Prairieland Talk

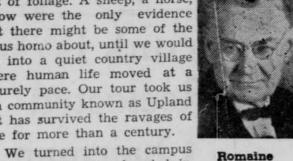
Wise Ones Fortell What's Ahead

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MARION, IND .- This early January day there is a rift in the clouds that hung on high and the heavens glow with sunlight after unnumbered days of gloom and rain. We ventured forth upon the highways, along city streets past mansions and cottages and into rural lanes where farm families dwell in Hoosier peace and plenty. Mindful of the 10 deaths upon Indiana highways in one day just as 1955 appeared on the wall calendar, we moved with caution and made speed where nothing hin-

The countryside lay fresh washed and silent with here and there a farm house and cluster of

gleaming white buildings surrounded by trees and bushes bereft of foliage. A sheep, a horse, a cow were the only evidence that there might be some of the genus homo about, until we would roll into a quiet country village where human life moved at a leisurely pace. Our tour took us to a community known as Upland that has survived the ravages of time for more than a century.



of Taylor university, founded in Saunders 1846 and I was told it is a Methodist institution of learning. Indiana is well supplied with colleges and universities. Students were returning to Taylor from their holiday visit to the homefolks. Judging from the number of buildings about the tree and shrub shaded campus the enrollment must be considerable.

Holidays are in the past. Here and there across the land there may be a guy sneaking around looking for the pipe he tossed out the window new year's eve. A safeguard to resolutions and reforms adopted at the beginning of the year is to keep a daily record of life's activities. Who care to see recorded in black and white his mistakes and broken vows? And January days come and go.

By the time this paragraph is printed the anniversary of the '88 blizzard will have been observed by the Blizzard club in another annual gathering in Lincoln, a gathering where venerable patriots tell thrilling stories of experiences on a winter day on prairieland in the long ago. Now in the early days of 1955 the swing of gay holiday life has come to an end, the "ace of rhythm" has hung up the fiddle and the bow, we have been duly instructed by the highbrows and wise ones as to what is coming on the road ahead for industry and political, social and domestic circles-but the year ahead will be no different than those gone before only as individual lives make it so.

A specimen of the genus homo who had taken on the responsibility of husband and father has abandoned his sick wife and 11 children to the mercy of charity. The children, age one year up to 14, have been placed in the county on the trail of dad.

With the news of the death of Mrs. Mary Mullen at the age of 92, surviving former friends of the Mullens and others of a vanished race, I wonder if Mrs. Mullen would be counted the last of the Irish | al organizations for many years. group which came from the Auld Sod to a new land and made homes in a pioneer comumnity de-veloping on prairieland? Maybe she is the last, or is there another now facing life's sunset living in quiet obscurity and lonely, who receives no public notice, their contribution to the taming of a wilderness unsung in the rush and clatter of modern life until the death notice appears? And the revered name Mary has about disappeared-daughters today being given the name of a movie starlet.

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Fred A. Lyon, a barber, announces himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for mayor of Chicago, Ill. In doing so, he asks the question, "Who but a barber has a better opportunity to learn what people are thinking?" . . Clergymen are now included with those to whom social security benefits are available. . . The head of a church group known as Holiness has his headquarters in Marion and has just returned here from a 20,000mile world tour made to confer with leaders of the church in mission fields. . . An inhuman Indianapolis, Ind., mother held her screaming child in boiling water. The child is dead, the mother in jail.

Mr. Crosby retires as governor and like Mr. Dewey of New York returns to law practice. Dewey had three terms as governor of New York and twice was the republican candidate for president. Mr. Crosby retires from the political arena after one 'year as governor and one unsuccessful try for the United States senate. His administration as chief executive was by no means strewn with roses, but he walked from the statehouse leaving a record for which he has reason to feel gratified.

Met a native yesterday whose wrinkled and weather-beaten features indicated he may have come out of the ark. Said he had been in the Platte river country of Nebraska in the sodhouse homestead days and recalled there was a place and that was the time when one had "elbow room." The expression carries with it the reminder that here elbow space is limited.

