Prairieland Talk

## "Last of the Kings"

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

A friend of my youth for many years a citizen of the state of Washington writes me of his having contact with Rafe King, brother of the late Clyde King and the youngest of the pioneer King family

that came to Holt county from Ohio. The elder Mr. King and Mrs. King left O'Neill some 70 years ago, following their daughter, who had married Dr. Shore, to that Pacific coast state Rafe served as a clerk in the Jake Pfund store on lower 4th street, where later the J. P. Gallagher store was opened. The others went to Washington but Clyde lived on in O'Neill to the end of his days. My



Saunders

Washington friend writes that Rafe sent him a number of photographs of pioneer people and their homes and places of business. Among these was a picture taken in The Frontier shop, at that time in the Milerd building where now stands the imposing Safeway store building. The picture of The Frontier place of publication shows Clyde King, D. H. Cronin and myself at work there. The Frontier was published in that building for a time, then back to its place of beginning on south 4th street. Now on north 4th street in commodious

The officer I had dropped in to see was out; his secretary was at her desk, as the women often are keeping the affairs of mankind on the go while the gent bearing the title of official may be idling time away. She told me she had received word from her mother in distant Florida that Donna the hurricane had blown the roof from their house and poured in more than a foot of water; water everywhere but none to drink. He had been to California and brought his mother home with him, so hot out there they were glad to get back to cool prairieland a late September day. The eclipsing of the sun the last day of summer, now early autumn's calm peaceful days.

Frost will pluck the golden rod, turn to brown summer's green sod. The fragrance and beauty of the prairie rose you cannot then hold to your nose, and little creatures of the wild turn up their toes. Then comes winter with north winds sullen moan, and heaps of snow where prairie rose and golden rod had grown. Seasons come and go, the last of these we all shall know.

The two honorable gentlemen seeking entrance to the White House have had their say in public debate. Yes, a candidate for the high office of president says nice things, and we like to think they mean it.

He was born in O'Neill, as a babe watched over by a loving mother, the pride of a devoted father. Childhood, youth, manhood-and today that babe born in O'Neill is a college professor in a Michigan city and his admiring granddad is parked here in our Capital City at a typewriter turning out Prairieland Talk. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Two nights of pouring rain and we in the Capital City are well washed. This another morning as September draws to a close, calm under the golden glow of the orb of day and a cloudless blue sky. So all is lovely with just a step ahead to the month of October when autumn tints lay colorful scenes across the land. Vacation wanderers back again at their jobs. Yes, there he was this morning, coat off and at it again, visions of mountains, forests and endless miles of prairieland now fading before the pile of bills, letters and orders on his desk.

About one hundred years ago Montgomery Ward started a mail order business in Chicago. Branch mail order places bearing that name sprung up in other cities. For sometime the concern has maintained a shopping center on north Tenth street in Lincoln. Today they have an immense building or group of buildings in east Lincoln surrounded on all

Unfortunate citizens that have become mentally ill, once known as crazy, in out state institution for such here in Lincoln, a vast building, instead of being helped by the force of workers the story comes that these unfortunate inmates are abused and life made still more miserable for them. Instead of a kindly word or helpful treatment some young smarties pull off abusive acts at times. The next session of our state legislature should investigate

The dew of night was on the floral bloom as I passed that way when morning came. The beautimire nature's touch of color adorning little clusters of flowers. Then walk on as a bit of loveliness lingers and join for another day in the rumble and

His home was with the family on Everett Street some three doors east of the Presbyterian church. He and Prairieland Talker were youthful pals; he now living in Minnesota and writes me that he will soon come to a southeast Nebraska town to settle some estate and proposes that we get together and

Editorial

### Please Be Careful

"Bang! Bang! You're dead!" Sound like a child's game? It is! Yet, many adults play the game unintentially-with real guns.

Every year about 2,400 persons are killed accidentally by firearms. The main victims are persons 15-24 years of age and children under 15, in

Many of the firearms fatalities come in off-hunting months, such as during the summer. Firearms take about 200 lives every month of the year. Exclusive of home deaths, people using the weapons kill 1.200 persons annually.

