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EDITORIALS

WINNING STREAK OF YOUTH

Cass county youth are consistent winners these days in all types of state and district contests. Almost every honor list from competitive events in recent months has included a representative of this area. Significance of this fact is threefold. It speaks well of training being received by these young people—whether it be in 4-H Club projects, in Future Farmers of America, in music, or in athletics. It also reflects a level of intelligence, of sheer level-headedness of which all of us can be proud. But most of all, this tendency toward a winning streak in our youth is a feather in the cap of all adults who are serving as leaders in all types of youth activities. Aside from their well-earned satisfaction, and the very natural pride of parents, there is the important fact that in these young people lies the real future of the community. Lessons learned in friendly competition will serve them for year to come—and the valuable habit of excelling is being formed at an age when energy and enthusiasm, properly directed, can accomplish surprising results.

TAX REDUCTION

Before it can be determined how much tax reduction the next congress can make, it will first have to be determined the size of the budget outgo. Here are some fixed items, amounting to \$35,000,000,000, which will first have to be met, before congress can plan on tax reduction: Interest on national debt 5 billion; military purposes 15 billion; veterans 6 billion; farm aid 2 billion; foreign aid 5 to 7 billion. Remember these are fixed commitments.

About the only place this writer foresees any chance for a reduction in federal expenditures is from the federal pay rolls. Senator Harry Byrd, Democratic Senator of Virginia, who has been characterized as a "watch dog of the Treasury," said a few days ago: "The government civilian payroll costs more than \$500,000,000 a month and is still climbing—the executive branch reported August personnel of 2,120,583 persons, an increase of 13,322 over July; there has been a monthly increase of 125,178 for the first eight months of the year, or an average of 513 each day."

If government expenditures are going to be reduced and a dent of any nature made in the public debt, a few corners must be cut. Right now with jobs plentiful in most every line of business might be a good time to cut out many of the frills in government and let a good segment of the easy-chair boys (and girls) start pounding the pavement.

ALONE STANDS AMERICA

It's great being an American living in the good old U.S.A. Wednesday of last week added more proof to the fact that no where else in the world can you find the spirit that makes America "tick." Despite the bitterness and lambasting in campaign speeches, the heated arguments between individuals of the months before, smiles appeared on countless faces, the gloves were cast aside and we all clasped hands to play "Ring-around-the-Rosie" for another four years.

Gosh, no wonder "Good ol' Joe" is confused.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

Rev. G. A. Pahl, pastor of St. Paul's church of this city was called to church at Hartley, Iowa. . . . Thornton Baker of Sharpsburgh, Iowa was enrolled as member of the Plattsmouth State bank staff. . . . Joe Chovanec departed from Omaha for Great Lakes Naval training station near Chicago. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keller and daughter Clauden arrived from Wichita, Kansas to make Plattsmouth their home. . . . G. G. Griffin was host to members of the football squad of P.H.S. and their coach Bion Hoffman. . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Swatek entertained at a reception at their home honoring their son and wife Mr. and Mrs. George Swatek, recently married.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

If you wonder why a dollar doesn't do as much for us as it used to, just remember that you probably don't do as much for a dollar as you used to, either.

If he had to do it over again, Hank Wallace would probably plow under the eggs and tomatoes along with the little pigs.

We hope this "cold war" turns out to be nothing but a frost.

There's no telling what the HCL will hit next. They now tell us the cost of figuring out the High Cost of Living has gone up, too.

About the only thing on this earth we have found more deceiving than a woman is a watermelon.

Football coaches are about the only persons in the country that can make both ends meet now.

National Car Week is being celebrated throughout the country this week, but a lot of the boys have been feeding the kitty long before they started celebrating it.

A local grocer had a new experience recently. He was robbed of \$300 by a man with a gun. During the last 30 years it has always been a man with credit.

Why worry about your new fall hat, ladies? It's only a small matter.

