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Plattsmouth: Dead or Alive?

Guest Editorial by Rev. Edward C. Tuckek
A great American has said, "No man has a right to leave this world as he found it." It is the opportunity of every man, his privilege, and his obligation to leave this world a little better because of his individual efforts. What is true of the individual, is equally true of a community. What can we do to make our community a better place to live in?

Individuals are planning for peace time. They contemplate improvements at home, on their farms or in their place of business. In a word, they plan and work to better themselves and their conditions for post-war living. Most communities are doing the same.

Plattsmouth must do the same. Our community must better itself and its conditions for a happier and more prosperous post-war life. An honest self-analysis should bring about a better understanding of our common problem and bring about a solution which would be advantageous to our community.

The people in Plattsmouth are good, honest and industrious. They are intelligent and friendly. They love their homes and they are interested in the welfare of their children. They are a religious people. All this indicates that the social make-up of the community is good and promising.

What is wrong with Plattsmouth? Because of the delicacy of this question, I assume to take the responsibility for all the views given in this article. From confidential sources, I find that not a few of the families residing in Plattsmouth, do not intend to make it their permanent dwelling place. The families considered, are those who lived in Plattsmouth before war time conditions. The reason for not being satisfied with our city is that it is unable to afford their youth what other communities offer them. One of the most frequent accusations is, "Plattsmouth is not a progressive town." "Plattsmouth is not community minded."

Plattsmouth, not unlike other Nebraska towns, has had its reverses. But that is the past; we live in the present and the future. A good test for any social group is "how can it cope with conditions that are adverse to its progress?" Will Plattsmouth face today's problems and avoid regretting tomorrow? The next ten or twelve years will tell whether Plattsmouth will live or die.

If Plattsmouth fails to realize an effective post-war constructive program it is doomed to become another "River Town." The better, or let us say, the more progressive, will seek opportunities and residence elsewhere. Those who are unable or unwilling to better their lot in the post-war world will remain. Too much of one thing or one kind will make the community a very undesirable place to live in.

Some alarm is voiced about our juvenile delinquency. I, for one, am surprised that we do not have more of it. Comparisons are odious, but Plattsmouth in comparison with other Nebraska communities with equal or smaller population is criminally negligent of its young citizens. It has no place where they can congregate; where they can seek diversified entertainment; where they can develop physically and where they can cultivate and practice the social virtues. A few places where the young are allowed to congregate can be best described in the words of the young themselves, "definitely crummy." Even though we have splendid homes, active church groups, and fine schools, the influence of all these institutions can be nullified in places of recreation or in associations which are not ideal. A place of recreation should be a helpful supplement to the environment provided by the home, the church and the school. Recreation should be character building. Our interest in our youth should be almost if not just as important, as our effort to win the peace.

Now is the time for us to get together, plan together and work together to make our city a reality. Many speak in favor of erecting a city auditorium with all facilities of recreation for the young and old, and an athletic field with football and baseball diamond, tennis courts, perhaps even a golf course. A swimming pool, for sure, a wading pool and swings for our smaller citizens.

What would it mean to Plattsmouth? It would boost our morale. It would aid the physical development of the young; soothe the jangled war nerves of the old. It would give all of us an opportunity to assemble together; to know each other better; it would encourage us to work together. It would foster good will, cooperation and civic responsibility. This project would be socially, morally and materially advantageous to the community.

From a material viewpoint it would be a good investment. It would make the community desirable for the family man who would select Plattsmouth as a good community to live in; a place where he could rear his children; a community in which he would want to stay. Making Plattsmouth an ideal town to live in; would make Plattsmouth an ideal town to work in. This in turn, would help our industries and our places of business and

our professions. This, I believe is common sense economics, good sociology and sound psychology. The future of our community is in our hands. We have no reason to expect to live in a better community after the war is over, if we fail to make it better. What are you willing to do to make Plattsmouth a better community to live in? How do you want Plattsmouth, dead or alive?

THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Drew Pearson Says: British and U. S. armies buy 3,000,000 blankets from Franco; Little oil companies lost shipping subsidy; Stampede for Jenes's federal loan job.

WASHINGTON—The brass hats, both British and American, have found there is more than one way to support Spanish Dictator Franco. . . . For some time the Spanish fascists have been trying to peddle 2,000,000 blankets to UNRRA. . . . But strong-willed Governor Lehman turned the deal down. He also issued an order that no relief goods were to be bought from Spain. . . . So now the British army is buying the 2,000,000 blankets from Franco and giving them to UNRRA as its contribution. . . . Furthermore, the U. S. army is purchasing an additional million blankets for its own use. . . . Final payoff is that the state department has OK'd the deal. . . . The diplomatic grapevine for weeks has warned that one of Moscow's chief gripes about the state department was not so much Poland, but close U. S. collaboration with Franco. The Soviets can't seem to forget that Franco enlisted the Blue Legion to fight against them, even if the state department can.

SMALL OIL COMPANIES SUFFER

Like a breath of fresh air was the way government officials described Judge Vinson's brief tour of duty as federal loan administrator. However, some of them are wondering why he permitted his defense supplies corporation to get away with a squeeze play against small, independent oil companies. . . . All oil shipped east gets the benefit of a U. S. government subsidy called a "compensatory rate." This amounts to 1.32 cents (80¢ of 32¢) per gallon and compensates for the rail haul, which is more expensive than the water route. . . . But Vinson's defense supplies corporation removed the compensatory rate from small oil companies shipping natural gasoline to the east coast. These companies had shipped it east, where dealers blended the natural gasoline with naphtha and made A-1 gasoline. . . . Removal of the compensatory subsidy automatically puts these small companies out of business when it comes to natural gasoline. Only thing they can do is sell it to the big companies in Oklahoma and Texas, who mix it themselves with naphtha and then ship it to the east coast. But the big companies are paid the shipping subsidy—provided they mix it before they ship. It's all a matter of having the mixing facilities in the southwest, not the east. Looks like a put-up game for the big boys who have those facilities.

"TORCH SINGER" STETTINIUS

Handsome Secretary of State Ed Stettinius spent several days in New York rehearsing for the state department movie on Dumbarton Oaks. But despite rehearsals, movie-goers get a chuckle out of the way Ed rolls his eyes. Reason is he didn't learn all his lines, had to look at a blackboard just over the movie-camera in order to read them. This makes his eyes roll away from the lens as if he were a torch-singer. Otherwise it's an A-1 picture. . . . Philippine President Osmeña underwent a successful operation in Jacksonville, Fla., recently, is now resting at Ponte Verda. . . . The state and interior departments both have their eyes on the Philippines. State's budget carries a salary allowance for a U. S. ambassador to the Philippines. Interior's budget carries a salary for a high commissioner. If there is immediate independence, there will be an ambassador; if not there will be a commissioner. . . . Sir Gerald Campbell, British minister under Lord Halifax, is leaving the British embassy soon. . . . Walter Lippman, storming out of the movie "Tomorrow the World," remarked: "It's an outrage to make saps of the American people as this picture does." . . . Best speaker at the Hugo Black testimonial dinner was Mrs. Roosevelt. Next best was Toastmaster Alben Barkley. Bemoaning the fact that fighting liberal leaders were elevated to the courts, Majority Leader Barkley said: "I have lost so many senators to the court that I can see by any recent roll call that I myself feel lost." . . . Among the New Deal senators promoted to the courts are Black of Alabama, Byrnes of South Carolina, Minton of Indiana, Bone of Washington, Schwabach of Washington, and Duffy of Wisconsin.

JESSE JONES'S OLD JOB

Backstage jockeying has been terrific to fill Jones's old job as federal loan administrator. Controlling the purse-strings, he has become the key crusading Justice Bill Douglas job. . . . For a time forward, Chief sponsor was FDR's name was put forward, Tom Corcoran. However, Douglas's one-time favorite, Hugo Black and Wiley Rutledge, close court friends, came to a dinner, urged that it was his duty to remain on the supreme court. If he left, the court if the Corcoran trade went through and Jimmy Byrnes was appointed to Douglas's place. . . . So for Bankhead at first seemed strong for Alabama's southern utilities appeared to be making hay with Bankhead. Durr is too liberal for them. . . . FDR's first choice for the loan job was incumbent, efficient budget director Harold Smith, senate has been fighting so many Roosevelt appointments recently that he watches the confirmation angle almost more than any other. This bars a lot of good men.

Inside Germany—Hitler's gestapo men have a tough time during blackouts. They strut in the daytime, but at night when the underground are loose, they cower in corners. . . . Diplomats say the new movie, "Hotel Berlin," starring the latest Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt, Faye Emerson, gives some accurate glimpses of what Berlin is like during the bomb raids. . . . Himmler ordered all cooking gas turned off in Berlin last week. . . . Berlin street cars are now used so much for military transportation that it takes a gestapo pass to ride on them. . . . German bankers are deserting the sinking-ship. Hans Puhl, vice-president of the Reichsbank, is heading a secret delegation to Switzerland, trying to contact the allies. Their sob story is: "The German bankers never agreed with Hitler, merely went along for the ride." . . . Actually Puhl is chief Nazi operator for German finance minister, Hjalmar Schacht.

17 SWORD WOUNDS

Inside Japan—The Jap high command ordered 15 divisions out of Siberia a month ago to defend the Japanese homeland. . . . But since the Russians denounced their neutrality pact, the Japs are frantically securing the country for more troops to bolster the Russo-Japanese frontier. . . . During the Stalingrad battle, the Russians depleted their red army in Siberia. It was the Cossack Cavalry, rushed to Stalingrad, which saved it. Now the red army in the east is at about full strength again. . . . New Premier Suzuki of Japan was left for dead on the street when the young fascists of The Black Dragon society murdered most of Japan's moderate leaders a decade ago. He was carved up with seventeen fascist sword wounds. . . . Today Suzuki is front man for Japanese big business which long has leaned toward a negotiated peace. So has the emperor—if they can get it. (Copyright, 1945, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Yeh, He Must Feel Pretty Low Today



BARBS

THE beauty of spring scenery is another reason for not driving recklessly. You might damage some of it!

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Originally Hitler was running the Germans. Now they are running very well all by themselves.

Vacation time is coming around again and once more home will be considered as a last resort.

Nehawka

MRS. PEARL KRUGER, Correspondent

Mrs. Ann Fulton is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Olive Lemon at Topeka, Kansas. Mrs. G. W. Weik and Cheryl are guests of her parents at Neligh for two weeks. Supt. Weik took them there on Sunday.

The "Happy Stitchers" 4-H club was organized in March; Mrs. F. O. Sand as leader; a lesson on Making dust cloths was given. Patty LaRue as hostess; served refreshments. President elected was Carolyn Wessel. News reporter, Patsy Mathers.

The Cass County Cooks held their meetings at the school house during March also; fruits and vegetables have been studied. These club meetings are now being held at the school house at the end of the school day to conserve both time, and gas, as the lessons will be completed early in the spring and time saved for other activities.

The Nehawka Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Lemon Friday afternoon; with assisting hostess, Mrs. John Hansen and Mrs. Leo Switzer. Mrs. George Sheldon led the flag salute Evelyn Wolph gave the devotional lesson. Mrs. Pollard presented Rev. Samuel McKeown, who gave an interesting review of his missionary work among the uncivilized Africans, where he worked for several months. The hostess served lovely refreshments, spring flowers decorated the home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Poulos moved to their new home Sunday, which they recently purchased from Delbert Switzer.

Lt. Paul Sand from the Geneva Air Base is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Sand for a 20-day furlough. He recently returned to Geneva from a two weeks cross country flight.

Donald Cox, S 2c, son of Mr.

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and Mrs. Earl Cox, hospitalized at the Great Lakes Naval base with rheumatic fever has been transferred to another hospital there.

Cpl. James Nickles from the Air Base at Stuttgart, Okla. is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Nickles for a furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Ketchum were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Clarence Embury and children.

Mrs. Earl Cox, Lawrence and Carlene were business visitors in Nebraska City on Saturday afternoon.

Rev. A. P. Vannice, of York, United Brethren Superintendent was an overnight guest of Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Small Saturday. He conducted the services at the Otterbein church Sunday and held quarterly conference there.

Betty Ross music instructor at the Eagle school spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ross.

Mrs. Emma Murdoch was a Sunday dinner guest of her sister, Mrs. Mary Wessel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wills Wonder entertained guests from Avoca on Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Dawson, Plattsmouth was an overnight guest of her niece, Mrs. Guy Murdoch, Mr. Murdoch and children Saturday, and spent the day there on Sunday; her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Cook of Weeping Water took her home Sunday evening.

Guest for the past week at the home of Mr. Clarence Embury and children were her brother, Will, and Hunt and her sister, Mrs. Farrell Avise and children from Imperial.

Mr. A. B. Small entertained the United Brethren Aid Society Wednesday afternoon; the ladies enjoyed visiting as they quilted. Mrs. Small and daughter, Lillian served refreshments to the group.

Mrs. Jane Sheard of Union has

ABE MARTIN



Hain't it great 't have someone speak at a banquet that needs no introduction? One good thing about a drafted lauffer—he don't leave a gap.

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been a guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Poulos and Mr. Poulos for several days.

U. S. War Planes Make Raids Over South Germany

More Than 2,100 Smash Hard at War Facilities Deep in Southern Germany

LONDON, —(AP)—More than 2,100 American war planes smashed today at war facilities deep in the southern reich in the interior triangle of Munich, Regensburg and Nuernberg.

The attack was carried out by

EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Anti-Trust division of the Department of Justice will soon enter the picture as an active factor in determining who can buy what surplus government property, if its original cost was more than a million dollars. Now in preparation for issuance in the near future is a Department of Justice memorandum which will be a guidebook on what conditions of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law a prospective purchaser will have to meet, and what he will have to do or be to get approval. Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge, in charge of the Anti-Trust division, has already started to train a staff to process these proposals.



Edson

First principle will obviously be that no sale will be approved if it will tend to give anyone a monopoly in anything.

A corollary may well be that sales of surplus war plants will be frowned on if the buyers intend to shut them down just to remove their productive capacity from competition.

As an example of how these anti-trust restrictions may be applied, disposal of surplus aluminum producing and fabricating facilities may offer early test cases. The government now owns nearly 100 aluminum plants, valued at over 800 million dollars.

When it comes to disposal of the aluminum inset plants which might be used by industry, there are two complicating factors.

First, the Small Business Committee of the Senate has launched an investigation of the light metals industry. That leads another decidedly anti-monopolistic cast to the proceedings.

Second, the U. S. Circuit Court of New York, acting for the Supreme Court, has ruled that the Aluminum Company of America did formerly have a monopoly on inset production. The point generally overlooked was that the Circuit Court withheld judgment on whether the Aluminum Company should be dissolved, saying in effect that this should wait on disposal of government facilities to see what the pattern of post-war ownership might turn out to be.

A RECENT government witness before the Small Business committee, Samuel Momen of the Booneville Power Administration, even went so far as to say that the government should make such favorable terms of sale or lease to new producers that their market would be guaranteed for five years.

Department of Justice gets its authority to advise on surplus property disposal from two sources. Congress reserved to itself the right to approve sales of properties costing more than five million dollars. But in the Surplus Property Act the Department of Justice was given authority to pass on the disposal of all properties costing more than one million dollars, and in the War Mobilization and Reconversion Act Justice is required to report to Congress on the growth of monopolies.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



Paris, April 11. —(AP)—Allied air forces destroyed or damaged 1,738 German planes during the week ended April 10th, including at least 1,141 wrecked in attacks on 59 enemy airfields, headquarters disclosed today.

Chief targets were oil storage depots, ordnance depots, freight yards, airfields and explosives factories—all of them vital to any German attempt to make a stand in the southern "inner fortress."

The attack followed a night assault by 800 RAF bombers on Berlin, Leipzig and Plauen, 60 miles south of Leipzig.

The rail yards at Leipzig and Plauen, communication centers for German operations facing both the Russians and the Americans, were heavily bombed.

Berlin was attack three times during the night. In all 800 RAF bombers were over the reich.

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