The 1,200 away-from-home firearms deaths don't always involve hunting. Records show only one out of three away-from-home firearms deaths result from a hunting accident.

In Illinois, for example, more deaths in a recent year came from such assorted activities as playing with a gun, handling a gun and target shooting than from actually hunting. How can such accidents be avoided? The follow-

ing safe gun handling rules can certainly help. Treat all firearms as if they were loaded.

Don't release the safety until just before you

Never fool with a lethal weapon, loaded or unloaded

Don't clean a firearm when other persons are present. Make sure all cartridges have been removed from the weapon.

children and irresponsible adults.

And last, and most important of all, never point a weapon at anything you don't intend to shoot.

Keep firearms unloaded and out of the reach of

#### Right of Way Courtesy

Farmers have every right to take up half the highway, even when there's a smooth broad shoulder they could pull onto.

However, there are some good reasons for pulling off when your tractor and implements present a traffic hazard. One is common courtesy. It's maddening to the

driver who must "hit" the brakes while you demand your rights. Safety is another reason for pulling onto the shoulder when your equipment menaces automobile traffic.

According to Major James Machholz, assistant chief of the Iowa Highway Safety Patrol, an average of about 50 fatalities a year involving farm equipment take place on just one state's highways.

You might be seriously injured or killed if a vehicle hits your equipment. The sadness of injury or death makes your right to half of a paved highway somehow seem not so important after all.

NOGALES, ARIZ., HERALD: "It's against the law for a candidate or his supporters to buy votes, but there's no law against his party voting in Congress to 'give' blocs of voters something out of the general tax pot. There's no law either, to keep Congress from giving away more than is in the potand leaving an I. O. U. to be paid off later by the very voters Congress purported to 'help'-or by their

children. "Well, if 'help' is what we want, 'help' is what we'll get. And more government controls, more taxes, more debt and more inflation to go with it."

sides by "free parking."

and remedy the wrongs there.

ful flowers, blue and red and the golden yellow bloom. Yes, pause by the blooming beauties and adrush and roar of neighbors and friends.

live the old days over again. That's Billy Lowrie.

The Changing Face of Farming

"But today local institutions mean less to him or

This means that the farmer has become more

are gone entirely. His markets are broader, his con-

tacts are wider, yet he may know little about the

and more dependent on others-even as others have

become more and more dependent on him, in the

complex society in which we all now live. The Antigo

Journal points to various instances of this, one being:

"He no longer grows 'fuel' for horsepower in the

form of oats and hay but gets it from the city in the

because of the inevitable changes that have over-

whelmed agriculture. But the gains outweigh them

by far. Mechanization of farm work, in which gas

and oil for the tractor have replaced oats for the

team, is a top example. It has eliminated a vast

amount of drudgery. It has cut costs. It has made

possible land reclamation and conservation practices

that would have been impossible in former times.

And it enables a smaller farm population, working

a more or less fixed acreage, to meet the needs of a

WEBSTER GROVES, MO., NEWS-TIMES: "The fundamental principle of democracy is that the

members of the nation have to decide what they

want. That seems to be where the trouble comes-

too many millions of moderns, debased by a steady

diet of violence and fantasy on the screen and air,

lack the ability or moral stamina to decide any-

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Entered at the postolfice in O'Neill, Holt coun-

There is no doubt that there have been losses

neighbors across the road."

form of tractor gasoline and oil."

swelling total population.

submitted to surgery early Wednesday in Methodist hospital in Sioux City. He suffered two broken legs in an unusual accident in the O'Neill railroad yards on Thursday, September 28. franchise was granted to the Kan-An editorial in the Antigo, Wis., Daily Journal, sas-Nebraska Natural Gas Com-pany at the O'Neill city council muses on some of the changes that have taken place meeting Tuesday night. It also In American farming. It says: "In past generations, authorized the purchase of school the farmer depended heavily on his neighbors. His traffic electric signals. . . Herman Becker, a 33 year-old O'Neill farmer who had lived in Holt church, his school, and his cheese factory were local community institutions, everyone of which he helped county only a few months, was to build and he felt he had definite responsibilities to instantly killed about 7:45 p.m.