Life is just a game of cards—the queen still takes the jack.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO

Sunday edition of the World Herald carried story of Missouri river Ferry, popular summer means of river crossing at this point, operated by John Richardson and his two sons. . . . Elmer E. Thomas, federal enforcement officer praised high standard of Cass county law enforcement and cooperation in letter received by County Attorney W. G. Kieck. . . . Plattsmouth teachers were honored at state and district meetings of the group school meets; Mrs. George B. Mann, was selected as president of the mathematics section of the southeastern Nebraska group; with Miss Marie Kaufmann supervisor of art and penmanship named to head this department. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mrasek held family reunion at their home on Oak street. . . . Volunteer fire department elected officers as follows: Herman Thomas, president; Henry Jasper, vice-president; Claud C. Smith, secretary; and Hilt Martin, treasurer. L. L. McCarthy was named assistant chief, and Tom Walling assistant foreman. Dr. O. Sandin was recommended to position of chief to be approved by Mayor and council.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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By DREW PEARSON

DREW PEARSON SAYS:
PARNELL THOMAS WILL FACE DIFFERENT TYPE JURY THAN HIS OWN UN-AMERICAN COMMITTEE; THOMAS DENIED OTHERS CITIZENSHIP PRIVILEGES HE WILL ENJOY; MARSHAL UPSET ABOUT COMMUNISTS IN GREECE.

WASHINGTON—Memo to Congressman J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee:

Although this column first exposed your un-American activity in taking salary kickbacks from employees, this is not written in a desire to gloat over your indictment; but rather to point out some of the great privileges of being American which all of us do not appreciate. On the basis of your previous behavior, you appear to be one who fails in that appreciation.

For instance, when you later go on trial before a jury of your peers, no inference can be drawn from the fact that last week before a grand jury you refused to testify because you might incriminate yourself.

Scores of witnesses before your own committee have been berated because they refused to testify for the same reason. But the judge, giving you the full privilege of your American citizenship, will instruct the jury to disregard your previous refusal to testify.

Furthermore, even after your indictment this week, you are presumed to be innocent until trial by jury finds you guilty. That is your privilege as an American—a privilege you have denied to many others whom you tried before the Bar of Congressional Public Opinion. Even when you go to trial you can still refuse to testify and no inference can be drawn from that refusal. The Judge will specifically instruct the jury that that is your privilege as an American.

YOUR PRIVILEGE, MR. THOMAS
During your trial, furthermore, the government prosecutor cannot and will not bring up any irrelevant facts that might prejudice the jury against you. He cannot bring out the fact that you changed

Comes Now the Pay-Off



Propose Drastic Legislation For Car Drivers

Two recommendations for future legislation have been made by the Legislative Committee of the Nebraska Safety Council. The first, if adopted, will allow chemical tests of a motor vehicle driver to be admitted as evidence in Nebraska's courts. The second favors the adoption of the uniform motor vehicle operator's license act proposed by the Public Roads Administration.

The former bill will allow the use of the Drunkometer and chemical analysis of the suspect's blood as evidence against him in drunk driving charges. The latter provides a separate chauffeur's license, parents' or guardians' signatures on the application of persons under 18 for licenses, financial responsibility of those parents and a board of

MARSHALL'S WORRIES

Secretary of State Marshall is privately most unhappy over the progress of military operations against the communists in Greece. He discovered on his recent trip that, despite millions of U. S. dollars poured into Greece, there are now more rebels than ever there.

Marshall blames part of this on the U. S. Army officers advising the Greek army. They have not been tough enough in forcing the Greek army into a full-scale offensive against the communists. That's the reason for Marshall's sudden visit to Athens two weeks ago. As a result of this trip, you can write it down that:

1. General Van Fleet, U. S. military commander in Greece, will be reassigned to a new post.
2. The U. S. Government will turn down the Greek government's request for permission to increase the size of its army.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Spiritualist Elmer Lyon of Mount Vernon, N. Y., has notified senators he has been in contact with the late Senator Bilbo of Mississippi. . . . Sherman Billingsley, who runs Walter Winchell's swank Stork Club, is still being kidded about the loss of election business. Dewey's No. 1 man, Paul Lockwood, had reserved the Stork Club's club room for a big celebration, even had the champagne in the ice buckets. But the ice melted in the buckets, the sandwiches grew stale—and no Dewey party. . . . One republican who tried to register for a room at the Roosevelt hotel was asked by the clerk: "Do you want it for sleeping or jumping?" . . . The Senate Banking and Currency committee will be asked to launch a thorough probe of lobbyists with a view to strengthening the Anti-Lobbying Act. Alert Senator Maybank of South Carolina, acting chairman of the new committee, is no friend of the lobbyists. . . . The CIO steel workers union is demanding a sweeping probe of the Donora, Pa., mass asphyxiation.

