

PrairieLand Talk

"He's After You"

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, 419 South 1st St., Lincoln 5, Neb.

Citizens of Lincoln voted to have a juvenile court added to the list of courts in the Capital City. More courts more taxes. Federal court, state supreme court, district court with three or four judges, county court, police court and now a court to keep the kids headed right. A widow a few blocks over from where my typewriter is parked taxed \$200 for having a modern house to live. Another court set up, next year it may jump to \$202. Pavements, public buildings, street workers, courts, city hall, courthouse, statehouse, schools, universities—takes money to maintain the public demands. So the tax collector is after you.



Romaine Saunders

He is 98 years old. Three days ago found by a relatives lying apparently lifeless on the floor of a room in his home. Lifeless? No, just a momentary knock out blow from Old Man Time. Then a little while in bed and up and on the go again.

Election is over, but O'Neill's Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Mrs. Eby is still with us by the writer's inkhorn. She touches the throbbing heart of Frontier readers with lines of poetic beauty. And may the O'Neill's poets gifted pen flow on in charming rhyme!

Census takers found 155,272 men, women and children in our Capital City. Since the nose counters made their rounds a number have died, others moved away, others moved on and babies have come to brighten homes. But Lincoln is now a Big Town, regarded by many who have stopped on their way eastward or westward as the most attractive city they have been in.

It doth appear that our state senators will gather in special session about December 12 to vote themselves a Christmas gift, increase in pay. I trust Senator Nelson can spare a few minutes to come to 51st street to see me.

The cattle and buffalo, deer and other creatures of the open country have not this fall the customary long hair on their hides. This is said to indicate a mild winter. So may it be!

Some weeks ago a sale was held at the Howard Berry ranch down in Swan precinct. Mr. and Mrs. Berry took off for the southwest and spent a little time in Arizona and New Mexico but did not find it all inviting. All the while the call of PrairieLand and home was beckoning. Now I am delighted to learn from a letter from Mr. Berry that he and Mrs. Berry are back near their old home again and are living in O'Neill on east Fremont street where I hope to greet them on my next visit to the county seat and thriving city of the great PrairieLand empire of Holt county.

Editorial

First Things First

The change in the Presidential administrations may mean a change in approach to some of our national problems. But the problems themselves haven't changed.

We must still deal with the Communists, the space race, farm situation, foreign affairs, race relations, labor relations, the need to prevent inflation and maintain a sound and expanding economy. Basically, all of these problems boil down to an effort to protect and improve the chances of each individual American—and all the people who share this planet with us—to the best life possible.

Many Americans cling with child-like trust to a belief that the federal government is best qualified to solve all problems and to provide the good life for all. All that is necessary, they seem to feel, is to spend a little more money, pass a new law, set up a new federal program or agency.

This evidence betrays their trust. Take a look at the farm problem. The federal government has been fiddling with it for 30 years, and it's worse than ever. The squabbling and waste in our military programs is legendary. Certainly the U. S. Information Agency is no model of how to win friends abroad.

Still, when the new Congress opens in January there will be demands for federal action in yet more fields.

Personally, we think Congressional effort could be better spent in making existing federal projects work rather than in setting up a whole new set of bungling and expensive problems.

Deer Better Protected

Dakota County Star

Nebraska laws appear to protect the deer which roam our river bottoms more than they do Mr. John Q. Public.

Seldom does a speeder draw a fine of more than \$50 even though he might be driving 30 to 40 miles over the speed limit.

The minimum fine for a drunken driver, who endangers the life of all motorists, is \$100.

The smallest fine which can be levied against a reckless driver, who takes your life into his own hands and could cause a fatal accident with one simple mistake, is \$25.

Yet the minimum fine for an individual who would shoot a deer out of season is \$100.

Do Nebraska lawmakers consider a deer more important than the citizens of this state?

Our four-legged friends need protection, certainly. But, by the same token, so do the citizens of Nebraska.

Perhaps if some people were given the same consideration as deer, the results might be more equitable.

Otto Wolfe, retired Nebraska newspaper publisher and editor, an esteemed friend of PrairieLand Talker and a citizen of the Capital City, visited me a calm bright day in mid-November. Two of a kind together mingling memories of the past with stirring events of the present after a happy smiling greeting and handshake. Mr. Wolfe some 60 years ago was in newspaper work in Madison, the county seat of Madison county, and had published a paper in other Nebraska towns. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe carries on the family newspaper tradition and serves as state news editor of Lincoln's morning paper, the Star.

