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Judge Landis Tells of Recent 'Prison Term'

Committed With Son at Own Request to the Iowa Penitentiary at Fort Madison.

Des Moines, Ia.—A Nebraska district court judge, who served a ten day "term" in the Iowa prison at Fort Madison, told the Iowa board of control in a report made public Tuesday that life in a prison cell is not as horrible as "most people imagine." His son, a University of Nebraska senior law student who also served a ten day "term" with his father, added in a separate report that: "The attitude of the prisoners can be summed up in a statement made by one convict, who said: 'If you are out of isolation you have it soft. This place is just an old man's home.'"

The judge, Harry D. Landis of Seward, Neb., and his son, Frank, persuaded officials to commit them to the prison for a ten day term, starting last Aug. 21, as a "social experiment."

"It was done," Judge Landis said at Wahoo, Neb., where he was holding court, "as an experiment to observe criminal behavior for use by himself on the bench." In his report to the Iowa board of control, the judge said that the experience would be "of real benefit to me."

During their "terms," the two men posed as genuine convicts. They were "dressed in" as the "Dewitts, second time losers on a fraudulent land deal." Only Warden Glenn Haynes knew their true identities. They wore prison clothes, ate prison food, spent the customary first three days in "solitary." Judge Landis then was put to work in the prison chair factory and the kitchen. His son dug and loaded clay.

"The cells are comfortable," Judge Landis wrote in his report. "They are well equipped, have connections for radio headphones, electric lights, good beds and the inmates may smoke, work, study and read within reasonable hours. The occupant is locked up on work days from 6:30 p. m. until 7 a. m.; on Saturdays and Sundays longer. However, this need not be depressing unless the inmate makes it so of his own volition." The food, the judge wrote, is "wholesome, varied and satisfying."

Judge Landis also found it easy to get books, said the guards are "human, fair, yet firm," and described prison officials as having the "confidence and respect of the inmates."

At one time in the prison yard, the judge said, he saw 87 inmates gambling for chips, matches or tickets representing pop and tobacco. "The interest was intense," he wrote. "There were all the aspects of real gambling and these men were satisfying an innate urge of gambling cunningness in a harmless manner." The judge said he saw no evidence of the use of liquor or drugs in the prison, but advocated a "clean speech league" to combat what he said was the prevalence of "vile language."

During his leisure time in the prison, Judge Landis' son wrote "case histories" of 112 inmates and concluded that a great number of them should never be set free. He disagreed with his father that the prison was free from drugs and perversion.

"It is true," he said, "that liquor was not in evidence. However, dope was used that was made from makeshift ingredients found within the prison itself."

SENDS FOR JOURNAL

Mrs. Julian McNatt, who recently left for the west coast country writes from Sacramento, California, to renew her subscription to the semi-weekly edition of the Journal. Mrs. McNatt states in her letter that a great many forest fires have been raging in the mountain and wooded sections of northern California. She is with her brother, Henry Warstadt, who has made his home here for several years and they enjoy very much receiving the paper from their old home community.

REPUBLICAN BANQUET AT WEEPING WATER

From Tuesday's Daily—J. G. Roberts of Youngstown, Ohio, arrived in Nebraska by plane last evening to address the boosters gathered in Weeping Water for a dinner. Mr. Roberts, formerly a state senator and member of the American Legion speakers bureau, reviewed the expenditures of the New Deal. He closed his address with the words "We are looking toward our plain neighbor from the sister state to preserve the American form of government."

Vandenberg's radio address was presented in a recorded form and talking movies were shown on New Deal projects. Carl Tefft, county chairman, introduced the speakers. E. B. Perry, in his talk, promised that "We will keep every contract which the new deal has made... and we will cut the pay-roll 25 per cent." 160 attended the banquet.

Death of Mrs. Martha Baumeister, Old Resident

Aged Lady Passed Away Sunday Evening at Home of Daughter, Mrs. John Rutherford.

Sunday evening at 7:45 Mrs. Martha Baumeister, 87, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Rutherford, with whom she has made her home for the past several years.

Mrs. Baumeister has been a resident of this community for the greater part of her lifetime, where she has a very large circle of friends who will regret to learn of her death and sharing with the family the sorrow that her passing has occasioned.

Mrs. Baumeister has been very active up until the last few months and since which she has been bedfast for the greater part of the time.

She is survived by two children, a son, Walter, and a daughter, Mrs. John Rutherford. There are two grandchildren.

