Prairieland Talk . . .

What Can a Grand Jury Do?

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS, Retired, Former Editor The Frontier

LINCOLN-Several hundred Lincoln citizens petitioned for a grand jury investigation down at the penitentiary. Investigation-what can a grand jury do more than has been done by investigators? Penitentiaries are the abode of bad men. Some

are those who are not essentially bad but they are not the ones who cause the trouble. The bad man has chosen a life of crime and forever is with us. The state of Nebraska has them to deal with as other states also have the criminal element.

Since the first one born into the world stained his soul with his brother's bolod there have been murders; since man wanted what another had there have been robbers; since the foul Sodomite stunk to high heaven there have been sex fiends. For the protection of society the state deals with such, not as a reformation agency but

that which deals out the punishment for crime. Yet, since the repentant thief on the cross there have been the Harry Orchards who, through the agency of spiritual birth, have buried a life of crime to walk in newness of life in the paths of righteousness.

The head of a Lincoln mercantile concern that deals in clothing, household and personal needs from pins to furniture, from beefsteak to sliced bread, and covers a block or two of the commercial center, is in Washington, D.C., to plead and preach for federal defense plants to be brought to Nebraska. The gentleman of ceommercial instinct may anticipate the thrill of wrapping up another package of shoes and socks for another new customer but many Nebraskans would deplore seeing the charming prairieland detted with conning towers, lookout stations, bomb piles and smoking, steaming factories where now you may travel the open country, charmed by the song of the meadowlark, thrilled by the sight of creatures of the wild, look out across the farflung landscape robed in green gowns, stand by a little inland lake and dip a bare foot into the cooling nectars of the sands. Commercial instinct with many ends with ample resources for the daily needs, beyond that stretches the unspoiled prairieland.

As we bow at the shrine of childhood and youth, let us not forget the bent form, the wrinkled face, the silver threads among the gold that warn of the gathering shadows of life's approaching sunset and that from the toil-marked hands of the aged came much of what we enjoy today. And in those snow-crowned heads of father and mothers is the mature judgment the world needs so much just now.

The state of Nebraska maintains a school in the little town of Milford where trades are taught, such as shoe cobbling, auto mechanics and other crafts. But unless the applicant for admittance to acquire a trade has a college degree or at least a high school diploma he is not accepted as a student. It appears to this homo genus that the young person who has been deprived of the chance to acquire scholastic standing is the one who needs to learn a trade.

A man doesn't care much what you say about him just so you get his name right. Ladies are still more sensitive about it. What there is about that plainly typewritten name Mary that looked like "Maude" to the typographical artists that put Prairieland Talk in print has not been explained. But I will try to square it with a gracious lady the next time I am in Atkinson by explaining my typewriter needs a new ribbon.

Another million-dollar bond proposal to dig for more water for the capital city. How the millions roll! The city fathers think the requirements for another year demand it. Who knows but next year bonds will be in demand for "flood control"?

Atkinson can lay claim to having some "firsts". One of these is a lifelong citizen who believes he was the first white child born in Holt county, maybe before it became organized as a county. More than four score years ago a pioneer mother of prairieland looked into the face of her new born babe with the tender emotions that only a mother can know and wondered what this untamed wilderness that echoed to the tramp of buffalo might have in store for her son. That baby was Herb Bitney, who grew up in the Atkinson community and still abides there.

O'Neill, too, had its "first white baby," Joe Ryan, who died many years ago, a victim of lawless violence. And so long ago began a rivarly, Atkinson to outdo O'Neill, O'Neill to outdo Atkinson.

As the Bitneys were up there before there was an Atkinson, the Ryans came with the Gen. John O'Neill colonies the Bitneys have prior claim to the honor of being first.

