

Prairieland Talk

"Golden Memories"

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

Again there has come to the engineer of this department a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Segelman, former O'Neills with their lifeboat now anchored where the restless waters of the great Pacific wash the shores of the great state of Washington, where the towering temples, mansions and human hovels of the city of Seattle look out upon Puget Sound; a letter touched by the hand of a lover of the beautiful. They like it out there but keep in touch with friends back here by reading the Frontier and come out with gracious words of appreciation of "Prairieland Talk". A little of what Mr. and Mrs. Segelman have written follows:



Romaine Saunders

"We like living out here where we can see (God's bounty) natural-like, instead of progressed and packaged at the Super-Market.

"The autumn season was beautiful, and truly a season of thankfulness. Autumn gave us a climax of mother-natures great year-round show, flaming leaves, the shimmering splash of the maple's gold, the hunter's moon hung high in the autumnal night sky, and the stars seemed to bend nearer.

"We got a nice letter from Stella and Claud Hancock. . . . Claud went to a ball game and had his wallet taken from his hip pocket, but he was lucky because he just took enough money with him to buy his ticket and his fare down back.

"A while back we got a nice letter from Mr. and Mrs. Will Spindler, formerly of Wounded Knee, S. D. . . . We have enjoyed reading his books. I have happy memories of vacation trips to that part of S.D.

"As we approach the Thanksgiving season we think of our many blessings. Can't help but believe that of all the wonderful powers which God has invented in us, memory is perhaps the most wonderful. Memory with its sovereignty over time and space and circumstances; Memory, with its strange capacity for utilizing the forces of the past for our good, as we bring to mind memories.

"We want you to know that you are not forgotten, and thanks for all the good reading you are giving us in your most interesting column, and the many happy memories."

"Do you see that wishful look in her childish eyes? Then lay a little gift in a childish hand as another Christmas season comes again.

That highway across Nebraska that is so important that it is in the news these days will lead out of Omaha, down to Lincoln, on to Grand Island and west up the Platte Valley through old Fort Sidney. Who cares up this way? Roll on through O'Neill on the smooth paved way west to our hidden paradise at Long Pine, then on to the Black Hills and nature's open book of beauty along the way. This highway, too, invites you to leave the crowded human haunts in Omaha and is joined out in the state by another from Sioux City and the two highways take travelers through the green robed prairies of Holt county, north Nebraska's cattle and turkey empire.

Thanksgiving day, calm, sun glowing in golden glory out of the blue above. Reports from states to the east, to the south and southwest of calm prairieland tell of violent storms and snow laden winter winds. Are you wanting to go to Florida, to California for the winter? Better stay home.

Since the days of long ago when hardy Americans crossed the Platte river on their journey to the Oregon country there have been from time to time worthwhile undertakings launched down at Grand Island. Now we read of a Golden Age Village to throw its gates open at Grand Island where the Aged who have no homes will be cared for as they face the gathering shadows of life's sunset. A Golden Age Village, just what the village charter will provide as the way through the gates I have not learned. Maybe if the venerable citizen gets a social security check he will be asked to turn that in each month at the village treasury. The State Hospital here in the Capitol City for the care of mental patients is now caring for 2,000 former active and mentally sound citizens, many of these just old folks comprising a sort of Golden Age place of rest.

No highway deaths in Nebraska Thanksgiving weekend. Another cause for thanksgiving . . . I saw them today. Two girls, childish voices raised in song walking along together on their way home from school, a school conducted for such as they by a church group of mothers and dads. Returning home from school singing, something in that school touches childish hearts . . . Neil Brennan hailed it to O'Neill by team and wagon; then came the railroad to bring it here. Now railroads bring no more express packages to your door, trucks taking over . . . If you have done that of which you are ashamed and blush as you look upon a face in the glass, say I will not do that again — and mean it!

