Prairieland Talk . . .

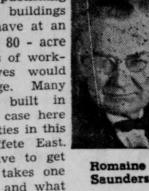
## Cattle Lacking on Indiana Farms

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

MARION, IND .- I accompanied my son, Romaine, and his wife to New Lebanon, a suburb of Dayton, O., where we sat down to a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner at Glenn's and Florence's table and spent the afternoon driving about Dayton and the countryside.

That Ohio city has within its farflung bound-

aries many of the country's great manufacturing and publishing institutions, housed in buildings covering what might have at an earlier day been an 80 - acre farm, employing forces of workers who of themselves would make a sizeable village. Many new homes are being built in Dayton, as is also the case here in Marion and other cities in this borderland of the effete East. The hundred mile drive to get from here to Dayton takes one through villages, cities and what



of the verdant outdoors is left to the pursuit of man's basic need, agriculture.

And here are the traditional American farm homes, large two-story houses and big barns all in gleaming white. But little or no livestock is seen, that which a prairieland dweller has an eye for, accustomed as he has been to seeing the herds in his homeland.

As I write there comes across from Columbus over the radio from Armour Packing company a call to Ohio farmers to ship them their cattle and sheep. In a hundred-mile drive over Indiana and Ohio highways I think I saw no

America is a great country—it has everything! As you travel the highways in various states this is evident everywhere. Great centers of manufacturing, pleasant villages, mines, agriculture, livestock, timber and nature's charming picture. Down at Miami, Fla., you will probably run onto a Nebraska farmer hobnobbing with a New York millionaire.

Two men homeward headed from a hunting trip into the hills came upon a human head lying on the ground. Death had trod those hills. Would that be the vision you would want as a lingering memory after a day's outing? It was the head of a woman for whom search had been made. Who knows, who ever will know, what or who came out of the shadows to claim the life of some troubled soul and leave a human head to rot upon the ground! Returning in the family light plane from a holiday spent in joyous circles in another state, a man, his wife and their two daughters crashed to their death on the wooded slopes of a rain-soaked hill. Out of the shadows a pale hand reached and claimed an entire family! Just a fittle of earth's tragedies and soon forgotten as life goes on.

"Let us then be up and doing, With a heart for any fate; Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait."

Purdue university scientists come now with a gadget that is said to "read" a live hog or steer to determine the thickness of the layer of fat and how much lean meat the fat covers. And this is supposed to determine the cash value of the animal for dietary purposes. As the red meat is in demand at the dinner table the critter with the least fat commands the highest price.

Val Peterson, director of the federal civil defense organization, has reached again into his homestate and taken another from prairieland to join his force. Dr. Fred Kern of Fremont, a Lutheran minister, has been called by Mr. Peterson to

serve in the religious field of civil defense. . . Over at Cleveland, O., the trial of a man charged with beating his wife to death has been the dramatic court scene of the year. . . The poet who wrote of the day that was dark and dreary, with rain and wind that was never weary may have been in Ingiana at the time. Haven't seen the sun more than 10 minutes the past 10 days. . . By the pricking of my thumbs something sinister this way comes - I see it in the sly glances and hear it in undertones. On December 4, Prairieland Talker has another birthday anniversary. . . Churchill over in London had a birthday anniversary this week, and Mr. Hoover not long ago - both also having hoofed down the highway of time four score years. Not all good men die young. . . A year or so ago she stood at the altar a blushing bride. Now looking toward Reno. "Ladies, to this advice give heed, in controlling men-if at first you don't succeed, cry, cry again." . . The army private soon discovers he has no privacy. . . Students of Marion public schools donated 3,343 cans of food for the city's needy citizens Thanksgiving week. . Indiana boasts of citizens who trace their ancestry back 300 years to a governor of the Puritan colony, spoken of by an American poet as "Haughty" Endecott, The Endecotts got into Indiana territory in 1813. Among other notables, seminotables and just plain citizens, Dr. H. B. Wells, president of the Indiana university, is said to belong to the Ende-

Mrs. Ferd Hubbard Orme, a daughter of a former O'Neill family, now a member of the Lincoln city council, promotes a measure that would outlaw a lot of the trash and worse than trash now available at newsstands in Lincoln. Nebraska's capital city will be one of the first If the city council adopts Mrs. Orme's ordinance, to cooperate in what seems to be destined to become nationwide. But the city council will probably leave us Mutt and Jeff, though that is somewhat of a flop since the originator has gone the way of all earth.

cott tribal group.

