

Prairieland Talk

'Papa' Leahy Threatens Scribe

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LOS ANGELES—There are said to be some on the top of the heap of the racketeers out this way who for once are frightened. By the authority of the federal McCarran act, Atty.-Gen. Herbert Brownell and staff have already corralled 50 lords of the criminal crew and sent them home, mostly to Italy. There is, in addition to the official house cleaning at the nation's capital, a too long delayed campaign to rid the country of foreigners who defy the laws of God and man.



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Patriots are doing their best to see that the population increase does not lag. One hospital reports an average of 37 babies a day for the month of January. A group has been organized to secure a few million signatures to a petition to outlaw the communist party. Another outfit arises to take over the public schools in Los Angeles, replace American history and American ideals with worldism, a new slant on the one world idea as opposed to national patriotism. And now mothers and dads get busy to keep such nonsense out of the schools.

A guy is in a hospital with a bullet shattered knee and his wife is in jail. She fired the shot "because he wouldn't shut up."

Pacific coasters are somewhat boastful. That's alright—say the good word for your community. And they say it here to give the rest of the world to understand that their "growth" has been four times greater than elsewhere in the country. By growth is meant mobs of people and industries to furnish jobs. This boasting begins at Salt Lake, Utah, where you are told they have "the best city in the West." There is a saying—"Omaha, out where the West begins." Prairielanders know that's it. Growth is frightening to a prairie wolf. Cast him among millions and he knows no one. He prefers less "growth"—more human contact, greetings and fellowship of friends. Growth, expanding industry, the abodes of men crowded one upon another, the battle for bread. Man does not live by these things alone, but by the touch of a friendly hand, by the laughter of children, by worship and devotion to truth, by the fragrance of the rose, by the splendor of the star-adorned heavens, by the sweep of the farflung landscape, by loving and having loved ones, by doing someone a favor, by understanding and walking daily in the fear of God, by getting a letter from "back home."

The march of dimes last night resulted in the mothers of Los Angeles county bringing in \$500,000. It is to be hoped this money will go for the purpose for which householders freely gave of their substance.

Joe McCarthy, that Wisconsin senatorial trouble-maker for the communists, landed in Los Angeles yesterday and last evening at the First Congressional church was greeted by all the Californians who could get in and who listened to the picturesque senator as he addressed the crowd on the duty of American patriots as he sees it. There is an outfit here known as the Freedom club and Senator Joe was that club's offering for the evening. He was also accorded the best there is by other groups and individuals.

After 10 days of temperatures up in the 80's, the sun last evening settled silently into the ocean mists 20 miles away. Morning dawned today in gray gloom, inspiring hope that the hot, dry earth would be given a wetting. Clocks mark off the hours as the sun again breaks through the fog and smog, hanging high and pouring its strength from the sky. No rain today.

After some weeks setting the traps, city police and country law enforcement officers on February 6 jailed 54 men, five women and two teenage girls, feeling that they had broken up a ring of dope peddlers. A prize fighter was included in the haul. Liquor conditions have become such throughout the state that a number of measures have been drawn up by members of the state legislature to be considered at the next session with a view of reform.

Editorial

Homes Become Substitute Hotels

It always gives us a stabbing feeling at our heart when we see a couple little tykes trailing along home late at night. Sometimes, those little shavers will go home to an empty house—the parents are "out" for the evening some place.

The American home isn't what it used to be—and the proof is showing up in the juvenile delinquency records.

It took a bachelor, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, to write the most damning indictment yet of what has happened to American home life.

Far too many American homes have become substitute hotels, restaurants and waiting rooms," he said. "True home life means a place of learning as well as living."

We can't expect youngsters to behave if we adults don't.

We can't expect to turn the job of raising our youngsters over to the schools, the churches, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the YMCA, the YWCA, and a host of other worthwhile institutions. There can be no substitute for the love and guidance in a home.

The record is dismaying. Of 1,000,000 arrests reported by 235 American cities over 25,000 population, 7.8 percent were of persons under the age of 18.

Although the youngsters comprised only 7.8 percent of the offenders they were responsible for 19.8 percent of all the robbery arrests 36.9 percent of all the larceny arrests; 47.8 percent of the burglaries, and 52.6 percent of all the auto thefts.

