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EDITORIALS

BE HONEST ABOUT TAXES

Society, as we know it, could not be perpetuated without government. Whether it is the best, the best possible, or only fair, the continuance of peaceful lives, the carrying in of farming, business and commerce, or any of the hundred and one necessary modern activities, require law and order, established processes, protective safeguards and the cooperation which is only possible through government.

Regardless of some waste, and waste can't be entirely avoided, the average citizen gets more for his dollars paid in taxes than for any other expenditure he makes. The average family head doesn't pay as much taxes as his children cost the government for their education, if he has a moderate-sized family. All the rest of the bene-

Governments can't operate without proportionate share of the common cost of at Memphis and other southern points. these beneficial services. The growing disposition on the part of many to "beat taxes" should be frowned upon.

On the other hand, every effort should be made by tax officials to equalize taxes. Every citizen is entitled to fair treatment and should not be called on to pay proportionately more or less than his neighbors do. Yet, the task of perfect equalization is difficult, just as hard to maintain after its accomplishment, in view of the changing factors involved.

Notwithstanding the many centuries during which various governments have collected taxes, the problem still calls for the thought and effort of good citizens.

* * * THE FARMER'S STAKE

will begin in April, President Truman has he thinks, will be a sure foundation for being human, he doesn't like to pay taxes. economic peace.

Brannan, writing a House Committee which is beginning public hearings on the question of extending the Reciprocal Trade Agreements, calls attention to the fact that farmers of this country "normally produce many commodities in greater quantities than are required for use in the United States" and adds that any acceptable farm program must be associated with keeping open the channels of international trade so that our agricultural products can be sold

"The American farmer," declares Secretary Brannan, "must not have his products excluded from foreign markets by excessive tariffs and other barriers, or be discriminated against through preference and other special deals between foreign

The observations of the Secretary of Agriculture are pertinent and particularly interesting to the farmers of Cass County. The agricultural production of the United States, in tobacco, cotton, wheat and other products, far exceeds the consumption in this country. The excess must be sold in foreign countries or it will create huge surpluses to depress prices in this country. Consequently, any program that enlarges the scope of world trade will help to maintain markets for our surplus agricultural products.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Gradoville entertained members of the Schuyler basketball team at their home honoring a brother, Frank Gradoville, coach of the Schuyler team. . . . Helen Wescott was elected vice president of the senior class at Wesleyan University. . . . Col. Clifford Corbin arwith his sister, Mrs. Searl S. Davis and Mr. the United States, in token of the brother- have landed at the Norfolk Naval normal condition.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

While searching for the cause of prison riots they might consider the rumor that some of the inmates are tough guys.

During excavations in Italy three statues were found buried 20 feet below the surface. We must admit, it isn't a bad idea.

And now we read that the younger generation isn't wild, which shows remarkable self-restraint in view of the way it's been talked about.

California is reported to have 43 different species of cone-bearing trees. It's a shame that none of them have been crossed with vanilla, to get the double dip.

By this time a lot of our people have come to realize that cold weather isn't so hot.

We still wonder how Mom can get 10pounds of hash out of what's left over from a four-pound roast.

One 'ell of a lot of motorists around here drive like they owned their cars.

Groundhog day is over for the weather man, but with meat prices what they are, we're still in it up to our ears.

Osteopaths report that 60 per cent of the people have one leg longer than the other. Don't let it worry you. Congress will find a way to get the other 40 per cent.

Davis and family, enroute to assignment in Washington, D. C. . . . A group of men in the Nehawka vicinity organized a wolf hunt to rid the countryside of the nuisance, which have caused loss to them in stock and chickens.

TEN YEARS AGO

Herman Meisinger, of Mynard, in conjunction with Allied Mills sponsored an All-American Baby Chick Poll contest. . . A. O. Moore, veteran telegraph operator of the Burlington departed for Ashland to take over position of first trick operator at that place. . . . Raymond "Red" Williams was transferred to a position in Maraciabo. fits from government he receives, over and Venezuela, South America, for the Ray- Georges Delamare, who broadmond Concrete Pile Co. "Red" was a form- cast the fact that the working er employee of the A. W. Farney Co. on people of France could also parsome money and taxes are necessary. Ev- river work on the Missouri here. . . . Mr. ticipate. ery citizen should be willing to pay his and Mrs. Francis B. Toman were visiting

MERRY-GO-ROUND

(Copyright, 1949, By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS:

INTERNATIONAL PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE RELATIONSHIP WOULD DO MUCH TO PREVENT WAR: AMERICANS BOUND TO PRIZE "TREASURE BOOK," WITH ITS HEARTFELT MESSAGES

