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### A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Change of weather is the discourse of fools. — Thomas Fuller.

## EDITORIALS

### THE "DISABLED VETERANS RACKET"

Harry D. Mitchell, chairman of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, is hot and bothered about the definition of a "disabled veteran," which gives to a man extra points in connection with civil service examinations.

Mr. Mitchell does not object to the extra points going to a veteran, injured in the war, but he is not so enthusiastic over the "disabled" rating that goes to a man because of a "service-connected" disability, which may be nothing more than "flat-foot."

As everybody knows, after the first World War, and, presumably, after the second, many veterans got into service only to be discharged later because of some physical disability, not connected with injuries received in the service. These individuals have been rated as "disabled," and given the same preference that Congress intended to grant to those who were injured in action.

What Mr. Mitchell objects to, and what every citizen should object to, is seen in this example cited by him. A man was certified by his draft board as physically able and inducted into the first World War. Three weeks later, he was discharged because of bad feet. The assumption was that his short army career flattened his arches and the veteran got the official label, "disabled."

As a result of this "disability," the flat-footed veteran, in connection with civil service ratings, goes to the head of the job-eligibility roster above a combat soldier with a higher examination rating who may have been wounded in action but was never "disabled."

### BOY SCOUTS NEED HELP

An effort is being made to extend the activities of the Boy Scout movement in Cass county, so that the training of this youth organization can become available to a large number of boys.

The Boy Scout work in Plattsmouth has fluctuated up and down through the years. Various organizations sponsor the troops, but probably the greatest need is for competent volunteers to serve as scoutmasters and assistants.

As a general rule, there are those ready to share some of the financial costs of scouting but there is a dearth of competent men to act as leaders. This scarcity is the bottleneck of scouting, not only in Plattsmouth, but elsewhere.

We hope that some young men will volunteer to give some of their time to the responsible work of the Boy Scouts.

### TO BUY . . . OR NOT TO BUY

A man lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs.

He was hard of hearing so he had no radio.

He had trouble with his eyes so he read no newspapers.

But he sold good hot dogs.

He put up signs on the highway telling how good they were.

He stood by the side of the road and cried: "Buy a hot dog, Mister?"

And people bought.

He increased his meat and bun orders.

He bought a bigger stove to take care of his trade.

He got his son home from college to help him.

But then something happened . . .

His son said, "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio?"

"There's a big recession on."

"The European situation is terrible."

"The domestic situation is worse."

Whereupon the father thought, "Well,

### Furse's Fresh Flashes

A local man says from now on he's "A la carte"—on the wagon.

Admonished and told where bad little girls go as a child, Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says she found out as she grows older they go almost everywhere.

A Plattsmouth man, hale and hearty at 70 years, says all he wants is a little peach and quiet.

A compositor in our shop is more inclined to be a critic than a printer. He left the 'f' out of George Raft's name, and put an 'n' instead of a 't' in Vic Mature's last name.

A lot of fellows we know have lost their shirt because they put too much on the cuff.

Down at the football game Saturday people went wild when one of the fellows ran out and caught a long pass. We couldn't see anything to get excited about—that's what he ran out there for.

No allowance a man gives his wife compares with the one she makes.

Of the labor saving devices invented for women, none has proven so popular as the husband with plenty of money.

Who now remembers when peace didn't have to be waged?

my son's been to college. He reads the paper and he listens to the radio and he ought to know."

So the father cut down on his meat and bun orders. Took down his advertising signs. And no longer bothered to stand out on the highway to sell hot dogs. And his hot dog sales fell almost overnight.

"You're right, son," the father said to the boy. "We certainly are in the middle of a great recession!"

—Automotive News.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

Miss Freda Wohlfarth departed for Los Angeles to make her home . . . F. L. Busche was low bidder on road to bridge and secured city contract and a large part of state and county letting for work to be started soon . . . The year 1929 marked silver anniversary of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company, according to C. H. Jensen, local manager . . . Supt. R. E. Bailey, vice-president, attended executive committee meeting of the second district association . . .

### TEN YEARS AGO

The Plattsmouth Merchants baseball team and a number of the fans were treated to a barbecue at Merritt's Beach by Manager Ray Shafer and Vic Nord, with Jess Ogden as chef . . . Miss Janet Westover, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Westover, was chosen to represent Plattsmouth as a member of the countess group at Ak-Sar-Ben . . . George Conis and E. O. Vroman attended the national convention of the American Legion in Chicago . . . Mr. and Mrs. William T. Starkjohn entertained at a family dinner party honoring Midshipman Karl Stefan of Bellevue, home on leave from Annapolis . . .

