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Furse's Fresh Flashes

It seems everybody wants to hear, see and read vulgar stuff, but no one wants to sponsor it.

A terrible collision occurred in one of our neighboring towns recently. Two motorists collided while chasing the same pedestrian.

After listening to the tale of a local girl as to the number of "heart throbs" she had, we have come to the conclusion Cupid is using a machine gun instead of a bow and arrow.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says if kisses speak volumes she's going to start a library.

A Tennessee husband writes that he has been having a little wife trouble—she's teething.

A fellow back east has our sympathy. He lost his temper when his car became stalled in the mud and blew it up with dynamite on a country road in protest to the commissioner's failure to keep it in proper repair. That's just the way we've felt about one of our Linotypes several times here lately but never had the courage to go through with it.

One Plattsmouth woman has just made the supreme sacrifice for the flood sufferers—she gave the \$3 intended for a shirt for her husband to the relief fund.

Adam and Eve were certainly lucky—when they went out to dine there was no cover charge.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

BUGSY SIEGEL RECEIVED MONEY FROM HIGH AND LOW PLACES; GEN. MARSHALL PLEADS WITH CONGRESS FOR MONEY TO FIGHT "COLD WAR"; U. S. CANT STOP MOLOTOV'S PROPOGANDA MACHINE.

WASHINGTON—The government probe into Dapper Bugsy Siegel, slain Nevada gangster, reveals that he had some amazing contacts, high and low, bizarre and unique. He raised money in all sorts of interesting places, some apparently from his girl friend, Virginia Hill, and at one time several years ago from Charles Ward, one of the leading businessmen of the northwest.

In 1938, U. S. Agents, then investigating Siegel, found that he had received \$20,000 from Ward, now head of Brown and Bigelow, well-known St. Paul, Minn., stationery firm. The money was accompanied by a letter telling Siegel that this was all Ward could raise at the time. Later Ward sent Siegel a check for \$80,000, raising the total payment to \$100,000. Apparently Ward was not anxious to hide the transaction, or he would not have made the payment by check.

Asked by this columnist about the payments, Mr. Ward said that he had borrowed some money from Siegel and was paying it back.

Though it illustrates Siegel's far-flung associates, this payment is not figuring in the current investigation.

MISSION TO PARIS—

However, what does arouse the curiosity of government agents is the departure of Virginia Hill, together with a Chinese woman doctor, Dr. Chung, and a French wine merchant for Paris a few weeks before Bugsy was bumped off. Miss Hill said she was going to France to establish a champagne agency, and considering the fact that her champagne bill at Ciro's on one night alone was \$7,000, her desire to import her own champagne is understandable.

At about the same time Miss Hill departed for Paris, another associate of Siegel's—Billy Wilkerson, publisher of the Hollywood Reporter—also left Hollywood for France. Wilkerson was nominal owner and builder of the Flamingo Hotel, ornate gambling casino in Las Vegas, though the real owner was Siegel.

Siegel is reported to have run into financial difficulties with the Flamingo and to have been anxious to borrow \$1,500,000 shortly before his death. The Flamingo, incidentally, had cost a minimum of \$3,000,000 to build.

Virginia Hill has been one of the most lavish entertainers in Hollywood, spending an estimated \$200,000 a year. It was at her Beverly Hills home that Bugsy Siegel was killed. A gold key to her house was found in his pocket.

MARSHALL PLEADS—

It was not entirely coincidental that on the day the Big Three Marshall Plan Conference broke up in Paris, Secretary of State Marshall went up to the capitol, pleaded with the senate almost on bended knee to pass the Mundt Bill authorizing the state department to conduct foreign propaganda.

For, while Marshall was pleading with the senate not to muzzle the state department's "Voice of America," Russian propaganda was blaring forth the Molotov version of why the Paris conference failed.

That version was that the U. S. A. wanted to meddle with the sovereignty of small European nations, wanted to dominate Europe, wanted to tell each country who it could or could not have in power.