Aboard the French Merci Train.-The average Frenchman has a general knowl-Calling attention to negotiotions which edge of the fact that when he pays his taxes, a small portion of it goes to support suggested that the United States cooper- the cost of a French embassy and various ate with other nations in order that all peo- consulates in the U. S. A. in order to imples can sell each other the products of prove relations over here. But this is a their agriculture, labor and industry. This, vague and far-away thing, besides which,

On the other hand, when six million Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. French men and women voluntarily contribute a personal keepsake to the Gratitude Train for the American people, it means something far more important than ambassadors or consuls or State department

It means you get that kind of peopleto-people relationship, it becomes increasingly difficult for unbalanced or foolhardy leaders to start wars or create friction.

In the long run, furthermore, the only off, and thus start a chain of to bed with virus flu through Christway we can prevent war is by people going | correspondence between the peoover the heads of their governments to get | ple of France and America in acquainted with other people.

Note-Just as the U. S. government had nothing whatever to do with the start or organization of the Friendship Train, so the French government had nothing to do with starting the Gratitude Train, though later it gave great help in getting the boxcars to the United States.

SIMPLE, PRICELESS GIFTS

Some priceless gifts are aboard the thank-you train, such as the Taveau statue of George Washington and the flag that flew over Verdun in 1918. But almost more precious, in a sense, was the neatly wrapped paper parcel brought to the train by a communist lady in Paris-because she gave it against all the dictates of her political party, because she placed | The mail at Council, Ga., is pickfriendship with Americans ahead of com- ed up by a pet deer, owned by the munists.

Equally precious are thousands of other gifts which have no commercial or artistic vlaue-simple offerings from the humbler people of France. Aboard the train, for instance, is a gift from a workman and his wife whose home was destroy- Carolina area proclaimed a new ed during the war and who now live in an state which they named after

"For the Gratitude Train to America." they wrote, "we have decided to send our dearest possession, our boy's full dress uniform. It went with him when he left to the mystery of the five Russian and it is hoped that in a few rived from the Philippine Islands to visit fight and die in France. It will now go to planes that were supposed to days her eyes will be back in

THE MEANING OF THE PACT



hood between our two countries." And there is the child's painting of a yellow heart, with her words written beneath-"I know that Americans have hearts of

REMEMBRANCE AND LOVE

At first the humbler people of France did not realize that they could contribute to the Gratitude Train. The train was first organized by French railroad Boy" . . . At that time, too, when tablishment of new units. war veterans, but later they got help from radio commentator

"We must feel, in offering our gifts," said Delamare, "that we are depriving ourselves. We must take from our personal treasure store, gifts such as only France can provide. There is no more sincere way of showing gratitude of fine parts behind him . . . Before than by giving what one prizes landing the announcer's job on

One of the things the Ameri-can people will prize most highly is the "Treasure Book" signed by the French people who put gill aboard the Merci Train. People flocked to the office of the newspaper Figaro for more than a week to sign this book and write a message to the American people. Some wrote in English, most in French.

Wrote a soldier: "I remember." Wrote another: "France every day loves you more and more, and is very enthusiastic about his "More today than before, and work. less than tomorrow.'

Thousands of notes also were written to accompany gifts. And it is the hope of the men and cause for friction, he answered emwomen who sent these messages, phatically, "Definitely not! We've that their friends in America will always worked in different circles. read the notes and will want to There's never been any reason for reply. Members of the Women's World Fellowship worked long hours to help translate these notes of greeting sent by the "little people" of France. They felt that, while they were poor devoted and it would take more than in worldly goods, they were rich a career to cause a rift between them, in friendship.

Unfortunately they were not able to translate all the messages; but perhaps French classes in American schools and colleges can continue where they left continuation of people-to-people diplomacy.

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON

A 24-hour round-the-clock police guard on the House un-American activities committee rooms, demanded last year by Air station recently. It is true Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi. is still being maintained, though Rankin is no longer a member of the committee. Rankin demanded the round-the-clock watch after the committee seized the famous "pumpkin papers" from Whittaker Chambers. What's left of these papers after the Justice department picked them over is locked up in a safe in the committee's offices .

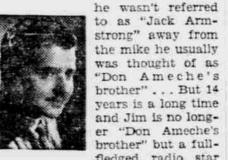
postmistress, Mrs. David Johnson . . Senators, studying statehood for Hawaii and Alaska, discovered that the next new state won't be the 49th but the 50th in American history. Back in 1784 settlers in the Tennessee-North Benjamin Franklin. The state of Franklin lasted only three years.