Up there in the Polar Regions these November nights there glows in radiant beauty the Northern Lights, and above and beyond the reach of human hand we on PrairieLand behold the stars. Nature and Nature's God paints the charming picture spread before us days and nights.

The writer of the Proverbs counsels us to "look not upon the wine when it is in the cup, for it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

It was a few days before Thanksgiving dinners were to be enjoyed that a group of charming women of the community went forth with packages of fresh fruit and other good things for open mouths to take in, the packages of fruit for the aged citizens along a street or two and the more substantial stuff for those in humble homes maybe not too well fed and children to be made happy with a good Thanksgiving dinner. So another time this group of ladies extended helping hands and brought smiles and a bit of giggle to old man Jim and aged Aunt May. Very few if any in the writer's community of our Capital City in any real need, but that group of gals with extended helping hands had their fun anyway.

She is a native of Florida, now the wife of a Nebraska patriot and the mother of a daughter in college in another state. Day by day she is at her desk serving a great organization where I chance to go from time to time, greeted by a cheering word and a smile of welcome. A mere man, one of the genus homo, bears the honorable title of an official of the organization carrying on the Lord's work, but he is away from his desk and the lady at her desk is on the job keeping things moving. And so if longing for a cheering word and to look upon a charming smiling lady's face I step in.

I take the following from the November Historical Society letter: "Recognizing the approach of the state Centennial in 1967, Governor Burney has appointed a State Centennial Planning Committee to make recommendations prior to the establishment of a State Centennial Commission. . . . Frank Latenser, Omaha, is chairman of the committee. Other members include LeRoy Bahensky, St. Paul; Arthur Carmody, Trenton; Harold Prichard, Falls City; George A. Knight and Senator Fern Hubbard Orme, Lincoln; Senator Ray Simmons, Fremont; Bob Thomas, Norfolk, and myself as Secretary."

Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Work upon the new addition to St. Mary's academy is progressing rapidly. . . Miss Mabel Snyder of this city won the grand prize in the Norfolk Daily News subscription contest, an Overland touring car worth \$1,400 with a total of 1,380,000 votes. . . A go-sized delegation between Jack Sullivan of this city and Kid West of Gregory, Sullivan was awarded the decision. . . Lee Cinger and Miss Jessie Bayless both of Inman were united in marriage at the office of County Judge Malone last Friday. . . According to the last census, which was made public Wednesday of this week, the state of Nebraska has a population of 1,192,214. The population of Holt county is given as 15,545.

25 YEARS AGO

Twenty-two students are registered in the University of Nebraska this year from Holt county. . . Football playing came to a grand climax here Thanksgiving day when Atkinson won over the local public school eleven, 7 to 6 in a game that was nip and tuck all the way. . . The County Board of Supervisors met this morning to open the bids and award a contract for excavating for the new courthouse. Three bids were submitted and the contract was awarded to the Island Supply Co. of Grand Island for \$1,024,300. . . Clyde R. Burge of Emmet and Miss Ruby Irene Holcomb were united in marriage on November 30. Rev. H. D. Johnson, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating. A number of volunteer ladies are busy at the Sewing Circle this week faced with the problem of making old ties look like new.

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Alice French, O'Neill high school mathematics instructor and librarian for the past eight years, has been appointed Holt county superintendent of public instruction, succeeding Miss Elja McCullough of O'Neill who was not a candidate in the recent elections. . . Three Ewing people, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bannitt and daughter, Virginia, were hurt about 8:30 a.m. Monday in an auto-truck mishap 2 1/2 miles east of Inman on highway 20-275. . . O'Neill's second annual simultaneous Christmas window unveiling, a citywide event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, attracted a lesser crowd than a year ago. . . Floyd Whitaker of Chambers for the third consecutive term was elected president of the Holt County Hereford Breeders' association in the group's annual meeting held Tuesday, November 28 at O'Neill.

5 YEARS AGO

O'Neill's young national guard tank company received an "excellent" rating during its first annual inspection which was conducted in October by Lieutenant-Colonel Bryant of Fifth (regular) army headquarters in Chicago. . . Annual unveiling of window displays will take place at 7 o'clock tonight (Thursday), and large crowds are expected to throng the streets and admire the gay display windows. . . Dr. O. W. French, 64, well-known O'Neill physician and surgeon who suffered a stroke about 3 a.m. Friday while at St. Anthony's hospital, is "showing improvement", relatives said Wednesday night. . . Patrons, friends and other well wishers converged Sunday afternoon at the spic-and-span new school building in district 27. Mr. and Mrs. John Cassidy of Spencer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 27.