Actually the chief disrupter, dominator and meddler in Europe has been not the U. S. A., but the USSR—as witness Hungary, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Rumania and to some extent Austria and Greece.

However, when people are told one thing and told it often enough, they get to believe it. And a large part of Europe has come to believe the Soviet propaganda machine—simply because the state department hasn't had sufficient means to give the other side of the story.

A little over a year ago, for instance, the Rus-

sians sent a wheat-laden ship to Marseilles to relieve French hunger. When it arrived, the streets of Marseilles were bedecked with the sickle and hammer, an official holiday was declared, the populace paraded through the streets to welcome the Soviet vessel.

What the French people didn't know was: 1. That they had to pay Russia for the wheat—and in dollars, not francs; 2. That simultaneously several U. S. ships were arriving in Havre with wheat which was a free gift from the American people.

However, the United States had no adequate propaganda machine to publicize its gifts to France, and the Russians, backed by a virile communist party, got all the credit.

BARUCH'S "COLD WAR"— Best description of what's going on in Europe today was given by Elder Statesman Bernie Baruch when he said we are in a "Cold War." (Actually Baruch gives credit to ghost-writer Herbert Bayard Swope for coining the phrase.)

What the Swope-Baruch team meant, of course, was that we are in a war of nerves, politics, and labor movements. If the U. S. A. can woo and win certain political groups in France and Italy, it can keep western Europe from going communist. If, on the other hand, Russia can woo and win them, Europe will definitely go communist.

During the war, the office of strategic services spent millions smuggling U. S. labor leaders behind enemy lines to make contacts with German, Italian, Austrian, French, Norwegian labor leaders, thus undermining Axis politics and industry. In today's cold war the same thing is even more necessary—but with not one cent being spent on it.

In contrast, the Russians have agents in U. S. factories, in U. S. labor unions, even in some U. S. government offices.

And to get money from congress we won't have to sweat out this cold war with our mouth gagged and one arm tied behind our back. General Marshall literally has to get down on his knees before congress. Even he doesn't get what he really needs.

Note—Though the shrewd British are pulling almost everything out of Greece for "economy" reasons, they aren't reducing their propaganda operations there. British "information" to Greek schools and newspapers costs about \$2,000,000 annually; ours did cost \$125,000—until congress cut it out. We spend \$150,000,000 on food and arms for the Greek army, but not one percent of that to educate the Greeks on the difference between our democracy and Russian communism.

Wise crack around the Republican National Committee: "Is it true that Carroll Reece has debarred Trumans?" . . . The growing tendency to by-pass the United Nations cropped out in the senate foreign relations committee when the Vandenberg group voted to join the world health organization with a big "but"—Namely that the United States had the right to withdraw on 90 days' notice. The U. S. A. was the only country asking this special privilege.

Democratic Director Gael Sullivan is the man who healed the breach between President Truman and A. F. Whitney of the railroad brotherhoods. . . . Department of Agriculture economists figure American farmers are worth \$100 billion now compared with about one-fourth that before the war. . . . The auto industry anticipates new cars will be lots easier to buy right after the vacation season. . . . That's when several big producers will shut down for the first time since V-J Day to convert to new models. . . . Shoe-industry officials, among

the first to feel the recession, are now more optimistic. (Copyright, 1947, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Greenwood

By Connie Osburn

Mrs. Wm. Rosencrans and Jackie and Mrs. Knecht of South Bend spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Grady.

Palmyra came to Greenwood to play baseball Sunday. The diamond was quite wet but a good game was enjoyed. Palmyra won by a score of 9 to 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Kyles came to spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kyles.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Knipple of Lincoln are the parents of a fine baby boy born June 25 at Lincoln General Hospital. Mrs. Knipple was formerly Miss Lois Cope.

Dorcas Society met Friday at the church with Mrs. Ellen Kirk and Mrs. Clara Brachaga as hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Osburn and Roger spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. C. C. Robinson at Ashland. Ronald Osburn and Dickie Buckingham attended the show.