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

The past week has been the severest so far this winter. The mercury has hovered around 10 below every night, though it warms up considerably during the day. . . . The Burlington passenger due here at 10:50 Tuesday night did not reach O'Neill until 1:30 Thursday morning. The freight which left here at 5:30 Tuesday evening got stuck in a snowdrift near Royal and the freight due here at 5:30 Tuesday evening was east of Royal and in attempting to get the other train out got some box cars off the track and also got caught in the snow and did not get away from Royal until 10:30 Wednesday night, when both freights pulled into O'Neill ahead of the passenger. . . . Wednesday of this week Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Lowry and family made a farewell visit to their son and family on the John Crandall place, who are moving in a few days to their homestead near Richards, S. D. . . . Death: Isaac Alder, of Dorse, a Holt county resident.

20 YEARS AGO

Judge and Mrs. Louis Reimer drove to Lincoln on Sunday, taking their son, Henry, and Jack Kersenbrock back to resume their studies at the University of Nebraska. . . . Claude Bates and son, Wayne were the victims of a peculiar accident while on the way to Sioux City Monday morning. While meeting a bakery truck a carton of rolls fell from the top and wrecked the grill and radiator of their truck, incidentally the carton of rolls was intact and was picked up by the bakery, who also paid all damages. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Coleman and family of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hickman and family of Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith and family enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner at the farm home of Mrs. Vera Hickman. . . . Deaths: Mrs. Cora Meredith, 76, Holt county resident; George Clyde, 77, Holt county resident; Reason A. Sarchet, 82, Page resident.

10 YEARS AGO

A quiet gathering and dinner was held on Sunday, December 4, at the home of George M. Ponton. The occasion was the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alder E. Ponton. . . . Mrs. Edna Coyne returned Monday from a month's stay in Denver, Colo., with her two daughters,

Sgt. and Mrs. H. M. Christenson and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Bautsch. . . . A family reunion and dinner was held at the home of William Derickson at Star on Sunday, November 20. . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Gallagher and children were Thanksgiving day guests of Mrs. Gallagher's sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. C. Rutledge, at Lynch. . . . Miss Laquita Parsons, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parsons, has hit the big time in Kansas City, Mo., modeling circles. . . . Miss Patty McKenzie daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, entertained six friends at a theatre party Saturday afternoon in honor of her fifth birthday anniversary.

5 YEARS AGO

Westbound Chicago & North Western passenger-m a i-l-express train number 13 rolled into O'Neill at 6:30 a.m., Tuesday carrying 17 latest-type daycoaches. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wetzel entertained at a birthday anniversary supper on Sunday evening honoring their son, Benny Roy, 6. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Butterfield planned to leave Tuesday for a week's vacation at Nassau in the Bahamas Islands. Mr. Butterfield was awarded the all-expense-paid trip for his sales record during the period May 25 to October 25 by the International Harvester company. . . . Deaths: James Raymond Hatmon, of Ansley resident; J. W. Reitz, 72, Holt county rancher for many years; Bernard ("Barney") Hyman, 28, former St. Joseph's hall student, Atkinson, and an O'Neill high school graduate.

Deloit News

By Mrs. Harry Reimer

The Deloit Pinochle club met Thursday at the Frank Bohm home. "A grab bag" consisting of gifts for the members provided entertainment at Nassau in the Bahamas Islands. A collection was taken and presented to the Opportunity Center in Norfolk.

Mrs. Frank Miller won high prize, Mrs. L. L. Bartak, low and Mrs. Paul Funk traveling prize. The H.E.O. club will meet with Mrs. Glenn Harpster Thursday (today). There will be a Christmas party and exchange of gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cook and baby of Chadron spent several days at the Stanley and Lambert Bartak homes recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Larson attended the funeral for a friend at Stanton on Tuesday.

The Christian Mothers had a meeting on Tuesday evening at St. John's church basement. Forty-five ladies attended. The Christmas party was planned for December 13.

Pete Carson, an uncle of Mrs. Glenn Harpster, who has been hospitalized at the Veterans hospital in Omaha suffered a stroke last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harpster and sons visited the dentist in Neligh on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sehi were Sunday evening guests at the Leo Funk home.