State legislatures, the United States congress -these will again convene. With the country now cumbered with laws, legislatures and the national congress will find a responsive reaction from patriots everywhere if they will meet, make necessary appropriations and adjourn. But maybe congress will have a message for the bias-eyed Chinese red bosses. They have imprisoned 13 Americans as "spies." What is there in timeworn China worth our trouble to spy upon? They have been reputed to have the world's oldest civilization. Something like a half-century ago, Prairieland Talker was one of a group of young fellows who I state fair last fall. "did" Chinatown in San Francisco, Calif., one night. Concluded then the Chinese "civilization" was not for us. Less important things than the imprisonment of 13 Americans have brought the drumbeat that starts the sinister tread of soldiers.

A Shreveport, La., editor received this note from a little girl to be passed on to Santa Claus: "My mommie has been married 12 years and has never had a rollingpin. My daddy is getting out of hand. Please bring my mother a rolling-

Editorial . . .

# Rail Answer Comes Swiftly

The Chicago & North Western railroad was , and if the rail unions will yield a bit after giving quick to fulfill its part of an understanding reach- a hard look at the 49 jobs that are in jeopardy ed at the public hearing in Valentine November 18. (in the event the experiment fails), everybody The Valentine meeting was arranged after the along the line will be happy. C&NW publicly announced it was considering taking the appropriate steps to discontinue the last two remaining passenger-mail-express trains in north-Nebraska, specifically trains number 13 and

These two trains ply the 447-mile Omaha-to-Chadron route, via O'Neill, and the C&NW claims the operation of the two trains has been losing the railroad company 60-thousand-dollars annually.

At Valentine, C&NW Vice President J. E. Goodwin answered the criticism that passenger equipment was obsolete with a pledge to place modern, new coaches in service "about the middle of January." From that point on, Mr. Goodwin said, an eight-month experiment would begin. If increased express, postal and passenger revenues would erase the deficit, the company's plan to discontinue the two trains would be dropped. If increased patronage did not result. the company would be obliged to take the necessary steps to discontinue the two trains.

Last Thursday Mr. Goodwin - advised The Frontier by telephone he had received "several hundred very fine letters" from interested people up-and-down the line and he pointed out that press comment and support had been "very, very

For those reasons, Mr. Goodwin said the new coaches would go into service Monday, December 6-about five weeks ahead of schedule. This, he considered, would be beneficial both to the railroad company and to the traveling public, especially with the holiday season at hand. Moreove. he added, it no longer would be necessary to change trains at Omaha because the identical equipment would be making the entire run from

Chadron to Chicago, Ill., and return. This set of circumstances demonstrates to us the C&NW has no desire to withdraw trains and. thanks to Mr. Goodwin, the company was quick to respond to a situation in which a good many people appear to be vitally interested. It also proves that big business can be very sensitive to the will of the people.

We feel the C&NW has accepted the challenge and moved swiftly to improve upon a condition.

It would appear the railroad company has fulfilled its end of the understanding and now the public must respond with patronage. We feel certain the public will make use of the rails and the fine new equipment. We boarded the new day coach early Tuesday morning on its westbound way through O'Neill. We found a well-lighted, sleek, clean coach with spacious restrooms. Seats are of the reclining type, windows are sealed, air. conditioning and heating systems are the finest. The new day coaches certainly would be a credit

to any railroad in the United States. Now if the postoffice department will refrain from any further diversion of mail or, better yet,

Safe Driving Day

President Eisenhower recently named Wednesday, December 15, as "safe driving day," and asked all Americans to help make that day one in our country's history on which no traffic accidents occur. If such a goal could be achieved, it would be of great significance, since on every day of the year approximately 75 Americans are killed and hundreds injured in automobile accidents.

