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## EDITORIALS

### DOING SOMETHING WORTHWHILE

We would like to see the women folks of our town, especially members of the Garden Club and the Woman's Club, take over two or three of the vacant lots that have been eye sores in the city for years and start a face lifting project.

We have in mind spots on Washington and Chicago avenues that have been allowed to grow up in weeds the past few years. One in particular is that in front of Dr. Hudson's home on Chicago avenue. Last year, weeds higher than an average person's head greeted all comers to our city. Another is the "island" on Washington avenue just off Avenue A that certainly anything but inviting to prospective newcomers or visitors to Plattsmouth.

A little planning on the part of our women folks could make these spots a thing of beauty. Proper plantings of shrubs and flowers would add as much to Plattsmouth as the ladies of Omaha did to 13th street with their Mount Vernon Gardens.

It shouldn't take too much encouragement or persuasion to get this project underway. Let's lay down the axes and pick up the hoes.

### A PLAN TO PREVENT WAR

It might be a good idea, in connection with discussions about the proposed North Atlantic Security Pact to understand that its prime purpose is not to prepare for war with Russia but to deter Russia from aggression and thus prevent war.

The idea is general in Western Europe that the Russians will not attack the countries of Western Europe if Moscow knows that the United States will immediately come in on the side of the nations attacked. If this is made abundantly clear to the Russian leaders, the leaders seem to be confident that no war is in the making.

### WHY THE FARMERS SOLD

Not long ago we were asked by a reader of this newspaper why many farmers sold their grain under the support price.

The explanation is that the farmers had a record harvest but, to secure a Government crop loan, were required to secure proper storage. Because there was no place in which they could put their grain they could not take advantage of the price support program.

This issue was stressed very heavily by President Truman in his last campaign. The Chief Executive took great pains to put the blame for the lack of storage space on the Congress.

Now, the new Congress is being asked to provide authority for the acquisition of adequate grain storage space. Under a proposed bill, the Government would buy or lease the space so that farmers with surplus grain can store it on the farm, at sub-terminals or in big terminals and take advantage of the support prices.

The record-breaking production by American farmers in recent years has probably removed the fear of famine from our minds. Nevertheless, it seems to be within the reasonable bounds of national interest to provide a grain reserve of considerable magnitude in order to meet emergencies that may occur. Adequate grain storage is one way to accomplish this purpose.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

Rev. Father George Agius, local priest, had received recognition as author in the Boston Transcript, one of the largest daily papers of the country for his work "Tradition and the Church" which he had written... William Rummel purchased the 100-acre farm of the late John Koukal estate

## Furse's Fresh Flashes

Some wives are like fishermen—they think the best one's got away.

Congress is now confronted with the unsolved problem of how to get people to pay taxes they can't afford for services they don't need.

When they abolished the poor house, a Plattsmouth man says they ruined the best argument he had when expenses were too high at his house.

Quarrels are what love is made of.

A nickle or so will cure the problems of an average eight-year-old boy.

Ralph Waldo Emerson stated it this way: A gentleman makes no noise; a lady is serene.

To please a woman, a doctor only has to confirm her suspicions.

We'd be rich too, if we could do it all over again.

If a man supports the family, why shouldn't he be the best dressed member of it? The American male has a lot to learn.

When the freezing days are over, it will be just as foolish to put alcohol in the radiator as in the driver.

They say checks will be popular come spring—and we can guess who'll wear 'em and who'll write 'em.

Ice jams took out the wagon bridge at Louisville as well as damaging the Missouri Pacific railroad bridge. . . . Restocking of cattle in Cass County was completed under direction of the Department of Agriculture, of the state university, making Cass County a re-accredited tuberculosis free area for a three year period. . . . F. W. Burr, Los Angeles, arrived in Plattsmouth to join his father W. S. Burr, who took over management of the Coronado apartments.

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## It's the Untenable Position's Only Defense



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tional and would be an "entering wedge" for the socialization of all industry. To support their campaign, Smith introduced for the record a letter from a CIO local in Ohio, opposing the \$2,500,000 for the TVA steam-electric plant.

