Prairieland Talk

# There Passed Tragedy

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, 4110 South 51st St., Lincoln 6, Nebr

more than twenty years ago, there passed also out of the picture tragedy and comedy, political turmoil, stories of defaulting county treasurers and scandels Political factions poured in the fantastic propaganda and kept the pot boiling. Barret Scott was hung for doing in a small way what F. D. R. did in a big way. County Attorney Butler was fired and debarred from court practice as a political shake-down and about every county officer was raked over the partisan fire. But as I recall John McBride, Ed Hershiser, Charley Manville, Bennett Gillespie and one or two others of the old school were considered to be of the saintly official kind. And I believe one who held down a job in the stately new courthouse served a term in the state prison down at Lincoln. The present notables in the county courthouse seem individually and collectively to be doing a good job of it.

She is but 11 years old, her home down in Florida.

Had saved her nickles and dimes and quarters to accumulate a fund of \$61. She planned to buy a horse. But the weight of our national debt rested upon her young heart. She sent her savings to President Ike with the request her \$61 be used to help wipe out the national debt. Give us more 11-year-olds who would rather contribute to wipe out our national debt than to have a



As you lay a flower on the grave of your dead you may be inspired by your memory of the worthy life they had led.

A gentleman of learning that has become a university instructor, in a talk before a group of parents and teachers in Denver, tells us that only one in seven Americans are 'mentally normal.' Is he the 'one' or a slip over from Red Russia? But if it is that way and you are a little off in the upper story you have a lot of company. Maybe it is the six that are mentally normal and the seventh a highbrow.

The clock struck 6 the morning of May 22, the time set for Charles Starkweather to die in the electric chair. He lives, another stay, another prolonging of Nebraska's most disgraceful juggling of the course of justice. The young killer says he is at peace "with God.' Let us hope so. But should not that peace inspire him to raise his arms and declare that these blood stained hands condemn me, I have killed, kill me! Long drawn out court procedings many thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money to pay lawyers and court costs, and two youthful murderers live on.

Glen White, a native of the Amelia community of southwestern Holt county and a worthy citizen, heads a temperance organization that entertains a vain hope to do away with the flowing stream of intoxicating liquors. Multitudes want it and the revenue collectors have out an eager hand for that booze tax. But Glen and his group can do their bit to promote a worthy cause, as Mrs. Dustin in the long ago did up there in the Dustin community of northwest Holt

With the passing of Holt county's old court house county, and as Rev. N. S. Lowrie and others in O'-Neill did in the closing years of the 19th century.

> June 1, 1833, first permanent settlements in Iowa. ning, 1752. Third Sunday in June Fathers' Day. June vers, Jake Ernst, E. H. Thomp-16—Alaska gold rush, 1897. My father died June 16, 1887. June 14 Flag Day. Congress adopted the Stars and Strings 1777. Lyng 18, 11, 2, and Strings 1777. Lyng 18, 11, 2, and Strings 1777. Lyng 18, 11, 2, and 18, 2, and and Stripes 1777. June 18-U. S. went to war with school boys added another pelt to Great Britain, 1812. June 20-great seal of the U.S. their belt by winning a signal vicadopted by Confinenial Congress 1782. June 27—Bos- tory over Ainsworth, the best all ton-New York telegraph line open 1847.

> Medical findings as to the effect of smoking and its Coyne's deceptive curves as a pitrelation to certain diseases seems to have promoted class of the O'Neill Public school rather than reduced smoking. The record for 1958 of was the largest ever graduate. 436 billion cigarettes went up in smoke in the mouths from that school. It contained fifof Americans.

young ladies. was called to his old home at In large black type across the top of page 1 of a Winona, Minn., to attend the funerrecent issue of this family newspaper we saw it- al of his brother-in-law, Thomas Dollars Days, three of them listed. In O'Neill as elseand Miss Eva Thompson of Amelia where the human hand is extended—Give me a doll- were granted a marriage license ar! The dollar, how good it looks, and like other plea- on June 1 by Judge Malone. sures of life, how soon it is gone. And why? It is not Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gallagher left what that dollar gets for you that inspires you to hold lo, N.Y. and Scranton, Pa. . . . . | spectively. During the month, a total of 1775 head were held for were insufficient to warrant disproof of ownership. Seven estray out an open hand for another dollar to land there. I The regular spring term of the missal of the warden, Vice Chairrecall the James A. Donohoe telling me once that he district court convened in the city man Charles Leeman said. stuck strictly to business because he loved money, and then modified that by saving he liked the things and then modified that by saving he liked the things are liked to the strictly to business because he loved money, the bench and J. D. Scott reporter. Deputy Warden John Greenholtz in addition, proceeds of \$300.35 duction." and then modified that by saying he liked the things T. J. Coyne and Stephen McGinnis warden and Bovey was given per-school funds of the counties where money will get. And that's it, the nice things, the were selected as bailiffs. needed things, money buys. And some times we have Death: John Larson, 83, father of residence until July 1. a 'dollar' surprise, like when you get your bank the Larson boys of Paddock town-