Mr. and Mrs. Esotta of Pilsger and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clements of O'Neill were supper guests on Sunday, November 29 at the home of Mrs. G. A. Bauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harpster, Terry and Willard were Sunday dinner guests at the Alfred Napier home.

Mrs. Mary Stearns has purchased a lovely new trailer house and will be located near the home of her son, Maynard and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schmieger spent Sunday afternoon at the Maynard Stearns home.

The electricity and telephone were both off for two hours Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Workmeister visited the Leonard Larson home one evening recently.

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and Mrs. Web Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harpster and Mr. and Mrs. John Napier and family. The dinner was in honor of Glenn's birthday anniversary.

Richard McDonald was a guest Sunday at the Watson McDonalds.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reimer called Sunday afternoon at the Lynn Carnes home in Neligh.

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the more curious as to why it was taken away. We do not believe that removing magazines and paperbacked novels from the magazine racks in Bassett will stop anyone from obtaining them if they want them.

And while we're at it let's don't condemn the kids too much, for many homes have so-called filthy writing around—brought home by the adults.

We also believe there is less juvenile delinquency in Bassett than most towns of its size and certainly less than larger cities. In fact, we think Bassett is a good, clean town in which to raise a family.

If the magazines have been so bad, how is it that our young people are so well-behaved?

One more thing. In the case of our local newspaper we believe the proprietor should be told who his accusers are. In fact, the accusers should be willing to stand up and be counted rather than remain nameless. This kind of action is as bad as the allegations concerning the magazines.

At any rate, because of the hulahalo, one cannot buy magazines in Bassett today—good or bad.

Political Programs Unreal Oakland Independent

Too often political programs are not based on realities. A good example is found in legislation dealing with labor questions and wages. With a presidential election year ahead it is a top card. The fact that jobs depend first on operating industries is given secondary consideration. The drive for a higher national minimum wage law goes on. It makes no difference how high the wage is already. The fact that conditions vary from state to state, and from business to business, is waved aside — it's not good political thunder.

The present national minimum wage was recently raised 75 cents to \$1 an hour. Now the drive is on to raise it to \$1.25 — the next step will be \$1.50 or \$2.00 and on up. Unskilled persons will find it harder and harder to get work where they can learn a trade while being paid. Automation will be given a further boost.

It will pay the people to recognize a few of the realities today instead of being fooled by political hot air. For a little while at least give wages a chance to advance normally due to experience and production ability.

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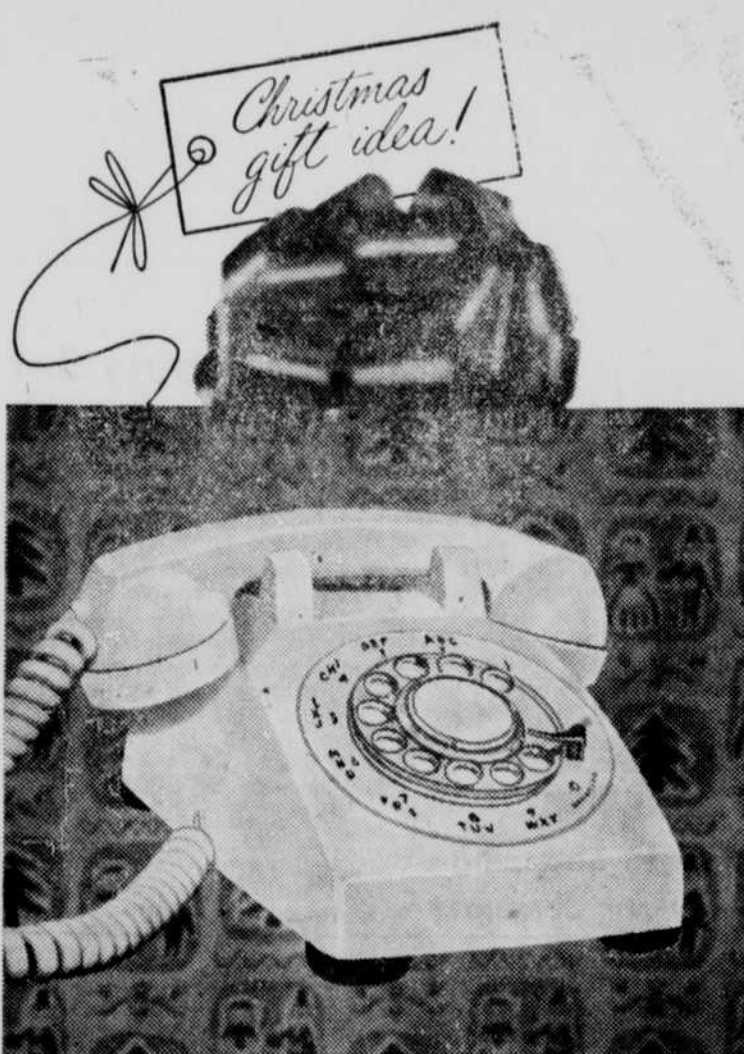
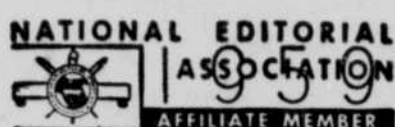


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Editorial

Poor Mrs. Q.

By Oliver Freed, Woonsocket, (S. D.) News

The waste of time, effort and money often connected with Christmas shopping would make an efficiency expert weep.

There is, for instance, the case of Mrs. Q., whose daughter Susie Q. urgently dispatched to S. Claus an order for a Millie McCoy Doll.

A real Millie McCoy Doll, and no substitutes accepted — Susie Q. had made her wishes most forceful and specific.

As the Yuletide drew alarmingly close the alert Mrs. Q. noticed in the "Metropole Times" that a real Millie McCoy Doll could be had in a Metropolis store for the bargain price of \$9.98.

So Mrs. Q. sent her husband to work, walking, hired a baby sitter for Susie Q., and set out in the family auto for Metropolis some sixty miles distant.

Sure enough, Mrs. Q. did find a Millie McCoy doll, although Millie was somewhat bedraggled, having been poked at by quite a number of the 10,564 hurried Metropolis shoppers. And sure enough Millie McCoy cost only \$9.98.

Or rather, Millie cost only 9.98 when Mrs. Q. did not take in consideration related costs such as pay for Susie Q's baby sitter, city lunch money, gasoline and parking plus other auto expenses, and six hours of Mrs. Q's valuable time.

A fairly good accountant could have shown that the purchase of a Millie McCoy doll in Metropolis cost Mrs. Q. well over \$20.

This may have been all right, considering the importance of the Millie McCoy doll to Susie Q. The tragedy was that all the time in a local store only two blocks from the Q. home a genuine Millie McCoy Doll was readily available at the bargain price of \$9.98.

But who could blame Mrs. Q? She is just a typical woman who depends upon advertising as a guide to shopping and her local merchant had not kept her informed through advertising.

What Constitutes Literary Filth? Rock County Leader — Bassett, Nebr.

We are hearing quite a lot these days concerning smut in the mails and on the newsstands. Admittedly it is a situation that needs some attention from postal authorities and from parents alike.

There has been an increase in the amount of questionable material going through the mail and getting into the hands of the youth of the country.

But just what constitutes literary filth? It seems to be a matter of personal opinion as to what smut is. One person may believe a certain piece of writing is filthy, while the next may not find it objectionable.

If one is really looking for offensive writings he can find it in most of our classic literature. After all, we all must learn to live with the facts of life because they have been with us from the beginning and will continue until the end. The facts of sex portrayed in a healthy atmosphere are not filthy.

Also how far can censorship of alleged indecent materials go without abridging the freedom of speech and freedom of the press, which are guaranteed by our constitution.

The whole question is somewhat like prohibition of the old days. Those who wanted to drink found the proper ingredients somewhere. And today those who are inclined to want to read ray magazines or books, will somehow manage to get them.

As for the youth of our country, who some allege are being debauched by modern day writings, perhaps it is better to have such things in the open for all to see. All of us are human, and when someone takes something away from us we become all