Prairieland Talk

# "A Bit of Bone and Fat",

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

He and his wife were on their homestead some three miles east of O'Neill. We had recently moved to town a mile or so beyond where he lived. It was 75 years ago, a calm autumn time on Prai-

rieland. That homesteader and former neighbor came to our house in southwest O'Neill and talked my mother into letting me come to his place and help with the fall work, saying when he butchered a beef he would bring mother a goodly chunk from a hind quarter. So the next morning I mounted my black horse and to that gent's prairieland homestead I went and worked for him for a week or more. Payday came and



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that day my boss came to town and handed to my unsuspecting mother a bone with a bit of fat meat on it the "nice chunk of beef" I was to get for my week's work, a bit of bone and fat to throw to the dogs. That gent has long since kicked the bucket in a town a hundred miles to the east of O'Neill, where he had made his home for a time. My mother lived on without that choice chunk of beef, and her remains are at rest today in the abode of the dead up on the hill.

. . .

After several months I have word again from Homer Campbell out at Seattle, Wash. As lads in the long ago Homer and I were chums and each learning the printers trade as it then was in O'-Neill, Homer in the basement of the bank building that still stands on the corner, I in the old Frontier headquarters back of the then postoffice. Homer's parents homesteaded in that beautiful region of southwest Holt county, later came to O'Neill. August 7 this year Homer is 92 years of age, arriving at that milestone along lifes way nearly four months before I do, my birthday being December 4 which was also the birthday of my good wife who now rests in her grave.

The night is done, and another day has come. May we have a bit of fun as along life's highway we walk and run.

The "news". We get it-our three dollar a year weekly newspaper, two dollar a month daily paper-these gone over then turn on the radio for a few minutes until TV time. And neighbors Jack and Jane tell us the rest, so we know it all and do some of it at little or no cost. What's the news vel life's highway, giving some fellow traveler a Jack and Jane?

Miss Coykendal, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Cress, Mrs. Taylor. A group of ladies known and admired and envied, who walked the streets of O'Neill when you and I were younger and now but a memory. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Cress ended their days in our Capital City, the families having moved to Lincoln some 60 years ago. Mrs. Taylor studied law and was admitted to the bar she located in Boyd County. Miss Coykendal stuck it out to the last in O'Neill with her parents.

She was born 85 years ago in New York state, came as a child with her parents to Boone county, Nebraska. Lived her life as a Prairieland farm girl and farm woman until recent years making her home with her daughter in Lincoln. The last day of July Mrs. Clark was layed to rest in the abode of the dead. She lived for a time in the Amelia community, was the mother of the husband of my eldest daughter who was born in O'-Neill sixty years ago and who with her husband lives today in New Mexico. They came to Lincoln to see Mother Clark layed away and participate in the last rites of burial.

August, the hot mid summer month came to us cool and calm, with the landscape robed in lovely green, stately trees in full leaf and prairie roses in bloom; products of earth never so abundant and from the gardens the thrifty house wife gathers string beans, red ripe tomatoes, corn to cook on the cob and other good things to eat. It was some 68 years back on the scroll of time in the month of August and all summer long the hot winds blew and nothing grew on farm or garden. So those who could pulled out for distant parts. Weather conditions make us happy or sad. The blizzard of January 12, 1888, was a day none will ever forget who lived at that time, men and women frozen to death, the prairie a scene of what a winter storm can do. But this mid-summer month the prairie is robed in rich green to form an inviting scene, so we "are happy as a clam in this land of Uncle Sam" while loing our bit along the way.

Summer evenings in our youthful years we went to that school section southwest of our town abodes, stripped off and jumped into the clear inviting waters of the Elkhorn river. A swim, a dive and splashing about. Now it is the bathtub or washdish.

"Let us gather up the sunbeams all along the way, casting off the thorns and chaff" as we trahelping hand instead of a kick in the pants.

Editorial

# Food For Thought

At the risk of turning the editorial page into a poet's corner we offer the following poem by Edgar is A. Guest for your consideration this week. We also include a thought for the day by Grenville Kleiser and last but not least a paragraph from an editorial in the Tulsa Tribune. They're short and to the point. We enjoyed reading all three and we hope you will.

TAKE SIDES!

Take sides! This is no time to be Indifferent to our country's fate. A world in trouble waits to see How freedom settles problems great. Take sides! Whatever choice we make, Democracy is now at stake.