Tennessee and North Carolina.



By LYN CONNELLY

NWNS Radio-Screen Editor UST 14 years ago, Jim Ameche I won his first radio role, that of vide refreshments at the first "Jack Armstrong, the All-American



fledged radio star Jim Ameche with a background ABC's popular show "Welcome Travelers." Jim was heard in Grand Hotel, Hollywood Playhouse, Attorney-

gen show, At Home with Fave and One of eight children, he is of Scotch-Irish descent on his moth- | Farm Bureau Reporter. er's side and Italian on his father's . . . He is just a mite over 5 ft. 9 and weighs 155 pounds . . . His hair is dark brown and his eyes brown . . . He has a wonderful personality

At-Law, Lux Radio Theater, Big Sis-

ter, Grand Marquee, the Edgar Ber-

When asked if having two actors in the family might not be some conflict because of jobs. In fact we've worked together many times." What he didn't say, but what is an obvious | clots in the leg that is expected fact, is that the brothers are very

Tidbits: Penny Singleton, NBC's "Blondie," spent a very quiet holiday season through no fault of her own ... both her daughters were confined mas . . . Ernie Newton, bass player with "Grand Ole Opry's" Cumberland Valley boys (NBC), has an attachment on his fiddle that allows him to make a drum-like rhythms while plucking the strings.

that five planes, painted with red tails, set down at Norfolk and were surrounded by a double guard, just as the rumor leaked out. But the planes were American-not Russian. Their tails were painted red to distinguish them clearly from others, because they carried some highly secret equipment. . . . Senator Ed Johnson of Colorado has demanded an investigation of the aviation industry-to find out why the big airlines keep going in the red, yet can afford fat contributions to both the Republican and Democratic parties, plus to executives.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. A. B. Carlson, who has been at Omaha for the past two weeks, at the Clarkson hospital, has returned to this city. She has undergone an operathen was carved up between tion for the removal of cataracts from her eyes. The opera-The navy has just cleared up tion has been quite successful

Cass County Farm Bureau Has Meeting The Cass County Farm Bu-

reau held their monthly board meeting at the Farm Bureau office at Louisville, Tuesday, February 8th at 8 p.m.

The board decided to have the County Farm Bureau promeeting that is held for the es-

The American Legion of to as "Jack Arm- Louisville offered the use of strong" away from their building with out charge the mike he usually for the Farm Bureau board was thought of as meetings as well as other meet-"Don Ameche's ings.

John Riecke, gave a report on years is a long time the findings of a committee of and Jim is no long- which he was the chairman, reer "Don Ameche's garding non-stock. Mr. Riecke, Wayne Meisinger and Fritz Si moneit were in Lincoln earlier in the day regarding this.

be interesting to hear Ralph Raikes of Ashland, tell of his experiences in his recent trip to Europe. A committee was appointed to arrange this as a braska. county wide meeting in the near future. This committee is Peter Halmes, Mrs. Fred Wehrbein and Mrs. Emil Schmidt.-Mrs. Emil Schmidt, Cass county

Paul Wurl Ill at California Home

Paul Wurl, 81, the eldest of the Wurl Brothers, long residents of Plattsmouth, is reported as being in quite serious condition at his home at Pomona, California, Mr. Wurl and wife have made their home on the west coast for a number of years and a few years ago were

In the last months Mr. Wurl has been suffering from blood will require an operation to correct and at his age and condition makes his case one of greatest concern to the members of the family.

Mr. Wurl is a brother of E. A. Wurl of this city, the only member of the family still residing here, with another brother, Otto Wurl, living at Council Bluffs. Ernest Wurl, the youngest of the family is also a resi-

KNOW YOUR WEATHER



As a means of testing metal plating for use in all possible kinds of weather, scientists have developed laboratories which can reproduce the tangy salt air of the Atlantic or sive heat of the tropical jungles

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

DO you think things out in the order of their importance? If you don't, you are only half-way efficient.

Henry L. Doherty, founder of the nation-wide Cities Service company, said that regardless of how much salary he paid, there were two abilities he found it almost impossible to find,

These two priceless abilities are:

First, ability to think.

Second, the ability to do things in the order of their importance.

Charles Luckman, the lad who started from scratch and in 12 years climbed into the president's chair of the Pepsodent company, got a salary of a hundred thousand dollars a year and made a million dollars in addition, declared that he owed much of his success to developing the two abilities that Mr. Doherty

said he found it almost impossible to find.

D. Carnegio

Charles Luckman said: "As far back as I remember, I have gotten up at five o'clock in the morning because I think better then than at any other hour. I can the better plan my day in the early morning and do the things during the hours that follow in the order of their importance."

I once asked Max Schuster, one of the founders of the famous publishing house, Simon and Schuster, how he managed to avoid the usual hectic rush of publishing offices, and get so much enjoyment out of his work. He replied: "I always do the most disagreeable tasks the first thing in the morning. That eases my mind and makes the rest of the day more enjoyable."

The rule of doing first the thing of most importance, and the task most disliked the first thing in the morning, has worked for these highly successful men. It will work

Here's a suggestion: Make a list the night before of the things you must do the next day. Be careful what you put at the top. Make that list, then go to bed and forget it. Whatever you do, don't give it another thought. You can do nothing about it in bed and you will tire your mind thinking about it, and impair your rest. The tomorrow will be a new day and you will find yourself enjoying starting it fresh.

dent at Pomona. Bernard Wurl, SLEIGH RIDE PARTY another brother, passed away A sleigh-ride party followed several years ago.

Ralph Hild Named Publicity Chairman

Mrs. John L. Hild of near this city, has been named as the rated. Mr. Latenser discovered publicity chairman of the 4-H them in an old barn near club of the University of Ne-

Ralph is a freshman at the FOUR MILE CLUB MEETS college of agriculture of the university and has had a very brilliant career in 4-H club ceived many honors for his successful stock raising that has won him trips to the national Bierl called the meeting to meets, medals and other hon- order. After the business sesors, the last being a national scholarship award. The many friends will be pleased to learn of his new recognition at the

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by supper was given Friday by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Latenser. Some of the 22 guests rode in Mrs. Latenser received for Christmas. Handmade by an old carriage maker, they are elaborately painted and deco-Plattsmouth - Lincoln State Journal.

The January meeting of the Four Mile club was held at the home of Mrs. Fred G. Nolting, work in this state as he has re- Mrs. Leonard Born and Mrs. Joe

Bierl co-hostesses The president, Mrs. Frank sion the members games, Mrs. Claude Mayabb taking three prizes and many others two prizes each.

The February meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Henry

Successful Parenthood Associate Editor, Parents' Magazine

bring to our christening party! So if can see with his own eyes. Susan is the brightest in her class, she is apt to seek a frivolous camouflage by attaching herself to a pert little miss whose tongue rattles off the latest "slanguage" that Susan can't imitate to save her life.

In fact, studying your children's choice of friends should be a "must" for all parents. Unfortunately, there is no textbook to guide you, for personality needs are so many and ways of satisfying them so varied that two children in the same family may go entirely different ways in making up for identical lacks. For instance, another girl with the same longing for gayety as serious Susan, may pretend to disapprove of froth and either do without friends or choose someone much older and even more sedate than herself.

which of two classifications your in friends and the outside world the child's tendencies fall in regard to same assurances and satisfactions Pacific shores or the humid, oppres- his choice of friends. There are the that as a child we found in the retreaters and the go-forwarders. family.

DARENTS are often bewildered by | You don't have to worry about the their children's choice of friends. latter, but the retreaters need help. What can serious Susan possibly see However, they, too, take many guises in that fluttery Florence who is her so that they aren't always easy to current constant companion? What recognize. We've just described the does boisterous Bob find to talk most obvious, those who deny what about with shy Sam? They find, or they want. Then there are those who hope to find, in their oddly-assorted seek only admiration in their friendfriends what youth is always seek- ships. A certain amount of this is ing-something to round out their necessary to all of us, for it is natural own personalities, to fill in the emp- to crave an audience. But if a young tiness of which they are so painfully person always insists on being the admired one in a friendship, never When we are young we are still the one who looks up to the other, hoping that life's grab bag will make his horizons will stay just about up for what the fairies failed to where they are, limited to what he nother form of retreat in

ing friendships is always to l ourself be chosen as a friend, never to do the choosing. This is admittedly preferable to being too aggressive, but it is often just laziness which allows a person to drift into spending all his friendship on persons he doesn't care much about while he passes up those from whom he could learn and enrich his life.

We've merely touched on the vastly important matter of your child's friends. But we hope we have shown that it isn't one to be dismissed with a nagging, "What do you see in soand-so?" Try to figure out what your boy or girl does gain from his companions. If it is something he should be getting at home-such as bolstering of his self esteem-try to supply it. But don't expect to take over the whole job-for it is a necessary part You can, however, decide into of growth for each of us to discover