Next day, the Washington Post carried a full-page advertisement, paid for by the electric association, outlining the CIO stand.

Senator McKellar promptly put the ad in the committee's record.

Then, turning to Smith, he almost roared: "Is this put in as a threat to congressmen that CIO workers are not going to support them unless they adopt your views about this plant?"

"I cannot attempt to interpret the views of the CIO workers," replied the electric company lobbyist.

"Your real purpose," McKellar shot back, "was to prevent passage of this steam-electric appropriation. It is propaganda, pure propaganda that you are undertaking indirectly to threaten the Congress about this matter, and I want to say that, as chairman of this committee, I resent it very strongly."

"I do not think you should have done it," continued the senator from Tennessee, catching a fresh breath. "I think you have done your association an injustice and it will be a remarkable thing if they retain you, with the big salary that you get of \$65,000 a year."

Smith fidgeted, shifting from one foot to the other, but McKellar raged on.

"I think," he said, "they are going to have a hard time retaining and paying you that salary when you do such a silly thing, it seems to me, as putting in the paper propaganda of the kind I have just called to your attention."

"I think that needs no response, senator," said Smith, and sat down.

Senator Ferguson of Michigan eased the pain by commenting that the advertisement was "bad public relations" but that everyone had the right to come before Congress and plead his cause.

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## Jr.-Sr. Banquet Plans Take Form

Plans for the Junior-Sr. Banquet and Prom are beginning to take form. Members of the Junior class are working hard to make both of these annual events a success.

The Banquet will be held Saturday, April 23, the Prom April 30. They will traditionally be held in the Central Building auditorium.

Ray Bachman will provide the music for the Prom. The Banquet chairman is Pat Dew. The committees are: room decoration, Beverly Brown, servers and seating, Barbara Kimball, Rita Mulholland, Jenny Lee Spidel, Nora Lou Frazier, Invitations, Betty Wandra, Eva Nell Mendenhall and Patti Speck; food committee, Florene Duda, Mary Patterson, Phyllis Arnold; table decoration, Pat Hadraba, Dena and Dian Reichstadt; program committee, Betty Wandra and Pat Hadraba.

Those mysterious C. C. C. meetings held lately have a connection with the banquet. The C. C. C. committee consists of: Betty Wandra, Nora Lou Frazier, Jenny Lee Spidel, Dena and Dian Reichstadt, Pat Hadraba, Eva Nell Mendenhall, Pat Dew, Florene Duda and Billy Jean Horn.

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## THIS WEEK IN Washington

WITH CONGRESS attempting to hammer out the third major labor policy in 14 years, the house approved the first major deficiency appropriation bill of the session calling for \$471,900,000, it slapped at the utility lobbyists by providing \$2,500,000 for a TVA steam plant at Johnsonville, Tenn., and it gave Mike Strauss his job back as commissioner of the reclamation department.

All of these actions were to undo something the 80th congress had done. The deficiency appropriation bill was to provide funds slashed from various budgets by the 80th congress—the TVA in the 80th congress; the Taft-Hartley act was passed by the 80th congress; and Mike Strauss was ushered out of his job by the 80th congress with a rider on the appropriations bill.

So the congress was just taking up the slack and, as a matter of fact, has done nothing of importance so far in the way of new legislation. All the important administrative measures are still bogged down in committees and likely will be for several weeks to come.

It appears that the fight to repeal the Taft-Hartley act which management wants and labor despises and to re-enact the Wagner Act which labor likes and management despises, or to replace both with something of a compromise which neither will like, will go on through the committee and on the floor of both houses at a point-by-point which would cover about 40 specific points in the field of labor-management relations. The final version of the labor act will be hammered out in conference committee some months hence.