Take sides! At us the tyrant sneers, The despot shouts that we have failed. Back goes the world a thousand years. If we shall falter, thus assailed. Take sides! Democracy requires The faith and courage of our sires.

Take sides! 'Tis liberty at stake And all the cherished dreams of man! Our fathers fought for freedom's sake; Now ours the task which they began. Take sides! And let a worn world see The triumph of democracy!

-Edgar A. Guest

There are many fine things which you mean to do some day, under what you think will be more favorable circumstances. But the only time that is surely yours is the present, hence this is the time to speak the word of appreciation and sympathy, to do the generous deed, to forgive the fault of a thoughtless friend, to sacrifice self a little more for others.

Today is the day in which to express your noblest qualities of mind and heart, to do at least one worthy thing which you have long postponed, and to use your God-given abilities for the enrichment of some less fortunate fellow traveler. Today you can make your life . . . significant and worthwhile. The present is yours to do with it as you will. -Grenville Kleiser

There's nothing like a little judicious hell-raising on the part of a few courageous citizens for giving life to a community. A community, like an individual, thrives on a good name, and you don't get a good name by just painting it on the water tower.

NEW HAVEN. MO., LEADER: "In the beginning, the United States was certainly what would today be called an under-developed country. Everyday life in the towns and cities of the colonies that had gained their independence from Great Britain was not much different from life in the towns and cities of the Roman Empire. Tools and methods had changed little in two thousand years. The new Nation had no net capital; in fact, it was heavily in debt and operating on borrowed money. There were no railroads, no factories, no steel mills. Many other countries were far ahead of us in the principal economic assets of the time.

"The United States had only one asset of major importance-and that was not an economic asset at all but a political one. It was the idea of a strictly limited government."

CARLSBAD, N. M., CURRENT-ARGUS: "Here an illustration being circulated on Capitol Hill to show the enormity of President Kennedy's \$92,500,000,000 spending program for next year: If you give your wife \$1,000,000 dollars, and tell her that she can go away and spend it at the rate of \$1,000 per day, she would be back in three years broke and asking for more money. But if you give her \$1,000,000,000, and tell her to spend it at the same rate of \$1,000 per day, you would not see her again for 3,000 years."

TERRE HAUTE, IND., TRIBUNE: "Americans generally seem to hold the notion that democracy is not democracy unless it follows our pattern . . . We must not . . . willfully impose our ways on people who have other ideas. Yet at the same time we must be careful not to strengthen the antidemocratic forces in any country. The general truth operative here is that the situation in Latin America, as elsewhere, cannot be viewed in terms of black and white. We can neither insist on exactly our kind of democracy, nor can we let our aid fall into the hands of those who want no kind of democracy at all."

MELROSE, MASS., FREE PRESS: "For years we have been on an ever-increasing price spiral. It would be difficult to say where it began or its cause, but as the cost of goods went up, labor demanded more pay. Although government profited by increased business, it demanded more spending and so taxes increased. The cost of unemployment benefits were increased to meet the rising costs of living, so the extra cost on business made the cost of goods increase. And so on and on and on. Of course, while all this is happening, thrifty people, retired on their savings and those on pension and fixed incomes, are the victims of the squeeze."

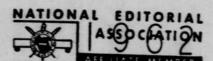
JEFFERSON, OHIO, GAZETTE: "The Washington economic advisors have proposed that government continue its heavy spending program and at the same time cut taxes. It's a neat trick if they can do it."

FLORENCE, ALA., HERALD: "The old saying: 'The government is the servant of the people' eught to be changed because the government, like servants, is getting too expensive for most folks."



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# **Frontiers**

Don't miss the band concert at noon daily by Savage Bro's. concert band. . . Anton Toy moved his general store the first of the week to the Reka building, formerly occupied by Charles Reka as a cigar store and ice cream parlor. . . A good sized delegation of O'Neill people went down to Norfolk to witness Ringling Bro's, circus which exhibited in that city. . . During the rain storm last Tuesday evening lightning struck the residence of Dominick McDermott, Seven miles northwest of this city, and it was burned to the ground.

25 YEARS AGO

A meeting in which all interested in Prospect Hill cemetery are asked to attend, is planned for Monday. . . Owen A. LaPrath and Miss Edna Adamson, both of O'Neill, were issued a marriage license on August 6. . . Reports of anthrax outbreaks in Holt county have been greatly exaggerated and have caused many farmers and ranchers much unnecessary uneasiness. . .The O'Neill base-ball club will hold a benefit dance at the K. C. hall Wednes-

10 YEARS AGO The new well to supplement O'-Neill's inadequate municipal water supply has been completed. 503 gallons per minute can be pumped from the new well. Miss Judy E. Martin became the bride of Pvt. Robert K. Shaw. July 26. . Miss Marlene Malcolm and Daryle Beckwith were united in marriage August 9. . Dance, August 9, music by the Aces of Rhythm Orchestra. Three mild cases of polio reported in Holt County.

