway of time. There on mempressing his interest and recounting activities to ory's screen unrolls the tragic picture of a cold ascertain who may have been the inspiring spirit February night in 1884, the night Kid Wade was back of community institutions that have grown taken from Sheriff Ed Hershiser by the vigilup through the years.

standing library "institution" because of devoted efforts to secure a public library in the community on the part of Miss Anna O'Donnell. She. too, comes from pioneer stock, her parents openingthe first hotel in O'Neill, Miss O'Donnell was one of the Valley House. Doubtless Miss O'Donnell was one of the active promoters of fine new public school buildings. Miss O'Donnell served



Romaine Saunders

many years on the city school board. Rev. M. F. Cassidy promoted the founding of St. Mary's academy and the Academy Dramatic group furnished funds for the construction of dramatic performances that drew large crowds. Of that group the only one now in O'Neill is Mrs. Charles Stout.

Perhaps my friend who writes from O'Neill would like to know of others for who a monument stands. The Knights of Columbus were responsible for the K. C. hall, T. V. Golden for a modern hotel, Archie Bowen for the fine building on Douglas street that is occupied by the Ben Franklin dime store, the Old Fellow lodge for a building on Fourth street and O. F. Biglin and D. H. Cronin the buildings to the south of it on the same street. Congressman M. P. Kinkaid secured the postoffice building, Judge R. R. Dickson and Banker S. J. Weeks promoted the building of a fine new courthouse, on a wall in the hall which hangs an engraved tribute to Holt county pioneers written by Clyde King colaborating with this humble pilgrim.

Just how many of the 528 proposed measured dropped into the legislative hopper this session of the state legislature will be passed and approved as laws remains to be seen. Many of these are of merit, others important only to the senator that framed the bill. The bill that if enacted into law will give the state an elected superintendent of education instead of the present board will no doubt meet with approval throughout the state.

I now demand a salute. Gov. Victor E. Anderson sent Prairieland Talker by mail today, gold seals, blue and orange ribbons and all a richly engraved state document commissioning me an Admiral of Nebraska's Great Navy. So if you should see me floating up the Elkhorn in a battleship take off your hats. I don't know that the governor could select one who knows less about directing the movements of a navy vessel, but my commission provides that "all officers, seamen, tadpoles, goldfish under his command be obedient to his orders as Admiral." So I take the exalted seat on deck resolved to see that our great navy retains its good standing enjoyed in the past.

"poor farmer" of southern Nebraska, with his cultured wife, has taken off on a winter visit to friends in Missouri, Texas and may mingle with the throngs in sunny southern California before returning to their country estate a two-hour drive from the capital city.

February. Again we lift the curtain and anters and hung to a whistling post near Bassett He has learned that O'Neill enjoys an out- in what was then Brown county.

Wade had been in the custody of a fine his wishkers removed. . . A newfellow from Brown county and was turned over | ly-married bookeeper said to his to the sheriff of Holt county to be brought to wife, "I wish you could make O'Neill for trial on charges of being a horse bread like mother." The young thief. The vigilanters got into the picture fear- wife smiled and retorted, "Well, ing some of them would be involved in like John, I wish you could make the charges if Wade got into court. Ten years later 'dough' that father used to make.' the remaining members of that organization, | The subject was never brought in December, 1894, hung Barrett Scott at the up again. . Whiting bridge on the Niobrara. Scott, who Walter, also Frank Haynes and had been county treasurer, was the original wife, were visitors at James "new dealer"-handed out county funds to help some facing tough times, the latter day "new dealers" hand out federal funds.

The one goes down in history as a benefactor of mankind; the other as a criminal hung for his crimes. Death still stalks the land, now on high-

ways, streets and in the air-and the killer goes on his way as did those who strung up Wade and Scott.

This out of mid February, 1906: W. R. Butler was on a business trip to Rock and Brown counties. . . Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Adams were visiting in Dixon, Ill. . . Dr. Flynn reported a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Lockard . . . Frank Mann, Mike Sullivan and Pat O'Donnell were down from Atkinson to see the home folks. . . C. B. Scott was over at Butte in connection with his work as court reporter. . . Dr. Gilligan reported the birth of a baby girl at the Herman Oeber home north of town. . . Fred Barnett was the new owner and operator of the Cress restaurant. John O'-Maley was to become manager of the Nye-Snyder elevator. . . Hay McClure came up from the ranch via Ewing.