Mrs. Helen Drew and Miss Margaret Kelly of Denver spent from Friday morning until Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelly.

The Garden Gopher 4-H club met with Marion Vaneli Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Beulah Luneford of Havelock spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hoenshell.

Mrs. William Meyers, Mrs. O. A. McDonald, Mrs. Henry Wright, Mr. John Meyers and Max Meyers called on Mrs. John Meyers at the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hile left Tuesday evening for a weeks fishing trip to Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wright attended the horse races in Omaha Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Otto called at the Charles Martin home Sunday afternoon. Mr. Otto used to work for Mr. Martin when he was a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bethel spent Wednesday in Ashland. Mrs. W. M. Meyers and Mrs. O. A. McDonald were in Ashland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buz Gakemeier spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Grady.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Kyle and Mrs. Joe Kyles spent Thursday at the Wayne Kinney home near Alvo.

The Twin Table club met with Mrs. Leora Reighard for a covered dish luncheon in honor of Mrs. Reighard and Mrs. June Kyles birthdays. Each of the hostesses received lovely gifts from the club and also from their heartiest.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright were shopping in Lincoln Tuesday evening and also called on Mrs. John Meyers at Bryan Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Kyles and Mrs. Joe Kyles drove to Friend Friday and stayed until Saturday at the Wallace home.

Mrs. Henry Raash left for her home at Kimball Tuesday. She had been visiting at the Gilbert Raash and John Meyers homes. Mrs. Everett Cope and Mrs. Leonard Jardine visited Mrs. Don Knipple and the new baby at Lincoln General hospital Sunday evening. They also called on Mrs. Ellis Kelly.

A very serious accident happened at the Joe Leesley home when gas from a hot water heater exploded and burned Mr. Leesley very seriously. J. T. Leesley, son of the Leesleys was

also burned but not as badly as Mr. Leesley.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sacca and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Leadabrand and Carol Sue attended the movies at Ashland Sunday evening.

Elmwood

Mrs. Grace Plybon

Mrs. Nellie Patton has been all the past week.

Community Kensington was held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Fleischman. Mrs. Morning president, and Mrs. Fleischman vice president conducted the business and games. Officers for the coming year were elected—president, Mrs. C. Fleischman, Vice president, Mrs. Cora Gerbeling, Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Ellis Miller, and program Chairman, Mrs. Rudy Kuehn.

Last week the Gooch Milling Co. put on a moving picture program at the Community Hall, sponsored by their sales business men here. Charles Finley, Ted Hall, Ed Earnst and Orley Clements. Pictures of the farm work, stock, poultry, and grain raising, with a musical interlude and the Gooch Mill activities were shown. Ten people whose names were drawn received small sacks of flour and the large prize of a sack of poultry feed went to one of the Drake boys.

Mrs. Orlin Burrill of Weeping Water attended Kensington here Thursday. She and her family will reside near Elmwood next year as they have purchased the Olson farm North West of town, where Mr. and Mrs. Taylor now live.

Mrs. Minnie Rosenkoetter has returned from Lincoln, where she had been visiting her cousin Mrs. Pearl Shreve for a few days. Russell Deasitt of Panama, Nebraska, underwent a hernia

operation at Lincoln this week. His sisters Marjory and Judith, and brother Thomas spent the week at the home of Mrs. Charles Fleischman. Mrs. Nettie Mendenhall, his father, Claude Hewitt, is able to work again some now, after his accident earlier this month.

Guests at the home of Mrs. Addie Fleischman are her brother George Hartzell of Denver

and his brother-in-law Orville Bonner of Leota, Kansas. Her daughter-in-law from Lincoln, Mrs. Jennings Haggerty drove down for a visit.

Guests of their grand-parents Mr. and Mrs. R. Kuehn are Ted, Frances, and John Schroeder of Davenport, Iowa. Their parents will arrive later after a vacation trip.