5 YEARS AGO Holt County pre-fair competi-tion was held at the O'Neill school auditorium Tuesday, August 6. . . A group of ladies surprised Mrs. Jack Dailey on her oirthday Tuesday afternoon at her home. . . Miss Sandra Davis is crowned hay day queen. . . Registration for the St. Mary's Academy 1957-58 school term will begin the last week of August. . . Thunder showers continue to break the heat and boost agricultural prospects.

## The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO Sheriff Grady was down from O'Neill Monday in company with county attorney Whelan and Mr. Phalin, to suboena witnesses for the Gillette case. . . Clark Hough is building a new 30 foot addition to his livery barn. . Mr. and Mrs. Mullaley returned from Jackson last week, where they have been looking after their wheat crop. . .Roy Alderson was badly bruised and trampled Tuesday while harnessing a team of mules. The mules crowded him between them and crushed him

quite badly. 25 YEARS AGO Chambers base-ball team won their third successive game, with the score standing 12-2 in their favor, when they matched their skill with the O'Neill team. Ed Thorin and wife and baby were in town Saturday. . . Miss Mildred Brodham is assisting with the work in "Lill's" Cafe this week .The firm of "Smith & Smith" with their force of employees. enjoyed a social time Tuesday evening, and tried to forget the hot weather by consuming large quantities of ice cream.

#### **Chambers News**

By Mrs. E. R. Carpenter

Mrs. Duane K. Miller returned home Thursday from St. Anthony's hospital where she had been a pneumonia patient for

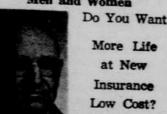
Mrs. H. E. Richards, Chadron, who has been assisting in the Duane K. Miller home while her daughter was in the hospital, returned to her home Friday, accompanied by her granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Haussler. and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Haussler and children, Holbrook, and John Sharp, Texas, came Thursday and visited until Friday with her father, John Walter, and other relatives. They were overnight guests of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ro-

Judy Smith departed Sunday for Olympia, Wash., where she

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will be a guest of relatives and later visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Averill and son. Sekiu, Wash. She plans to return about August 18

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Memorial Baptist church for Bert Farewell with the Rev. Earl Schwenk officiating. Music was furnished by Mrs. Schwenk and Mrs. Wayne Rowse. Pallbearers were C. V. Robertson, Dean Rowse, Wade Davis, Art Hinricksen, Lloyd Hoerle and Lyman Robertson. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery.

Mrs. Letha Cooke had a birthday party Friday for her grand-daughter, Debbie Cooke, Sheffield, Ia., who is visiting her. Present were a number of friends her age and also her three great grandmothers, Mrs. Sarah Adams, Mrs. Etta Keller and Mrs. Mary Gleed, also two grandmothers, Mrs. Lloyd Gleed and Mrs. Letha Cooke. Not always is a 9 year old girl so fortunate as to have 5 grandmothers and to have them all able to be present at her birthday party. The doll birthday cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Vernon Smith. MYF of the Methodist church

held an ice cream social Wednesday evening. They report the affair a success. Mrs. Joe Daas completed her

summer course at Wayne State

Teacher's College and will be home the remainder of the summer. She will teach the Gleed school this coming year. Mrs. Clifford Campbell and infant son returned home Wednesday from St. Anthony's hospital.

O'Neill. Mrs. Cordia Smith was admitted to St. Anthony's hospital, O'-Neill, Friday

The Rev. Earl Hess was called to Purdin, Mo., recently because of the death of his brother-inlaw, John Molloy, Kirksville, Mo. The Rev. Hess and his brother were in charge of the funeral

services. Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Miller, Lincoln, came Saturday to bring her brother, Larry Damme and sister, Cheryl Damme, home after spending a week with the Millers. The Damme and Miller families joined other relatives at a family gathering at Clearwater

Sunday. Mrs. C. E. Wintermote entertained at dinner Thursday evening in honor of her husband's birthday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wintermote, Norma and Janet, Leonard and Arthur Wintermote.