#### Saturday when struck by a car. 5 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Esther Downey returned Saturday from an extended summer tour of Europe. Among the countries she visited were: Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and France. . Seventeen agricul specialists from Turkey in the Middle East spent Monday af ternoon and night at O'Neill and early Tuesday studied the Earl Coxbill seed plant in Atkinson. Harry Ressel was reelected chairman of the Holt county Agriculture Stabilization Conservation committee Wednesday, September . .Forty-six carloads of stocker-feeder cattle were sold here Wednesday in connection with the annual sale sponsored by the Sandhills Cattlemen's association Effective October 8, Mr. J. C Nordmeyer will be the manager of the Osborne Shoe Store, re placing William W. Watson, who moving to Omaha. . . Deaths: Robert E. Strong, 65, of Norfolk and a former resident of O'Neill; Mrs. Clara Tucker, 87, of Ewing and Sister M. de Chantel, the former Bridget O'Donnell of Atkin-

### Frontiers | The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO C. J. Barnum made a trip to Lincoln this week. . Last week a deal was consumated whereby Doherty, Edward Adams and I. Baldwin purchased J. C. McGowens interest in the Chambers State Bank. . Dr. Colman and Dr. Fouts are both in the limelight this week as both are possessors of new autos. . . W. W. Stevens and Mr. Bolton of Sioux City, visited over Sunday at C. M. Smiths. . . Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mc-Gowen and C. L. McGowen and two children left Monday for California. . .H. L. Smith made a trip to O'Neill Tuesday. . Wednesday, Sept. 28th Miss Rachel Ballentyne was united in marriage to Ellsworth V. Wintermote by the County Judge in O'Neill at high noon. . . Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Coppoc and Fern Smith visited at C. M. Smiths Sunday.

50 YEARS AGO

Patrick Kilmurry left for Omaha

last Monday morning and will

spend the week viewing the sights

in that city. . Arthur Ryan is en-

joying a visit from his father, W. J. Ryan of St. Joseph, Mo.

this week. . .T. J. Birmingham

returned Sunday evening from

a two week's visit at Excelsion

Springs, Mo. Mrs. Birmingham

was with him and left Excelsion

Springs for Darlington, Wis. where

she will spend a few weeks visit-

ing relatives and friends. . .Mrs. C. P. Hancock and son Edmund

came down from O'Neill to In-

man last Friday to visit relatives a few days. . .Miss Marion Olive

Willard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Willard of Worcest-

er and Lt. Owen R. Meredith

27th U. S. Infantry, son of Mr and Mrs. John H. Meredith of

O'Neill were married Wednesday

25 YEARS AGO

The special election for the

\$61,000 in bonds for the erec-

purpose of voting on the issuance

tion of a new court house and

jail in this county will be held on Tuesday, Nov 12, 1935. . Last Sun-

day at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

George Van Every in southeast

O'Neill was held a family reun-

ion which brought together 52

persons who partook of a delic-

ious dinner and told stories of

old days and new as had been

noted in this and other sections

where the members of this fami-

ly tree reside. . .Tom Baker

made a run after a fat furry

coon in the moonlight Tuesday.

Sir Coon's short but active legs

carried him beyond the danger

zone and he was soon lost to

vision when he took to the hills.

left the latter part of last week

for Wyoming where they expect

to put in a week hunting game. .

Stuart Tuesday.

Mrs. Guy Cole visited friends in

10 YEARS AGO

quietly observed their golden wed-

ding on Saturday, September 30.

They received scores of congrat-

ulatory messages and a number

of personal visitors in their home.

They were feted with a family

dinner at noon at the home of

their son, Melvin. . . Raw, damp

weather restrict attendance Tues-

day as the cornerstone for At-

kinson's new Memorial hospital

was laid at a 10 a.m. ceremony

.George Garhart, 55, O'Neill,

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klingler

.Ira Moss and H. L. Lindberg

evening at Worcester.

