Prairieland Talk . . .

#### Committee Succeeds; Arms Fail

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MARION, IND .- A committee of seven citiin prison in Boston, Mass.

Two clergymen, an editor, a lawyer and a doctor were among the seven citizens making up that

committee. Talking quietly, listening to the grievances of the four men, pledging help, sympathetically lending an ear to the confessions of men who had trod the ways of crime because of environment in early life, gave the members of that group of men from the walks of civil and orderly life a glimpse at the dark picture of the underworld.

Tears came to the eyes of Romaine one convict as he said to this Saunders group of men he was now accepting as friends that he had done many evil things and wanted a chance to do something good, offering to give his eyes to someone who might be going blind and his body to medical science for study.

These four have sown, they reap the harvest of a life of crime and in defying the authority of a great state show they have capabilities that should have been put to use in lawful pursuits.

Bronco Charlie Miller died at the age of 105 and was buried January 19 at Glen Falls, N.Y. He was the last of the pony express riders and after a life in the saddle from Omaha to Cheyenne, Wyo., he may have gone East to get away from the memory of it all. O'Neill and the region about had a Bronco Bill Miller in the hectic days of the six-shooter, but I never heard of him going any farther east than Ewing.

Activities in religious and cultural circles: Plans have been made for the erection of a \$4,500,-400 Pope Pius XII library in St. Louis, Mo. A Methodist bishop told a group of several hundred of his church leaders to get back to the Bible for their preaching and to emphasize to their congregations that nonattendance at church services "is a sin." Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders participated in ceremonies in Paris opening an exhibition of the scriptures which displayed documents from as far in the past as 1400 B.C. Business and professional men's organizations in Washington, D.C., are promoting a campaign for the observance of a day of rest and worship in the nation's capital. It is discovered that it is not the youth of the country alone who are devouring the stuff on newsstands now coming under the ban, but mobs of adults have been grabbing for the colored products from the synagogues of Satan. The Voice of Prophesy reaching out from a studio in Los Angeles, Calif. to all languages and countries of earth celebrates its 25th aniversary February 6.

Not many have the physical vigor to travel the highway of life for a full century as did Charlie Fauquier, whose death and burial were recently noted. Mr. Fauquier served his district in southern Holt county as a member of the county board of supervisors in the days of sizzling politics within that prairieland realm. It was not on partisan lines that he as a democrat was elected in a normal republican stronghold which that section of the county has had the reputation of being. He said to me once he did not pretend to know too much about directing the affairs of the county government but he took a great interest in the work of the board when in committee they went through the affairs of the various county offices. As I recall, he used the word "through," not "over." There has been too much going over records, and too little going through them.

The weather man in Baltimore, Md., forecast a snowstorm for the following night, anchoring his faith in all the signs promised, and saying that if it did not snow he would board an airplane and fly over the city and scatter a bushel of bleached cornflakes Evidently the coyotes didn't howl or they have none around Baltimore. No snow, but the weather man made his threat good and showered a path across the city with cornflakes.

Editorial . . .

A 10-year-old Marion girl served for a day in zens, armed only with the "sword of the spirit," did | the legislature in session in Indianapolis, Ind., as what officers with machine guns and armed to the page to a senator from her hometown. . . Students teeth failed to do in subduing four desperate men of the Marion public schools contributed \$314.91 to the "march of dimes" polio fund. . . Indiana has "institutional" problems also. A committee of lawmakers in session at the statehouse says most of the state's institutions are fit only to be "leveled with the ground." . . An insurance executive says that "a hearty kiss can go a long way toward preventing highway accidents." Now kids, don't over do it. . . Sales of U.S. savings bonds in Grant county (Marion the countyseat) amounted to \$178,-090 during December, the Christmas gift buying month. . . Shorthorns appear to be the favored breed of cattle on Indiana farms.