Eyes wet, sorrow laden, horror haunted, a 30-year-old mother of three sits this last day of January in a gloomy cell in the Lancaster county jail. Some where along the highway the radiant glow of life's guiding star for that woman went out, enveloping her in trouble as a cloud. After a day of battle of words she killed the man she had married. He lies under the sod, she to face a charge of murder, and the children entering upon life with such a heritage. What should have been a happy home on Calvert street now a desolated house, no football heard going from room to room, no childish laughter. When the moral and spiritual vision becomes clouded irresponsible acts follow. And the law takes over. . . .

The sunrise burns across the sky-Arise from the couch on which you lie. The call comes from heaven's flaming tower, 'Tis once again the waking hour!

Activities of day have now begun To keep us going 'till set of sun. rywhere footsteps on the go-Paddy and Mike, Tom and Joe.

We hear their footsteps along the way Inspired by love for Mary, Kate and Mae! And little Sam and Jim and Jack That they will have luds upon their back.

Editorial

## Keep Power by Spending

"They say, 'You cannot cut taxes, you can- | the people to vote on abolishing the state board not end or minimize Korean losses. You cannot of education. stop inflation. . ' What kind of stuff is thatdon't and can't? Of course, we cand and will!" campaign. They have been disinterred in the past | the election of a state superintendent of public several weeks and made a challenge to conservatives on capitol hill, who contrast Ike's former

to new dealism and illimitable spending. senate leaders of both parties-that a strong behind-the-scenes bipartisan effort is under way to plan ways and means of cutting the Eisenhower

invigorating attitude with his present surrender

budget. Sen. Harry Byrd (D-Va.) claims it could be cut \$4 or \$5 billion and he said so publicly Sun-

Byrd and GOP Leader Styles Bridges are said to be working together very closely just now. While the Byrd figure is regarded as rather hopeful, there are some in the know who say,

"Don't be surprised if they cut it by \$3.5 billion." There looms the possibility that many senaters may support a motion to send the budget back to the budget bureau with a request for drastic cutting. This bipartisan development is eided by the flood of mail from constituents demanding economy.

Nebraska's own Sen. Roman Hruska (R) sounded off with very serious misgivings about the overwhelming budget Ike is pressing for.

Meanwhile, at a weekend meeting in Chicago, a group of oll-line republicans gathered at a rally • the Abraham Lincoln National Republican club. Senator Jenner (R-Ind.), former Sen. Welker of Idaho, former Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah and Sen. McCarthy (R-Wisc.) called for slashes in spending

Senator Jenner, commenting on fiscal policy,

"This new American government (Eisenhower new republicanism) has one object-to keep it-

self in power in spending." Mr. Welker recalled the 1956 campaign slogan and sail:

"We are told we have peace and prosperity. I haven't seen any peace, and I wonder if this funny money is prosperity!"

What Byrd, Bridges, Jenner, Welker, Lee and McCarthy are talking about points up what The Frontier has trumpted for some time.

There should be a coalition of conservative democrats and conservative republicans jointly operating under the banner of a conservative party. Let the free wheelers in both GOP and

demo ranks be the liberals. Otherwise, a few years from now, there might be a resurgence of the democratic party as

republicanism" will go down-and out-as liber-Such an about-face would be too much!

the conservative order and the do-gooding "new

More on Redistricting Guest Editorial, Bill Plourd in Nance County Journal, Fullerton

State Sen. Hal Bridenbaugh of Dakota City has introduced a bill in the Nebraska legislature to submit a constitutional amendment permitting

Under the present plan, the board, elected by the people, appoints a commissioner of educa-These words were spoken by Canlidate Eisen- tion and sets his salary. The Bridenbaugh amendhower on October 22, 1952, in his first election ment would abolish the board and provide for

instruction by the people. This was the plan formerly in effect in Nebraska until the people voted in the new state board plan. The senator says the new plan has The fact is-so say those who mingle with made the office of state school executive less responsible to the people, and that he thinks it would be better to return to the old plan.