DEFENSE OF SECURITY ACT

Washington.—Rallying to the defense of the social security act which has become a major issue of the campaign, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said it was a form of legislation for which workers had prayed for many years. In a letter to all state federations of labor, city central bodies and local unions, Green said there was "grave danger that widespread confusion and serious misunderstanding may occur in the minds of working people and their friends regarding the provisions of the federal social security act."

"The wage earners of the nation are the beneficiaries of this act," he added. "Thru the application of its provisions they will be permitted to face old age with a feeling of security because they will be guaranteed the payment of an annuity ranging from \$10 to \$85 per month."

LEARNS OF WEDDING

The announcement has been received here by friends of the George Ackerman family, former residents here, of the marriage of Miss Reta Ackerman. She was married to Mr. A. M. Parsons at Pasadena, California, in which city the young people are expecting to make their future home.

The Ackerman family will be remembered by the older residents here, Mr. Ackerman having been engaged here in the local Burlington shops until their removal to the west coast.

HERE FROM LINCOLN

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mockenhaupt of Lincoln, were in the city Monday afternoon to attend the funeral of the late Fred Baumgart, an old time friend of many years standing. Mr. and Mrs. Mockenhaupt were former residents here and also at Sterling, Nebraska. While here they had the opportunity of visiting with a number of the old time friends.

Hallowe'en novelties of all kinds at Bates Book Store.

Three Political Parties Mixed Up Here



This unimposing building at Ipswich, Mass., might be considered a "hotbed of politics" in view of the fact that it is owned by a resident in sympathy with the Union party, yet is the headquarters of both the Democratic and Republican organizations which occupy adjoining rooms in the structure!

Who Succeeds the State Land Commissioner?

Does Amendment, if Carried at Election, Go Into Effect in December?

State Land Commissioner Leo Swanson, whose office is subject to abolition at the coming general election, predicts the proposed amendment will not be adopted by a vote of the people. "If it is adopted I will have to consult an attorney as to when the amendment takes effect," he said. "I do not think it can shorten any term of two years which expires next January."

The amendment itself does not provide how the change shall be made in the event it carries by a majority vote of the electors voting on the proposition. It merely strikes from the list of executive state officers the name of the commissioner of public lands and buildings, and retains the old statement that the executive officers in the list shall be elected for a term of two years and until their successor shall be elected and qualified. It makes no special provision for disposition of the land commissioner's office. It creates no new office nor does it specifically say what shall be done with the land commissioner's office.

The statute provides for canvassing of the vote on constitutional amendments by the state canvassing board, after returns from county boards are received. It requires the state canvassing board to meet the third Monday after election, which will be Nov. 23, and provides for adjournment awaiting returns. It is usually not until far in December that the vote is canvassed by the state board. Within ten days after the result is ascertained the governor "shall make proclamation declaring the proposed amendment to be a part of the constitution."

If the amendment becomes part of the constitution there will be ostensibly no state land commission, altho his term has not expired under the constitution as it stood before the adoption of the amendment.

There will be no provision for filling the place until the end of the term. The last legislature was of the opinion the next legislature could provide disposition of the office and give the duties to someone else.

It has been suggested that if the amendment carries and goes into effect upon proclamation of the governor the duties of the land commissioner proper can easily be taken over by the board of educational lands and funds. The legislature of 1935 passed a new act authorizing the entire board, instead of the land commissioner, to handle all state lands of an educational nature. It also repealed that part making the state

land commissioner absolute secretary of this board to the extent that the board "may appoint a secretary who may be either the commissioner of public lands and buildings or some other member of the board." It also places all land records in the board's office.

Another statute passed during Gov. Weaver's term makes the land commissioner custodian of the capitol. If the amendment carries there will be no land commissioner to hold this office. The custodian is authorized to hire a force to care for the capitol.

LOEB SLAYER MAY GO FREE

Chicago.—The state of Illinois tried to claim the life of Richard Loeb, "thrill murderer," and failed. Fate was saving Loeb for young James Day. Day was only 9 years old when Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold killed Bobby Franks in one of the most sensational murders of the century. He was too young to know about murder and murderers—he who was to kill Richard Loeb. At the time Bobby Franks was murdered, Day was motherless, and his father didn't show much interest in him. He recalls that about that time he went "somewhere in North Carolina" and moved about a great deal, finally coming back to Chicago to live with his paternal grandmother.