Atkinson had progressive citizens from its earliest days. So did O'Neill. Maybe rivalry was the spur and quirt that put life into both communities. A courthouse was needed to make Atkinson all its promoters thought it should be, so county division schemes one after another were born of ambition and died for lack of votes. Out of the rivalry and envy of long ago two fine little cities have emerged, the one reaching a hand across the 20 miles between to grasp the hand of the other and thus promote friendly relations that make for the onward march of both to best serve their communi-

I saw him today for the first time, maybe the last. Not a pleasing picture to be unrolled upon the scroll of the daily street scene. A young man, a human wreck leaning on crutches and useless legs terminating in feet that had never taken a step. Not a pleasing picture but one to arouse sympathy. Inspired to pause, I looked into a clean face and a smile greeted me. A question or two, a little talk and the story of a courageous soul was told. The hand of affliction was laid upon him in infancy. He had not run and played in childhood, was deprived of life's activities in youth, had no chance for schooling. And then, dark eyes raised upward as to form a question, he asked if I would do something for him. Just name it, he was told. The favor involved some effort, the outlay of a few cents. Swinging from the sidewalk on his crutches and leaning against a tree, he awaited my return with gratitude. Or was it a chuckle that a sucker had been caught on the hook? I like to think not.

This morning the sun hides for shame behind a cloud that came from somewhere out of the deep blue after scorching earth and beast and bird and man for many days and we are fanned with mollifying winds originating beyond the Arctic circle. calendar to make room for September which leaves here and there a drop of rain to wet a dry land. Velvet-tinted leaf in high treetop flutters gratefully in the wind a welcome to the cool September morn. Morning glories in white and blue and pink hang in clusters to the vines and the gladiola bloom contributes floral charm to nature's

Corn huskers will not be in demand in the Cornhusker state when autumn skies look upon us. The corn fields are about as scarce of nubbins as at any time in the past. As only a few of the 93 counties of the state can be classed as "corn country" the state as a whole will not suffer from a failure of the corn crop, while bins and cribs still bulge with products of other years. Maybe some of the corn ground should be turned over to peach orchards as Nebraska produces a quality of fruit unequaled anywhere.

Editorial . . .

'Voice of the Soviet Union'

(Guest editorial from Pierce County Leader)

The cold war has taken some queer turns lately. "The Voice of America" overseas radio program became "The Voice of the Soviet Union" on August 24 when the Soviet acting minister of ag-

riculture used its facilities to broadcast to the So-At the suggestion of the USIA chief, the impressions of Vladimir Matskevich, head of the Russian farm delegation, were recorded at the Soviet embassy in Washington for transmission to iron

curtain countries. No wonder several congressmen have said they intend to ask why U.S. taxpayers should spend 100-million-dollars a year on USIA if the cold war

The chap at the head of the USIA is named Streibert.

About those exchange visits of Russian and American farmers: On the surface it would seem

our delegation has learned little of value about farming methods in Russia, but what the Russians learned in this country (including visits to the Omaha-Lincoln-Columbus areas and the sandhills) is something else. By and large the Russians weren't dirt farmers at all but bureaucrats acting in the capacity as agents.

And so the cold war grinds on!

should be done and the offside critic is usually a wizard if you believe what he says.

At least the intense heat wave has been broken and everyone seems to be in a better frame of

One of the easiest ways of obtaining publicity

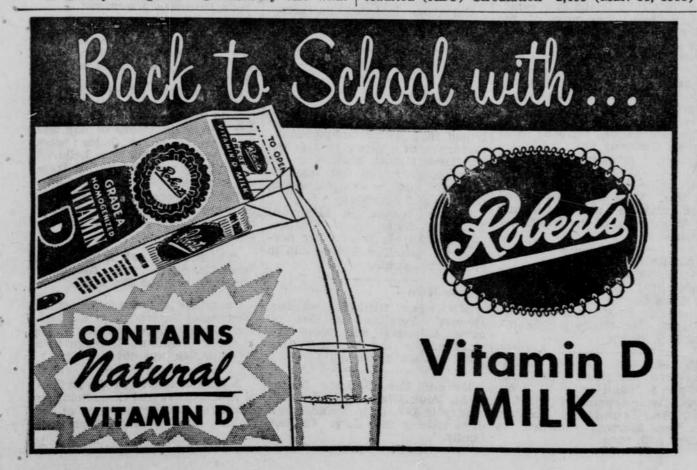


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News, Views and Gossip

By THE EDITOR

'Just Didn't Fit' Mrs. August Rednar of Chambers recently received a surprise ed futile.