Some commentators say this would be "a backward step." It might be, but we can't imagine an executive elected by the people coming out for a thing like the unpopular K-12 proposal to force all schools into consolidations regardless

of their own wishes. Unless the present system is careful not to abuse the privileges the people have given it, and unless it keeps in mind the fact that public officials are the servants and not the masters of the people, it will be inviting a change back to the old system that has a direct responsibility to the

In order to force school redistricting, the "accreditment" of some of the state's smaller town schools is being threatened by the powers that be. Maybe some of these schools would be smarter if, instead of quarreling with any rural people who are unwilling candidates for financing new town school buildings, they shifted their attack to those who are ruling now that a school must be big to be efficient.

#### How Much Is a Billion?

A fellow the other day gave us an elementary accounting of how much money is a billion dol-

It runs like this: If you started in business or in farming in the year 2000 B. C., and lost \$1,000 a day EVERY DAY, you would still have 750 years to go before

going broke. When a person is no longer anxious to do

better than well enough, he's done for.

When you throw mud at someone you're the one who is losing ground.

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When You and I Were Young ... Echoes from the Valley

### Sign of Spring; Whiskers Come Off

#### Dave Grovesnor Is Minus Thatch

50 Years Ago

Timothy Hanley, aged father of T. D. Hanley of the drug firm o Pixley and Hanley, died. Two signs o spring: One woman had her carpets and curtains on the line and Dave Grovesnor had . Mrs. Lewis and Garins home.

20 Years Ago An Archery club was added to the recreation association . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puckett and Jimmy were in Emmet for the first time in a month because of .Martin Devall is the snow . fast becoming the champion gumchewer, or was it paper wads? Mrs. Larry Coleman entertained the EOT club. Winners were Miss Edna Simonson, Mrs. Ralph McElvain, Mrs. Glenn Saunders and Mrs. W. J. Schendt.

10 Years Ago Miss Corrine Kubitschek was Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tomlin- land. son have a little daughter, weigh-61/4 pounds . . . Deaths: Lee Cal-Brown of Chambers . . . Celebrat- and son, Claude, of Niobrara. was Charles Fauquier . . . Clarence Ernst is the new farm buthe J. F. Bloom Co. . . monureau president; Ora Yarges of Stuart, vice president; Mabel Hammerberg of Atkinson, secretary, and Glen White of Amelia,

One Year Ago Deaths: Mrs. Mabel Krotter, 82, of Stuart; L. L. Keeler, 75, of Anoka; Otto Butler, 64, of Niobrara; Edward-Joslin, 82. . . Marriages: Miss Jacqueline A. Hoke Saturday and they and Mr. and and Donald D. Kloppenborg; Miss Mrs. Preston Jones visited their Emma Jean Tomlinson and Jack mother, Mrs. Sarah (Grandma)

#### Redistricting Study to Be Conducted

The Holt county rural school redistricting committee met last week at the assembly room of the courthouse with all members pre-

Lyle Dierks of Ewing was elected chairman and Harry Mitchell of Atkinson, vice-chairman, for the coming year. It was decided to have a Holt county reorganization study made of the county schools some time during the year.

Other members of the committee are George Collins of Atkinson, Howard Oberle of Dorsey, Pete Frahm of Amelia, Frank Schmidt of Page and Miss Alice French of O'Neill.

#### Choufani to Return to Native Lebanon

CHAMBERS - Shakib Chouwent to Omaha with Frank Porter to make arrangements to return by plane to Beireet, Lebanon, Asia Minor.

Mr. Choufani, a nephew of Joe Daas of Chambers, came to the Jnited States in September 1956. He has been with relatives in Nebraska and worked for a time at Lansing, Mich.