It was a week in June in the year 1904—Mrs. Jennette Taylor, a notable citizen of O'Neill in the 1890's, the lots owned by the county north but at the time living at Lynch, was spending a few days with O'Neill friends . . . . Master Bryan Hall day evening, June 3, 1939. . . . A had a birthday party, a bunch of his kid friends help- demonstration team from the Page of Control relative to my statement braska Brand Committee to coing him celebrate . . . A. M. Sutton of Inez was a Poultry Club won the right to repair about the peniteriary. I recognize operate with all agencies and about the peniteriary in associations to help curb cattle Frontier caller to renew his yearly subscription . . . . resent Nebraska in international their administrative authority in associations to help curb cattle competition in Cleveland, Ohio at such matters and I am confident theft. In line with this the com-

you thought you had.

torney Dickerson had legal business, maybe some pol- of 65 seniors granted a degree at fair.' itical stakes to set up at Stuart . . . Tom Simonson exercises at Nebraska Wesleyan marketed four loads of hogs raised on his place north university. of O'Neill, the porkers selling for \$4 a hundred pounds Store in O'Neill had meat adver- was killed by a legislative com- Ne bra ska Cattleman magazine,

where she is a student at the state University . . . Porterhouse and Short Cut steak the support of Gov. Ralph G. With the cooperation of the cattle Miss Mamie O'Donell, home from Omaha where she for 29c a pound; Spare ribs, 11c Brooks, bit the dust after a pubhad been a student in a business school, and took per pound; Beef Roasts 15c and 18c lic hearing by the Legislature's Nebraska Brand Committee feels over the work of a stenographer in the office of F. J.

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Man controls about everything in nature-except of 279. The Emmet Elkhorn Val- request of the governor. Another human nature. Put on your coat and hat and get goMcGinnis of Emmet as leader, of Rising City. club in the county having a mem-

turnovers at the behest of our governor, congress on The Frontier which was published the highway to set the affairs of the world straight, June 1, 1939 regarding a recent and Nebraskans have survived another winter to audit of the offices of the Holt come to bask again in the golden glow of summer them for the neatness and comsunshine, quite unmindful and although indifferent pleteness of their records. as the country's statesmen wind up their little ball

Editorial

# Representation of Jackrabbits

the principals conflict.

tain the status-quo.

iqueness were something to crow about.

this necessity or at least, who first voiced it.

The representation of jackrabbits in our state legislature couldn't be much worse than a government which has such little flexibility that the minority is doomed to remain a minority.

Senator Frank Nelson explained, on a recent visit To O'Neill, that one of the favorite remarks of a senator from eastern Nebraska is that people, rather than jackrabbits, should be represented at Lincoln. "Those senators from the east would be very firm

in their intention to do away with any type of representation on the area rather than the population basis," he said. A lot of people are getting sick and tired of this

business of looking at legislative representation on the basis of area versus population. And they have very good reason to feel this way. The proponents of selecting representatives on the

basis of population believe they have a strong argument when they say a fair method is one where an equal number of people have access to speak and

The proponents of the area plan say the fair method is one that will take into consideration the vast and relatively unpopulated areas which the highly populated areas are dependent upon.

They say, for example, that one reason the stockyards in Omaha have become the largest in the world is because the western Nebraska cattleman on the wast range must yell to his neighbor to be heard. Fortunately for eastern Nebraska, there is a sparsely populated western Nebraska, they say.

Both groups have a point, of course, and although some talk of a combination area-population plan is heard, the legislators are overlooking something very basic in the formation of any government which proposes to be democratic-the majority faction must never be so strong that change in the method of selecting representatives is made impossible.

You can bet your last dollar that those eastern legislators will have nothing to do with changing the present system and that any discussion of a combination area-population plan is just like so much wind in the air. To begin with, the present population system of legislator-choice, controls its own destiny and cannot be changed by seven or eight western

And it makes little difference whether it would require a constitutional change made by the vote of the people or net since the majority (or should we say the eastern half of Nebraska) feeds upon the unicameral system while the western half suffers representative starvation.

Any state or government examining the unicameral system should realize, before it is accepted, that once formed in such a geographically split cityrange area, it is created to stay.

