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## EDITORIALS

### JUST PLAIN AMERICAN

As newcomers to Plattsmouth we've been trying to make the rounds meeting all the business men and women and citizens possible. We'll admit we haven't been able to do a very good job, but after all, Plattsmouth is somewhat of a city and making every contact is going to take some time.

One person we introduced ourselves to inquired as to our nationality and, we unquestioningly, gave him a prompt answer, dividing our blood carefully into the categories supposedly running through our veins.

We hear that question often. "What Nationality are you?"

Thinking it over, we think the better answer should be "We are Americans."

America is the melting pot of the world—we don't give a hang if he's got German, Italian, Bohemian, English, French or Scandinavian corpuscles racing through his system, it's all red and that's what it takes to make a one-hundred percent citizen of the good old U. S. A.

It's great to live in a country where all nationalities, persecuted for years have come to seek freedom and opportunity, inter-marry and to live together in peace and harmony—and any one of them is good enough for us—until he proves himself otherwise.

### THE COST OF YOUR NEWSPAPER

It's remarkable how cheaply a newspaper can be produced, yet many think the cost of the home town paper is too high. A few examples of your everyday expenditures should give one a different perspective. A list of comparative costs for an average citizen are:

- Daily and Sunday newspaper ..... \$18.00
- Magazine ..... 5.00
- One Movie per week ..... 29.80
- One Coca Cola per day ..... 18.25
- One Cigar per day ..... 36.50
- One pack of cigarettes per day ..... 58.40
- Trip to the beauty parlor per week ..... 52.00

The list is endless and brings us back to the place where we started—your local newspaper is about the lowest priced and most informative expenditure one can make—we wonder sometimes how it is sold so low and still enables the printer to eat three times a day—most days.

### WE CAN'T ALL REMEMBER

Often we hear of deep personal dislike engendered by one person failing to recognize a second person after the initial meeting which may have been casual and have occurred long ago.

We don't understand how people get that way. Of course it's pleasant and flattering to have people remember you even though your meeting was limited to a handshake. Some are gifted with the ability to remember faces and names forever. Others have such wretched memories that they can't recall their home telephone number or the full names of their children.

Courtesy would seem to demand a bit of help. It should be no injury to normal pride to say, "I'm So-and-So. I met you on a train three years ago."

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### Thirty-one Years Ago—

The Daily Journal reported the consumation of sale of Hotel Riley property by W. F. Kinslow to Z. T. Sutley of South Dakota. ... Judge Allen J. Beeson moved to his farm home north of town ... grading for permanent sidewalk on Fifth street completed. ... Sheriff Quinton and Police Chief Barclay rounded up two young men for theft of fishing tackle. ... Miss Elsa Myra Thierolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Thierolf graduated from Lord Lister hospital school of nurses. ... Miss Elizabeth Wood, talented musician from New York, visited her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Baird. ... two column five n.h. ad appeared in this issue advertising "good auto roads to Omaha" by the Plattsmouth Auto & Wagon Bridge Company. ... J. G., H. A. and J. M. Meisinger bought new General autos from local agent John Bauer. ... C. M. Parker, retiring foreman of the Burlington freight car repair department presented with a gold watch by fellow employees. ...

### Ten Years Ago—

Small fire at Cass theatre caused excitement. ... Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Cass Sylvester honored at Omaha by Tribe of Yassir. ... C. E. Tefft of Weeping Water named to serve as county judge during the absence of A. H. Duxbury. ... Carter Minor, Plattsmouth Boy Scout troop No. 364 advanced to first class scout at Syracuse meet. Nine other scouts advanced from tenderfoot to second class—Cary Marshall,

## Furse's Fresh Flashes

Thirty years ago women never thought of doing the things they do today, says a news item. That's probably the reason they did not do them.

According to reports, cars will soon be refrigerated for more comfortable driving. That's swell. They need to add just one more feature to give a car all the comforts of home—and filling stations would probably welcome such additions.