Nearing his majority, young Day felt that he was a burden on the elderly woman, so he decided to shift for himself. He later said that he slept in parks and hallways for months and finally met an older man who "talked him into" participating in a holdup.

They were caught. The older man was freed on parole. The boy, Day, was sentenced to serve from one to ten years in prison. At the state prison at Joliet Day met Richard Loeb serving a life sentence for the Bobby Franks murder. Once during that time his case came before the parole board. Day was not released, however, because there was no job waiting for him on the outside. He and Loeb quarreled and the latter was killed. Day said it was in self defense. A grand jury called it murder, Day was indicted. A trial jury accepted his story and acquitted him. But he went back to prison, and there he remains, awaiting the day when the parole board will reopen his case and, perhaps, order his release.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing to the many kind friends and neighbors, our deep appreciation of the many words of sympathy and loving kindness shown us in the death of our loved wife, daughter and sister. We wish also to thank those who sent the beautiful flowers and who assisted in the funeral services.—John Beeson, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Huffer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huffer.

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Republicans Report Five Million Expended

William Randolph Hearst Is the Largest Individual Contributor With Gift of \$30,000.

Washington.—The republican national committee reported it had spent \$3,161,617 between Sept. 1 and Oct. 18, bringing its total campaign expenditures since June 1 to \$4,949,428.

The report, filed with the clerk of the house, showed contributions of \$2,987,765 since Sept. 1, making a total of \$5,038,419 since June 1. The report raised the republican expenditures for the year to \$5,686,536.

Largest individual contributor listed in Friday's report was William Randolph Hearst, who gave \$30,000. Donations of \$25,000 each were made by C. B. Goodspeed of Chicago; Frazier Jelke, of Newport, R. I.; John A. Roebeling, of Norristown, Pa.; and Col. M. Robert Guggenheim, of Washington, D. C.

Altho the democratic national committee has not yet reported expenditures for the last two months, it spent \$1,008,840 between June 1 and Aug. 31. Contributions during that period were \$782,693.

The New Jersey state republican finance committee donated \$60,868 to the national committee, which contributions of \$30,000 and \$5,000 were made by the Massachusetts and Maine state organizations, respectively.

The Nassau county, New York, united republican finance committee contributed \$66,000 to the national committee's total, while the union league club campaign committee of New York City donated \$8,000. The good neighborhood league, supporting President Roosevelt, listed contributions of \$50,537 and expenditures of \$47,780 between Sept. 1 and Oct. 21. It noted that its unpaid obligations amounted to \$42,757. The largest single contributor to the league was James W. Gerard, of New York City, who gave \$10,000. The league included loans totaling \$25,250 among its receipts, attributing most of them to the democratic national committee.

DEATH OF BABE

From Wednesday's Daily—The death of the two day old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sack occurred last night at the home south of this city. The funeral services were held this afternoon from the home and the body laid to rest in the Lewiston cemetery. The Sattler funeral home had charge of the funeral.

Hallowe'en for the children—with Pumpkins, Horns, Rattles and Masks—from Bates Book Store.

A. AND O'S HONOR MISS SCHULZ

From Wednesday's Daily—Miss Helen Schulz was honored by the A and O class at a shower last evening at the home of Wilma Pickard. Miss Pauline Bonge was assistant hostess. Guessing games were played during the evening at which prizes were won by Mildred Cacy, Mrs. J. Howard Davis, and Edith Solomon.

Lights were turned out and orange illumination from a huge pumpkin in the center of the room threw shadows over the girls as they brought in the gifts for the bride-to-be. Part of the gifts were hidden in the pumpkin.

Fifteen girls were seated at card tables for refreshments. Small pumpkin nut cups and Hallowe'en decorations were used.

Traffic Death is Heading to a New High

National Safety Council Finds Increase in Death Toll in First Nine Months of 1936.

Chicago.—The nation's traffic death total pushed to a new high level during the first nine months of 1936, the national safety council reported. Motor vehicle accidents thru the first three quarters of the current year cost 25,850 lives compared with 25,380 for the same period in 1935. If the trend continues, Council Statistician R. L. Forney warned, automobile crash fatalities in the United States will reach an all-time high of 37,500 in 1936.

