

The Best of . . .

# "Prairieland Talk"

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

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Old Jerusalem, where prophets were stoned and messengers of mercy were slain, bleeds again. Its ancient walls, built by Jebusites and Hebrews, battered by Assyrian and ground to rubble by Babylonians, rebuilt by Jews to be surrounded by Roman legions, taken by Turks and catching the glint of the flashing sword of Richard the Lion Heart.



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Now, Jew and Arab, each stemming from Father Abraham, bleed and die in mortal combat where once a sacred life was sacrificed to reconcile men to the ways of peace. The Jew battles for his ancestral home. In the person of his half brother, the untamed man of the desert, he faces a relentless foe.

And as for the Jew, there comes across the centuries that cry before the Roman tribunal from the lips of haughty priests, "His blood be upon us and upon our children".

A gent out at Sidney is sore. He is interested in conservation, financially or patriotically, and lets off a lot of good western Nebraska steam because congress makes some slashes in the mountains of appropriations. Some of these conservation and reclamation apostles would have Nebraskans believe it is irrigation or we are sunk. If that Sidney section had been left in good buffalo grass sod maybe there would be enough fat grass fed steers so Nebraska housewives could serve a 4-bit roast every day instead of laying down \$2.50 once a month for one. Moreover, a lot of Nebraska taxpayers are gratified over the showing in congress in the matter of appropriations.

A North Carolina editor has discovered that there are funny people: the guy who hasn't kissed his wife in five years shot the guy who did.

Another season of class mottoes, color schemes and pink daisies. Once more young America has made the grade through elementary, high school and the colleges. This year witnesses perhaps the greatest number of educated young people the schools have ever turned out. Graduates all, congratulations, and here lies at your feet a troubled world; see what you can do with it. Elders must admit of failure, but maybe you had just as well remember that fathers and mothers have toiled and sacrificed that you might have the chance of an education the thing that many of them were deprived of in early youth.

Abe Lincoln is credited with having said no man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.

If it were appointed unto me to select a Nebraska mother symbolic of the best in womanhood I would suggest for such honor one that has passed four score years, and who made a home out on virgin prairieland, and who by precept and example, the out-growth of strong moral character, reared a family of God-fearing citizens that have contributed a full measure to the growth of a great community planted by our pioneers on the untamed plains.

Those proficient in percentages tell us living costs have advanced 69 per cent since 1940 and nobody disputes it. The income of a lot of we old timers has decreased a like amount in the past eight or ten years, so we are 138 per cent out of balance as of this date.

Students of political economy at the University of Nebraska are soaking up the notion that none but property owners should be allowed to vote. Maybe so, but the renter makes it possible for the property owner to own property.

There's something funny about this barnstorming campaign for the Republican nomination for president. There is Senator Taft, brilliant, thoroughly equipped with all that goes to make any man capable of directing the ship of state; Governor Dewey, a doer but not much for handing out rose promises with a background of the best administration the great state of New York has had in generations; the senator from Michigan, solid and sound with his feet on the earth and years of experience in that school of government in Washington; McArthur, an idolized hero with both demonstrated military and executive ability; the smiling and able governor of the golden and glorious state of California; Joe Martin, the ablest speaker of the House of Representatives since Joe Cannon; and along comes the Big Swede from the fish ponds of Minnesota and captures the whole show, commanding personality, a lingo about "what ought to be done" like spontaneous combustion, and nothing much to his credit but the governor's job a few times in the cold regions of Minnesota. Maybe the appeal is reposed in the size of his good Swedish limbs, a bit of the Bryan platform showmanship, with a charming if somewhat evasive lingo.

Two little girls went down the street talking, one telling the other what grand thing she would have "when I get big". Little girls of other generations have dreamed pleasant dreams only to have the fine things turn out to be a washboard and tub.

The title Israel, first bestowed on Father Jacob literally translated Prince of God. If the Hebrews who have got a new nation going can claim such distinction the hooded horsemen of the desert better watch out.

## Frontiers Ago

50 YEARS AGO

Erwin Gallagher, who has been attending medical college at St. Louis the past year, came home last Saturday night to spend the summer vacation. . . Frank L. Farmer, Stuart and Miss Maude M. Johnson, Badger were granted a marriage license by county judge last Thursday. . . Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Biglin left for Lincoln Monday morning, where Mr. Biglin will attend the annual convention of the Nebraska Funeral Directors Association. After the convention the State Board of Examiners, of which Mr. Biglin is a member, will have a meeting to examine applicants for embalmers certificates. . . Last Saturday, John L. Chmela of Elgin, purchased the Douglas street, taking possession at once. . . W. P. Davis arrived in the city last Friday evening from Vancouver, B. C. for a few weeks visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Davis.

25 YEARS AGO

Mrs. John Kersenbrock and son, Jack and Harold Hunt will leave in the morning for Lincoln where they will spend a week. Mrs. Kersenbrock will visit relatives while Jack and Harold will attend the Cornhusker Boy's State for one week. . . Jack Vincent of this city, a freshman at the University of Nebraska this year, was among 21 freshman track performers who were awarded numerals. . . O. M. Herre, who left here last fall after being a resident of the city for about six years, during which time he was engaged in the jewelry business, is again a resident of this city. . . Miss Mary Joe Finley entertained 18 ladies at a luncheon Monday honoring her aunt, Mrs. Frederick Malloy, Chicago.

10 YEARS AGO

Dr. Edward M. Gleeson, formerly of Omaha and Greeley and recently released by the army medical corps, announces this

week the establishment of a dental office. . . Charles Sumner Downey, 65, widely-known O'Neill photographer, owner and operator of the O'Neill Photo Co., one of the city's largest business establishments, died June 9, in St. Anthony's hospital. . . Mrs. Virgil Laursen was elected president when the American Legion Auxiliary met June 3 at the Legion auditorium. . . The O'Neill Saddle club will be one of the feature attractions at the Stuart rodeo July 4-5. . . G. C. DeBacker, manager of the J. C. Penney company store for the past 14 years Monday evening was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce. . . Two cousins of Joe Daas-Abdo Salem and Naquid Salem-arrived Monday, June 1 from Lebanon, Asia Minor, for an extended visit.

5 YEARS AGO

Raymond Eby, operator of the Conoco service station here and owner of a taxi company, Monday evening was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce. . . Loren E. Stewart FA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stewart of Page has departed for San Francisco, Calif., where he will serve aboard a repair ship, USS Prairie. . . Mrs. Margaret White and Chris McGinn both of O'Neill, were united in marriage Tuesday, May 27, at St. Patrick's church. . . Lionel Chelsea Ickes, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Ickes is a candidate for a bachelor of science degree from Colorado State University. The Misses Connie Werner and Darlene Harley were co-valectricians in the senior class of 1958 at Chambers high school. . . The O'Neill Rockets lost to Oakdale, 4-9, Sunday evening at Oakdale in North-Central night league play.

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pany with Hugh B. Eller, Fremont, traveling agent for C and NW Railway looking over the town. Mr. Criss called at this office and subscribed for the Bugle as he said he wanted to keep posted on the doings of our bustling little village. . . Lucy Hayes and associate players finished a four nights engagement in the Opera House Saturday night. They are a good clean company and deserving of the liberal patronage which they received. . . C. H. Stowell informs us that the Assessor is no longer a member of the town board as has been heretofore.

25 YEARS AGO

Two of our local boys were home for the weekend from the C. C. Camps: Melvin Brittain from Madison, S. D. and Eldon Elkins from Valentine. . . Little Philip Senepiehl is nursing a sore foot having stepped on a rusty nail, Tuesday. . . Chambers is getting more and more up to date; the latest improvement being a nine hole Golf Course which has been laid out in Dankert's pasture northeast of town. . . Charlie Edwards underwent an operation for removal of the appendix at the Tilden hospital, Thursday last; he is getting along nicely and expects to return home the last of the week. . . A large crowd gathered at the S. C. Barnett home Monday evening where they charivariated the newly weds. . . Two hundred Holt county boys and girls are to date enrolled in 22 4-H clubs carrying a variety of different projects. . . The Daily Vacation Bible School which has been in session this week and last is being held at the Baptist church this year. Attendance has been good with well on towards 100 enrolled.

Royal News

By Mrs. R. J. Hering  
In spite of threatening skies and storm warnings, the annual alumni banquet of the Royal high school was held Friday evening with 133 in attendance. . . Officers elected were Marlowe Jensen, president; Lanny Williby, vice-president; Mrs. Warren Holm, secretary; Mrs. Darrell Anson, treasurer. Outgoing officers were Mrs. Charles Piersol, Kenneth Olson, Tom Rundquist. Toastmaster was Bus Charf

who was replaced by Wayne Smith of Norfolk for the 1964 meeting. . . Only one member of the honored class of 1938, Mrs. Gerakd Maple Orchard, was present. . . Two musical numbers were offered on the program, a trombone solo by Sandra Rundquist and a bass solo by Everett Meyer. . . Coming from the greatest distance were Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Cole of Wichita, Kan; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Charf of Denver; Mr. and Mrs. Larry McDaniell, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Gerakd Allen, Grand Island; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mattison, Marion, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fryer and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of Norfolk; Maxine Sparrowe of Albia and guest, Donna Payne, Ne-gh.

Table waiters were high school girls; Barbara Henry, Connie Butler, Cecilia Walmer, Barbara Holm, Sandra Rundquist, Irene Carlson, Janet Michaelson. . . Women of the WSCS prepared the banquet and were assisted by others in the community. . . Dancing followed the banquet with the Trease orchestra from the community furnishing the music. . . Relatives from far and near assembled at Grove Lake for a picnic dinner on the holiday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Cole of Wichita, Kan; Mr. and Mrs. Alois Mlnarik of Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Holm of Butte and their son, Neville and his wife from South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Burch, Mr. and Mrs. Bus Charf, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carlson, Royal; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fryer and daughters, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Charf, Denver; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Storm. . . Guests of Mrs. Julia Yelli at dinner Memorial Day were from five towns, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moor and family, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Zakrzewski, O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kmeick, Plainview; Sharon Darnils, Ewing. The group attended services in Ewing then came to Royal for dinner with Mrs. Yelli. . . The May meeting of the Highlanders Extension club was held at the home of Mrs. Anton Pruss jr., with Mrs. Ralph Trease assisting. Eight members and one visitor were present. Roll call was answered by each telling of some pleasant thing that had happened during the past week. Mrs. Trease reported on the May Tea which

was attended by fourteen members. Mrs. H. Holbrook told about the County Extension club trip to Lincoln in which three of the local club members participated. . . The next meeting of the club will be the annual birthday party at the home of Mrs. Wayne Walmer, June 26. Roll call is to be answered by each telling of her happiest birthday.