Alas! We have just learned how women choose such horrible holiday neckties. When purchasing one the other day we looked them all over and definitely rejected three. The salesman layed them out carefully in another box. Asked the reason for that he replied, "We sell those to women who come in here to buy ties for men."

A California judge ruled it isn't cruelty when a wife makes her husband do the housework. Nope—just a crime.

When visiting friends the other evening they pointed out ashes on the library table, saying they were grandmother's. Now, we don't know whether the poor old soul had passed on or was too lazy to find an ash tray.

Astronomical effects are strange—for example a full moon making autos run out of gas.

You can't tell us that advertising doesn't get results. Old Grandpa Grumpus hadn't taken a drink in twelve years, but when he got hold of the local sheet and saw the advertisement picture a rich, creamy bowl of eggnog and a pint bottle of Jim Beam, he went on a toot and it took the whole village fire department to get the old man to bed.

Don Martin, Billy Hula, Ralph Hilt, Jimmy Mauzy, Gerald Hennings, John Soemichsen, Ed Hiber and Tom Solomon. ... gypsy camp north of town observed traditional holiday and christening of infant members of the tribe. ... Jack Ledgeway, trade chief clerk for commissary department of Burlington at Chicago. ... Hugh J. Kearns post No. 56 of the American Legion host to state officers. ... Death of John L. Tidball at Immanuel hospital, Omaha. ... R. Foster Patterson of Tarkio college, delivered commencement address of eighth grade at Nebraska City, Otoe County. ... also at Elmwood high school. ... Rock surfacing of Winersteen hill road begun. ... Southeast Nebraska Amateur baseball league season started.

## The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

Drew Pearson says: LOBBYISTS FEAST WHILE VETERANS POUND PAVEMENTS; BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS PULL WIRES AGAINST HOUSING BILL; CONGRESSMAN VORYS CONSULTS CLAIRVOYANT.

WASHINGTON—Meanwhile several million veterans and others continue pounding the pavements trying to find homes, the anti-housing lobbyists staged a gala dinner at the Statler hotel here. The dinner was engineered by ace-lobbyist Morton Bodfish, executive vice-president of the U. S. Savings and Loan league and the American Savings and Loan Institute, who managed to corral so many congressmen for his jamboree that it took 45 minutes to introduce them.

Chief target of the anti-housing dinner was the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill which provides government loans for low-cost housing. This, of course, cuts the ground out from under the profits on housing made by the Building and Loan Associations, which is why the lobbyists are gnashing their teeth and buttonholing congressmen.

The man who cracked the whip and introduced the speakers at the dinner—Morton Bodfish—doesn't often get into the headlines, but is one of the most astute wire-pullers in Washington. He even managed to wrangle a desk in the office of Secretary of the Navy Knox during the war, from which he worked against the home owners loan corporation.

**PULL THE RIGHT WIRES—**  
Bodfish is also astute in placing his henchmen on key congressional committees where they can aid the building and loan associations. Last November, a GOP congressman, Charles Fletcher, who happens to be president of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, was elected from San Diego, California and very mysteriously, Fletcher—though a freshman—suddenly found himself a member of the powerful House Banking and Currency Committee where he can and has voted against housing measures. It is not often that a freshman gets on such an important committee, but Lobbyist Bodfish knew how to pull wires.

One of the few other recent cases where freshmen congressmen have been given spots on this committee was two years ago when newly elected Democratic Congressman John J. Riley of South Carolina mysteriously turned up on Banking and Currency. Nobody knew exactly why at first. Then the reason became readily apparent. Congressman Riley is secretary of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association. Bodfish is president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago.

Lobbyist Bodfish had waved his congressional wand. Now he has two henchmen on the Banking and Currency Committee.

Note—when the veterans housing bill came before the Banking Committee last year henchman Riley voted against some of its most important provisions.

