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EDITORIALS

NOT CREDITABLE

The House of Representatives does not appear in a very favorable light in its consideration of the Rankin bill to provide pensions for the veterans of World War I and II after they each reach the age of 65.

Recently, when the vote of no individual member was recorded, the House voted 154 to 139 to kill the enacting clause of the measure, which would render it inoperative. When a teller vote was demanded, the House voted 163 to 154 to confirm its action.

After these two votes, the House went into consideration of the bill. A motion was made to send the bill back to the committee, where it might be pigeon-holed, and the vote was recorded. The members reversed their previous attitude by voting 224 to 187 not to recommit the bill.

The action of the House amounts to an admission on the part of a majority voting that the bill is bad and that it ought to be killed but that, facing political realities, the majority of the members is not willing to place themselves on record to this effect although perfectly willing to kill the measure if it can be done without political consequences.

The margin of victory for opponents of the pension plan is probably too small to stand up against the organized pressure that will be exerted by some of the veterans' organizations. The power of this pressure is illustrated by the fact that when the House members could vote without going on record, the ballot was uniformly adverse to the proposition but, whenever a record vote was taken, the votes in favor of it increased almost by magic.

P. O. W. HONOR GERMAN

Something unusual appears in the news dispatch, telling of the plan of British prisoners of war in Germany to have a reunion in October to honor the German prison commander.

It seems that the men held in prison at Blechhammer, in Upper Silesia, think that Prince Wilhelm von Vornholde, the prison commander, deserves to be honored because he was "so decent" and "helpful to the men when they got in trouble."

In view of the many reports of brutality that came from Germany during the war, it is refreshing to learn that at least one of those in command behaved kindly to the prisoners of war in his charge.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The Plattsmouth local school paper was one of 64 publications entered in the third annual Tri-State Press contest sponsored by the Theta Gamma Epsilon fraternity at Midland college. . . . Beatrice Knoflieck secured first place in bookkeeping and Charles Nowacek placed third in commercial contest held at Nebraska City. . . . The Plattsmouth Woman's Club made arrangements for a Women's exchange of hand-work, food, etc., to be held at W. A. Walls grocery on Main street. . . . Rex Young represented the Nebraska auctioneers at a meeting held at Shenandoah, Iowa, and spoke over KPNF on Plattsmouth and Cass County, and also told of the new bridge soon to span the Missouri.

TEN YEARS AGO

Mrs. W. S. McGrew, past president of the Louisville Woman's Club, was named president of first district federation at meeting here. . . . Harley Street left for Springfield, Missouri to report to the farm there of the St. Louis Cardinals. . . . Margaret Ann Vallery and Jacqueline Grass-

Furse's Fresh Flashes

Now that we have days for most everything else, why not set one aside for people who mind their own business?

Agriculture is something like farming, only farming is doing it.

The Senate in Washington is considering a bill for the relief of distressed gold mine owners. These must be the new forty-niners, and the rush this time will be east.

The citizens of Plattsmouth would be surprised at what they could accomplish if they just made up their minds to accomplish something.

A Plattsmouth woman says marriage is just like riding a street car. It starts with a jerk and ends with a jerk.

With a slight sagging of prices, most of us who laid some money away have found out it is good again. Contrary to rumor, the stuff bore no expiration date.

The doctor tells us that our indigestion is nothing but our failure to adjust a square meal to a round stomach.

A husband can always obtain domestic harmony if he's willing to play second fiddle.

One trouble with democracy is that too many people suffer from mental paralysis.

If dodging work is a paying business, we know some fellows in this town that ought to be millionaires.

man entertained at a shower at the Theodore Ptak home honoring Miss Bette Bulin whose marriage to Raymond Bourne was an Easter Sunday event. . . . Announcement was made of the wedding of Ralph Mason of this city to Miss Lucille Gifford of Republican City, Nebraska.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: TRUMAN IS ADVISED DEPRESSION LOOMS IN 1950-51; BUSINESS BUST CAN BE AVERTED BY STRINGENT PROGRAM OF SOCIAL SECURITY, PUBLIC HOUSING, ETC.; ECONOMIC ADVISERS AGREE ON GENERAL REMEDIES.

WASHINGTON.—There's been a lot of petty bickering between the President's Council of Economic Advisers, but there's one unpleasant fact they all agree on. They foresee definite depression in 1950 or 1951—unless immediate steps are taken to head it off.

The council, it will be recalled, was created by Congress in 1946 to advise the White House on how to ward off depression. And although the three members differ on a lot of things, they feel that depression can be stopped—though only by the concerted cooperation of the administration, Congress, business, farmers and labor.

To understand the background of the economic council's vitally important business diagnosis, it should be recalled that for the past 100 years American economy has been riding a roller-coaster of ups and downs, inflation and deflation, of booms and busts. In the past 50 years these ups and downs have become more severe—so severe that the Politburo in Moscow is known to have based its global strategy on the theory that one more economic depression would wreck the entire American system.

HISTORY'S GREATEST BOOM Since V-J Day most Americans have been enjoying the greatest wave of prosperity in history—for two reasons: 1. The public's unsatisfied demands for goods they could not buy during the war; 2. the cold war, which has caused the government to pour billions into the world's economic stream.

However, the council estimates that the long pent-up demand for automobiles, refrigerators and other consumers' goods is now just about filled, while the vast expenditures to Europe in another year will begin to taper off, so that depression will come in 1950-51.

Another factor is the psychological effect of swiftly rising prices followed by dropping prices. If OPA and inflation controls had not been thrown overboard by Congress and prices had not shot up so high, business dislocation might not be so bad now.

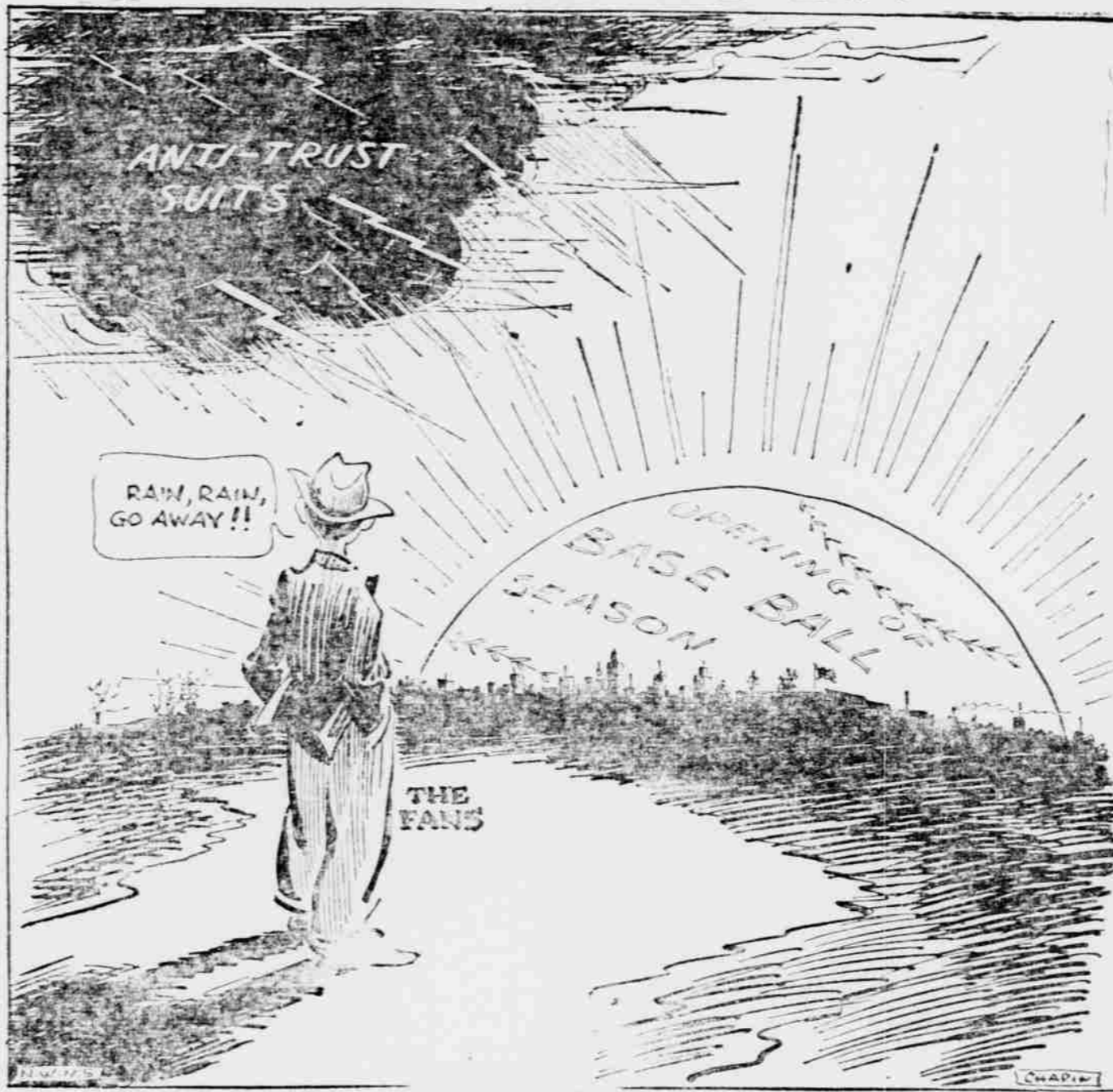
For, while falling prices at the moment may be healthy, yet a lot of business—especially small business—always gets hurt by falling prices. And the psychological effect of falling prices encourages depression; for people, waiting for lower prices, don't buy.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISERS

The three members of the President's Council of Economic Advisers are: Chairman Dr. Edwin Nourse, a New Yorker, long-time member of the Brookings Institute, and generally considered the most conservative counselor.

Leon Keyserling, a native of South Carolina, former secretary to Senator Wagner, and who has had a long experience in the

"THUNDER ON THE LEFT"



government, chiefly in the U. S. housing authority. A liberal, Keyserling frequently disagrees with more conservative chairman Nourse.

John D. Clark, a native of Colorado and former economics professor at the University of Nebraska and the University of Denver. Clark usually lines up with liberal Keyserling.

However, the council has composed its differences to recommend a program to President Truman which it regards as absolutely essential to block depression. While all three agree, Dr. Nourse considers the voluntary phase of the program more important, but Keyserling and Clark, though not disagreeing, would place more emphasis on the government phase. The program which Nourse considers most important is:

Farmers—Convince farmers to grow bigger crops and accept somewhat lower support prices, thereby reducing the consumers' food bill, but continuing a reasonable return for farmers.

Business—Sell businessmen on lower profits per item, thereby getting greater volume and continued reasonable profits.

Labor—Persuade labor leaders not to seek wage increases that will throw the economy out of gear.

GOVERNMENT REMEDIES

The Clark-Keyserling group, while agreeing with the above, gravely doubts the government's ability to "persuade" business, farmers and labor. Therefore, they put more emphasis on hard-and-fast government incentives which would prop up the economy regardless of persuasion. They propose:

1. Increased Social Security benefits to take care of unemployment and the aged. Present Old-Age pensions are woefully low and unemployment benefits last only a brief interval after unemployment starts.

2. Increase minimum wages to 75 cents. This is aimed at increasing buying power in the lower brackets. At present, union labor's constant round of wage demands has put organized labor far ahead of the great mass of unskilled and unorganized labor. One sure way to prevent depression is to promote buying power by lower income groups.

3. Low-cost housing built through government subsidies. This also helps to provide work.

4. Aid to education. This would increase teachers' salaries and provide new schoolhouse construction.

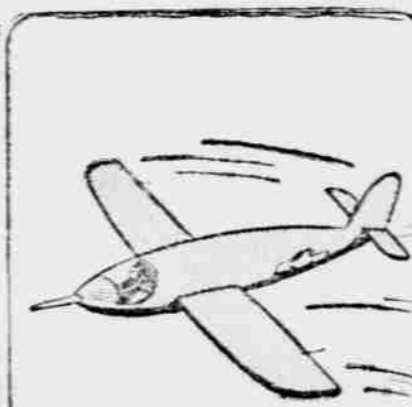
5. Stockpile critical materials. This is not only an essential safeguard in case of war, but the buying of raw materials helps to bolster savings economy.

Dr. Nourse agrees that this phase of the program also is essential to prevent otherwise inevitable depression in 1950 or 1951.

MURRY-GO-ROUND

J. Orlin Newton, live-wire mayor of Denver, Colo., is lobbying to get his father-in-law, Morrison Shafer, appointed to the U. S. Court of Appeals. The Justice department isn't enthusiastic, however. For when Shafer was chief counsel of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, FDR wanted him to testify before Congress regarding the yachting income-tax deductions of Roy Howard. Shafer refused. Lobbyists for the big oil and gas companies have been calling on Senator Clinton Anderson of New Mexico. They are fearful of increased taxes in his state.

KNOW YOUR WEATHER



WEATHER LIMIT Above 35,000 feet there is no weather, and therefore there are no clouds at that height. That is the limit of circulatory atmospheric movement caused by the earth's heat, and above it lies the stratosphere with a 70-degree-below-zero cold.

LETTER BOX

The Journal welcomes letters from readers for this column on any subject. Your name must be signed to all articles intended for publication, however, by request, it can be omitted from the letter appearing in print. (Contents do not necessarily express the opinions of this newspaper.)

Plattsmouth, Nebr., March 29, 1949.

Dear Sirs: In answer to the letter you published concerning the ladies rest room. When the city of Plattsmouth installed the rest room, it was nice and clean with all new fixtures. Did the ladies take care of this? Treat it as though it was in their own house? Definitely not! Why not? Because they figured the city could replace anything. So they kept on destroying everything that is put in there. It is cleaned every Saturday and taken care of, for which in return the persons gets pay. I agree once a week is not enough, but when people do not care enough to take care of tissue and etc., when put in once a week, why should the city try to do more?

As far as the tavern's rest rooms, many, many women do not care to enter the taverns. Not because they turn up their noses at them either. Just because they do not care for them. Sincerely,

A Journal Subscriber.

Cumberland Falls, southwest of Corbin, Ky., is said to be the only waterfall in the western hemisphere where a moon-bow may be seen.

Congressmen Klein and Keogh, both New Yorkers, will spark-plug a Congressional investigation of illegal wire tapping. They'll try to get legislation requiring manufacturers of wire-tapping equipment to number and register every unit of their eavesdropping devices just as revolvers are numbered.

CAPITOL NEWS

Lincoln, Neb. — Nebraska's community property law apparently will be repealed, despite the prediction that the action virtually will halve the state's benefits from federal irrigation projects.

Sen. Arthur Carmody, Trenton, gave the warning, but next day the repeal bill was advanced in the unicameral with little debate. Carmody explained that the National Reclamation Bureau has limited to 160 acres the amount of land any farmer may irrigate. This was intended to save the benefits for individuals, rather than large corporation leased farms.

In the sprawling western states, the 160-acre limitation however feasible it may appear in the east, has been labeled "ridiculous." And under the community property law it could be doubled, since both husband and wife could claim that amount. Repeal of the law will return Nebraska to the status of the original figure, Carmody said.

The road problem continues to plague the unicameral, and lines of the battle are beginning to be drawn. Sen. Cliff Ogden Omaha, withdrew his support of the governor's highway development program after the lawmakers gave tentative approval to a change in the formula for allocating the counties' share of gasoline tax revenue.

He said Douglas county already is putting in more tax money than it gets back, and he could not permit the county's share to be whittled down even more under the formula sponsored by Sen. Norris, Schroeder, Hoskins, and also vote for the governor's program.

The executive committee of The Better Nebraska association, formed to help enact the program, is scheduled to meet at Lincoln about March 25 to discuss the situation.

The unicameral breathed new life into Sen. Hugh Carson's (Ord) bill abolishing capital punishment, overriding the decision of its judiciary committee. Carson led the fight against the death penalty, arguing society cannot control crimes of violence by becoming party to them.

"There are worse things than murder," he said. "Briding public officials, adulteration of food and drugs—these are worse."

The bill has cleared the first hurdle of the committee's indefinite postponements, but it still must win passage through the legislature.

Permissive school redistricting also won tentative approval, after friends of the legislation beat down three amendments they contended would leave the bill impotent.

The bill provides for county committees to meet once a year and discuss their school situation. If redistricting seems the answer, the committee would draft a plan, air it in public hearing, and submit it to a state committee appointed by the governor. The state body's recommendations could be adopted or vetoed, and the proposal then submitted to a vote of the people.

Rural and high school districts would ballot as separate units so that, proponents ex-

Dale Carnegie Author of "HOW TO WIN FRIENDS and INFLUENCE PEOPLE" THE ART OF APPRECIATION

HERE'S a story based on a seller's market, but a story with a lesson that can be used in any market.

Helen Roll of Oakland, Calif., read a newspaper advertisement of something she had long wanted — some needlepoint chairs. She hastened to the store during her lunch hour and asked to see the chairs. Apparently, it was the clerk's lunch hour, too, for she seemed in a hurry to leave the floor and answered curtly, "They're all gone; we haven't any more."

Said Miss Roll, "Anyone could see that she had no interest in my getting one of the chairs. Rebuffed, I started away."

D. Carnegie "But," she added, "it occurred to me that this was a good time to put to use something I had just learned, so I turned back and pointed to some needlepoint footstools and, taking a chance on them being the work of someone in the art department, I asked 'Did you do that work?' 'Yes, I did,' said the clerk. 'Oh, they're beautiful,' I told her and, noting that she was softening a bit, I discussed the color combinations with her and asked her advice as to colors I should use on a piece of work that I was doing.

"All of a sudden, that clerk became very friendly and very helpful. She was no longer in a hurry to go off the floor and went to great lengths to show me various yarns. I made no further mention of the chair I wanted, but started away. Then she said, 'Why don't you leave your name and telephone number? If we get another chair, I will call you.'

"And call me she did, the very next day, saying: 'I have your chair; a friend has just come in and selected one, but as I knew she could wait awhile I persuaded her not to take it but to let you have it.'

"From that time on, that clerk and I were friends and she has been of great assistance to me in my work."

Stories like this bob up in your life practically every day; watch for them; show appreciation of any work when you can, or of anyone. It will make that person happier; it will make you happier. And the chances are it will help you to accomplish any goal you may have looked forward to reaching.

plained, they could not be over-ridden by a vote of urban areas. Sen. Hal Bridenbaugh, Dakota City, tried hard to eliminate the one mandatory provision of the bill, the annual meeting of the county committees. He wanted the meeting called only if petitioned for by 20 per cent of the eligible voters in the area. But he was voted down, 13-22.

Opposition to the bill generally stemmed from senators who argued roads must be improved before redistricting can be accomplished. Proponents countered with the contention that roads never will be improved until redistricting is begun.

Governor Val Peterson has signed into law an emergency bill providing state funds to help educate physically and mentally handicapped children. The state will put \$400 a year for the physically disabled youngsters, and \$100 annually for those with lower-than-normal IQ, after their districts have provided the regular per-pupil cost.

The state department of public instruction will ask the appropriation committee for a \$150,000 1949-51 biennial budget to carry out the program.

The miscellaneous appropriations committee swears the axe wide and killed bills providing retirement systems for justices of the state supreme court, district judges, and state employees. Another bill, calling for mandatory retirement systems for governmental employes in all cities and towns.

Observers predicted the action forestalled a syn pathetic attention to remaining pensions and salary-raising bills still to be acted on by the committee.

Use Journal Want Ads

Successful Parenthood BY MRS. CATHERINE CONRAD EDWARDS Associate Editor, Parents' Magazine

NOT LONG AGO we were discussing a motion picture with a group of women whose task it was to decide whether or not the film was suitable for children. One of the committee members remarked indignantly, "But the boy told a barefaced lie—how can you recommend the film for children?"

As a matter of record, the film was finally considered too mature for children under 12, but not because of the boy's falsehood. That, in fact, was in the opinion of most of the committee one of those inescapable lies that most children succumb to now and then. The boy told a lie because the truth was too painful for him to utter.

The circumstances were these: The boy's beloved pony was dying and he knew it. But when a bunch of neighbor children trooped by to see him ride the pony they had heard so much about, he couldn't say, "You can't see my pony—he's in the barn sick—he's going to die." To put that terrible truth into words would have required age and maturity. So the boy said instead, "My father took the pony in town to get him shod."

This was not the fabrication of what strict disciplinarians used to call "a natural born liar." It was a defense against the hurts of life put up by one too young to know better.

The film, incidentally, is John Steinbeck's "The Red Pony" and this isn't the only example of his insight into childhood's problems. Indeed, parents could benefit greatly in increased understanding by seeing it. An undercurrent to the whole story is the unhappiness of the boy's

parents. It isn't anything serious—like poverty, or infidelity or drunkenness. It is just the inability of two young people to understand what is in each other's hearts. The father is unconsciously jealous of his son's devotion to the hired man, who is a hero to the boy because he knows so much about horses.

Instead of acknowledging this to himself, the husband takes out his unhappiness on his wife's father—a garrulous old man whose long and oft-repeated tales of leading a caravan across the desert—"western" he calls it—irritate the younger man. This, in turn, puts the wife on the defensive out of loyalty to her father.

This familiar situation is sketched in the film from the point of view of its effect on the boy. The youngster doesn't miss a bit of the tension between his parents. Being a sensitive lad, he feels sorry for his grandfather, too, and tries in little, ineffectual boyish ways to comfort him. If you suppose for one minute that you can bring children up in a tense, quarrelsome atmosphere and not have them equally tense and on their guard against the unpleasantness they dread, this film should help make it clear that children absorb as much through their feelings as through the words they hear spoken.

Another extreme example, that of a child's need to strike back at the injustices of life, is shown in the boy's insane attack on the vultures which he finds winging over his pony's body. The next time your child deliberately kicks a chair or mistreats his pet, try to find out what it is in his own life he is trying to get even with.