## The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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### DREW PEARSON SAYS:

**OLD-AGE PENSION DEMANDS ARE ON THE INCREASE; WOULD-BE JUDGE DAVE BAZELON IS EMBARRASSED BY HIS REPUBLICAN C A M P A I G N CONTRIBUTION; JUDGE GOLDSBOROUGH MAKES IMPORTANT RULING AFFECTING AIR ROUTES.**

**WASHINGTON.**—The battle over old-age pensions in the steel industry is being watched by several million people not only in other industries but especially in southern California and Florida where Dr. Townsend's old-age pension movement and the ham-and-egggers have been so strong.

Regardless of how the steel dispute comes out, more and more demands for old-age pensions will follow.

One little-realized fact in the steel dispute is that, during the president's fact-finding board hearings, CIO Chief Phil Murray appealed to the steel industry to settle the old-age pension issue by supporting the social security bill now before congress. He said:

"Look here, you fellows, there's a bill before congress right now calling for increased old-age pensions for everyone. Will you join me in supporting it?"

Murray's remark was addressed to Enders Voorhees and John Stephens, executives of U. S. Steel; to C. M. White of



Republic Steel, A. B. Homer of Bethlehem, Ben Moreell of Jones-Laughlin and several others. However, he got no response. None offered to support the congressional bill for old-age pensions.

Murray's inference was that if congress had handled the pension matter for everyone, his union would not need to threaten a strike. As it is, however, the unions with sufficient strike power, such as the coal miners, auto workers, steelworkers et al. can get pensions. But unskilled labor, farm labor, white-collar workers and others who never belonged to unions will get second-rate pensions—or none.

### TRYGVE LIE'S ENGLISH

Friends of U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie explain privately why the jovial diplomat doesn't like to make public utterances in English. He is fearful of a faux pas. For example: One day, in a conference with his U. N. staff, Lie was discussing the proposal to build a prayer room in the new U. N. headquarters. Some had suggested that it be called a temple of prayer.

"No," said Lie, "that sounds too formidable. Let's just call it a rest room."

### NEW JUDGE FROM CHICAGO?

Charming Dave Bazelon, assistant attorney general in charge of alien property, dropped in to see Paul Douglas, the hard-hitting senator from Illinois, to get his help in being made a judge on the U. S. court of appeals from the District of Columbia.

As Bazelon sat down he noticed on the senator's desk a clipping from a Chicago newspaper telling how Bazelon had contributed \$200 to the campaign of G. O. P. Senator Curley Brooks, whom Douglas defeated.

"Perhaps that's not a very good contribution," remarked the red-faced Bazelon, referring to the clipping.

"I don't keep political books," replied the good-natured Douglas.

Bazelon's explanation is that Ed McGinnis, who was running Senator Brook's re-election campaign, had persuaded him to make the \$200 contribution. But this glosses over the fact that Douglas and Truman were running against uphill odds, were never expected to win, while Senator Brooks had all the power and money of the Chicago Tribune crowd behind him. In brief, Brooks was considered a sure bet, and the delightful Bazelon, though appointed to a job by Truman, was betting against him.

### TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR THREATENED

Judge T. Alan Goldsborough, who wasn't afraid to fine John L. Lewis, signed a little-noticed order last week which is diplomatic dynamite. He cast serious doubt on the state department's right to enter into agreements with other governments without ratification by the senate.

Ruling that the Canadian-American air agreement may be illegal, Judge Goldsborough required the executive department to define where the president's power of executing agreements ends and the senate's right to ratify treaties begins. Forty-nine senators have pro-

## ODORIFEROUS!



tested the Canadian agreement on air routes as a state department invasion of the senate's ratification powers. Meanwhile Canada has put the state department on the spot by threatening to throw out every U. S. line from Gander airport in Newfoundland tomorrow (Sept. 30). Gander is the most important base on the trans-Atlantic hop, and the constitutional issue raised by Judge Goldsborough is probably the most important since the Dred Scott decision.