It is like the scientist who discovers he has made monster, but finds it cannot be destroyed.

This, then, is the very serious shortcoming in Nebraska's legislative set-up that the minority has no chance of change.

Memorial Day services in 1909 June 2—John Brown rescued his sons from Virginia raiders, 1856. June 5—Ben Franklin 'juged' the light M. Slattery, Samuel Bearaiders, 1856. June 5—Ben Franklin 'juged' the light- were:

Miss Mable Martin was home from Omaha, where she had been receiving medical treatment . . . At
Miss Ruth Leach, O'Neill was one fair."

such matters and I am confident the the with this, the combination of the worlds and the worlds are such matters and I am confident the mittee at present is publishing a list of all no brand calves sold at

State senators are still grinding away, upsets and bership of 20. . . . State Auditor Ray C. Johnson wrote a letter to

10 YEARS AGO For years the school child has been confronted Rev. Wayne A. Hall accepted a with a dilemma and because both horns are rarely presented at the same time, the child doesn't realize Medcalf, Chambers farmer, met with an accident when the tractor "Yes, Johnny," the teacher says ,"we are the only state which has a unicamerial legislature." And she says it in a way that evokes pride as though its un-Redbird, hooked a 91/2 pound cat- paign. And then on another day, perhaps, teacher tells fish in the Niobrara river. . . . Birth: Linda Sue, born May 25, the stroke. But the governor says the stroke is always heard and that the minor of the control of the stroke is always heard and that the minor of the control of t Johnny that our government is so arranged that the minority opinion is always heard and that the minorer, O'Neill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Allen ity is not left without chance or fair play. She might Haynes, Page, observed their golden wedding anniversary. . . . Mrs. by the State Water Pollution Con-Robb Ailmore spent a night at the trol Council. even back up her point by reaching back into history to name a couple of statesmen who first recognized Mr. and Mrs. William Fryrear The plan is designed to encour-

home west of Amelia on her cross age large up-stream towns to take But what the teacher does not say is that the minto the White Horse ranch in west-stream pollution abatement. ority will remain a minority in a state which has the the majority of legislators do not want to be selected rick's Catholic church to a dinner ahead on the assumption that Ne in any other way and are satisfied with their self and also wiener-marshmallow roast braska will get \$688,000 in federal preserved roles and their dictatorial power to main
at Hidden Paradise. . . . Mrs. Roy aid for the 1960 fiscal year.

D. Johnson was guest of honor at In seven yeads, he added Johnson was guest of honor at surprise stork shower at the braska's pollution problem could home of Mrs. Clay Johnson, jr. . . Deaths: Mrs. Arthur

FIVE YEARS AGO

on June 16, 1954 at St. Mary's col-

tended the fourth annual Page

ming pool during open house. . . . The U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment of Ira H. Moss for postmaster of O'Neill. . . Pfc. Ralph

H. Lindberg was assigned duty at

Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.

Those who subscribe to legislative selection based Married: Miss Eunice Chudomelka, upon population can always say, after all, the same Inman and Dean Stucky, at Hastnumber of people are being presented with the same ings. number of legislators, and ask how much fairer you Waldman, 61, wife of an Amelia . . Donors to the St. carpenter. stopped daily in increasing num- July 15 of this ytar. bers to boost the push for a min-

Apparently their thinking stops there. But equality based upon principals which do not recognize or will not permit change or even chance ical center

for change cannot serve the minority.

The government which prides itself on this type of 'equality' cannot be called democratic but is a dictatorship of the minority at the hands of a majority. O'Neill was ordained into the prist-If this is the type of government the eastern legis- hood of the Roman Catholic church been busy in rebuttal to charges lators want, perhaps the jackrabbits have just as lege, St Mary's, Kans. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, O'Neill celebrated much right to be represented as people.



JAMES CHAMPION, Co-Publisher JERRY PETSCHE, Editor

Entered at the postoffice in O'Neill, Holt coun- tricia Carson and Ernest H. Durre jr. at O'Neill. . . . 238 persons at ty. Nebraska, as second-class mail matter under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. This newspaper is high school alumni banquet. . a member of the Nebraska Press Association, Nation- Eight nuns from St. Mary's acadal Editorial Association and the Audit Bureau of emy have been given new assignments. . . Death: Minnie C. Gam-

el, 56, Page, widow of the late Harvey Gamel, at Our Lady of Terms of Subscription: In Nebraska, \$2.50 per Harvey Lourdes hospital at Norfolk, folyear; elsewhere in the United States, \$3 per year; lowing an automobile accident near Venus. . . . Nearly 500 persons toured the municipal swimrates abroad provided upon request. All subscriptions payable in advance.