C. E. Stout, M. J. Enright and

25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Mrs. Mary MacLeod and Henry Lohaus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lohaus of Humphery, were married Tuesday morning at St. Cecelia's cathedral by Rev. S. J. Zukowski . . .Mrs. LaVerne Harley came home from the O'-Neill hospital last week. . . George C. Smith had the misfortune to crack a rib one day last week when a stirrup broke and he fell from his horse. . . The 4-H Cooking club girls will hold an invitation party in honor of Charlotte Crandal and Kathryn Woods. who have had perfect attendance during the meetings held this summer and fall.

# Smoke from *"Brandin'*

By J. C. Fudd

Weather's been pretty brisk along the Crick the past week. Little sizzle sozzle of a drizzle every now and then but no big freeze has come on yet. Everyone can tell it's fixin' to be Indian summer of Squaw winter one of these days.

Lena took off for the Seemly Seamers last Thursday afternoon and Yours Truly swung into action. Put up the wood heater, (Pretty near busted a gut doing it alone) brought the bench in from off of the porch, hunted up the spittoon from where it's been stashed all summer and had everything lined up for a dog fight when Lena got home. By Gravy, she fooled me, never opened her head.

Folks has been dropping in steady come evening. Like to warm up and blow off to their neighbors whilst soaking up some free heat. Had just about a capacity crowd (as they say on TV) last Friday evening when Rev. Peebles come in. Head all wrapped up in a piece of old wool blanket. Sinus dealing him fits. Said he'd got to the place where he'd try anything to get relief short of chopping his own head

Otty Camber poked his head from around behind the stove and asked the Rev. real concerned if he ever thought of going to Thermoplis or one of them places and taking the hot mud

#### **Fall Planting** FLOWER BULBS

Tulips Hyacinths Crocus **Daffodils** Narcissus **Grape Hyacinths** 4 to 15 Bulbs per package 66c per pack

PATTON'S

BEN FRANKLIN O'Neill, Nebraska

# Notice!

We have received the 1959 Distress Warrants from the County Treasurer. The first notices are being mailed, it is our duty to collect these taxes in full, in cash or by levy on personal property. We will call on parties concerned and expect payment. If necessary will levy on and seize enough personal property to cover warrant and all costs, and costs of sale. We have no alternative, this is a Have-to-Case.

After January 1, 1961 all unpaid personal distress warrants will be advertised in local papers same as real estate.

> LEO S. TOMJACK **Holt County Sheriff**

#### treatment. The Rev. said he'd Do You Know Your Neighbor? thought of it but couldn't see his way clear to go right now. Well.

loaded mud to do the job or if

any kind of mud would work if it was kept at a steady tempera-

everyone believed him) that he'd

read some place that any kind

of adhesive would work if it was

applied for an hour at a time

and kept at the same tempera-

ture throughout. "It's a shame,

he says, "that you don't have

some way to keep some of that

clay from the Gorey hill hot for

awhile." "Bet you would get re-

lief in nothing flat." (The bugger

was thinking all the time about

the Reverend's new automatic fry

pan that he got for a birthday

gift from his folks the week be-

says the Rev. "If I had any way

for a week, says the Rev. looking him right in the eye. "My little

banty hen run off from her nest

and I'm finishing out hatching

That really cut Otty off at the

pockets. Nobody dast laugh, no-

body was sure if he meant it or

to keep that heat regular."

the eggs in it."

See you next week.

Homemakers

By Catherine Indra

Home Extension Agent

Let's talk a bit about potatoes

today. This favorite vegetable for

the money spent on them gives a

high return in food value. Vita-

min C, thiamine, niacin, and iron,

phosphorous and potassium are

Here are some pointers for buy-

Best quality potatoes are firm,

smooth, and well-shaped. They

are free from cuts, blemishes

Look for potatoes that are rea-

sonably clean; it's hard to judge

the quality of potatoes covered

with dirt. Washed potatoes may

color on some part of the sur-

face; the green portions have a

For the least waste in paring

Before buying a large quantity

potatoes it's a good idea to

buy a small sample first and try

cooking qualities you want. Us-ually it is impossible to predict

cooking quality from the appear-

potatoes labeled as bakers, cook-

ing quality is seldom indicated on potato labels.

size potatoes best for general use.