The home must be returned to its rightful place as the center of American life.

Only by guiding our youth into the proper paths of conduct can we ever feel that the future of America is secure.

Don't Throw Away Family Relics

(Guest Editorial from The Nebraska Signal, Geneva)

This week, or within the near future, this newspaper will publish a story about a historical record brought to the Signal office by a Signal reader. It gives the biographies of many early day residents of this and neighboring counties.

We were greatly impressed by the introduction to the volume, which stated it was being published while the subjects were still alive in order to preserve the story of their struggle to settle

FBI agents entered a Los Angeles household, tore the heartstrings of a wife and mother and left a desolated home. One of the "most wanted" men in America was taken to court and placed under heavy bonds for a later determination of his case. The story is that he had beaten a guard and made his getaway at one time at a Michigan penal institution after serving 22 years for a holdup. That was five years ago. Since then he had married, become a father and had become just a good citizen of the community. The wife went into court and made a plea for her husband that would make the most eloquent disciple of Blackstone sit up straight to take notice. She pictured her husband as the model father and loving, devoted husband. Courtroom attaches get a picture of the plunge from the height of happy home life to the depth of human sorrow if that man were torn away from his family as the wife poured out her soul. Maybe 22 years behind the prison walls is enough for the sins of youth. But the FBI must do its duty.

When it involves a grab for theirs, there are no penny-pickers around here. A school kid brings suit against the Los Angeles board of education asking for \$1,020,000. He tumbled off a horizontal bar in the school gym.

Yesterday I received an invitation, forwarded to me from my Lincoln address, to attend today, February 7, a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davies, who are observing their 50th wedding anniversary at their home, 1315 K street, Lincoln. George accompanies the invitation with a cordial note. He is one of a pioneer family who homesteaded in Deloit precinct in Holt county in 1886 and is the only one of five brothers now living. Two sisters are living, Mrs. Joe Kay and Mrs. Will Beatha, both of the Ewing community. Bill Beatha got into the dizzy whirl of politics in Holt county and became a county official in the long ago.

Heart disease accounts for 56.4 percent of deaths in the Los Angeles community. . . . A guy has this sign on his truck: "Hit me easy—I'm full of pie." And another: "Bump me gently—I'm full of pottery." . . . One guy is said to be so stingy he gave a nickel to the march of dimes. . . . Eighty-six degrees and not a breath of air stirring is worse than 100 on prairieland. . . . Bought a fat hen two weeks ago for \$2.35. Got one today for \$1.90. Maybe the coffee will come down but it's no worry of mine.

During 1953 there were 45,451 babies born in Los Angeles, if the city health department got them all—one every 1 1/2 minutes. . . . An 80-year-old matron has judicially been adjudged competent to manage her \$55,000 estate, while her 57-year-old son-in-law, who opposed the idea, collapsed in the courtroom and died enroute to a hospital. . . . One morning paper (44 pages) sticks to the six-column page and the original 13-column.

Early in February the second ship loaded with clothing and supplies moved out from a Long Beach pier for Korean ports to add another cargo from America to bring a bit of cheer to homeless orphans in that unhappy land.

Frank Leahy, retiring as football coach at Notre Dame and pictured on the sport pages, as I recall, was once a lad in O'Neill. I had rented some property to his dad, who later was going to "lick" me, but as he was wanting a saloon license and had to deal with me as a city official we settled our differences out of court without coming to blows. The family moved to Winner, S.D., from O'Neill. Young Frank acquired both scholastic and football honors.

There are the movie colony, the Mexican quarter and China Town to add spice and variety to the LA community. February 3 was the Chinese new year and now, according to their calendar, they are in the year 4650. So that started the first China Town about the time of the bust up at the Tower of Babel.

this country and to start it on its way to becoming what it is today.

Fortunately, the volume has been in the hands of a family that appreciates its value. There may be other copies in the county and we also know there are other publications and relics of the past which are being carefully preserved in the county.

What none of us knows, however, is how many valuable relics and souvenirs have been destroyed by those who give no thought to preserving the past.

A few counties and communities in this state have been fortunate in being able to establish museums to preserve their history. Such places prove popular with visitors and create community pride in its past, without diminishing interest in the present or future, we have observed.