# Controversy at Pen **Continues This Week**

wouldn't have any fun.

Brand Inspection Up

Over One Year Ago

Inspection records released by

Floyd Beezley and E. E. Bailey,

The Nebraska Stockgrowers As-

list of all no brand calves sold at

the various sale rings in the

people and state associations, the

A representative of the Norfolk

the courthouse in O'Neill from

A person reaching retirement

earn \$1200 or less is urged to ap-

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday,

the Nebraska Brand Committee vey.

By Melvin Paul Statehouse Correspondent The Nebraska Press Association at governor.

Frontiers

Fourteen of Ainsworth's gladi-

dent of Holt county.

20 YEARS AGO

the 50th annual commencement

had the largest enrollment of any

overturned rounding the corner at

ators fell victims to Hugh Clement

The graduation

Everett Whitcomb

LINCOLN-Attention has again Gov. Ralph G. Brooks is a "pupbeen focused on the state peniten- pet" whose strings are pulled by tiary, after a 4-year dearth of conroversy at the institution.

The ruckus began when Gov. mitteeman James Quigley of Val-Ralph G. Brooks demanded the re- entine. signation of Warden Joseph Bovey month, plus food and shelter.

Brooks alleged mismanagement of the institution, but the Board of Control said it investigated state ments of the governor and its findings "indicate that the governor's statement is insufficient to warrant the discharge of the warden. Bovey resigned after a week of controversy and charges by the

governor's office. teen members, nine boys and six The warden said the governor, John Hunt who is chairman of the state Board

In view of that and the present "situation," Bovey said, he insisted the board accept his resignation.

The board unanimously agreed

mission to remain in the warden's the estrays originated.

After a long meeting attended investigators for the committee, statement and you have nearly a hundred more than ship and for many years a resibility as a sole of court cases and fines ministrative assistant to Gov. totaling \$200.00 and costs were Brooks, who is recuperating from imposed by the county judges. a light stroke, and Bovey, three terse statements were handed out. sociation is now offering a \$500.00 The city erected a band stand on One was Bovey's another the reward for information leading board's and the third was under to the arrest and conviction of a

the name of the governor. The governor's statement said: of the members of their organizasuch matters and I am confident theft. In line with this, the com-

A bill to ban billboards on right- brand area of Nebraska. This The Council Oak of-way of the Interstate Highway list is published monthly in the

. Miss Bessie Snyder was home from Lincoln tised in the June 1, 1939 issue of The Frontier: Round, Sirloin, The measure, LB 714 which had braska Stockgrowers Association.

social security office will be in the assembly room (basement) of Vosoba said the bill was de-

signed to take advantage of bo-

nus offered by the federal government which would have been in June 10. the vicinity of \$1 million. Outdoor advertising people, and age this year and expecting to Max Towle, a Lincoln attorney recounty officials and commending presenting outdoor advertising in- ply for social security benefits terests, opposed the bill. Towle said about a month before his birthday.

about 20 states had already re-Deaths: George F. Kivett, 79, of jected similar legislation. Inman; Mrs. Stella L. Friday, 53, One of the main proponents was Inman; Mrs. Hans Storjohann, 77, former Gov. Robert Crosby, who of Spencer; Emmett A. Harmon, said he would like to see "just one 35. O'Neill, a prominent young highway in Nebraska not cluttered attorney; Mrs. John McCaffery, up with billboards so the public 53, was instantly killed when an can look at the rolling landscape." oil truck in which she was riding

**Brooks Conference** Gov. Ralph G. Brooks held his second news conference since suf-Danceland while coming to O'Neill. fering a light stroke April 17. He appeared fit and had gained about 5 pounds, he said.

The governor showed no evidence pastoral call from the Assembly of a paralysis of the left side of of God church in O'Neill. . . . Earl his face, and moved his right arm -weakened by the stroke-easily. However, it is known the goverhe was driving overturned and pin- nor has difficulty walking any dis-Spangler. . . . Lee Wells, west of braced since early in his cam-

A tentative plan has been okayed

country ride from Bucklin, Kans., the lead in a 7-year program of ority will remain a minority in a state which has the ern Boyd county. . . . Clarence geographical make-up that Nebraska has because Hicks took 18 altar boys of St. Pat-gineer, said planning is going

> be pretty well under control.
>
> The federal government foots 30 percent of control projects,

and communities the remaining 70 percent. Filipi said applications for 1960 Anthony's hospital building fund funds can be received no later than

Politics The Republican party is looking imum of 46 thousand dollar medfor a new state chairman to replace Richard E. Spelts Jr., of Grand Island, who says he plans Rev. Basil M. Price, S.J., son to resign as soon as a successor

of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Price, can be found. The Democrats, meanwhile, have

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#### Area Farmers to Help With 1959 Crop Survey

Several thousand Nebraska farmers will be asked to help in the Scottsbluff, a Republican who is State Agricultural Statistician announced today.

