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Bambi E was Warne's first Appaloosa and became the progenitor of a long line of "Sully" horses.



Taking over as the main herd sire at the Warne Ranch after Bambi E passed away was Sully's Lancer, a grandson of the old horse.



Soon to assume a role in the breeding operation as junior stallion is Sully Rebel Star (pictured as a weanling), a 1986 colt by Equal Star and out of Ziggy Bars.

*An endless plain —  
From the Mississippi River to the  
Western Rockies it stretched, far into  
the Canadian North.*

*Winter sprang eternal —  
A grey waste...an empty silence...a  
boundless cold.*

*But more to be dreaded than this  
tribulation was the strange spell of  
sadness which the unbroken solitude  
cast upon the minds of some.*

*It is hard for the eye to wander from  
skyline to skyline without finding a  
resting place."*

O.E. Rolvaag

**A**s far as rural living goes, the advances of civilization have dramatically softened the physical adversities that were endured by the early South Dakota pioneers portrayed by O.E. Rolvaag in his Pulitzer prize-winning novel, "Giants of the Earth."

To a certain extent however, the hardships of life on the Northern Plains remain unchanged. The heat, cold, wind and solitude all still exact a certain physical and mental toll on the farmers and ranchers of the Dakotas. Now, as then, the Plains demand that a certain robust pioneer spirit remain in evidence within those men and women who would continue to call it home.

Third generation South Dakotan Lee Warne fully understands this demand, and is at peace with it.

"My grandfather, Omar Warne, came to this area from Delaware County, New York in 1883," Warne relates. "That was the first year that South Dakota was opened to homesteaders. His first home was an earth dugout in a bank in Okobajo Creek township which he lived in until he planted the required trees to establish a claim under the Homestead Act.

"He and his wife, the former Clara Moseley, had 11 children and raised nine to maturity — no small feat at the time.