**STEAK AND ORATORY—**  
When Lobbyist Bodfish began organizing his recent Statler hotel dinner, he tried to get Speaker Joe Martin to attend. But Joe was too smart. About 40 other congressmen showed up, however, including Senator Ed Johnson of Colorado, Senator Pappy O'Daniel of Texas, Senate Clyde Reed of Kansas, and Representatives Cunningham, Iowa;

## The Voice of Jacob but the Hand of Esau



Merry go round. ... Bennett, Mo.; Kilday, Texas; Daws'n, Utah; Hardy, Va; Stockman, Ore.; Spence, Ky.; Dirksen, Ill.; King, Calif.; Gore, Tenn.; Holfield, Calif.; Curtis, Neb.; In addition, Dodfish's two son-Preston, Ga.

In addition, Dodfish's two congressional henchmen, Riley of South Carolina and Fletcher of California, were present; also several associated lobbyists—Frank Cartright of the National Association of Home Builders, George M. Fuller of the National Manufacturers Council, Douglas Whitlock, head of the Producers Council and of the Brick and Clay lobby.

Chief forensics of the evening were fired by Senator "Pass the Biscuits" Pappy O'Daniel, who told now a building and loan association had started him on the road to success. He borrowed the down-payment on a grain elevator from the association, left his \$20-a-week job and began selling flour, and ended up in the United States Senate.

"Folks down my way are Jeffersonian democrats and don't believe in the New Deal," boomed O'Daniel, an alleged democrat. "There was rejoicing in my heart when the republicans won last November."

Chairman Bodfish beamed broadly. How much he enjoyed it can be gathered from a bulletin which he once sent to members of the Building and Loan business republicanism when it was decided to elect the President by popular vote. ... democracy is mob government."

O'Daniel poured such vitriol on his fellow-democrats that republican speakers who followed decided that they couldn't do any better. GOP Senator Reed of Kansas contented himself with telling a story on O'Daniel which can't be repeated here, while Rep. Dirksen compared the free enterprise of his home in Pekin, Ill., to political Washington.

It was all music to the ears of Bodfish and the anti-housing lobby. Though some of the congressmen present weren't influenced by the steak-and-oratory, many obviously were.

Note—helping Bodfish organize the dinner were Abner Ferguson, who left the Federal Housing Administration to become an anti-housing lobbyist, and Horace Russell, who was dropped by the HOLC after he used a government frank to recommend O. E. Taylor, a Mississippi ex-judge as attorney to a long list of loan companies. **MAKING DEMOCRACY LIVE—**

Mayor McKeldin of Baltimore recently set aside one Sunday as "Housing Friday," during which Baltimoreans were urged to rent homes, remodel houses and find homes for veterans. ... Florida citrus growers have lowered prices to about one-third what they were at this time last year. ... citizens of Lockport, N. Y., and Pittsfield, Mass., are building homes for paralyzed veterans. Last year amputees were voted automobiles by congress, but paraplegic veterans—those completely paralyzed—have been largely neglected. ... in Lockport, carpenters, bricklayers, and operative engineer's local unions are contributing the required labor for houses for paralyzed veterans.

U. S. Army Mothers (Gladys W. Hughes, National Commander) have about 25,000 members working voluntarily in hospitals and otherwise aiding wounded veterans. ... Harvard university this fall will present a special study of Russia, including the Russian language. Whether friends or enemies, it's probably more important to know the Russians than anyone else in the world.

**OHIO GANG**  
Ohio's GOP Congressman John Vorys was addressing a dinner given by Senator and Mrs. Brickner for Governor Thomas Herbert of Ohio. While near the Egyptian pyramids on his near eastern trip, Vorys said, he met several sooth-sayers.

"At first," he continued, "I refused to have my fortune told but finally they asked me if I would just ask them a single question.

"I inquired what it would cost me, to have a single question answered and the reply was 1 pound. This seemed pretty expensive, but I thought I had better go ahead with it, so I gave them the pound and watched the soothsayer go into a sort of trance preparing to answer my question.