Carpenter charged Democratic The information from the survey on the number of acres planted to corn, sorghum, oats, soy-Bernard Boyle of Omaha, national beans, and other crops will procommitteeman, and former com- vide the basis for the monthly estimates of crop production during the 1959 growing season. In the Brooks attacked Carpenter, as same way, the reports on livestock from the post he has held since did Boyle. Commented the gover- will be used in estimating the calf, April, 1955. The job pays \$550 per nor about Carpenter: "I still love crop spring and prospective fall him. If it weren't for him we pig crops, milk and egg production information which is used by fartheir marketing plans.

> Rural mail carriers and their blank forms for the livestock sur-

show an increase on cattle in- "We hope," said Mr. Nordquist. spection in April 1959 as compared to receipts of one year ago.

Direct shipments increased 12 905 Direct shipments increased 12,905 head during the month of April acreages and livestock and pouling questions about his crop while the sale rings showed a gain of 31,888. The two terminal markets at Omaha and Sioux City utes to fill out the form accurwere up 2,251 and 161 head re- ately and put it in his mailbox. spectively. During the month, a The more reports we get, and the cases were settled and proceeds the better we can make these estipaid to the rightful owners and mates of crop and livestock pro-

Good Feeding Discussed

Victory boys and girls beef club held a meeting May, 24 at the George Fick home. Six members

were present and two absent. We discussed the factors im-June 1 surveys on farm crops and portant to good feeding. The selivestock in the state and nation. lection and mixing of rations and The mid-year survey of crop acre- the essential nutrients in feeds. age and livestock numbers will be Each member told about some made during the period of May experience they had had in the last 20 to June 3, A. V. Nordquist, month while working with their

Each member is to give a report on some livestock disease at the next meeting Kathy Fick, reporter

#### Orville W. Banks In Weapons Matches

FORT RILEY, KAN. Sergeant First Class Orville W. Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Banks, O'-Neill, recently participated in the mers and ranchers in making Fifth Army rifle and pistol matches at Fort Riley, Kan,

Sergeant Banks, a tank compostmasters will cooperate in se- mander in Troop B. of the 1st Inlecting farmers to receive the fantry Division's 4th Cavalry at Fort Riley, entered the Army in 1950 and was last stationed in Greenland.

The 25-year-old soldier, whose

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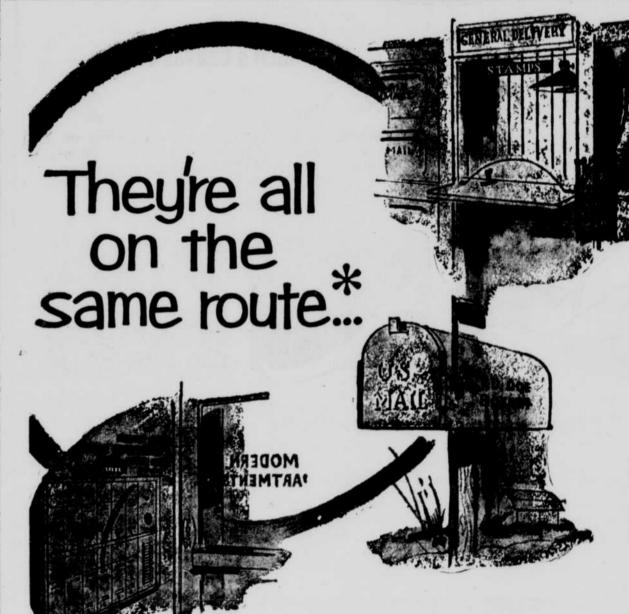
At the center are the living quarters consisting of nice well equipped office and covered 2 car port at the front, large kitchen with loads of builtins, disposal sink, automatic dish washer, dinette with builtin booth and table, 2 bed rooms and bath, full basement with 2 bedrooms and bath.

To the rear of the Motel is a large building containing 2 car garage, storage room and complete commercial laundry with linen and bedding storage.

The grounds have 325 ft. frontage with 3 entrances, the large front sign has flower box, lovely trees and shrubbery and grassed parking make this a very attractive place. Adjacent is a 24 hour service station and fine restaurant to accomodate the Motel guests. Terms: 20% cash day of sale, purchaser may assume a loan ballance of approximately \$78,000 as of June 1st, with easy monthly payments if desired. Write or call Auctioneers for sale bill.

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