Since we have no such institution in this county and since none of us has been able to suggest a practicable plan to establish a repository for the hundreds of relics we know are in the county, it may be in order to suggest that all of us be careful to preserve, as individuals and families, what we have. Some day, we hope, there may be a suitable public place to keep and display it.

Marriage is not a solution to all problems, but it solves most of them.

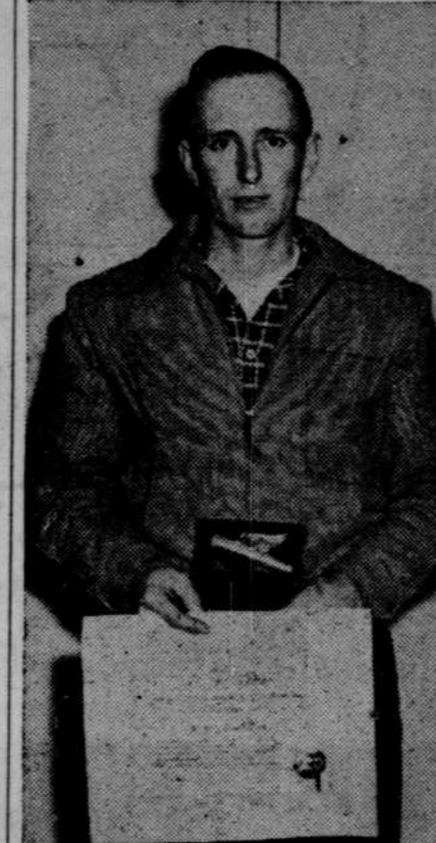


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Corn Champion

A. M. Beelaar, jr., of Orchard (above) was recently proclaimed county champion in the national DeKalb corn growing contest for Holt county. His yield of 101.29 bushels of corn per acre was made on a selected five-acre plot and his winning entitled him to an engraved plaque and citation. Runnerup in the county was Tony Mudloff of Page with a yield of 94.82 bushels per acre.

When You and I Were Young . . .

Rob Hunt Youngest Pharmacist in State

Dance in Opera House Follows Dinner

Miss Lilli Golden entertained her friends at a progressive high five party. . . . Charles Stout received word from Rob Hunt. The latter has passed the state pharmacist board examination for managers in Philadelphia, Pa. Rob is the youngest person to pass this Pennsylvania druggist exam. . . . Knights of Columbus entertained 60 couples at a banquet at the Hotel Evans followed by dancing at the Opera house.

20 Years Ago

Bert Olds, the wild man of northern Holt county, was taken prisoner by Sheriff Duffy on a vagrancy charge and was taken by the sheriff to the federal camp in Omaha. . . . Nineteen box cars of hay left O'Neill. . . . Charles Downey purchased the Steiner photographer's studio in Scottsbluff. . . . Fifth and sixth graders at St. Mary's appointed George Hammond as radio announcer for radio station, NRA.

10 Years Ago

Pfc. John Kersenbrock has been transferred to Ft. Mason and D. A. Kersenbrock has been promoted to petty officer 3/c. William Froelich entertained the St. Mary's football and basketball teams at a chicken dinner in his home. . . . Herbert O. Brennan was nominated as first alternate for one of the Fourth district vacancies at the military academy at West Point.

One Year Ago

The Robert Jonas home, 6 1/2 miles southwest of Atkinson, was completely destroyed by fire. . . . Robert Soukup, son of former C'Neillites, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Soukup, published his first mystery, "Unruly O'Reilly." . . . Their car in the ditch did not deter one couple of the Sunday night club—they walked part of the way left through the storm after the car slipped off of the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Weston D. Whitwer entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Larson of Tilden, Sunday, February 7.

Advertisement for Royal Theater featuring a Radiant "Astrolite" Screen and listing showtimes for Feb. 18-19-20 and Feb. 21-22-23.

Advertisement for a play by Will Rogers, Jr., in Boy from Oklahoma, listing showtimes and ticket prices.

Advertisement for a play by Barbara Stanwyck in All I Desire, listing showtimes and ticket prices.

Advertisement for a play by Richard Carlson, Lyle Bettger, Marcia Henderson, Lori Nelson, Maureen O'Sullivan and Richard Long, listing showtimes and ticket prices.