Most important measure to be thrown into the hopper during the past week was the administration economic stabilization measure which would give the President stand-by authority to slap on widespread controls at about all levels of the economy with the exception of consumer rationing. Agriculture Secretary Charles F. Brannan, spokesman for the administration and evolving as the strong man of the President's cabinet, told the committee that the nation needed the law because "critical shortages of some essential materials and inadequacies of production capacities, together with pronounced and continuing increases in some price levels, jeopardize employment opportunities and threaten national security and

the maintenance of economic stability." Also, the measure to up the payroll tax and bring about 20 million more folks within the fold of the social security benefits was introduced. The prediction is being made by observers here that the measure also will be passed to bring back those ousted from provisions of the bill by the 80th congress and to add self-employed such as the professional men, state government employees, non-profit employees and domestics. Likely farmers will not be included, but only for the reason that some farm leaders have taken a stand against being included.

Indications are, according to these observers in the field of social welfare, that the states will be voted some 300 million dollars more for aid to children and the aged and blind on public relief rolls; that more money will be voted for school lunches; that old-age benefits will be upped about 50 per cent and that the payroll tax on both employer and employee will be at least one and one-half per cent next year instead of the present one per cent.

Still in the realm of prediction, it appears that the congress proposes to vote in favor of a bill offered in the senate by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama and in the House by Congressman W. R. Foote of Texas which would give REA-type loans for rural telephones. The administration of the bill may be undertaken by the Rural Electrification administration. Senator Hill said that even if his bill were made law and carried out there would still be half the farms without telephones, and that there were less rural telephones now than in 1920.

William C. Henry of the Northern Ohio Telephone company, speaking against the measure, declared the bill would "startily threaten and ultimately completely destroy" the 6,000 members of the U. S. Independent Telephone Association. He suggested instead that congress authorize REA to make long-term-low-interest loans for the purpose.

The house armed services subcommittee has approved a bill authorizing the establishment of a 3,000-mile-long, 75 million dollar proving ground for testing guided missiles. The air force had asked for 200 million dollars for the proposal.

where they could get married without waiting. Hundreds of Missouri and Oklahoma couples said "I do" in the Columbus court house.

Now, Bentonville is the Gretchen Green of the Midwest as Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma couples go to Arkansas for a quick license.

Some Can Hold It GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (U.P.)—Circuit Judge William B. Brown refuses to permit admission of the drunks-meter tests in intoxicated driving trials "because some drivers can hold their liquor better than others."

A Journal classified ad costs as little as 35c.

### Crossword Puzzle

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### Answers to Last Week's Puzzle

1	APEL	CRIB	RAE	RAF
2	RARE	ROYE	ALF	ELF
3	CLICHE	EV	BEEL	BEEL
4	SMILE	LEAD	DEEL	BEEL
5	CAMBAREL	DEEL	BEEL	BEEL
6	GAT	BOAS	MAN	MAN
7	HAT	BOAS	MAN	MAN
8	ONE	CAN	BERES	BERES
9	ONE	DELICATE	DELICATE	DELICATE
10	DIOTA	SOAK	SOAK	SOAK
11	ARE	PA	BEERY	BEERY
12	POP	ONUS	BEES	BEES
13	ANS	NASS	BAFS	BAFS

### YOUR brain budget

1.—The island of Syll, mentioned in Winston Churchill's memoirs, is in the (a) Mediterranean sea, (b) Black Sea, (c) North Sea.

2.—If you wish to visit Trafalgar Square, you would go to (a) Dublin, (b) London, (c) Rome.

3.—The father of the United States coinage system was (a) Alexander Hamilton, (b) Thomas Jefferson, (c) John Adams.

4.—The radio station in Quito, Ecuador, caused a riot recently by broadcasting a description of an invasion from Mars similar to Orson Wells' broadcast in the United States in 1938. Both broadcasts were dramatized by radio versions of the novel entitled (a) "Things to Come," (b) "The War of the Worlds," (c) "Brave New World."

5.—The ancient Jewish body or council that met in Jerusalem as a supreme court for religious civil and criminal affairs (recalled by the recent meeting of the new Israeli Assembly) was called (a) the Kaballah, (b) the Majlis, (c) the Sanhedrin.

ANSWERS  
1.—(c) North sea, of the coast of Germany.  
2.—(b) London.  
3.—(a) Alexander Hamilton, about 160 years ago.  
4.—(b) "The War of the Worlds," by H. G. Wells.  
5.—(c) The Sanhedrin.