MOTORCYCLE RACES
NEBRASKA STATE FAIR GROUNDS—LINCOLN
SUNDAY, JULY 6th
TIME TRIALS 1 P. M. RACES START 2:30 P. M.
ADMISSION \$1.00—CHILDREN 50c (TAX INCLUDED)
Riders from several states will compete on the 1/2 mile dirt track for prizes totalling \$475.00
UNDER SANCTION OF A.M.A.
SPONSORED BY LINCOLN MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.—123 O ST.—LINCOLN AND AMERICAN LEGION DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS, INC.

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wishes to thank the Fund Chairman, Mr. Francis M. Casey, Plattsmouth; the workers; and the generous response of the towns and their surrounding communities in Cass County.
Workers— Quota Amt. Contrib.
ALVO—
H. L. Bornemeier, B. A. Meunchau—\$ 132.00 \$ 263.50
AVOCA—
Elmer Hallstrom, Mrs. C. O. Zaiser --- 72.00 242.00
EAGLE—
Mrs. Marvin Carr, Valley Trumble --- 160.00 209.00
CEDAR CREEK—
Mrs. Evelyn Franke ----- 64.00 176.50
ELMWOOD—
Mrs. Emily Gonzales ----- 106.00 233.00
GREENWOOD—
Luther Harmon ----- 100.00 368.60
LOUISVILLE—
Henry Davis ----- 176.00 404.45
MANLEY—
Mrs. John Rauth ----- 62.00
(Manley Branch dissolved—members contributed to neighbor towns).
MURDOCK—
Mrs. F. A. Stock ----- 74.00 296.68
MURRAY—
Mrs. James F. Comstock ----- 78.00 240.50
NEHAWKA—
Mrs. George Sheldon ----- 94.00 170.00
MYNARD—
Mrs. R. G. Kiser ----- 64.00 308.00
PLATTSMOUTH—
Walter Smith ----- 560.00 849.41
SOUTH BEND—
Mrs. F. J. Knecht ----- 60.00 70.00
UNION—
Mrs. Nina Upton ----- 90.00 422.00
WABASH—
Mrs. Kenneth Baier ----- 60.00 89.50
WEeping WATER—
Harold C. Elliott ----- 194.00 382.50
1. Total cash received ----- \$4425.74
2. Authorized 67% retained by Chapter (in excess of \$1820.00, Chapter goal set by headquarters) ---1745.85
3. Amount sent national headquarters ----- 2679.89
4. Number of individual contributors of \$1.00 or more. (Not including corporations, other business firms or other organizations) -----3056.00
Elmer Hallstrom, Chapter Treasurer, Cass County.

EDITORIALS

INDEPENDENCE DAY

This Fourth of July, the American people should have given sober thought to what the day stands for—and to what its implications are in the modern world. Those matters go a great deal deeper than fireworks and Independence Day orations.

We are the only major power left on earth which is independent in the fullest sense. We are independent of domination by foreign powers—and, equally important, within our own borders our people are independent of dictation or oppression by any ruling class. That is what the American system means—and that is the true wealth of this nation.

We observed this Independence Day at a time when our economic machine is in high gear, the goal of full employment has been pretty well achieved, and wages are at record levels. There is no want in this country now. Under these conditions, it is a relatively simple matter to preserve our institutions and our freedoms. The real test will come when—and if—major economic dislocations occur, with their depressing influences on employment, income, and living standards. In Europe, great economic pressures have always paved the way for dictatorship. Nations have surrendered every human liberty in search of the camera of bare security.

It is to be hoped that the American people never have to choose between this kind of security and liberty. But if the time ever comes when that choice must be made, there should be no question in our minds. We have the privilege of celebrating an Independence Day because the founders of this nation made their choice without hesitation. They chose liberty, and fought for it.