His name is Boyd, a familiar sound to north Nebraskans as they have a Boyd county named in honor of a governor of the state by that name. And O'Neill had a family by that name after the Axel Boyd family had "proved up" on a quarter section homestead seven miles northeast of town and plastered the homestead for enough cash to build a little house at the northeastern limits of a village called O'Neill.

A lot of Holt county that had been settled for a few years by homesteaders went into the hands of loan companies or individual speculators, the homesteaders moving to town or pulling out for "back East." Lawyers and loan agents were thick in town, who made a livelihood out of the commission they charged for a loan of "Eastern money" for the homesteader, who had no intention, in many cases, of paying the loan and retaining the homestead. So the mortgages were foreclosed, and another saga on prairieland set in. This was followed by tax sales and land bought for a song by ranchers and permanent settlers who had faith in a lush future for prairieland, where now the saga of the present writes across the scroll of time the story of prosperous, contented and Godfearing patriots in their homes on the farflung prairieland.

When a Holt county man, Mr. Hopkins of the long ago, was warden of the state penitentiary and two-fisted gents like Tom Coyne were doing guard duty down there no "experts" were called in to lay down regulations. The penitentiary is for criminals, not a stopping place for exacting hotel guests. Nebraskans have shown themselves capable in the past of managing their institutions. The criminal must suffer for his crimes; he has invited it. Jails are not places of flowery beds of ease. If the administration of our state penitentiary affairs is lacking, it may be because the hands of those in charge are tied by outside interests.

About 85 percent of the country's railroad trains are powered by diesel engines, though the Norfolk & Western, operating in the coal regions of Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky, stays by the steam engine with no diesels. The Pennsylvania road keeps in service mostly steam engines for freight hauling. The Santa Fe, with 13,000 miles of track and right-of-way, operates with 977 diesels and 246 steamers in reserve. The North Western and Union Pacific are among the country's leading railroads that have adopted the diesel but keep a few hundred steamers in reserve.

As memory dictates today, Prof. E. M. Hosman fore a loyalty review board and of Omaha, recently named executive head of the she no longer is handling highly Nebraska Independent College foundation, was an classified documents. O'Neill boy, his father being pastor of the Methodist church in O'Neill during the early 1890's, the family leaving there about the year '95. Mr. Hosman is a retired dean of the University of Omaha and has been connected with Nebraska education-

Our country's first lady finds one or more during the holiday season on whom to bestow favors from the white house. One such favored one this season is a citizen of Union county, Indiana, Miss Emmaline Kelly, who received a gift with a cordial letter from Mrs. Eisenhower on the occasion of the Indiana lady's birthday anniversary falling on Christmas day, and that she is 103-yearsold may be accounted for in that she is still Miss.

Another gray, cloud-roofed day as the year | Wonder if this contributes to the Sun. 2:30. All children unless in draws its fading breath. And then the Indiana gloom it lighted by lightning's red glare and thunder rumbles acoss the heavens. Then the landscape is wet by a modest downpour that the Hoosiers call a rain storm. As evening shadows gather we look out upon the bleak December scene and wonder what the new year may bring.

One Indiana county collected in 12 months \$1,841 for license plates attached to horse-drawn rigs. The fee is \$15 for one and \$1 each for buggies or wagons owned by one person. The county collecting this sum has a large population of Amish people, who cling to the old ways of life of their forefathers, every new fad having no appeal to

A new year's verbal row with her mate. He put on his hat and left. Next day she grabbed a gun, intending to shoot the four children and herself. Nine-year-old Ike pleaded: "Mamma, please don't shoot me." Mamma tossed away the gun and kiss-

Editorial . . .

No Time to Relax

strategists.

Dr. Jonas E. Salk, originator of the triple polio vaccine that bears his name, has stated categorically the crippling form of polio probably will be ended within five years. The prediction, made in a studied manner, has been given much publicity. It is possible that many of us, who have not closely followed the overall polio research program, may think the battle is over.

Such a suggestion is absurd . . . and it would be unfortunate, indeed, if the American public should begin to relax its fight against the dread

It should be borne in mind Doctor Salk has predicted something five years away, not something that will happen soon. In fact, his prognostication is qualified with the word "probably", and his statement carries no certainty.

It behooves all of us, therefore, only to take hope from the prediction, and not to use it as a flimsy reason not to support the current march of dimes drive.

Polio is still taking its horrible toll and the disease strikes without regard to color or creed or the calendar.

Mrs. H. D. Gildersleeve of O'Neill, who is chairman of the Holt county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, frankly states the chapter is in something less than "fair" financial condition at this point and one "serious case" would "break us." Mrs. Gldersleeve pointed out the chapter has been helping pay the way for Miss Barabara Brunckhorst of Inman, who contracted the disease while teaching at Spencer last fall. Miss Brunckhorst is now out of the iron lung and is responding to physical therapy.

Mrs. Noma Hall of Stuart is chairman of the fund drive for the Holt chapter and her job is not easy in finding workers and supervising their du-

Regardless of the encouragement embodied in Doctor Salk's statement (God grant the good doctor is on the right track), let's set a record by putting the Holt county polio fund drive over the top right away. There are many reasons for doing so, but the cold facts are explained by Mrs. Gildersleeve's terse observation:

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In the United States there is one chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and 160 million assistant

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News, Views and Gossip

BY THE EDITOR

Adams No Surprise one Dr. Irving Peress, who had ed Peress. been an army dentist at Camp Kilmer, N.J.

The report states the honorable discharge and routine promotion were handed Peress, a Fifth amendment fellow, on the recommendations of Army Counselor John G. Adams and Lt.-Gen. Walter L. Weible, a deputy chief-

of-staff. It becomes interesting, therehearings, and it becomes especialy noteworthy why Brig.-Gen. Garwood. Ralph Zwicker, the Camp Kilmer commander, clammed up.

admits Zwicker opposed the honfor Peress, whom McCarthy had at Mrs. Tibbet's. labeled "a Fifth amendment communist." Moreover, Zwicker had W. Wintermote called on Mrs. written several letters on the subject. Yet when called on the stand before the McCarthy questioning. Zwicker wouldn't talk, wouldn't tell who promoted and honorably and some members of the Womaischarged Peress.

The liberals screamed about McCarthy's socalled abuse of Zwicker, a much-decorated war veteran. The general obviously was covering up for somebody and McCarthy realized it.

Zwicker Knew

The record now shows Zwicker was plainly dealing Joe a bad time and knew considerably more about the case than he would tell the senate committee. The public can now decide whether or not he is fit to wear the uniform of a general.

Oh yes, would you remember Mrs. Moss—the little Negro wom- the world's deadliest jungle! an, a classified document clerk who was hailed before the Mc-Carthy committee? It was for Mrs. Moss that Missouri's Senator Symington shed tears and even proffered a job in a honeytongued pitch to the nation's television and radio audience.

The Moss case, finally, is be

time and one day he'll be cate- roving guy . . and spring is bustgoried by the historians for just v.hat he was: A rugged, tough Adults 50c; children 12c; matinee Irishman with disdain and hate Sat. 2:30. All children under 12 for commies, fellow-travelers and eggheads; a fellow who had to rough 'em up because otherwise he couldn't get anywhere; a guy WOMAN'S WORLD he couldn't get anywhere; a guy who, above all, will be remembered as a latter day Paul Revere.

Miscellany

A driver for one of the major midwest trucking companies told us his company pays a \$10 bonus to the drivers avoiding one of the state highway weighing scales. Adults 50c; children 12c; matinee reasons some of the overweight boys are taking the backroads to

20 and 275 between Inman and and coffee were served. Ewing). . . Weather note-Heard the overshoes we used to wear

nessmen hereabouts in referring to 1954: Gross up, profits down. . . Bruce Rehberg of The Frontier staff is back from Miami with considerable comment concerning the pulchritude of the Florida lassies and very little to say about Finally the pentagon has arbi- the Nebraska-Duke debacle in the trarily decided to give with the Orange bowl. Bruce is 20, single chronological facts regarding the and tall. . And, thanks to the honorable discharge and promo- condescending defense departtion of the New York character, ment, we now know who promot-

-CAL STEWART

Chambers News

January 2 dinner guetss in the Louis Neilson home were Mr. and Mirs. Clyde Kiltz.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shonka moved recently to Burwell. Mr. and Mrs. fore, why Mr. Adams behaved as Tom Lambert and sons have ne did in the McCarthy - army moved into the Shonka house now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coday and children moved recently into the The pentagon's detailed report, house in the north part of town nade public during the weekend, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller and daughter. The orable discharge and promotion Millers are now located in a cabin

Mrs. H. E. Cook and Mrs. J. Edgar Jones December 30. Mrs. Jones' health is "very poor." About 30 ladies of the various extension clubs of the community an's society of the Methodist church gathered at the church parlors Dec. 31 to see the film, "Flight to Ceylon," and slides, "Recipe for Color," shown for

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Family Night

Wed.-Thurs. Jan. 12-13 Glenn Ford and Ann Sheridan APPOINTMENT IN HONDURAS Co-starring Zachary Scott. Color by technicolor. Six snarling men and a red-headed woman on the strangest safari ever to dare Family admitted for 2 adult tickets; children under 12 admitted with parent, 50c; adults 50c;

Fhi.-Sat. Jan. 14-15 That "Ma Kettle" gal's got a brand new fella!

children 12c

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free when accompanied by parent.

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arms must have tickets

avoid the Stafford weighing sta-them by County Agent A. Neil note and Carolyn. Mr. and Mrs. son brought her home. tion (junction of U.S. highways | Dawes. Refreshments of cookies | Lloyd Wintermote and Norma

New year's dinner guests of

were evening callers.

Mrs. Valo Edwards returned on ing friends gathered in observfrom our daughter, Suzanne, 8, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Winter- Jan. 3 from Winner, S.D., where ance of his birthday anniversary: at the dinner table: "Remember mote and sons and Mrs. Harkins she had spent two weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. Glen Adams, Mr. were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harley her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Sexton, Mrs. Anna the winter we had snow!" . . . A and boys, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. and Mrs. Rudolf Edwards. Mr. Alberts, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Med-Cook, Mrs. J. W. Wintermote and Mrs. Edwards and their calf and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Huband Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Winter- daughter, Mrs. Melba Olson, and bard.

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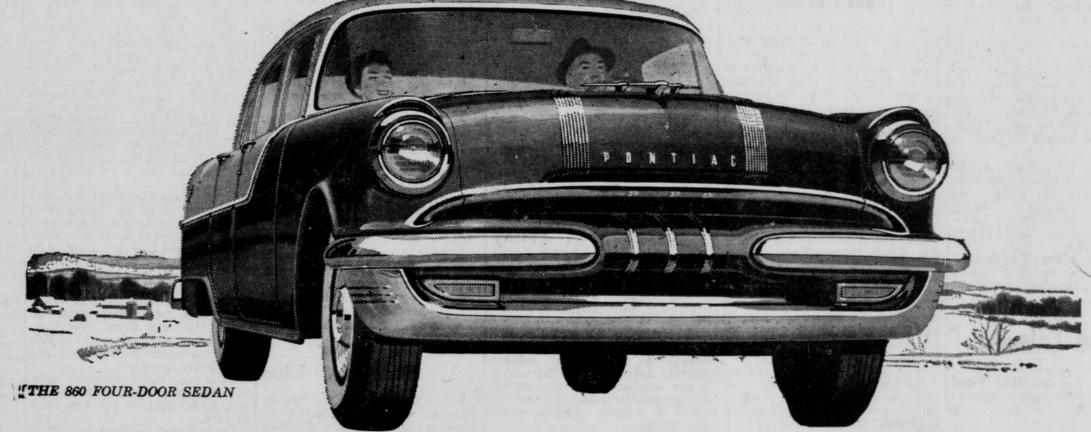
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