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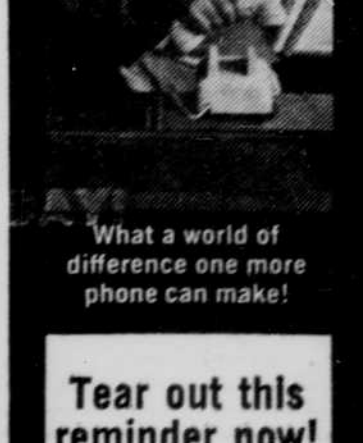
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Oh, no - it's for Judy again!



We've got to get another phone!



What a world of difference one more phone can make!

### The Long Ago At Chambers

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# Auction Sale

## Of Dwelling Home and Personal Property

In order to settle the estate of the late Minnie E. Harrington, I will sell at public auction on the premises located at 528 East Benton Street in O'Neill, Nebraska, on

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**TERMS OF SALE:** The real estate will be sold with 20% down on date of sale, balance upon delivery of abstract of Title and good and sufficient Warranty Deed.

**Personal Property, Cash:** No property to be removed from premises until settled for.

For further information contact one of the undersigned

# Ed T. Campbell ADMINISTRATOR

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First National Bank, Clerk  
John R. Gallagher, Attorney

Editorial

## New Ten Commandments

A new version of the Ten Commandments appeared in the "Human Events" magazine recently. It was titled the Ten Commandments - Frontier Style, in modern, non-King James English.

1. You shall have no other gods before me - except when you are called to bow down before the Omnipotent State.
2. You shall not make any graven image, unless your public relations counselor has decided that your present natural image is keeping you from making money or getting elected to office.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord thy government in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy for the pro football game. On it you shall not do any work that can be put off on mama and the kids.
5. Honor your father and your mother - but let "society" provide for their old age with Medicare.
6. You shall not kill, except that it is right for the UN to kill Katangans in Africa.
7. You shall not commit adultery unless you are a famous international film star.
8. You shall not steal unless you can get permission to do so as a member of an organized pressure group.
9. You shall not bear false witness except against races or religions or groups or nations as a whole.
10. You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's unless he happens to be in a higher tax bracket than yourself.

Editorial

## An Age Of Miracles

The feature article in the May 3 issue of Time magazine deals with the miracles - the almost incredible miracles - performed by modern surgery. It is accompanied by a superb series of full-page color photographs. Some, inevitably, are on the gory side, and will disturb the squeamish. But all show innovations, discoveries, perfections of technique and apparatus, and, beyond all, human skill and knowledge that not only saves lives, but makes possible productive living that would have been impossible not long ago.

We see the repair of a diseased heart, an operation requiring nine specialists of various kinds along with a complex machine. We see the replacement of a faulty kidney, and the restoration to vigorous life of a man who had been given only eight weeks to live. We see the new and amazing freezing attack on the hitherto incurable Parkinson's disease. We see the removal of a cancered breast, and the lymph nodes that house and harbor this killer. We see the repair of a hand deformed, seemingly beyond hope, by arthritis. And we see micro-surgery - where the surgeon, looking through a high powered microscope into the middle ear and using instruments and skills of the utmost delicacy, restores lost hearing.

These are wonders. Unknown numbers of people will benefit from them as the years wear on, and as knowledge spreads and gains. They are not, of course, just American achievements - science, in medicine or in any other area, recognizes no national barriers. The bases on which they are built go back, in many cases, for a century or more, and many men made their contributions until, finally, a whole was achieved. But they were made possible by men and women - individual men and women - not by committees, not by governments, not by bureaucracies working from books of rules. The results speak for themselves, and need no argument - and the words they speak are the words that affirm the freedom to try, to fail and succeed, to push on in the face of discouragement, always with a given end in view. This is the case - the irrefutable case - for free medicine.

CARTHAGE, TENN., COURIER: "The Internal Revenue Service announced it would require businessmen to get a receipt for every cent spent on expense accounts, what the money was spent for, the time of day it was spent, why it was spent, and if its spending was instrumental in obtaining business for which it was spent. If even one cent could not be accounted for, then the entire account would not be allowed. When the storm came, as it should have come, IRS relented and changed some of its regulations. But the core of the matter remains, and if it is put into full force it will put many places out of business, create more unemployment, close literally hundreds of resorts, and do other damage."

MOVILLE, IOWA, RECORD: "The difference between Rip Van Winkle and the merchant who doesn't advertise is that Rip finally woke up."

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