> I have just seen on the screen a gent and lady in an agony of song known as an oratorio. The performers draw princely pay and prebably it's worth it-the contortions that accompany the words that you do not understand and the strain and stretch of vocal cords. Maybe it is music, but to guys like Prairieland Talker, it is mostly noise. Out of memory's mellow store I hear again the sweet voice touching the high soprane notes in the simple beauty of natural song. That voice is now stilled. Yet out of the depth of eternity it may join with seraphim in celestial song. In the realm of earthly art, concert singers, prima donnas and the others touch the height and depth of vocal gymnastics, heedless of the few old stiffs who prefer to hear a meadowlark perched on a fence post pour forth his evening

Prairieland pioneers who made their beds ( a "tick" filled with hay, fed the cows and horses hay, burned hay in a hayburner, and built the cowshed out of hay, held a cultivated field from blowing away with hay and bought a bag of flour and a few groceries with the price of a load of hay. If any survive who remember, they may be interested to learn that 21 billion American homes now have gas for heating and cooking, with two million homes yearly taking to gas as fast as the pipelines can reach them. The Atkinson balers are using a little hay and John L. Lewis' coal miners have abandoned the pick and shovel. Hugh Coyne's hardware probably has the baling wire for the hay balers but may have forgotten to order another coal burning stove.

They were once known as saloons. Now they are called liquor stores. But turn out the same wabbly product.

William Allen Lundy of a community in Florida, said to be 107-years-old, is one of three living Confederate soldiers, one in Virginia, the other in celebrated their golden wedding Texas. Lundy is quoted as saying he is sorry he didn't get to shoot a few Union soldiers during the war in the 60's. Still a rebel! Albert Woolson of Duluth, Minn., is the only surviving Union soldier. In place of figures for Wednesday, January 19, there appears the likeness of Robert E. Lee, the rebel chief commander, on some calendars. From month-to-month pictures of notables appear on the 1955 calendars in the space allotted for the date which is the birthday anniverasry of the one

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Mercury 34 Below at Daybreak

50 Years Ago

The oldest inhabitant doesn't remember a colder morning than was had one day this week. It was 34 degrees below in the shade before daylight and dropped another degree at daybreak. . . Chet Hasson, operator at the North Western here, has been transferred by the company to West Point. . . O. O. Snyder was elected to the presidency of the and family attended a family re-State Lumbermen's association at a meeting held in Lincoln. Henry Zimmerman injured his Forsch in Butte. Mrs. Anspach is finger badly when he caught it in the former Mavis Forsch of Butte. a cream separator.

20 Years Ago

A. T. Crumly and his son, dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lindley, have captured a total of 24 coyotes since the first of the year. Seventeen were taken after tertained 18 persons Sunday everecent snow. . . Ross Aiken Gortner, professor at the University of Minnesota and formerly of Verdigre, was acclaimed one of the five greatest living scientists in a recent issue of Science magazine. St. Mary's basketbal team was defeated at Spalding by the academy there, 23-18. . . Holt county farmers are wondering when they are to get the second installment of their corn-hog money for 1934. It was supposed to arrive on or about November Roy Lowry and Charles Caywood

10 Years Ago

pervisors as county clerk of Holt Tex. county. . . Page beat Inman to Jane Butler of Stuart and Raychurch in O'Neill. Rev. Dawson J. Mr. and Mrs. Max Farrier near Park ofifciated at the ceremony. Chambers.

. . Mrs. Elsie Slattery, who has not seen her brother in 25 years, and family of Norfolk and Francis received a telephone call from Flood visited over the weekend him. He is with the medical corps at the homes of their parents, Mr. of the Royal Air Force of Eng- and Mrs. E. N. Flood and Carston land and called her from New Hansen. York City.

One Year Ago "Grandma" Summers celebrated her 94th birthday anniversary.

. . . Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jansen anniversary at an open-house at march of dimes campaign got a \$190 shot in the arm from a home talent show presented at the O'-Neill public school. . . Louis Storm, whose father founded

When You and I Were Young... Spencer, said in a recent "Voice of The Frontier" radio interview that he will give away his Crystal cave of Black Hills fame to a religious organization. . . The top Colder Morning religious organization. . . The top 10 bulls in the eighth annual sale sponsored by the Holt County Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' association averaged \$453.

Married at Butte-

BUTTE-Ray Eugene Passieux, 19, and Bonnie Lee Schmidt, 16. both of O'Neill, obtained a marriage license here Monday, January 24, and were married at the Boyd county courthouse by County Judge John P. Classen.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Anspach union dinner Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs Fred Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matthews and family arnd Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith were Sunday Arthur Haley in Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hansen enning at a dinner at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilg of Atkinson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bowker. Mrs. Edna Coyne, Mrs. Nellie Malloney and John Kennedy were Sunday guests at the Lawrence O'Malley home near Chambers. Friends of St. Mary's food sale, Saturday, Feb. 5, at Shelhamer's Mkt., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hull and Jerry and Mrs. Mary Mulhair, all of Lynch, Dickie Hull, home Fred O. Zink of Stuart was on leave from Labrador, and Mr. chosen by the county board of su- and Mrs. Don Kayl of Ft. Worth,

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and cop the county basketball crown. Mrs. Vern Grenier were Mr. and St. Joseph's hall won the conso- Mrs. George Mellor and family lation game from O'Neill. . . Betty and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lanman. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gibson and mond Junior Hoffman of Bassett S/Sgt. Donald Gibson visited on were married at the Methodist Saturday evening at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hansen

Robert Eby of Omaha visited over the weekend with his mother, Mrs. E. J. Eby

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were the loudest exponents of more free trade. of?) The issue has long since ceased to exist between the two parties, but the realization of a constantly expanding market is still the answer to most of our hoc. (After, therefore because.) The most comprehensive study yet undertaken

aware of that fact, and the outcome will probably be an honest effort to expand the markets for all American products, both at home and abroad. This is the real answer, and the only answer that will keep our standard of living at a prosperous peak without eventually breaking the American taxpayer through constantly increasing taxes. which in turn are brought about by government

The congress now in session seems to be vitally

subsidization and spending in all types of busi-It would seem ridiculous to us to expand trade with Soviet Russia or any of her satellites, however, and especially foolhardy to traffic in any commodity that might be classified as a strategic item. There are those statesmen and even some agricultural groups who want this foreign trade

without restrictions. While not much is said about it anymore, the national debt of this country is a staggering sum -and also a legal obligation. It cannot be merely forgotten. It must eventually be paid or the government will be bankrupt. The quest for greater markets would enable all industries, including agriculture, to survive without federal hand-outs or

All congress has to do is find these markets and, friend, that's a real humdinger of a project!

#### 'Post Hoc, Ergo Propter'

The radioactive "fall-out," especially from a hydrogen bomb explosion, is giving both layman and nuclear scientist pause. But attribution of some other phenomena to bomb tests resembles superstitions of the past more closely than the objective findings of the present.

In New England: "Another bomb test at Eniwetok; another hurricane next year." (Then what caused the hurricanes that frequently struck Florida, the gulf coast, and the West Indies during the years back to Columbus?)

In the plains states: "Those explosions in the

Too much wet weather, too much dry used to be blamed on radio waves! Post hoc, ergo propter

on the possible effects of an atomic blast on the weather is now underway.. It has put out a progress report the gist of which is that there is no effect on the weather, outside the immediate area, that can thus far be charged to bomb explosions "other than the possibility of decreasing the amount of lightning."

Is that bad?

The expert politician can tell you how many handshakes it takes, on the average to get one

The surest way to enjoy life is to provide your own security by saving something every

Isn't it funny that your friends always select your busiest day to come in to pay a social call?

Doing favors for people is habit-forming, in

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