"Finally I popped the question. It was: 'Will it be Brickner and Taft of Taft and Brickner in 1948?' 'Just then,' concluded Congressman Vorys, 'the rest of the party started yelling at me to

hurry up, that they were leaving. I had to run for the car so I never did hear who would be the next President of the United States.' (Copyright, 1947, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

### District Meeting in Omaha Honors Local Rebekahs

Mrs. A. E. Johnson, past noble grand of the Rebekah lodge, was installed as vice president of District No. 2 of the Nebraska Rebekahs at the annual meeting Tuesday in Omaha.

The all-day session was held in the ballroom of the Omaha Elks club. A luncheon at noon and a banquet in the evening were features of the meeting.

The Plattsmouth lodge was honored by being selected for the exemplification of flag ceremony Mrs. Joe Stibal, vice grand of the local lodge, served on the teller committee.

During the memorial services in the evening the late Miss Anna Leach and Mrs. Hilda Coffman were honored.

Other lodge members attending were Mrs. Cleo Capper, noble grand; Miss Florence Persinger, warden; Mrs. Roy Carey, conductor; Mrs. Olga Storm, left supporter to N. G.; Mrs. Oliver Finnefrock, outside guardian; Miss Marie Kaufmann, secretary; Mrs.

George Hall, treasurer; and Roy Carey.

writing Soap Box Derby, Nebraska City, Nebr.

Use Journal Want Ads

## Union

Mrs. L. G. Todd

Mrs. C. A. Wager of Denver arrived in Union last Monday and is visiting at the home of her sister, Miss Leuna Barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McQuin and family were Sunday dinner guests at the home of the Marsh Thompsen family.

The Union Woman's club met with Mrs. Herman Comer last Tuesday afternoon. Twelve members and several guests were present. This was the last meeting of the year. The club will hold their annual picnic this year at Pioneer park in Lincoln on June 3rd. The topic of the afternoon's lesson was music. Mrs. Earl Upton and Mrs. L. B. Mougey sang "Prayer Perfect." Mrs. Todd was leader of this meeting. Hostess, assisted by Mrs. Roy Becher and Mrs. Gobleman served refreshments. The Youth Fellowship group held a skating party last week at Nebraska City.

### BOYS INVITED TO ENTER AUTO DERBY

Boys from this area, ages 11 through 15 inclusive, are invited to enter the All-American Soap Box Derby to be held in Nebraska City on July 4.

The winning driver and his car will be taken to Akron, Ohio, in August—at no expense to him—to compete in the national finals. Full information can be had by

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FORGET IT, TARKS!

NO LIE KEEPING! YOU TIED ANY LONGER, MISS? YOU CAN'T GET AWAY!

GREAT GUNS! RYDER!

THANKS—THAT'S MUCH BETTER!

WHILE WE'VE BEEN GASSING WITH CLOND, RYDER'S PROBABLY GONE TO THE WIDE OUT AND SHOT AKA! FULL O' HOLES! COME ON! WE'LL GET HIM!

WHY DO YOU THINK OSCAR AND ALLEY MIGHT BE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA?

MAYBE THEY GOT TANGLED UP IN OUR WAR WITH TRIPOLI!

WERE WE NEARING THE BASHAW'S QUARTERS?

WHERE DOES THE BASHAW KEEP HIS TREASURE?

UNDER HIS BED!

BUT WHAT IF THE O' GO'S IN HIS BED?

SO SAY THAT WAS JUST HIS HARD LUCK!

HEH! THIS GAIL MUSTA BEEN READIN' OUR MAILS!

THE BASHAW'S TREASURE'S UNDER HIS BED, BUT WITH ALL THAT EXCITEMENT GOIN' ON IN THE HARBOR, HE'S NOT LIKELY TO BE IN HIS QUARTERS!

THE WAY HE'S BEEN COLLECTING LOOT, IT MUST BE A WOODPING 'BIG BED'!

HEY! WHAT KIND OF A DEAL YOU TRYIN' TO PULL, STRET?

OH, BUT THERE IS MY FRIEND, WATCH!