

What We 'Owe Ourselves'

When we are told that the national debt has passed forty billion dollars many people receive the information calmly because their

minds have become calloused to the subject. Others are unable to comprehend the enormity of the sum, and what the growing debt must inevitably lead to if the present economic theories of the national administration are followed to their logical conclusion.

Congressman Halleck, of Indiana, has sought to put some significance into the enormity of the debt by making some comparisons. First he divided the total national debt by our total population to find that each American, big and little, owes \$329. On this basis the portion of the national debt which Mr. Halleck's native state of Indiana owes is \$1,066,698,119.

Then Mr. Halleck reaches the breathtaking conclusion that if all the farmers in the Hoosier state

sold their lands and their buildings and turned the total receipts into a single fund, that fund would not pay off Indiana's share of the national debt. The sum of \$26,500,000 would still have to be raised.

Based upon official reports from the Treasury and the Census Bureau, Mr. Halleck has found that the New Deal's "invisible mortgage" on Indiana amounts to 40 per cent of all the taxable property in the state, both farm and city.

It will be easy for you to figure the amount of the national debt which each state owes and what this means, if you will look at the latest available census returns. The figures will astound you.

"These figures impress upon every citizen the terrific burden which the New Deal has piled up, not only for ourselves, but for our children for a century to come," Halleck said.

"Every citizen well may ask himself if he would have approved such a mortgage upon his property had he been permitted to vote directly on the question.

"And we all may ask in good faith, 'Did we get our money's worth?'"

"For a time, some of the people consented to these large expenditures," Halleck added, "because they were told recovery would fol-

low. But we now see the results—more than 10,000,000 unemployed throughout the country; wheat at 58 cents a bushel; corn selling for 39 cents; oats at 20 cents; cream 20 cents and eggs 12 cents, on the farm.

"With 20 billion dollars added to the national debt, we have paid in full for recovery, but the New Deal now confesses failure. It knows no other solution than to try another three billion in spending and lending.

"It is time for every citizen to ask himself how much longer he wants to allow his government at Washington to pile up this crushing invisible mortgage on everything he owns."

MEEK AND VICINITY

Mrs. A. L. House, of Ponca, and Mrs. A. L. Borg visited in Bristow and Spencer vicinity on Tuesday.

Virgil and Robert Ott returned home from Minnesota on Monday night.

The Ladies Aid held their picnic at the picnic grounds on the Liddy place Wednesday afternoon. Quite a few attended as did some of the men. Kitten ball was played by the young ladies and the men pitched horseshoes. Fried chicken, sandwiches, ice-cream and cake was served.

Mrs. A. L. House left for her home at Ponca Thursday morning. Will Harvey left the first of the week for Spicer, Minn., where he expects to combine business and pleasure for several weeks.

A male quartette from the Wesleyan Methodist College at Miltenvale, Kansas, will be in this locality and hold services at the following places: Center Union, on the evening of Aug. 15, and at Pad-dock Union on the evening of Aug. 16. These young men have been touring the U. S. and it will be well worth while to come out and hear them. Please keep the dates in mind.

Choir practice was held at the Sam Robertson home on Thursday evening of last week and Mrs. Robertson entertained the choir with a feed of ice cream and cake.

R. D. Spindler was a supper guest at the F. H. Griffith home on Monday.

Mrs. Charlie Fox and baby daughter are visiting at Wood Lake at the home of her parents.

Lois Jean and Ilene Robertson are visiting in Omaha this week.

Mrs. Serelda Johnson, of near Emmet, is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Searles, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Robertson were dinner guests at A. L. Borgs on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Robertson spent the week end with relatives at Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Peterson and Mrs. Delia Harrison and daughter, Mary, motored to North Platte to spend the week end at the Bill Hubler home. Mrs. Hubler is a daughter of Mrs. Harrison.

INMAN NEWS

The M. E. church is being cleaned and redecorated this week.

L. D. Hutton was in Bassett Monday on business. Mr. Perri-geo of Lincoln relieved him at the C. & N. W. station during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Kopecky and Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chudomelka and daughters with a group of friends from O'Neill enjoyed a picnic at the Niobrara state park Sunday.

Miss Merle Leidy visited friends in Cherokee, Iowa, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Moss and daughter, Mrs. Beulah Grimes, of Amelia, visited friends here Sunday.

Keith McGraw, who has spent the past several weeks visiting an aunt in Washington, D. C., returned home the latter part of the week. Keith reports a wonderful trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Clark and children, of Mullenville, Kansas, arrived here Saturday for a visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Clark, who is pastor of the Friends church in that city, preached at the M. E. church here Sunday morning. She was the former Sarah Conard of Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coventry left Monday for a several months trip in Canada and the western states.

Dr. and Mrs. Cleve Roe, of West Point, visited here Sunday with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Conger and son, Dean, of Atkinson, spent Sunday here with relatives.

The R. N. A. lodge met with Mrs. L. L. Watson Wednesday. A lovely lunch was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. O. W. French and children were guests at the I. L. Watson home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ritchie, of O'Neill, were guests at the Ed Conard home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Moor and daughter, Miss Lois, drove to Omaha Monday to shop. They will also meet their daughter, Mrs.

SPECIAL Sunday Dinner

- Cream of Celery Soup or Fruit Cup
U. S. Choice T. Bone Steak...65c
U. S. Choice Beef Tenderloin Steak...60c
U. S. Choice Veal Porterhouse Steak...60c
U. S. Choice Top Sirloin Steak...50c
U. S. Choice Club Steak...50c
Fried Milk Fed Spring Chicken...50c
Home Style Swiss Steak...50c
Roast Sirloin of Beef...45c
Roast Loin of Pork...45c
Grilled Center Cut Pork Chops...45c

- Choice of Golden Glow Molded Salad or Spiced Fresh Peaches
Cream Whipped Potatoes
Corn on the Cob or Creamed Cauliflower
Hot Rolls
Dessert
Pie: Lemon Chiffon, Chocolate Fudge, Fresh Apple, Coconut Cream or Mincemeat
Sherbet, Fresh Peach Sundae, Iced Watermelon, Angel Food Cake & Whipped Cream

- PLATE SPECIALS
Fried Spring Chicken...35c
Cold Sliced Pork and Potato Salad...35c
Shrimp with Cream Sauce on Toast...35c

Elite Cafe

BRIEFLY STATED

Roy Pathoud, of Lincoln, was arrested last Tuesday charged with stealing four shirts from the George Fox store in O'Neill. He was taken before Police Judge Bay on Wednesday and sentenced to ten days in the city hoosegow on bread and water. The shirts were recovered.

A philosopher says the way for a woman to find out the truth about a man is to marry him. Nope. The way to find out the truth about him is to consult the neighbors after he starts running around again.

Miss Alice Sexsmith, who has been attending art school in Kansas City for the past six weeks, returned home last Friday. After finishing the art class, she went to Omaha and accompanied her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Casper L. Mason, to the Minnesota lakes where they put in a couple of weeks fishing.

One of our friends says he can trace his son's advancement through college by looking at the stubs in his check book.

Mr. and Mrs. John Valla and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lod Janousek and family and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Halva and family of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kopecky and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chudomelka and family, of Inman, drove to Niobrara last Sunday and enjoyed a picnic in the state park. They report having had an enjoyable time.

There are sixteen 1-pupil schools in the state of Wyoming. But you never can tell, one of those pupils may grow up to be a congressman.

Erza Moor was up from Inman today and he informed us that they had a couple inches of rain last night in his section of the county. Eight miles south of here there was also a fall of about the same amount; and farmers and stockmen are now looking forward to having some good after grass feed for the next two or three months.

Ancient Hornbook Made Of Thin Piece of Board

The ancient hornbook in form is not a book though one in name. Strictly speaking it is simply a prayer, the alphabet and numbers to be learned, relates Alice E. Rollins in the Los Angeles Times.

It was made of a thin piece of board, shaped roughly like a butter-paddle, usually four or five inches long and two inches or so wide, with a sheet of paper or vellum on one side. Printed on the paper at the top was the alphabet in large and small letters. Then followed the Lord's prayer. This is always found on the early examples. Over the whole printed page was a thin sheet of transparent yellowish horn to keep the paper clean. Both the paper and the horn were fastened to the board by a narrow strip of metal. The handle served for holding during study and also for attaching to the child's girdle.

Hornbooks were used to teach children their first lessons and gradually the name came to signify a child's primer. Another name sometimes given them was battledore, due to the shape and to the fact that hornbooks were often used for playing shuttlecock.

Hornbooks came into use some time in the middle of the Sixteenth century and were common until the end of the Eighteenth. They were made by the thousands of wood, ivory, stone, leather, brass, copper and other metals and were so common they were not thought worth saving.

Water Witching

Water witching is hunting for underground veins of water with a forked stick. City people may scoff at this method of locating wells sites, but plenty of country dwellers will point out flowing wells which they say were dug where the forked stick dipped. The stick is usually from a hickory or other nut-bearing tree or a peach tree, and is held upright by the forked ends; the other end is supposed to dip until it points toward the ground at a spot directly above a vein of water. However, such behavior, according to those versed in this lore, is inspired not by all, only by certain persons, who are known as water witches.

Atterbury Circus Here Tuesday, August 15

The Atterbury three-ring circus will exhibit in this city on next Tuesday, with an afternoon and evening performance. The circus grounds will be in the city park just south of this city. Admission prices are 35 cents for adults and 15 cents for children and all are guaranteed good seats where all acts may be plainly seen. It has always been the policy of the Atterburys to carry a clean show, in the side show as well as in the main show. They have added many animals during the past few years and now have a good-sized circus and are featuring the largest elephant in America, known as Big Lena.

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They used to say that the way to get along in this world was to follow the squirrel, and store away nuts in the summer so that you would have enough to eat in the winter. But nowadays you don't have to do that. Spend your money on gasoline in the summer and the nuts in Washington will take care of you in the winter.

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WE WANT YOUR HELP

... in our campaign to "clean up or close up" the outlaw beer retailer. YOU can help by patronizing only legal and reputable establishments and by reporting unsavory practices to the Nebraska Committee or the State Liquor Control Commission.

As part of our direct action program, we have inspected more than 800 taverns during recent weeks. A number of proprietors were warned to correct conditions or take the consequences. In flagrant cases, Director Sandall submits his findings to the Liquor Commission. YOUR co-operation will help stamp out the lawbreaker.

Nebraska Brewers & Beer Distributors Committee

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RED MEAT PLUMS 49c RED MALAGA GRAPES 2 15c FANCY LARGE LEMONS 7 15c TAC-CUT COFFEE 24c RED BAG COFFEE 15c BABY FOOD 21c BLACK FLAG 31c HASKIN'S HARD CASTILE 4c BLUE BARREL SOAP 2 13c

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