package in the mail. Upon opening the parcel she found her "store teeth" that had been missing. It took a year, a dissatisfied finder and Uncle Sam's mail chan-

nels to restore her artificial chop-

The story began in August, 1954, when the Rednars were enjoying a picnic at Omaha's Peony

Writes Mrs. Rednar: "As I had just received my new teeth, the uppers were giving me a bit of trouble. So I removed them and put them in my pocket. When the time came that I decided to wear them again, I found them gone.

"We hunted everywhere but no

was somewhat disappointing.

"The note said: 'Take these back to your dentist. They are overly made. They just didn't fit at all!"

Miscellany:

Among those adults who last month completed private swim-

The story is making the rounds which he will operate in the futo locate the brother of the illus-

-CAL STEWART

When You and I Were Young . .

Inman Man Purchases

LaViolette Feted **Hotel Evans**

50 Years Ago Northwestern Brick works there have been bought by William Mc-Kenna, until recenty a resident of Inman. . . Miss Ruth Evans enter-"But, almost a year to the date tained 16 friends at the Hotel Evlater, a small package came in the ans. Walter LaViolette was guestmali. And there were my teeth, of-honor. . . Dr. B. T. Trueblood not harmed one bit. I was ever has made arrangements to leave so pleased to have them restored. O'Neill, having sold his office and But a note that accompanied them residence to Dr. E. T. Wilson. . Michael J. Flannigan and Alice Blanch Barclay were married at Stuart. . . Jack Dwyer returned to Omaha to resume his studies at Creighton Medical college. .

20 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kelly returned

from their western trip.

Olive May Elkins died at her ming courses at the Muny pool home 14 miles south of this city, were: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Go- after an illness of several months kie, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cokie, from cancer. . . Engene Porter, 7-Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clifford of Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. James W. W. Porter, had his tonsils and National Mrs. Clarence Go. after an inness of several modules doing oil painting of wooden plates and bowls. . . The Ewing Advocate went to press for the figure last week. Miss Thelma Rooney, Mrs. A. P. Jaszkowiak adenoids removed. . . A star mail nal time last week. Miss Thelma

board), Rev. Howard Claycombe, O'Neill and Omaha. . . The dry she had been unable to get suffi- balance the budget. And, I think jr., of Chambers (pastor of St. hot weather has had an effect cient help and is "too ill to main- they will seek a balanced budget Paul's Lutheran church), Mrs. D. upon the sale of new automobiles tain the business." . M. B. Huff- prior to tax reduction." C. Schaffer, Alice Johnson. The in the county. Only 26 new cars tutor was Miss Elizabeth ("Ibs") registered at the office of the bank at Ewing, returned from Schaffer. Also among the private- county treasurer last month. . . ly-taught pupils were Bonnie and Kenneth Kimbrough arrived in been attending a school of bank-Bobby Clifford and Dick Galyen, the city and took possession of ing. all of Atkinson, and Pat Gokie. . . the Medlin & Son meat market, that Sen. Joe McCarthy's broth- ture. . . Word was received that er, who lives down on the farm the application of Holt county for in Wisconsin, has been in Holt a grant of federal funds for the purchasing cattle. But an effort purpose of building a new courthouse had been rejected because trious red-hunting senator prov- of a faulty application. . . An odd item that actually got into print:

> he met his wife." 10 Years Ago

"His first venture into the antique

The Eagle Creek 4-H club held a meeting at the J. B. Mellor home. A dinner featuring fried chicken was served. . . Sfc. John H. Protivinsky is serving aboard a battleship which is taking part at in the Pacific fleet occupation of fourth term as principal of Lynch high school. . . The employees fourth term as princpial of Lynch hgih school. . . The employees The Neligh Leader says the of the telephone office held a farewell picnic at the city park in honor of Miss Lois Osborne . Romaine Saunders returned from Lincoln and took the bus to Atkinson on his way to his ranch home southwest of Amelia. He had been east about six weeks and had

visited in Washington, D.C. One Year Ago

Rev. M. H. Grosenbach, who has been pastor of Wesleyan Methodist church here for 10 years, has moved to Gordon. . . Ross Loveland, 32, a Kansan who was arrested by authorities at Kimball and brought to O'Neill, was sentenced to one year in the state penitentiary. . . Miss Donna Mae Fuhrer, 21, is entering a new field. The plucky young lady, who has been bedfast for many years, is

(wife of the chairman of the park | route will be established between | Drayton, publisher, explained that federal economy necessary to man, cashier of the Farmers State Madison, Wisc., where he had

Sees Balanced Budget in Next Fiscal Year

U.S. Sen. Carl T. Curtis (R-Neb.) predicted Wednesday that the federal budget will be balanced within the next fiscal year. continue to be collected. He pointed out that the deficit field was at Ashville, N.C. There for the current year, fiscal 1956, will be 1.7 billion rather than 2.4 billion predicted earlier. Senator Curtis believes that, with careful management of government spending, some opportunity for debt retirement and tax reduction will be possible, after the budget is balanced.

Curtis said, "A three percent curtailment in federal spending, during the next fiscal year, will balance the budget. Our deficit, this year, is the lowest in the five years past."

"I believe" said Curtis, "the public will strongly support

Ainsworth Pool Fund Mounts-

AINSWORTH-The swimming pool memorial fund started early this month at the Star-Journal office now totals \$148.20.

The money, which will be used to construct a swimming pool at Ainsworth's East city park as a memoriak to the late Mrs. C. C. Jones, wife of the late editor of the Brown County Democrat, will

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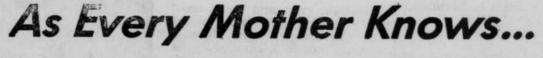


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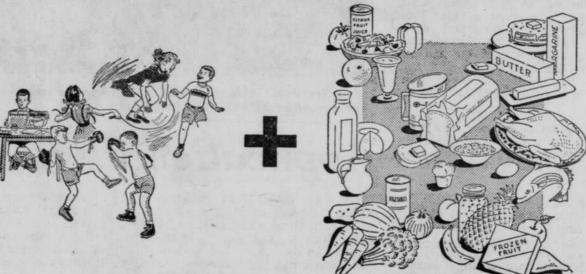
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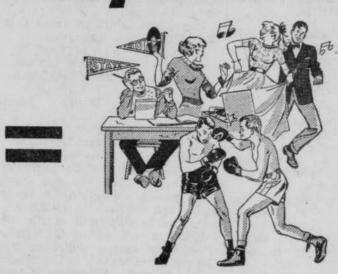
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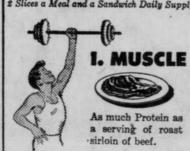
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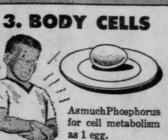


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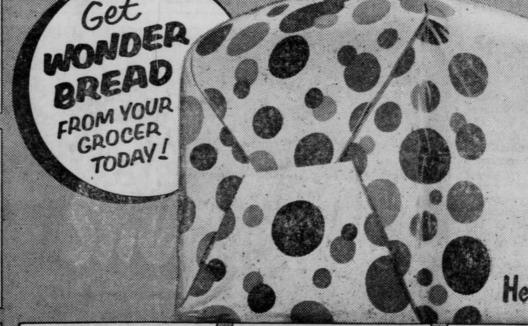
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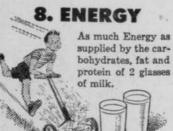
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*This amount consumed daily is not a substitute from a nutritional standpoint for the total nutritional value of the various foods listed.