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"A THOUGHT FOR TODAY"
But words are things, and a small drop of ink,
Falling like dew upon a thought, produces
That which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.
—Byron

EDITORIALS

CITIES AND TOWNS NEED MONEY

The Municipal League of Tennessee recently concluded a convention, approving the idea of Senator Estes Kefauver, that a commission representing federal, city, state and county viewpoints, work out comprehensive tax plans acceptable to all the agencies of government.

There was general complaint that state and federal governments have relegated cities to a deplorable financial position through their usurpation of available tax sources.

It is obvious to any student of municipal government that this important unit of all government is being hamstrung by lack of financial resources. Consequently, most of the cities and towns throughout the nation find it extremely difficult to meet ordinary expenses, much less provide the public with facilities and services that modern civilization demands.

It is clear that the federal government has hogged most of the income-producing devices of taxation. What is left has been seized by the state governments, with the county government managing to get the remainder. Even in the distribution of state funds, the municipality is not regarded as a worthy child of the state and rarely shares in these appropriations made by state legislatures.

NIGHT TRAVEL DANGEROUS

Investigation of traffic accidents leads to the conclusion that night travel is at least twice as dangerous as daytime travel.

It seems certain that one of the contributing factors to this increased danger involves inadequate lighting facilities of some automobiles. Sometimes the accident is caused by insufficient light on the highway and, at other times, by excessive glare which blinds the drivers of approaching vehicles. In either case, accidents are more likely to occur.

The automobile drivers of Cass County, who find themselves on the highways after dark, can contribute to the safety of themselves, other motorists and pedestrians, by observing the ordinary rules of good manners. For example, one driving an automobile with its beaming headlights can show a regard for others by promptly dimming them upon meeting another vehicle. The failure to do this simple thing often is the cause of a wreck, involving the careless driver and, at times, preventing another driver from seeing a pedestrian or obstacles in his path.

WORK RARELY KILLS

Every once in a while, we hear somebody comment upon the fact that somebody "worked himself to death."

As a matter of fact, few, if any, individuals have ever worked themselves to death. People get physically tired, not by the exercise or exertion involved, but rather through a lack of interest in what they are doing. An example in point, is the case of the little boy, too tired to hoe his mother's garden, but not too tired to play a game of baseball.

Anyone, interested in what he or she is doing, forgets fatigue. Of course, the thing can be overdone, but this is very rare.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

Best example of a group of "reds" is the family that basked in the sun too long over the weekend.

Now we've heard everything. The post office department reports that pens are frequently stolen off the writing desks in post office lobbies. There may be something worse acquiring than a post office pen, but we've never heard of it, unless it could be a post office blotter.

A Plattsmouth man was mistaken in the dark for a burglar by his wife and she shot him—which proves our point: a husband should never go home before daylight.

Parents are advised by an author to never fail saying "good night" to their children. After 3 a. m. it should be said in a whisper.

It is not very difficult in hot weather to feel too tired to work.

Women, we admit, have it on men when it comes to dressing with good sense in the good old summer time.

We have a man here in Plattsmouth who will be 96 years old this fall and hasn't an enemy in the world—he's out-lived them all.

All the women tote little cases
Designed for making up their faces;
We wish they had some other kinds
Designed for making up their minds.

In spite of the heat there will be plenty of people disappointed over how quickly this summer will become last summer.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

Robert Hayes Jr., Joe Phillips, Charles Eugene Ault and Thierolf, local pitcher, departed to attend baseball camp conducted by the scouts for the St. Louis Cardinals at Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidtman Jr. and daughter, Janis, departed for a motor trip through the west and Montana. Rev. Paul Dick, pastor of the United Brethren church at Mynard, was presented with a 17-jewel Waltham wrist watch as a birthday token from the people of Mynard community. Misses Wilhelmina Henrichsen, Marie Nolting and Misses Caroline and Estella Baird departed as members of an Archer party to visit the east. Miss Marie Vallery, clerk at Ladies Torgery, was vacationing at Minneapolis, Minnesota a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peterson. Junior Woman's Club held a swim party and watermelon feed at Plamore park.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The H. M. Soenichsen Co. and C. E. Westcott's Sons displayed in their window some of the new \$1.00 bills which attracted much attention from passersby. Mrs. Herman L. Thomas entertained at a birthday surprise honoring her mother, Mrs. John Gamble of Omaha. L. R. Snipes, county agent, submitted resignation to be effective September 1st. The judge A. H. Duxbury family were vacationing in the Black Hills region. W. L. Gabriel of Hamburg, Iowa, arrived to succeed Lyle Hervey as merchandise head of the local offices of the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power Co. Mr. Hervey was transferred to Lincoln office. "Dollar Day" was featured by merchants of the city. Paving contracts let for project from the Douglas county line to Union, over Highway No. 75, or the King of Trails highway.

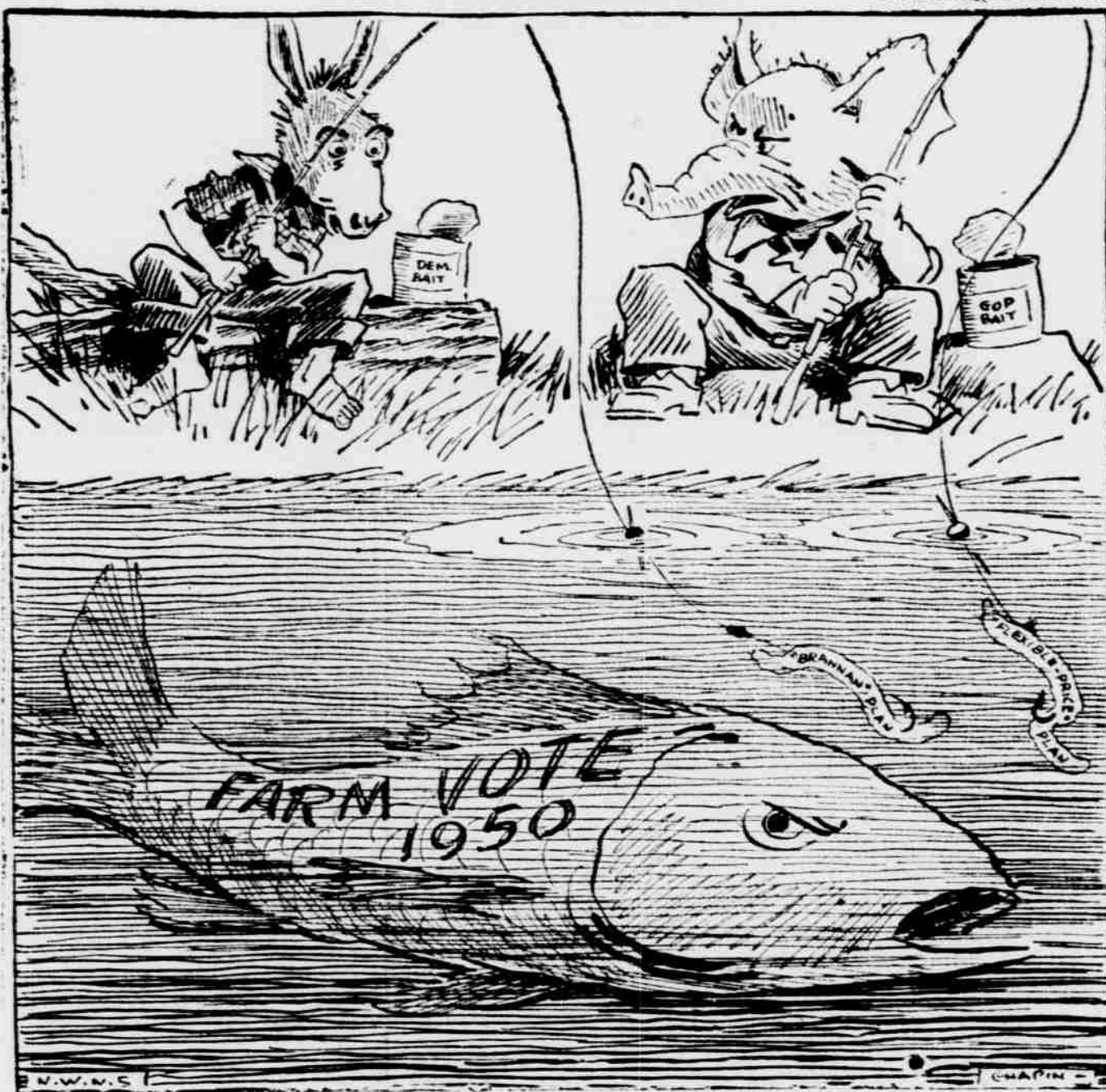
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DREW PEARSON SAYS:
STATE DEPARTMENT SUDDENLY TONES DOWN CRITICISM OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK; SEC. JOHNSON REVERSES ACHESON ON CHINA; U. S. WILL FORM RING AROUND RED CHINA.

WASHINGTON.—Six State department stenographers were kept busy last week retyping and toning down the American white paper on China. Hastily censored out were allegations labeling certain relatives of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek as crooks.

Inside reason for these sudden changes was a long and continuing argument between Secretary of State Acheson and Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson. For three months Johnson had been building a bonfire under the State department urging it to support Chiang Kai-Shek's kuomintang.

Johnson is a personal friend and former attorney for Dr. H. H. Kung, brother-in-law of the Generalissimo and reputedly one of the world's wealthiest men. At



cabinet meetings, at super-secret meetings of the National Security Council, Johnson constantly, continually needed Acheson.

For a long time there was no result. In fact, when Acheson returned from the Paris conference the other day he ordered his staff to work out a new blueprint for American-Chinese relations which was to be strongly anti-Chiang.

ACHESON OUTVOTED

That blueprint was placed before the National Security Council last week. After a vigorous debate the vote went against Acheson—about 5 to 1. Those voting no were Johnson, the Treasury department, and heads of the armed services. They favored continued support for Chiang Kai-Shek's regime no matter how graft-ridden.

Swinging the decision against Acheson were two factors:

1. A statement by Mao Tse-tung, leader of Red China, that he was a Moscow-loving communist.

2. First indications that Chinese Reds planned rough treatment for American personnel, as later proved by the beating up of U. S. Vice Consul William Olive.

Instead of Acheson's proposed hands-off policy, the joint chiefs of staff recommended a ring of defenses around Red China. This ring will consist of the Japan-Formosa-Philippines island chain, plus Siam, Burma, India and one small part of South China where Chiang Kai-Shek will be defended to the last ditch.

General MacArthur has cabled his vigorous support of this general idea—which, incidentally, will cost a large and so far unestimated amount of money.

PEGLER PROBE
Young Congressman Jack Kennedy of Boston was elected as a fighting, aggressive champion of labor. He is also the son of Joseph P. Kennedy, ex-ambassador to London, an admirer of columnist Westbrook Pegler.

And when Pegler called labor leaders "despots, criminals and communists" at a Congressional hearing, young Kennedy resigned from the subcommittee, after first protesting in the manner in which Chairman Andrew Jacobs of Indianapolis was grilling Pegler.

"Why don't you let somebody else ask some questions?" asked Kennedy. "Representative Sims (S.C.) would like to ask a few."

"You've got your ideas and I've got mine," shot back Jacobs. "You'll get your turn after I get through."

Blazing mad, Kennedy left the committee rostrum and took a seat in the front row of spectators. After chatting briefly with an acquaintance, he went back on the rostrum and announced: "I'm getting off the subcommittee."

"That's okay with me," replied Jacobs.

NEW YORK POLITICS

Former Governor Herbert Lehman and New York boss Ed Flynn tried to get Lehman to announce his candidacy for the Senate immediately. Flynn didn't say so but, if Lehman announced right away, the way would be clear for Flynn's friend, Brooklyn borough president John Cashmore, to be Democratic candidate for mayor of the world's largest city.

Lehman, however, knows he'll have a tough fight to win the Senate seat in November, so he wants a strong candidate on the ticket with him for mayor—and not John Cashmore. That is why he refused to announce until assured who his running mate will be.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Wonder what's become of Elizabeth Bentley, the buxom, confessed female spy who started all the fuss over Alger Hiss. During the Hiss trial she was strangely absent. Nothing left of her in Washington except a hotel bill for \$500, for which conscientious Congressman Wood of the un-American activities committee wants special authority from Congress in order to settle.

Chip Robert, ex-Democratic treasurer, and Sam Pryor, ex-Republican treasurer, got together the other day. They admitted that in the old days they sometimes compared notes. If one bigwig gave to the Republicans, Sam tipped off Chip and Chip collected for the Democrats—and vice versa.

Chip, incidentally, has a date to go leopard shooting in Ceylon September 15. He can leave Washington on a Thursday, spend the week end shooting Indian leopards and get back by Monday.

ex-Congresswoman Georgia Lusk of New Mexico will soon be appointed to the new war claims commission. Alert Congressman Furcolo of Massachusetts has urged President Truman to revamp future espionage trials. Truman has accepted Furcolo's suggestion.

CAPITAL NEWS CAPSULES

Senate Office Scramble—John Foster Dulles' arrival in the Senate has started a scramble for offices. Twenty-five Senators planning to trade offices—just to make room for the new senator from New York. What happened is that under the seniority system, Dulles is low man on the totem pole and not entitled to the choice office vacated by Senator Wagner. Next in line is Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming. But if he moves into Wagner's office, Senator Chavez of New Mexico is entitled to shift to O'Mahoney's office. And so on down the seniority ladder.

Meanwhile, Senator Ives of New York is trying to talk colleagues out of this wholesale moving since Dulles will be in the Senate only a few months anyway.

Warning to Americans—Ambassador Leighton Stuart has warned all American diplomats in China to be on their best behavior in dealing with the communists. Stuart believes the communists' action in jailing and beating U. S. Vice Consul Olive in Shanghai is just the first step in a campaign to brand all American diplomats as spies.

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THIS WEEK IN Washington

THERE IS INTENSE interest here in just what the senate will do with the huge military appropriations bill which is now in process of hearing before the senate armed services committee.

After much pruning and paring, from an original request for 23 billion dollars from the three service groups, the bill went to the house asking for a military appropriation of 15.3 billion dollars. Such a large peace-time military appropriation shocked some members of congress and there was an immediate outcry from such men as Clarence Cannon, chairman of the house appropriations committee, who said, "We can make sizeable and justifiable reductions." When the bill came out of his committee, however, Congressman Cannon supported the measure which his committee had upped several million instead of cutting.

Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio has said, "You can cut a billion dollars right out of the army budget. There isn't any more wasteful organization in the world than the army and navy."

So the bill goes to the senate committee with a total of 15.9 billion dollars instead of 15.3 billion and it remains to be seen just what the upper house can do in slashing the measure. This bill is the largest of all the appropriation bills and is more than a third of the total appropriations for all purposes. Senators Wherry of Nebraska, Edwin Johnson of Colorado, Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin and, of course, Harry Byrd of Virginia all have forecast large cuts in the military budget. It must be approved and signed by the President by July 1.

According to observers here, several factors stand in the way of any sizeable cuts. First, the unification of the armed services has disappointingly failed to bring about any sizeable reductions in expenses. Second, both houses voted last year almost unanimously for a 70-group air force. Truman has asked for a 48-group air force. The house upped this figure to 59 groups.

On top of this, the house has just voted through without too much opposition a service pay bill which boosts by \$300,000,000 a year the pay for all members of the armed services. And on top of this, congress is expected to receive within a short time

the President's request for military assistance to the eight countries of the Atlantic Pact, in addition to Greece and Turkey. It is expected that he will ask for an appropriation of \$1,450,000,000 for this purpose.

It is pointed out in administration circles that the proposed military aid program is a complement to the Atlantic Pact and is based on the same principles to carry out the policy to strengthen freedom-loving nations against dangers of aggression. These countries "have made formal requests to the United States for this aid and the executive branch of the government believes such aid will (1) balance their defense efforts with equipment they cannot produce themselves; (2) help integrate their planning and make their production more economical and effective and (3) increase, through use of marginal facilities now inactive in their area, the rate of their military production by an estimated equivalent of several hundred million dollars without endangering economic recovery.

Washington observers here have noted with interest a letter signed by Donald D. Conn, executive vice-president of the Transportation Association of America and sent to farm, trade and civic organizations, in which he makes the direct charge that the anti-trust division of the department of justice to recover two and a half billion dollars in alleged overcharges on wartime traffic handled by the railroads is a move to force nationalization of all transportation.

"There is far more involved in these suits than the mere legal adjudication as to whether a rate agreed upon at the time was or was not reasonable," Mr. Conn said. "Why, now, would the anti-trust division propose to repudiate such (wartime) agreements? Who planned such attacks? What is the motive? What is the ultimate objective of these suits?"

"If a bill to nationalize all transportation were introduced in congress, it would be dealt with in summary fashion, by unanimous opposition of all enterprise. Just as grave in its implications is the assault of the anti-trust division of the department of justice against the railroads for recovery of two and a half billion dollars in alleged overcharges on wartime shipments."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scattergood and family from Eagle were present.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Leuenberger and daughter of Kermit, Texas, arrived the latter part of last week and will spend their vacation with Mrs. Leuenberger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Folken and family.

DOLLAR NOW BUYS MORE, SURVEY DISCLOSES

Minneapolis (UPI)—The average American consumer has slightly more real income this year than at the same time last year, largely because prices are going down.

The monthly survey by Investors Diversified Services says

real income—cash income in terms of prices—is two per cent higher.

"Cash incomes derived from wage and salary payments are only slightly higher than they were in 1948 while 'other' cash income is less, reflecting lower farm prices and consequent reduction in farm income," the survey said. "But investment income remains high."

Floor Really Old
LAMAR, Colo. (UPI)—The office of a Lamar lumber company has what is thought to be the oldest hardwood floor in the world. It is made of petrified wood, estimated to be 75,000,000 years old.

Crossword Puzzle

Grid for crossword puzzle with clues:

HORIZONTAL
1 To seize without title
6 Frowning
11 Relating to the backbone
12 Glee, cotton fabric
14 You and me
15 Eager
17 Prefix: half
18 Part of a pen
20 Hitting place
23 Upright
24 Shoshonean Indians
26 Sudden, noisy laugh
28 Compass point
29 Sacred song
31 Egyptian deity
33 Black, powdery substance
35 Sun hat
38 Used up
39 Irritated
40 Land measure
42 Fillet
45 Part
46 To weaken
48 Tent
50 Cap of wool
51 Dolphin-like cetacean
53 Inert, gaseous element
55 Toward
56 To split
57 Down (verb)
58 Ascended
61 Fur scarf
62 Advertised

VERTICAL
1 Overturns
2 Note of scale
3 Specimen character
4 Fury
5 Compromise
6 Exists
7 Symbol for calcium
8 Pronged
9 Distress
10 Sign of the zodiac
11 Dawn

13 Baseball team
16 Warming light, weight boxing champion
18 Four-footed animal
19 Foot
21 Bard
22 To the rhinoceros
25 Delays
27 Animal allied to the rhinoceros
30 Set of letters
32 Guide
34 Jap
36 Feltie, ant in a desert
37 Planet
38 Midge
40 In sign
41 Spirit
42 Idle fancy
47 Half a quart
48 Additional
52 Insect
54 Fast egg

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

Grid for crossword puzzle answers:

EVIL GRAPES MBS
FIR TRETS YLA
TAB LABON DUY
OPR REPR
RASE EYV AYDA
ANG FRY RUPUS
GLASS REDUC
WELLS GAD OBI
FRAT MAY PATS
CYRUS OAT
RE COPPER JBA
FED TABLE OUBR
CIN PERS REP

YOUR brain budget

1. Charges of human rights violations may now be brought before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights by (a) certain groups, (b) governments, (c) individuals, (d) all three.
2. Negotiations for peace treaties between the Arabs and Israelis have been going on for the last six months at (a) Paris, (b) Jerusalem, (c) Lausanne, Switzerland, (d) Cairo, (e) Vienna.
3. The farmer's share of the dollar spent by consumers, according to a Department of Agriculture April report, is (a) 25 cents, (b) 67 cents, (c) 49 cents, (d) 85 cents.
4. Former presidential candidate Harold Stassen is now head of (a) Harvard, (b) Columbia, (c) University of Pennsylvania, (d) Ohio State.
5. The word "luna" comes from (a) those "crazy" about going to Luna Park at Coney Island, (b) the Latin word, "luna," meaning moon, (c) the loon, a queer-acting bird.

ANSWERS
1.—(d) All three.
2.—(c) Lausanne, Switzerland.
3.—(c) 49 cents. The most former ever received was 55 cents.
4.—(b) University of Pennsylvania.
5.—(b) The Latin word, "luna," meaning moon.