If the United States ever loses that spirit, it will lose with it all that the nation represents, regardless of material wealth and resources. If need be, we must stand alone in the entire world as the one power devoted to the doctrine that the purpose of the state is to serve the people—and that the rights of man are sacred.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Ten years ago A. L. Tidd moved law offices from Plattsmouth State Bank building to the second floor of the Gund building, 4th and Main . . . Ellen Dodds placed first for the seventh grade in the city library poetry contest . . . Annual meeting of Red Cross held in Union; Mrs. Augusta Robb of Union reelected chairman of Cags Chapter . . . Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fulton and Glen Fulton arrived from McCall, Idaho, for a visit with the J. H. Fultons . . . Michael Bajek operated on at St. Joseph hospital for hand injury . . . Bronson and LeRoy Timm returned from motorcycle trip in western part of U. S. . . . Evacuation made on farm north of Plattsmouth occupied by George Stone—formerly home of Indian family; survey made by five delegates from the archeological department of the Nebraska Historical Society . . . Mrs. W. R. V. Vaughn of Bellingham, Wash., visited Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury . . . Cass County Board of Equalization complete equalization of assessments . . . Edward G. Ofc named head of American Legion, Milo Fulton elected first commander and C. L. Putnam second . . . Thomas Stokes, former resident died in Fowler, Colo. . . . In June 1931 Plattsmouth Rotary Club and their Anns joined other clubs and attended Ak-Sar-Ben show in Omaha . . . Maldon D. Brown drove to Omaha in his 1905 vintage Brush, making the trip in one hour flat . . . City Clerk Herman L. Thomas returned from the hospital . . . Leonard building between Fifth and Sixth streets being remodeled for use of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power nearly completed . . . Joseph F. Hadraba departed for vacation trip to the west coast . . . Lightning strikes residence of Mrs. J. C. Ellington, badly damaging property . . . Joe Rawls former resident died at Lewiston, Montana . . . Marjorie B. Shopp and Louis W. Lohnes wedded at home of bride's mother . . . Body of Plattsmouth man, Edward Lewis found along railroad track in western New York . . . Murray Red Sox won one-sided game defeating colored Boston Terriers . . . Fred G. Egenberger opened soft drink establishment . . . Check artist apprehended by Officer Joe Libershal.

Nearly always it's more fun to be a guest than to entertain a guest.

If it weren't for paying taxes, many of us could pay our bills on time.

We hold it to be self-evident that women adjust themselves to idleness better than men.

OUTDOORS Under the STARS
6-BIG NIGHTS-8:15pm
Rain or Shine
STARTING TUES. JULY 15th, THRU SUNDAY, JULY 20th
AK-SAR-BEN PRESENTS WORLD'S GREATEST WATER SPECTACLE!
WATER FOLLIES OF 1947 Musical Revue
Tickets Now on Sale RUSSELL SPORTING GOODS STORE 1814 Foreman Street—3:30 to 5 P. M. Reserved Seats \$2.40, \$1.80, \$1.50 Unreserved, 90c, including Federal Tax MAIL ORDERS NOW Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope
CAST OF 150 BATHING BEAUTIES CHAMPIONS and COMEDIANS and TWO MAMMOUTH OUT-DOOR SWIMMING POOLS
AK-SAR-BEN FIELD OMAHA NEBR.

About Suits
The men's suit market is in a muddle. It would seem that by this time a man should be able to walk into a clothing store and find any kind of a suit he might want. Well, that's the way it should be—but it isn't.
Men's HARD FINISH ALL-WOOL WORSTED SUITS are still on ALLOTMENT—that is, we can get just so many and no more. Soft finish tweeds or woolen suits are to be had as low as \$21.50—but who wants them. Fortunately, we are connected with one of the biggest worsted houses in the business—even then we do not have as many as we would like, but we do have some and we invite you to look—perhaps we have just what you want.
Prices for All-Wool Worsted and Good Make
\$38.00 to \$48.00
WHITE SHIRTS GREEN STAMPS
Wescott's ESTABLISHED 1879