The president laid down three rules which he said would save lives and prevent injuries, if fol-

1. Obey all traffic regulations.

2. Use common sense in exhibiting courtesy and good sportsmanship while driving.

3. Every motorist should resolve to stay alert and exercise care, being aware of the constant threat of accidents caused by negligence.

The idea of setting aside one day in the year as safe driving day is a good one and proclamations will be issued by governors in the various states, and other officials. The intention is to get all motorists aware of the great need for carefulness on the highways and safe driving day will focus attention on a problem which kills tens of thousands of Americans each year.

An emotional person is usually easily led-

Despite words to the contrary, almost everyone has an axe to grind-and grinds it.

There are usually two sides to an argument,

which is worth remembering these days.

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restore some of the mail that has been diverted, Audited (ABC) Circufation-2,335 (Mar. 31, 1954)

When You and I Were Young ... J. R. Harmon, 77,

# George Kraft Buys

To Start Shop in Spencer

50 Years Ago tainment at Mann's for the Elizabeth Tester. Christmas opening. . O. F. Big-lin was appointed by Judge J. see where they resided until 1914 Elkhorn Valley bank. . . George ty. Kraft went to Omaha to buy a In 1928 they moved to Scottstonsorial outfit. Mr. Kraft ex-bluff county where they rehotel at Stuart was the scene of until his death. a first-class fire scare when a Survivors include: Widow rooms on the second floor ex- Glendale Calif.; sons - Clynard of its stand. 20 Years Ago

the ice skating rink located on two sisters. the corner of Seventh and Douglas streets. He contacted the ne- Urban Receives cessary people after being ap- Diesel Trainingproached for one. The Tigers club the Misses Mayme and Rose Urban of O'Neill. Grady of Denver, Colo. . . Over | The power equipment main-

went for \$60 each.

10 Years Ago Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boyle of east of to an active unit of of army. this city, had a narrow escape from death when the sled on Brownies Make which she was coasting went cver the bank of the river. Before Brownie troop training. . . Asa B. Hubbard took er. oper the duties of sheriff of Holt county. He was elected sheriff at the November election to fill the PAGE - The Page Pep club trip as a result of having the ter is sponsor. first place agricultural team demonstration at the Nebraska

One Year Ago A snowstorm first-class howl- there this week. ed out of the northwest in ol man winter's initial blast. Twelve inches of snow fell in a 24-hour period. The high winds produced blizzard like conditions. Thirty-three deer were checked in at O'Neill during the first three days of the hunting season. . . A/2c Thomas Harty returned to the United States from Korea. He had served 11 months with the 18th fighter-interceptor group at Osan and worked with a supply unit. . . Mrs. Leota Butler, 84, and resident of the Ewing community 55 years, died at her home in Ewing.

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Burial at Ansley

James Raymond Harmon, 77, Tonsorial Outfit died Saturday, December 4, at Ansley and funeral services were conducted there Tuesday, December 7, from the Baptist church. Reverend Rothery officiated and burial was in the Ansley ceme-

There will be musical enter- was united in marriage to Mary

J. Harrington as receiver for the when they came to Custer coun-

ploded. . . Miss Florence Mains C. of Morrill; Morris L., Conley received the gold diamond ring p., Clinton J., all of O'Neill; Orgiven away by the German Medal C. of Thedford; Clyde of icine company on the final night Scottsbluff and Ernest R. of Om-

EWING-Army Pvt. Arthur E. mond, Mrs. Ira Moss and Mrs. P. the many courses offered at the at a 1 o'clock luncheon honoring Gordon, Ga. He is the son of Bert

200 American Legionnaires from tenance course trains enlisted the counties of Holt, Boyd, Knox personnel to install, operate, adand Antelope attended the tri- just and maintain gasoline and county Legion convention held diesel engine units which are used