Dr. H. D. GILDERSLEEVE OPTOMETRIST Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted Contact Lenses Phone 167 — O'Neill, Nebr. Hours 9-5—Mon. thru Saturday Closed Wednesday

Farm Auction FRIDAY, DEC. 9 Sale Starts at 12:30 Lunch on Grounds 31 — HEAD OF CATTLE — 31 15 Milk Cows - 8 Stock Cows - 7 Calves - 1 Bull 10 Cows coming with 3rd calf. High grade — High producing cows 75 HOGS 55—Feeder Pigs 20 Feeder Pigs 6 to 8 weeks old 50 to 75 pounds Also CORN — HAY — ALFALFA — STRAW FARM MACHINERY TERMS—CASH. No property to be removed until settled for. Vincent & Viola Streeter, Owners Wally O'Connell, Auctioneer Ed Murphy, Clerk

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO

They have pulled the Shamrock grader in for the season and corn husking will be the order of the day for a while in these parts. . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keepers and family took Thanksgiving dinner at M. L. Wintermote's. . . On Tuesday, November 29th, County Judge Malone united in the bonds of holy matrimony, Henry Ickler of Royal and Miss Orva Butterfield of Chambers. . . Sam Wood and family, Con Harley and family and Jack Kellar and family took Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Englehart. . . Mrs. L. C. Barney is in town this week having her store building cleaned and prepared ready for the new merchant, Mr. Atwood. . . Dr. Coleman is on the sick list.

25 YEARS AGO

One of our traveling grocery salesmen had quite an exciting time when a little mouse in search of a new home, located it in the sample case of said salesman who stopped overnight in an O'Neill hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harley left Tuesday to attend a convention of International Harvester dealers being held in Omaha. . . Rev. A. W. Clarke took a car load of Chambers Methodist young people and Earl Ressel took a car load of the Kellar Presbyterian young people to O'Neill Monday evening to attend the Eworth League rally. . . Last Tuesday Supervisor J. W. Walter and M. F. Norton, county surveyor, surveyed the road so the contract could be advertised.

A Poem From Mrs. Eby . . .

—The Land of Beginning Again— I wish there was some wonderful place called the land of beginning again. Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches and all our selfish grief could be dropped like a shabby old coat, at the door, and never put on again.

We would find all the things we intended to do but forgot, and remembered—too late. Little praises unspoken, little promises broken, and all of the thousand and one little duties neglected that might have perfected the day for one less fortunate.

It wouldn't be possible not to be kind in the land of beginning again; and ones we misjudged and the ones whom we grudged their moments of victory here would find in the grasp of their loving handclasp more than penitence lips could explain.

For what had been hardest we'd know had been best, and what had seemed less would be gain; for there isn't a sting that would not take wing when we've faced it and laughed it away; and I think that the laughter is most wanted we're after—in the land of Beginning Again!

So I wish there was some wonderful place called the land of beginning again. Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches and all our poor, selfish grief could be dropped, like a shabby old coat, at the door, and never put on again. (Louisa Fletcher Farrington)

Warranty Deeds

WD-Lyle P. Dierks to C. L. Sisson 11-21-59 \$3400-Lot 4 Blk 16 Pioneer Townsite Co Add. Ewing WD-Duane McKay to Weston D. Whitner & wf 11-19-60 \$14,500-Part of SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 19-29-11 Subject to mtgs of record. WD-A. Max Karo to George Wallinger & wf 11-18-60 \$14,000-Lots 7-8 & 9 Blk 5-Western Town Lot Co 1st Add. Stuart. WD-E. E. Young to Sammie B. Young & wf 11-19-60 \$1- NW 1/4 W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec 2-26-13 Subj to Fed Land Bk Mtg. QCD-Dorothy Cooke to Tony Asimus 11-21-60-Valuable consideration-S 1/2 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 S 1/2 NW 1/4 E 1/2 SE 1/4 N 1/2 NE 1/4 7-31-10

Do You Know Your Neighbor?

QCD-Nels E. Sequist to Tony Asimus 11-21-60-Valuable consideration-Same land. QCD-Nels E. Sequist to Virgil Pinkerman 11-21-60-Valuable consideration-NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 S 1/2 NW 1/4 QCD-Dorothy Cooke to Virgil Pinkerman 11-21-60-Valuable consideration-Same land. WD-Luella A. Parker to Lottie A. Lofquest 10-17-60 \$1- Lots 13 & 14 Blk M-Fahy's Park Add. O'Neill. WD-Lake Shore Honey Farms to W. F. Straub & Co 11-1-60 \$600-Lot 4 Blk 34-Pioneer Townsite Co 2nd Add. Stuart. WD-Vern D. Morris to Leo S. Tomjack & wf 1-7-59 \$4750-45 ft x 170 ft in Blk 5-McCafferty's Annex-O'Neill. WD-J. B. Sorey to Jake Braun & wf 10-29-60 \$2210-Lot 3 Blk 43-Western Townlot Co. Add. Atkinson. WD-Albert Clausen to Gerald R. Lamason, et al., 10-28-60 \$24,000-S 1/4 24-28-10 Subject to mtg of record. WD-Peter Tushla to Elmer A. Vogel 8-31-55 \$9400-NW 1/4 15-30-14 WD-Bernard V. Allen to Duane McKay 11-16-60 \$1-Part of SE 1/4 SW 1/4 19-29-11. WD-William F. Spann to Blanche O. Pease 11-18-60 \$1- Lot 1 Blk 35-Kimball & Blairs Add. Atk-grantors reserve life estate. WD-Village of Page to Vivian E. & John E. Steinberg 11-3-60 \$10- Lot 3 Blk 2- East Side Add-Page.



Did you recognize Jo Wilson of the O'Neill Coast to Coast Store?

Remember this in your holiday driving: "Two of the biggest menaces on the highways are drivers under 25 going over 65 and drivers over 65 going 25." -BJR- So you think a penny won't buy anything anymore? Well a penny in the Reinberg household recently provided anxiety, amazement and a topic of conversation for our two-year-old son, Kurt, for about three days, and how many \$4.93 toys on the market last that long now days? Kurt announced to his mother that the penny had been swallowed. A search of his pockets confirmed that the penny was indeed gone and further questioning resulted in the same answer, "yup, swallowed the penny." To make a long story short, after several days of searching and speculation as to what happened to the penny, it reappeared, shinier than new. After trying to explain the magical feat to a two-year-old we gave up and gave the credit to the "Good Fairy." After all it sounds more reasonable anyway. -BJR- Medicine has advanced to the point where an ounce of prevention is worth about \$19.95. -BJR- We knew it was coming. A hearing is slated in the State-

Help Fight TB Christmas Greetings 1960 Use Christmas Seals

you pocket the difference Every time you make a purchase, trucks save you money! How? By providing the kind of fast, flexible and economical transportation that keeps goods moving. Trucks travel the shortest routes . . . are subject to fewer delays . . . can never be sidetracked. Fast, small-lot shipments mean quicker turnover for the merchant—greater selection and savings for you. Why? Because of complete and fast truck service, merchants need not carry large inventories . . . and that helps reduce your cost! Motor freight requires less packing and crating, too. A truck can load at the door of the shipper—and unload at the door of the store. So, there's less handling—less chance of loss or damage. Trucks bring you strawberries in February . . . fresh seafood in June . . . the latest style in clothing. Trucks work for you in other ways as well. They help maintain Nebraska prosperity by employing nearly 70,000 people . . . pay a big load of all state highway taxes. So remember, trucks not only make your life pleasanter, but save you money in the process. One of a Series of Advertisements Prepared by NEBRASKA MOTOR CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION, 500 South 13th Street, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA This Space Paid For By O'NEILL TRANSFER JOHN TURNER Daily Service O'Neill-Omaha PHONE 578

THE FRONTIER BILL RICHARDSON, Publisher BRUCE J. REHBERG, Editor Terms of Subscription: In Nebraska, \$2.50 per year; elsewhere in the United States, \$3 per year, rate abroad provided upon request. All subscriptions payable in advance. Entered at the postoffice in O'Neill, Holt county, Nebraska, as second-class mail matter under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. This newspaper is a member of the Nebraska Press Association, National Editorial Association and the Audit Bureau of Circulations. NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE MEMBER