

Prairieland Talk

# Cattle Lacking on Indiana Farms

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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 boundaries 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.



Romaine Saunders

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 their cattle and sheep. In a hundred-mile drive over Indiana and Ohio highways I think I saw no sheep.

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 one so troubled and leave a human head to rot upon the ground? Returning in the family light airplane 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 little 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.

Editorial

## Rail Answer Comes Swiftly

The Chicago & North Western railroad was quick to fulfill its part of an understanding reached at the public hearing in Valentine November 18. The Valentine meeting was arranged after the 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 14.

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 encouraging."

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. Moreover, 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, restore some of the mail that has been diverted,

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 Indiana 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 hooped 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 Endecott tribal group.

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 in 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.

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 "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 rollingpin."

When You and I Were Young . . .

## George Kraft Buys Tonsorial Outfit To Start Shop in Spencer

There will be musical entertainment at Mann's for the Christmas opening. . . . O. F. Biglin was appointed by Judge J. J. Harrington as receiver for the Elkhorn Valley bank. . . . George Kraft went to Omaha to buy a tonsorial outfit. Mr. Kraft expected to start a barber shop at Spencer. . . . The Northwestern hotel at Stuart was the scene of a first-class fire scare when a kerosene stove in one of the north rooms on the second floor exploded. . . . Miss Florence Mains received the gold diamond ring given away by the German Medicine company on the final night of its stand.

The kiddies of O'Neill have to thank Mayor Kerschenbrock for the ice skating rink located on the corner of Seventh and Douglas streets. He contacted the necessary people after being approached for one. The Tigers club will pay half the expenses and the city the other half plus the water to flood it. . . . Mrs. H. J. Hammond, Mrs. Ira Moss and Mrs. P. C. Donohoe entertained 40 guests at a 1 o'clock luncheon honoring the Misses Mayme and Rose Grady of Denver, Colo. . . . Over 200 American Legionnaires from the counties of Holt, Boyd, Knox and Antelope attended the tri-county Legion convention held here. . . . Four buffaloes were offered for sale at Fremont. They went for \$60 each.

The 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boyle of east of this city, had a narrow escape from death when the sled on which she was coasting went over the bank of the river. Before being rescued she had floated approximately 45-feet down the river and had gone under the ice. . . . William Grady, 17, enlisted in the navy in Norfolk and left for Great Lakes, Ill., for his boot training. . . . Asa B. Hubbard took over the duties of sheriff of Holt county. He was elected sheriff at the November election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Peter W. Dury. . . . George McEllor of O'Neill and Leonard Engler of Stuart left for Chicago, Ill., to attend the national 4-H club congress being held there. The boys received this all-expense trip as a result of having the first place agricultural team demonstration at the Nebraska state fair last fall.

A snowstorm first-class howled out of the northwest in our part of the state. 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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## J. R. Harmon, 77, Burial at Anasley

James Raymond Harmon, 77, died Saturday, December 4, at Anasley and funeral services were conducted there Tuesday, December 7, from the Baptist church. Reverend Rothery officiated and burial was in the Anasley cemetery. 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. In 1906 they moved to Tennessee where they resided until 1914 when they came to Custer county. In 1928 they moved to Scottsbluff county where they remained until 1949, returning to Anasley where he made his home until his death. Survivors include: Widow — Betty; daughter—Emma Jones of Glendale Calif.; sons — Clynard C. of Morrill; Morris L., Conley D., Clinton J., all of O'Neill; Orval C. of Theoford; Clyde of Scottsbluff and Ernest R. of Omaha. One son, Cain, preceded him in death in 1927. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren, one brother and two sisters.

Urban Receives Diesel Training— EWING—Army Pvt. Arthur E. Urban of Ewing will graduate this week from the power equipment maintenance course, one of the many courses offered at the Southeastern signal school, Camp Gordon, Ga. He is the son of Bert Urban of O'Neill. The power equipment maintenance course trains enlisted personnel to install, operate, adjust and maintain gasoline and diesel engine units which are used for generating electrical power in the field. During his training, Private Urban received a technical education worth thousands of dollars. He will now be reassigned to an active unit of army.

Brownies Make Christmas Gifts— Brownie troop 1 met on Monday, December 6. We met last time on November 22. We finished our Christmas presents for our mothers. Carol Jo Holly treated us with candy bars.—By Patsy Bazelman, Brownie reporter.

Supper Nets \$70— PAGE—The Page Pep club sponsored a chili supper at the school Wednesday evening, December 1. Chili, pie and coffee were served. Proceeds of the supper will be used to defray the club's expenses. The supper netted around \$70. Mrs. Anna Carter is sponsor.

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

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

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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, gave the lesson. Mrs. Eimer Trowbridge had charge of the business meeting. Hostesses were Mrs. Jesse Kelly and Mrs. Edgar Stauffer. December 16 will be guest day. Each member is to invite a guest.

## Ewing News

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

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. Clarence Hahlbeck and Mrs. Floyd Lee to be finished. Four tarlatan dolls were made and packed to be sent to the Veterans hospital for Christmas. Mrs. L. M. Carter and Mrs. Clarence Hahlbeck served refreshments. 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

daughter, Leonora, were entertained last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edwards and family. Mrs. Richard Edwards and Mrs. Archie Tuttle were O'Neill shoppers on Friday. Mrs. Rose Loughrey, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Braband of Egin, 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 auditorium.

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