During his training, Private Urban received a technical education worth thousands of dol-The 3-year-old daughter of lars. He will now be reassigned

Brownie troop I met on Monbeing rescued she had floated day, December 6. We met last aproximately 45-feet down the time on November 22. We finishriver and had gone under the ice. ed our Christmas presents for . . . William Grady, 17, enlisted our mothers. Carol Jo Holly in the navy in Norfolk and left treated us with candy bars.—By for Great Lakes, Ill., for his boot Patsy Bazelman, Brownie report-

Supper Nets \$70-

Peter W. Duffy. . . George Mellor school Wednesday evening, Deof O'Neill and Leonard Engler of cember 1. Chili, pie and coffee Stuart left for Chicago, Ill., to were served. Proceeds of the attend the national 4-H club supper will be used to defray the congress being held there. The club's expenses. The supper netboys received this all-expense ted around \$70. Mrs. Anna Car-

A. W. Carroll and L. F. Beckenhauer left Sunday for Chicago, ill., to attend an auto parts manufacturers' meeting being held

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The late Mr. Harmon was born March 4, 1877, in Watango county, N.C. On October 31, 1897, he was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Tester

pects to start a barber shop at mained until 1949, returning to Spencer. . . The Northwestern Ansley where he made his home serosene stove in one of the north Betty; daughter-Emma Jones of

One son, Cain, preceded him in death in 1927. Also surviving are Clarence Hahlbeck and Mrs. Floyd The kiddies of O'Neill have to grandchildren; 21 great- Lee to be finished. Four tarlarton thank Mayor Kersenbrock for grandchildren, one brother and dolls were made and packed to be

will pay half the exenses and the Urban of Ewing will graduate city the other half plus the wa- this week from the power equipter to flood it. . . Mrs. H. J. Ham- ment maintenance course, one of C. Donohoe entertained 40 guests Southeastern signal school, Camp

here. . . Four buffalos were of-fered for sale at Fremont. They the field.

vacancy caused by the death of sponsored a chili supper at the

Bake Sale, Shelhamer's Market, December 11, 10 a.m., till 4 p.m. —St. Patrick's Altar Society.

Plan Guest Day-

PAGE-The WSCS met in the Methodist church parlors last Thursday afternoon with 20 present, Mrs. A. O. Weber led the devotions. Mrs. Soren Sorensen, sr., assisted by Mrs. Alta Finch, pers on Friday. gave the lesson. Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge had charge of the business meeting. Hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Braband of El-

### **Ewing News**

Miss Florence Van Ostrand spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Ostrand. Miss Van Ostrand is employed in

Mrs. Minnie Primus is back at her home in Ewing after visiting relatives the past month, in the Chambers vicinity

The American Legion auxiliary unit 214 met at the Legion club Tuesday evening, November 30. The group tied one comforter and set together the top of another. These were taken home by Mrs. sent to the Veterans hospital for Christmas. Mrs. L. M. Carter and Mrs. Clarence Hahlbeck served re-

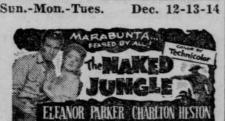
freshments. Those from Ewing attending the bazaar and chicken supper of the Clearwater Women's Society of Christian Service were Mrs. Ralph Eacker, Mrs. Ray Butler, Mrs. Florence Butler, Anna Van Zant, Hazel Ruby, Elsie Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ruby, Mrs. Gene Ruby, Mrs. J. L. Pruden and Miss

Fern Pruden. Mr .and Mrs. Archie Tuttle and

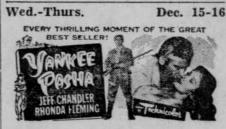
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Mrs. Richard Edwards and Mrs.

Archie Tuttle were O'Neill shop-

ied by her daughter and son-in-law,

gin, were last Thursday evening

guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Durward Loughrey and family. They also attended the Christmas

program at the Ewing school au-

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