44th Anniversary of Scouting Noted

EWING—A capacity crowd was in attendance at the 44th birthday anniversary party of the Boy Scouts held at the headquarters of troop 181 last Thursday evening.

Allen Peterson, senior patrol leader, gave the reading "Forward on Liberty's Team" and brought out the highlights of the 44th birthday of scouting. He also led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The candlelighting ceremony was presented with Ronald Halibeck giving the scout law; Ronald Cloyd, the Scout oath, and Bobbie Tuttle as candle lighter.

Demonstrations of first aid in using the scout neckerchief were given. The new and old methods of artificial respiration were demonstrated.

Rev. W. J. Bomer, ASM, gave a talk on the roundtable discussion which he had attended at the courthouse in O'Neill.

The birthday cake with appropriate decorations made up the centerpiece for the luncheon table. This was baked and decorated by Scoutmaster H. R. Harris, who was convalescing from a recent illness and was unable to be present. The cake was cut by Mrs. Hans Peterson, mother of Allen Peterson, the senior patrol leader.

Gail Boies, committeewoman, treated the group to ice cream. Others assisting with the refreshments were Mrs. C. C. Hahlbeck, Mrs. Edgar Jensen and Mrs. Clifford Hahlbeck.

Ralph Young and children were at Miss Maude Rouse's home for dinner, Sunday, February 7.

Deloit News

Mr. and Mrs. Shain and son and Mrs. H. Welke were supper guests last Thursday evening at the Clarence Schmisser home in honor of little Mike's second birthday anniversary.

Janice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bartak, is employed at a bank in Norfolk. Her sister, Shirley, was formerly employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Athel Fuller and son of Hay Springs visited Monday, February 8, at the Maynard Stearns home.

Richard and Wilber Napier visited at the Glenn Harpster home last Thursday.

Farm bureau is to meet at the Royvan Day home on Tuesday, March 2. Sandwiches and coffee will be served.

Elayne Reimer is practice teaching at the Deloit school, Dwan Filsinger at Sunnyside school and Sylvia Loeske at the Urban school this week. All are seniors at Bartlett high school and take normal training.

The HEO club met with Mrs. Sisson last Thursday. Games were played and a lunch was served. The next meeting will be March 11 at Mrs. Frank Napier's home.

Clearwater Creek club met Wednesday, February 10, at the Henry Reimer home. Guests were Mrs. Carl Christon, Mrs. J. A. Larson and Mrs. Glenn Harpster and Willard. A lesson on "tools for Sewing" was given. The next meeting will be March 17 at the George Jeffries home in Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Tomjack visited the F. M. Hupp home in Norfolk on Wednesday, February 10.

Both ladies celebrated their birthday anniversaries that day. Sylvia Loeske spent the week at the A. E. Bartak home.

Guests Wednesday evening, February 10, at the R. Tomjack home were Mr. and Mrs. E. Spahn, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bauer and Mr. and Mrs. H. Reimer.

Funeral services for Mrs. Barbara Leahy were held in the Catholic church at Ewing Saturday morning. Mrs. Leahy was a sister of Mrs. G. A. Bauer of this community. A number from here attended the services.

Howard Manson of O'Neill is doing carpenter work at the Roy Beeson home this week.

Mrs. Reynoldson is hostess—Mrs. Leigh Reynoldson entertained her bridge club Tuesday, Feb. 9, at dinner at the Town House and for bridge afterward at her home. The guests were Mrs. E. O. Carlson and Mrs. Marvin Miller.

Dakotas Here—Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Wetzler and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Buell and family of Gregory, S.D., were supper guests Feb. 7 of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wetzler.

Advertisement for 25th Wedding Anniversary Dance at Lynch Ballroom on Friday, Feb. 19, featuring good music and Pat and Mary Osborn.

Large advertisement for North Central Nebraska Hereford Association's Bull Sale on Saturday, February 27th, featuring 48 Hereford Bulls and listing various consignors.

Advertisement for Business Opportunity with RUSCO, offering a combination storm & screen windows and doors franchise.

Large advertisement for Buick Century car, featuring a picture of the car and text describing its features and price.

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