It's easy to estimate portions with

potatoes of this size, and there

is less waste in paring than there

tatoes are sometimes preferred

for boiling whole, large potatoes

with small potatoes. Small po-

Most homemakers like medium-

s and except

them to see if they have the

select potatoes that are regular

in shape and have shallow eyes.

Avoid potatoes that show green

be found in some markets.

all found in this popular item.

ing and storing potatoes.

Buying:

and decay.

bitter taste.

for baking

Stored

Storing:

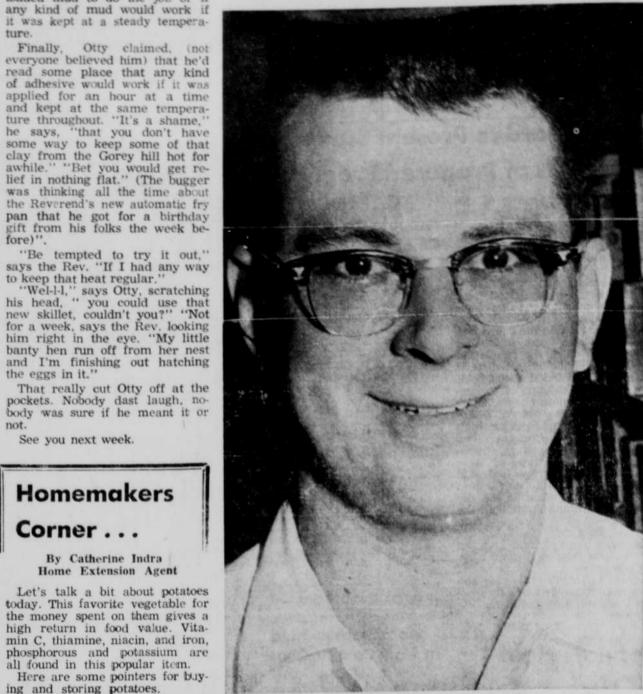
Corner . . .

"Be tempted to try it out,"

Finally.

Otty claimed, (not

"Know Your Neighbor" is not a contest. There are no prices given argument developed as to whether for correctly identifying the person pictured. The only reward is the it took that special kind mineral satisfaction of knowing your neighbor.



Last week's Guess Who was George Janousek, the friendly grocer at the Fourth Street Market.



How many of you have met this man?

are bruised or cracked to use first. Keep potatoes in a cool, dark place. For best keeping and cooking quality store at tempertures of 45 to 50 F. Higher tempertures are likely to cause sprouting and shriveling. Lower temperatures for even a week or two may cause potatoes to develop a sweet taste because some of the starch in the potatoes changes to sugar. Potatoes that have become excessively sweet in storage can be improved in flavor by keeping them at room temperature (70 to 80 F.) for a week or two before using them. Potatoes should be kept in the dark because light causes greening of the skin and the flesh under the skin. This green-

ing lowers eating quality. Because potatoes keep better if there is some circulation of air around them they should never be stored in an air-tight contain-

properly in the home, late-crop potatoes will keep for several months; early-crop pota-Don't place potatoes on a damp toes will keep for several weeks. cellar floor.. Put a board or some Look the potatoes over before other kind of insulating material storing them. Set aside any that between potatoes and floor.

Potato Strips with Cheese cups raw potato strips (cut as for french fries ½ cup milk

1 tablespoon butter or margar-

teaspoon salt Pepper

1/2 cut thinly shaved process 1 tablespoon finely cut parsley Put the strips into a greased

baking dish and pour the milk over them. Dot with butter or margarine and sprinkle with salt and Cover and bake in a hot oven

(425 F.) for 40 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender. Sprinkle with cheese and parsley and bake, covered, for 5 minutes more. 4 servings, 2/3 cup

The Home and Garden bulletin "Potatoes in Popular Ways" available from the United States department of agriculture.

Phone your news to 788

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