#### Chambers Polio Drive Brings in \$277.94

CHAMBERS-The polio drive here totaled \$277.94. School collections amounted to \$28.54; clubs and organizations, \$21; mothers' march, \$95; individual contributions, \$9.50; coffee

hour, \$22.74; peanut sale, \$30.26; bake sale, \$46.50; coin collectors, \$13.30; theater collection, \$11.10. DRS. BROWN

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## Virginian Sells Out

By MRS. MERRILL ANDERSON

Lots of folks peruse The Frontier with special interest in the many farm sales. This was the way a sale was

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leaving for Oregon territory by team. Will offer for sale as All ox teams, except Ben and Buck, Tom and Jerry.

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### 28 Attend Meet of

and drink.

300 hoop poles.

32-gals. apple cider.

40-gal. copper still.

Oak tan leather.

Dozen real hooks.

50-gals, soft soap

smooth mouth except one.

32-calibre rifle.

20-gals. Johnson-Miller whi-

Dozen wooden pitch forks.

6 head of fox hounds, all

At the same time, I will sell

six Negro slaves-two men.

35- and 40-years-old; two

boys; two Mulatoo women, 40-

years-old. I will not separate

Terms on sale. Plenty to eat

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Bartak and EWING — Twenty-eight members. Anna Savidge of Ewing bers were in attendance at the visited the Harry Savidges here. meeting of the Christian Mothers Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller of St. Peter's Catholic church were near Royal Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Curtis. Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Nelson were in Adrian and Worthington, Minn., for the week-end, sence of the president, Mrs. Allan where they visited relatives and Pollock.

friends Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. George Janousek and Mr. and Mrs. William Mattern attended crowned queen of the Mardi Gras | the community concert, The Bosat Duchesne college in Omaha ton Pops orchestra, in Grand Is-

Wednesday, February 6, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Jones kins, 55, of Ewing; Mrs. Pete were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hull ing his 93rd birthday anniversary Monuments of lasting beauty made by skilled craftsmen of

> consumer. - Emmett Crabb, O'-Neill, phone 139-J. 37tf Jim and Greg Janousek, children of the George Janouseks, are expected home Sunday from Columbus, where they spent two weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hile. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hull came

Christian Mothers

when they met Tuesday evening, February 5, at St. Dominic's hall. Mrs. Ralph Munn presided at the business session in the ab-

It was decided to participate in the home talent show which is a heart drive benefit to be held Tuesday, February 19, at the school. Arrangements were also made for the dinner and reception of the Vandersnick-Cunningham wedding at St. Dominic's hall.

Pinochle and pitch were played. Scorewinners for pinochle were: Mrs. Agnes Bartak and Mrs. Lester Bergstrom; for pitch, Mrs. R. B. Krachie. Refreshments were served b ments from the factory to the Mesdames Joe Tomjack, A. M. Beelaert, Mrs. Leo Hintz and Mrs.

Monic Martin.

there.

Other Ewing News Merton Dierks has enrolled for the second semester at the Kansas State college at Manhat-

tan and has begun his studies

Merle Lee of Omaha brought his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lee, home from Omaha where

they had spent the week visit- and Nebraska basketball game at ing him and his sister and hus- Lincoln Saturday evening. Brown.

overnight guests of his parents, Marie Beelaert of Ewing. Mr. and Mrs. George Latzel. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Saiser and family of Omaha were week-

end guests at the home of his father, Perry Saiser. Supt. L. Carter, Coach Fritz Reifert, Addison Slothower of Ewing, accompanied by Supt. Kenneth Shibata of Clearwater,

attended the Kansas university

Specializing-

band, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richard Christon of Rockford Ill., and Miss Leona Summers of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Latzel and Page were 6 o'clock dinner and children of Omaha were Friday evening guests Saturday at the home of his grandmother, Mrs.

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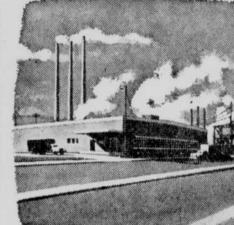
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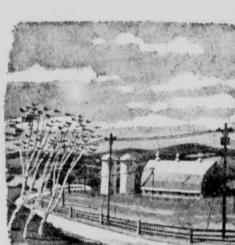
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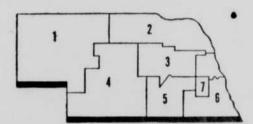
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