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★ WASHINGTON COLUMN ★

These Are Some of the Things The People Said With Votes

BY PETER EDSON
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WASHINGTON—(NEA)—What did the people say in the election? Some of their sayings may be sign language on which there will be conflicting interpretations. But among the things which the election results seemed to say, there may be listed these:

The people said they like the New Deal reforms. Any idea that Harry Truman won because he campaigned far to the left of what he himself thinks privately, may be wrong. For a reference point on that, go back to Harry Truman's 1946 budget message in which he outlined a 21-point program of increased social welfare and better living conditions for all the people. He has stuck consistently to that. The people said they don't want a reactionary Republican government. This does not necessarily mean that the Republican Party is dead. More likely it just means that the people think the Republicans made their mistake at Philadelphia last June, when they chose the candidate with the best political machine instead of the best candidate.

The people said they don't like a candidate who is too cagey, too cozy, too smooth. The people said they like a scrapper. They like an underdog who is inclined to put up a good fight. The people said they like a man who is honest, even if he is sometimes wrong. The people said they preferred a candidate who told them frankly just where he stood on every issue.

THE people said they wanted nothing to do with communism. They said that in their repudiation of Henry Wallace, Leo Isaacson, Lee Pressman and their so-called Progressive Party.

The people said they wanted something done about high prices and inflation. They did not necessarily say that they want full wartime price controls and inflation. But they apparently believe that doing something—even if it turns out to be the wrong thing—is better than doing nothing. You get confirmation of that in such things as the election of ex-OPA administrator Chester Bowles as governor of Connecticut.

The people said they didn't like the record of the 80th Congress. The people didn't like what the 80th Congress did not do about such things as expanding social security coverage, increasing the minimum wage level, taking care of public housing. The people didn't like what the Congress did do about labor legislation. A majority of the people said they were willing to have the Taft-Hartley Act repealed. President Truman so pointedly made that an issue of the campaign that there can be no doubt about it.

A vast majority of the people said they wanted a civil rights program enacted and they want it enacted for the whole country, not just parts of it.

THERE are many fine clean things like this about the last election. They leave a pleasant taste in the mouth. They tend to prove that this thing called democracy works. Just tell the people all the facts, and they will instinctively decide what is the right thing to do.

The marvel of the election is that this thing called democracy—the American system of having a revolution every four years whether the country needs it or not—works better than most people realize. Many of the people who went to the polls to vote for Truman and his party did so with misgivings, not expecting that their votes would do any good. But they voted their convictions. And just look at the result.

The people voted with their heads. They split tickets all over the ballot. The element that threw the election to the Democrats, the element that threw the professional poll-takers for a loss, was the nine per cent of the voters who were "undecided" on how they would vote until the last minute. They were the ones who went to the polls and kicked out the officeholders they thought were no good, substituting candidates they thought better. That is where the people spoke loudest.

review to determine whether or not repeating violators should retain their privilege to drive.

The committee also recommended that the State Safety Council be made a subdivision of the Department of Roads and Irrigation.

All three measures will now be submitted in November to the State-wide Advisory Board and the Board of Directors of the Safety Council for their approval.

Made Good

GARDNER, Mass. (UP)—Myron L. Goddard, a man of his word, promised his wife when they were married he would take her to Niagara Falls. He did—in 1948. They were married in 1898.

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More than 30 soil conservation districts, comprising 40,000,000 acres, have been established in the northern Great Plains states this year. That makes the total 395 districts organized in Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming.

Expensive Nap

ARDMORE, Okla. (UP)—Jess Clayborn is a sound sleeper. Jess was sleeping on a bus going east from Comanche. When he awakened, his boots, hat, belt and a billfold containing \$15 were missing.

This is no news to you...

Of course taxes are piling new to you. Everyone pays taxes—and plenty—these days.

But it is important to you that Consumers Public Power District—a public agency—pays city, county, state and school taxes—nearly a third of a million dollars annually.

During the first part of November Consumers sent tax checks totaling \$154,058.89 to city and county treasurers in 71 of Nebraska's 93 counties to cover first half of 1948 tax payments, and similar payments of second half taxes will be made in April, 1949.

Consumers tax payments are made in the same amounts as were paid by the private companies which previously owned the electric facilities. Actually, Consumers ranks among the largest taxpayers in many communities.

This is extremely important to every citizen because Consumers tax payments go to help support your public schools, provide public facilities and pay the other costs of raising your community. It is important to you because if Consumers did not pay these taxes, you, the other taxpayers, would have to carry this additional burden.

CONSUMERS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT