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EDITORIALS

THE SUREST WAY—

It might be appropriate, at this time of the year, when many young people of Cass County are finishing their high school educations, to suggest to them that most of the people in the world who amount to anything work hard for what they acquire.

Too often, the youthful mind is impressed with the easy accumulation of a fortune by some exceptional figure that looms in the public consciousness, little realizing that such a career is the great exception among the mass of hard workers who get to the top by sheer diligence and persistence, rather than through some streak of luck or opportunity.

More and more, there is abroad in the world a conviction that individuals who do not earn what they have are not entitled to their possessions. The thought is not so far wrong.

If every youngster who begins a business life in the next ten years gets thoroughly imbued with the idea of giving value for money or rewards received, the business world will not have to worry too much about the next depression and the chances are that the people of the coming generation will find life a happier proposition.

JUNK STUFF AS NEWS

The newspapers have recently given copious space to reports about an alleged brawl between an "heiress" and her husband but just why anybody should think that millions of people in the United States are interested in the details of the affair escapes us.

If the press associations want to go in for reporting brawls, they can pick out bloodier and nastier ones. They might lack the alleged "glamor" of an "heiress" which seems to be the prime essential these days of a series of telegraphic news dispatches but they could more than make up for this lack of presenting more artistic refinements to the brawling art.

Much the same comment applies to a recent special feature article from New York telling the world what five hoboes think about the United Nations. Who cares? It might pass as a bright idea among the journalistic boys, to narrate the expressions of the hoboes, but the reader who has any brains recognizes the stuff as tripe.

After all, if the impressions and reactions of the hoboes are so important, why not let the hoboes write a regular newspaper column? It couldn't be any worse than some now being peddled around the country and printed.

PROFIT FROM THE BIBLE

"Do you read the Bible?" This question, asked in a crowd, would produce interesting replies if the truth were told.

There are some people in Cass County who think themselves "superior," because they place scant reliance upon the book which is still the world's best seller. They fancy an independent aloofness but, in reality, there must be some other explanation for their failure to give the Word of God a trial on its merits.

Any number of our best citizens can, and will, testify to the great influence this book has exerted upon their lives. They know that its study has brought them values, not equalled by any other publication. As a matter of selfish "profit," basing their testimony solely upon "returns," they will utter thanksgiving for their Bible-reading habit.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

Russel Jensen, WJAG radio announcer or Norfolk visited his aunts, Mrs. Fritz

Furse's Fresh Flashes

When a local sales clerk up the street asked a gentleman customer if she could interest him in a bathing suit, he replied, "You certainly could baby, but we'll have to be careful, my wife's over at the glove counter."

About the most difficult thing about driving a motor car is meeting the monthly installments.

About all Leap Year means to the average boy is one more day in school.

That father of quads back in the Bronx should have cautioned his wife to start in a small way.

This country now has so many filling stations it's possible to fuel all the people at the same time.

The naval research laboratory reveals that the planet we live on has a tail. That probably makes us the fleas.

We want to be sure you have heard about the Scotchman who gave his girl a watch case for Christmas. Next Christmas he plans on giving her the works.

Give a beggar a donation each week for three months and he will think you are a thief if you stop the dole; the same reasoning applies to extending assistance to some nations.

If you want a place in the sun, you'd better expect to get a lot of blisters.

Remember when Bureaus were just pieces of furniture.

Kaffenberger, Mrs. John Wehrbein and Mrs. Harry White . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry Starkjohn entertained at a steak fry at the summer camp located near the Platte bottoms northwest of the city . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson of Lincoln, former residents here, announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Marie, to Melvin Stockton of Seminole, Oklahoma . . . Dr. G. H. Gilmore acted as guide to a party of fifty people interested in research of Nebraska both natural and political on a tour of historical sites in Cass County . . . Miss Margaret Greer of the Alvo-Greenwood vicinity departed for New York to embark on the Queen Mary for a visit to her native country—Ireland.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Miss Helen Wurl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wurl, graduated from University of Nebraska . . . R. F. Patterson was orator for the graduation class of Elmwood schools . . . The Leosis cafe opened for business on North Sixth Street . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edgar Cook, Alvo, announced the engagement of their daughter, Alice Meredith, to George A. Rymeneier of Elmwood . . . Mothers of Myriad graduates of P. H. S. entertained scholars and faculty at a banquet at the community hall. Mrs. G. A. Weaver and Mrs. E. H. Spangler assisted . . . Miss Percy Alice Meisinger and Conley H. Bailey were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meisinger Jr., on May 23rd.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: SEN. VANDENBERG URGES CONCILIATION WITH RUSSIA; SENATORS CAUTION ACHESON AGAINST REBUILDING GERMAN INDUSTRY; FDR JR.'S BITTER OPPONENT HOPS ON HIS BAND-WAGON.

WASHINGTON.—Before Secretary of State Acheson left for Paris, he stopped by Capitol Hill for some last-minute, parting advice, which will shed light on some of the policies the United States will follow at the Big Four conference.

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan cautioned the Secretary of State against taking too stern a stand with the Russians. He agreed we mustn't give ground or show signs of appeasement, but at the same time he urged keeping an open mind to any honest peace overtures. His attitude was that we shouldn't "burn the last bridge."

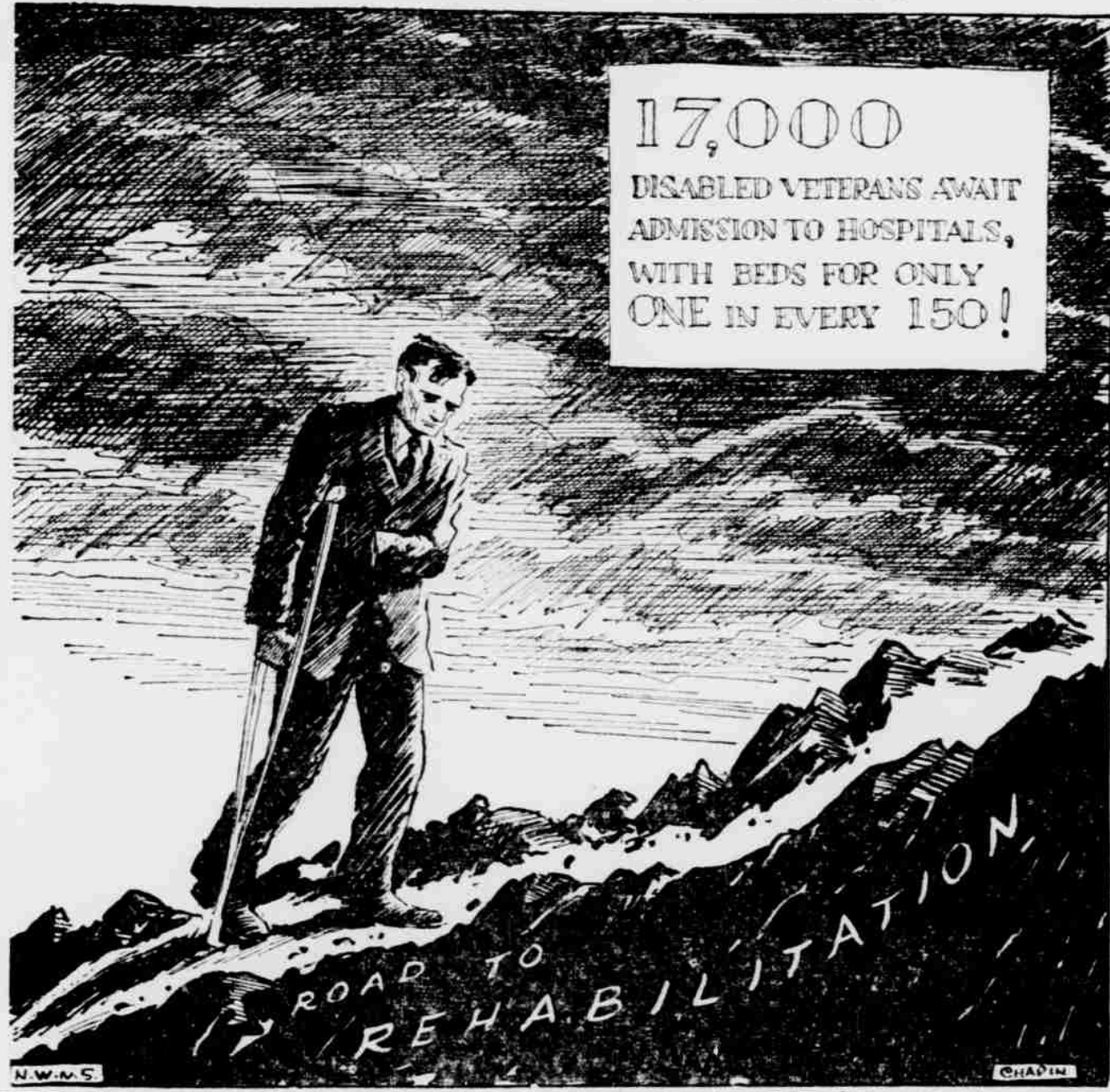
Two big questions came up during the hour-long, closed-door conference:

1. How far should we go in conciliating Russia?
2. Where should we draw the line on German recovery?

Senator Thomas of Utah was blunt and to the point about rebuilding Germany. "Is there any feeling anywhere," he asked, "that we should rearm Germany as a buffer against Russia?"

Acheson assured not, but Thomas kept hammering this point home. He warned that Germany, when she gets her strength back, might side with Russia; that Germany has closer ties to the east than the west; that the Germans even started rebuilding their army and navy across the

"LEAVE ME NOT HOPELESS"



Russian border after World War I. Thousands of Germans actually worked inside Russia until Hitler bit the hand that was helping him, Thomas recalled.

WATCHING GERMAN FACTORIES

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts argued that we should strengthen Germany's economy without building up her war-making capacity. To prevent a resurrection of German military power, he demanded that Acheson insist upon a close watch on Germany's forces and factories.

The Secretary of State promised this would be done. He added that Russia would have nothing to say about the Ruhr, since she got nothing from the Ruhr in peacetime.

"What do you mean by Russia?" Senator Thomas broke in. "If you mean the satellite states, then Russia has all the interest in the world in the Ruhr."

Central European countries, now behind the Iron Curtain, he added always did a big business with the Ruhr, which would give Russia a voice in deciding the fate of the Ruhr.

Acheson and Vandenberg also engaged in a brief dispute over whether the right-of-way to Berlin had been definitely spelled out in the Potsdam agreement. Vandenberg argued that it hadn't been put in "contractual form," and urged the Secretary of State to see that our right-of-way to Berlin is now made clear at Paris.

FDR, JR. "GOING PLACES"

No one fought the election of Franklin Roosevelt, Jr. harder than Vito Marcantonio, sole American Labor representative in congress. The bouncing, brilliant legislator from Manhattan stumped the twentieth district, trying to defeat the namesake of the late FDR.

But after it was all over and the votes showed young Roosevelt to be the overwhelming victor, Congressman Marcantonio met Congressman Chet Holifield of California on the floor of the House. Quoth he:

"You want to get aboard with Franklin Roosevelt. He's really going places."

Note—Young Roosevelt's victory in New York will be a big psychological boost to his elder brother in California, where Jimmie plans to run for governor.

CIO HOUSECLEANING

CIO President Philip Murray's attack on communists and fellow travelers last week was even tougher than appeared in the papers.

It was so devastating that the communist party- liners were thrown into complete confusion and at one point, Ben Gold, president of the left-wing Fur Workers union, became so disgusted with his fellow leftist he went out for a round of drinks. Returning, Gold stood up and denounced Harry Bridges, shouting:

"I know the party line just as well as you do."

At another point Murray administered the crowning blow with an eye at the New York trial of communist leaders wherein the Justice department has produced scores of communists who were actually government agents, Murray arose and asked the commie faction:

"How many of you are really FBI agents?"

RFC PROBE

Arkansas' hard-working Senator William Fulbright, chairman of a banking and currency subcommittee, will make a sweeping probe of certain officials of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation who were given plush jobs with business firms shortly after these firms got loans from the RFC.

Fulbright is chiefly interested in John Hagerty, former head of the Boston RFC office, who got a \$30,000-a-year job with the Waltham watch company after he helped the company get a big government loan. He is also interested in Sterling Foster, former RFC Washington official, who got an \$18,000-a-year job under similar circumstances from the Plywood Plastics corporation of Hampton S. C.

REAL ESTATE LOBBY

Between 1,500 and 2,000 members of the real estate lobby have invaded Washington for the biggest fight against the public housing bill since the famous power-trust battle against the holding company act.

Heaviest pressure will be exerted on southern Democrats whom the lobby has been trying to "soften up" with full-page ads in local newspapers and a flood of lobby-inspired letters and telegrams.

No pressure is necessary against the Republicans, whose leaders have evolved a secret strategy for killing housing. No longer will ex-Speaker Joe Martin and Charlie Halleck of Indiana charge that public housing is "socialistic," but rather that it should not be passed "right now." Economy will be the theme-song.

However, about twenty progressive Republicans, mindful of their party platform which pledged support for the housing program, plan to denounce the leadership—if necessary. Note—actually the housing program would cost less per year than the out-of-pocket program which the farm lobby is so anxious to keep. Subsidizing mortgage costs over a million dollars a day.

Chickie Got Them Fast

Portland Ore. (AP)—With the inauguration of direct airline flights from the Pacific Northwest to Honolulu, day-old chicks from Oregon now are being shipped by air directly to Hawaiian poultry farmers.

OUT OF OLD NEBRASKA

by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In these degenerate days, Nebraska's fishing grounds must be stocked regularly if the state's anglers are going to enjoy any sport at all. In old Nebraska, though, the fishing was fine—and with benefit of lures, hatches and closed seasons. Many of the diaries kept by explorers, soldiers, traders and emigrants tell of days spent fishing in Nebraska's streams. It was a favorite amusement on Sundays, and at all other times when rest rather than travel was the order of the day.

But for those early Nebraskans, fishing was much more than amusement. It was a means of securing fresh food, and providing a welcome supplement to the standard diet of bacon, beans and coffee. On military expeditions, soldiers frequently were assigned to fishing detail; and the Mormons organized committees to fish the rivers to provide food for the destitute.

Considerable ingenuity was used in catching fish. The seine was a favorite device, although scoops and baskets also were used. The story is told of a group of trappers who, having gone some time without food, found a large safety pin in one of their blankets. They quickly bent the pin into a hook and braided a line of hair taken from the hoses' tails, with the result that they soon had a pan full of fresh fish, plus an additional supply for future use.

Probably one of the first fish stories to come out of Nebraska is that recorded in the journal of Lewis and Clark who ascended the Missouri River in 1804. On August 15, at a camp just north of the Omaha village, they dragged a small creek dammed by beaver, catching "318 fish of different kind . . . Pike, Bass, Salmon, perch, red horse, small cat, and a kind of perch Call Silver fish, on the Ohio."

Captain Clark, whose spelling is wonderful to behold, also reported that he caught "a Strimp



HIGHLIGHT of the week in Washington was the dramatic defeat of the Truman administration on labor legislation and the possibility which now looms that there may be no replacement of the Taft-Hartley act. Administration leaders, in a face-saving device, did muster three more than enough votes to recommit the Woods bill, but that did not whitewash the enormity of the defeat on the one-measure most definitely promised by President Truman and the Democratic platform; namely, the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

There are all sorts of stories going around that in the meantime the administration will crack the whip on the recalcitrant southern Democrats who teamed up with Republicans in the house to scuttle the administration labor program. Observers, however, can see nothing that the president can do insofar as the southerners are concerned to discipline them either in the matter of patronage or purging.

In the meantime, Sen. Robert A. Taft, co-author of the controversial Taft-Hartley act, is bringing in a new labor bill of his own which is the Taft-Hartley act all over with some amendments that he admits are necessary to improve the law and make it more equitable, insofar as labor is concerned. Also in the meantime, the perennial, or annual, coal strike to be called by John L. Lewis looms in the offing this summer and there promises to be a series of nation-wide strikes in the big unions as retaliation against their defeat at the hands of congress.

The other highlight of the week was the testimony before the agricultural committees of farm leaders on the program of Secretary Brannan for agriculture. None of the farm leaders—that is, except James G. Patton of the National Farmers Union—endorsed the Brannan plan. Patton told the house committee that the Brannan plan is "sounding" and "statesman-like" and that it is "by far the best of the general alternatives before congress." He even said that in giving special consideration to the family-type farm as distinguished from "large farms" that it did not go far enough.

Allan Kline of the Farm Bureau federation and Albert Goss of the National Grange declared their opposition to the program. Kline was inclined to string along with the

proposals of Shape Size & flavor of those about N. Orleans and the lower part of the Mississippi.

The next day their luck was even better as they caught "upwards of 800 fine fish, 79 Pike, 8 salmon resembling Trout, 1 Rock, 1 flat Back, 127 Buffalo and red horse 4 Bass and 490 Cats, with many Small Silver fish."

Outdoor Farm for Sale

Bardwell, Ky. (AP)—The Carlisle County News, published here, carried a classified advertisement offering for sale what was described as the "best farm out of doors."

The fur seal herd on the Pribilof Islands contains more than 3,380,000 animals.

GOES TO KANSAS

Richard Quinnett, one of the members of the 1949 graduating class of the Plattsmouth high school, departed Monday for Grainfield, Kansas, where he will visit at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Blank. He is planning to spend the summer there, and with Mr. Blank, will follow the wheat harvest through Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas, operating a rig for the harvest.

Bargain No Bargain

Lexington, Ky. (AP)—The manager of a drug store here couldn't figure out why people weren't snapping up his bargain on two packs of cigarettes. Then he found the answer. The special offer had been: "18 cents a pack—two for 37."

Crossword Puzzle

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ANSWERS
1.—(a) Gen. Walter Bedell Smith.
2.—(c) Roman Catholic—338 million.
3.—(a) Siam.
4.—(b) Florida and Georgia.
5.—(b) Swedish.