All of the increase in deaths this year, Managing Director W. H. Cameron said, occurred in the age group of five to 24 years. While the figures represented a mathematical setback, he added, the effects of the nationwide drive to curb the slaughter became apparent when the increase in automobile travel was considered in the reckoning. He interpreted a 10 percent advance in gasoline consumption as meaning American motorists drove 15 billion more miles in the first nine months of 1936 than in the corresponding 1935 period. The 3,420 deaths in September were 2 percent greater than in the same month of last year and the upswing wiped out gains made earlier in the year.

It was the fifth consecutive month in which traffic fatalities exceeded those for the corresponding months of 1935, when a record total of 37,000 were recorded. Forney, pointing to the expanded traffic volume, predicted the old mark would be surpassed this year.

The council, nearing the close of the first year of its five year campaign to cut the slaughter 8 percent each year, contended the "cumulative effect" of the safety efforts sponsored by states, cities, police departments, the courts and schools would eventually "become very evident."

VISITS IN THE CITY

From Monday's Daily—Robert W. Devoe, one of the candidates for regent of the University of Nebraska, first district, was here today to visit with the local people. Mr. Devoe is one of the well known members of the Lincoln bar and has been very active in the political life of that city. He is a cousin of L. S. Devoe, local superintendent of schools.

LEAVING FOR THE SOUTH

Archie Baldwin, of Kansas City, Missouri, is here enjoying a visit at the country home of his aunt, Mrs. A. D. Asch, near Murray. Mr. Baldwin is expecting to leave on Wednesday for Florida where he will spend the winter season in that state and enjoying the various winter resort centers.

PINOCHLE PARTY

Friday, Nov. 6, Murray, Nebr., Crosser Hall, auspices, Nehawka unit American Legion Auxilliary. Prizes for highest score. Refreshments, 8:00 p. m. Adm. 25c. o29-2tw

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Plattsmouth Contributes to School Exhibits

Work of Children in Schools of This City to Have Place in State Teachers' Meetings.

Plattsmouth schools will have two outstanding exhibits on display at the State Teachers' convention this year. Art projects from the students of St. John's parochial school will be shown at Lincoln, while an International Correspondence exhibit from the junior high school will be shown at the Omaha meeting.

The Parochial Display—Students of St. John's parochial school of this city have made a splendid contribution to the exhibit being shown at Lincoln this week end in conjunction with the state teachers' convention meetings there and in Omaha. Probably the outstanding contribution from the local school is the large size soap carving of the Nebraska state capitol building, done on an accurate scale and with full attention to details, including the statue of the sower atop the dome. This carving was made by Margaret Rea, a seventh grade pupil, who has been engaged in the work ever since the opening of the present term of school. In all some twenty bars of soap were used. The face of the carving, representing the north side of the building with its long tiers of steps, is some two feet in length, and the top of the dome some 18 inches above the front elevation level. It is a masterful piece of carving and will without doubt attract much attention among the various school exhibits at Lincoln.

Another feature of the exhibit prepared by the local school is a replica of the "Mass," including a true to scale altar, which was constructed and carved from wood by boys of the eighth grade, while the altar cloths and vestments were fashioned by the girls of that grade. The scene is complete in every detail. Other items in the exhibit, which was taken to Lincoln yesterday by William Woolcott, include maps and scrap books, together with a series of Civics, Health, Safety and Humane posters prepared by the art students of the school.

Preparation of the display has been supervised by Sister Celestine, principal of St. John's school, aided by the other Ursuline Sisters who comprise the teaching force.

This group of teachers will attend the state teachers' meeting in Lincoln Thursday and remain for the parochial school conference to be held on Friday.

International Correspondence—From the junior high school goes a project on international correspondence. Letters from young people in Mexico, Japan, Canada, Central and South America, Ireland, England, Wales, Hawaiian and Philippine Islands, Palestine, Sweden, Germany, France, Australia, Porto Rico are in the exhibit. A large map, around whose border are the envelopes sent from the various countries, has guide strings leading from the letter to the location of the home of its sender.

Pictures of children and scenes from these various countries are also on the exhibit. The title of the map is "Let's Go Traveling."

Miss Jessie Whelan, who has guided the work on the project in the seventh and eighth grades is to be one of the speakers at the Omaha convention. She found the students of the adolescence period in the explanatory period of development and anxious to explore no smaller space than the world. The international correspondence served to fill the stage set by the study of geography with living characters.

MYNARD COMMUNITY CLUB

The October meeting of the Mynard Community club has been postponed until Thursday evening, November 5th. Program will be in charge of the west side committee. w&d

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