Visiting over the weekend in the Clare Coulthard home was his sister, Miss Lettie Jean Coulthard, Elgin.

Graduating Saturday, Aug. 4, from Wayne State College and receiving B. A. degrees were from the Chambers area, Robert

Klabenes and Kenneth Thomson. Attending the exercises were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Klabenes, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Coday, Mrs. Clarence Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thomson and Mrs. Kenneth Weller, Chambers, and Mrs. Anna Coday, Atkinson. Kenneth Weller, Chambers, received a master degree

Saturday exercises. Sunday guests in the Edd Coday home were Mrs. Anna Coday, Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Miller and three boys, Lakewood, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fry and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klabenes and son. Chambers.

in science and education at the

Gary Holcomb, Lincoln, spent the weekend with home folks Mr. and Mrs. Paul Geiser, Lincoln, visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Newhouse and other relatives over the weekend.

Rena Coppac was admitted to St. Anthony's hospital, O'Neill, Sunday.

Mrs. Mae Hubbard who had undergone major surgery at an Omaha hospital returned home Saturday. Her daughter, Mrs. Charles Grubb, who had been with her brought her home. H. Crawford made a trip to Sioux City, Friday to visit his

son, Arlo Crawford, at the Methodist hospital. He reports that Arlo will be there at least another week before they can set the broken arm. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mitchell

and family, Wichita, Kan., came Sunday and visited over Monday with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tracy and family. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kiltz and

daughter, Phyllis, and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Grimes were Sunday dinner guests in the Charles Coolidge home. Mr. and Mrs. LaMont Miller

and family were Sunday dinner guests of Joyce Summers, Page. Mr. and Mrs. Ray McNair and daughter, Ginger, Battle Creek, spent last week with his parentsin O'Neill and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Mikkelson, Cham-

Wilmer Warner, who was killed in a car accident west of Chambers Friday, was a nephew of Mrs. L. W. Taggart, Danneborg, formerly of Chambers.

A group of friends, relatives and neighbors gathered at the Lavern Hoerle home Sunday evening for a "pot luck" supper in

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honor of Mr. Hoerle's birthday. Mrs. Pearl Hoerle who had undergone surgery in an Omaha hospital was expected to return

home Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooper, Winner, S. D., came Friday and visited until Sunday evening with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Cooper. Other guests arriving Thursday were Mrs. Hale Osborne and Debbie and Mrs. Sharon Nelson and children, who came here from Wisner where they had been visiting the Tom Osbornes. Hale Osborne came Friday and the family, including Mrs. Nelson and children, left

Monday for Ft. Collins, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. William Jutte and Pete Brown attended a picnic for Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown, O'Neill. Sunday

Mrs. Wood Jarman who has been recuperating from a fall is reported improved and has been able to go out for a car ride several days in succession.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Winter-

mote and girls spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thorin, Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Nolte Genoa, were overnight guests Sunday in the William Turner

home. Larue Weller is in charge of the Co-op office while the Bill Logeman family are on vacation in Colorado.

Mrs. Mae Trennepohl, Neligh, left Saturday after spending two weeks with her son and daughterin-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald May and family.

## Venus News

By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Finch sr. and Rick Howerter, Guymon, Okla., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhode, Laurel. August Block returned home to Mitchell, S. D., after spending the past two weeks here with his children, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Block and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kinnison, Mr. Block's health is -

much improved since his recent illness and may soon be able to return to his employment.

Joel Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Omaha, stayed with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffrey

family last week. Clarence and Junior Finch baled hay for William Vrooman

last week. Roscoe Groeling injured his fore-finger Sunday while working with a belt on his combine.

Mrs. Marlin E. Tusha and children, Woodbridge, Va., accompanied Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser to Brunswick Monday afternoon, where they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brookhouser. Tuesday, July 31, Mrs. Tusha and children and Mrs. Brookhouser visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs Floyd Kinnison and Family. Mrs. Kinnison and Mrs. Tusha were former school mates.

Members of the Help U club held a picnic August 1 in the Page Park, Twelve members and one guest, Mrs. Marlin Tusha, were present. Cards were played and Mrs. Junior Finch and Mrs. Elta Finch, and Ethel Waring were the winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Faulhaber motored to Schuyler July 25 to visit in the Paul Baker home. Their two grand-daughter, Susan and Barbara Baker, returned home with their grandparents

that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Porter visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Caskey and sons Sat. Mrs. Vincent Jackson and Mrs. Archie Moser helped Mrs. Harry Caskey with papering Wednesday.

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