

Family of The Week . . .



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The Sayers . . . (from left) Roger, Michele, Robin, Raymond and Madeline

Not many young tots can claim an uncle as a super star and a father as one as well.

But this is the distinction of the three children of this week's Omaha STAR "Family of the Week," the Roger W. Sayers, 2538 Larimore St.

Chicago Bear running back Gale Sayers, who for the three years he has played in the National Football League has been an All-Pro selection, is the uncle of five-year old Raymond, Michele Carol, four, and three-year old Robin Lynn Sayers.

Their father was a super star in his own right while a football player and track performer at the University of Omaha.

Rapid Rog defeated speedster Bob Hayes twice in the 100-yard dash during the 1962 NAIA track championships in Sioux Falls. The two were credited with the same time, :10.1, in the 100 meters during a USA-USSR meet in 1963.

His fastest time in the hundred-yard dash came during an AAU qualifying meet when he sped to a :09.4 clocking.

Roger was a top footballer at the University of Omaha, where he graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration in 1964.

In his junior year, the last 12 times he touched the ball in regular season play he scored seven times. Then, in the 13th carry, he tallied a six-pointer in the All-Sports Bowl.

He decided against a professional football career. But, after two years away from any action, he tried out for the Chicago Bears and won a spot on their taxi squad.

"I really didn't see a whole

lot of future in it," Sayers recalls.

Following this try, he took a job with Northern Natural Gas Co., where he is a personnel representative.

While in school he worked as a general accountant with Peter Kiewit and Sons. After graduation, he was employed by Mutual of Omaha.

His only athletic activity now comes in the summer playing slow pitch softball with the Flamingo team.

His athletic career began at Howard Kennedy Grade School where his younger brother Gale, and he were members of a city-wide football championship team. He later was All-State in track and All-City in football at Central High.

He was born in Wichita, Kan., but came to Omaha with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Roger E. Sayers, 3724 No. 30th St., in 1951.

Twenty-five years old, Roger has an active civic life. He is on the Board of Directors of the Near Northside YMCA and the University of Omaha Alumni Association. He belongs to the Centennial Toastmasters Club.

Roger's wife is the former Madeline Adams.

A native of Omaha, Mrs. Sayers is the daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Ralph W. Adams, 2622 No. 24th St., and granddaughter of the late State Senator John Adams, sr.

Mrs. Sayers attended the University of Omaha for two years. The Sayers belong to St. John A.M.E. Church.

She serves as room mother for son Raymond's kindergarten class at Saratoga School.

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