### MERRY-GO-ROUND

The American embassy in Rome has informed Edda Ciano, Mussolini's daughter and widow of Italy's fascist foreign minister, that she can soon expect 30,000,000 lire from the U. S. A. The money is part of the royalties earned in the United States through the sale of Ciano's diaries. Secretary of the Treasury Snyder's office made the decision—believe it or not—on the grounds it can't be proved Edda was a fascist . . . Robert Haggerty of Detroit will be the new director of census, and as such will dole out 150,000 jobs to find out how many people live in the United States in 1950 . . . Secretary of the Air Force Symington had a personal reason for snubbing the navy court that is investigating the B-36 smear. Under navy rules, Cedric Worth, who wrote the smear sheet attacking Symington, would have the right to cross-examine the witness. Rather than face Worth's questions, Symington ducked the hearing. "Feared he might lose his temper!" . . . One reason Democratic moguls have been worried about a steel strike is because it would cut off the sheet steel now desperately needed for new grain-storage bins in the farm belt. Democrats feel they won the election partly because of the grain-storage issue—and if they don't come through for the farmers it'll be bad news . . . President Truman is so pleased with the Democratic conferences in the midwest and far west that he is considering another in the deep south—now very hostile territory . . . Several Truman advisers are urging him to bring up the civil-rights bill just before congress is supposed to adjourn, with the idea that this would keep southern congressmen filibustering until Christmas—when they might get tired and give in.

### WALLACE'S GRANARY

Henry Wallace may be washed up politically, but his prolific ideas on farming continue to find favor with government planners. Latest Wallace idea to be revived is the "Ever Normal Granary" plan, which as Secretary of Agriculture, he promoted before the war.

You'll be hearing about it soon under a new name: stabilization reserves. Briefly, the program will call for substantial reserves of food and feed grains to insure stable supplies for domestic and emergency export needs.

First tipoff on the program was the announcement that the Commodity Credit Corporation would provide up to 500,000,000 bushels capacity in new corn storage. While no definite goals have been set, some topflight planners are thinking in terms of a Granary Reserve of up to 1,000,000,000 bushels of feed grains and up to 500,000,000 bushels of wheat and rye.

Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan has repeatedly stressed the need for ample feed-grain reserves to provide a more constant supply of meats, dairy and poultry products.

In this connection, Brannan has emphasized that the year-to-year uncertainty of feed supplies, as well as feed price fluctuations, retard not only stable farm production of livestock, milk and poultry, but also stable prices to consumers.

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The compromise farm bill, offered by Sen. Clint Anderson of New Mexico, appeared to have bi-partisan support, and even Senator Aiken of Vermont, author of the Aiken law, appeared to be willing that his law should go out the window without taking effect. Effective date of the Aiken law was January 1, 1950.

Republicans in both house and senate breathed a sigh of relief when administration forces agreed to support the Anderson bill with a lower parity support than the house-passed Gore bill. Reason is that farm prices will take a dip when the Aiken law would have meant lower farm prices. Thus, with farm states already off the reservation insofar as the Republicans are concerned, they were eager to take the Anderson bill and fight out the issue in the coming campaign on the Brannan program, which is not dead by a long shot.

Every poll, including the Gallup poll, which has been taken, indicates that a majority of farmers favor the Brannan plan, even though leaders of farm organizations have taken a stand against the proposal.

Debate on the reciprocal trade extension will take two to three weeks with the Republican members determined to place strings on the president's authority under the measure. Democrats are standing fast on extension of the law as is.

Before adjournment for the Labor day holiday, the senate enacted a watered down minimum wage bill, raising the minimum to 75 cents an hour, but removing an estimated 200,000 persons from its provisions. The house bill already had removed about a million workers from coverage by the measure. So it's a half-way victory for the administration.

Most exemptions came as a result of an amendment offered by Sen. Spessard Holland of Florida and include removal of most retail and service workers. Senator Holland's colleague, Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida, led the fight against

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In addition to the Holland amendment, the following exemptions were voted: Western Union messengers, workers on maintenance of reservoirs or waterways not operated for profit, newsboys, switchboard operators in telephone exchanges with not more than 750 stations, workers in establishments selling goods to be used in residential or farm building construction or repair, sawmill workers where fewer than 12 persons work, employees of cotton gins or cotton seed mills in counties where cotton is raised.

Sen. Scott Lucas of Illinois, majority floor leader, again was optimistic about an early adjournment. He has a list of "must" bills however which include the military aid program, liberalization of the displaced persons act, the new farm program, pay raises for government officials, military pay raise and repeal of the log jam of appropriation bills. Of 15 appropriations bills passed by the house, nine have been sent to the President, but six remain awaiting action. Five of these are stalled in conference and one of them, the army civil functions bill, has been in conference since June.

Also before Labor day adjournment the senate finally passed the military appropriations bill after slashing a billion dollars from the house version. Total is now \$12,731,834,478. The cut was achieved largely by reducing outlay for the air force to provide for a 48 combat group force instead of 58 groups as in the house bill and by giving the defense secretary discretionary powers to reduce expenditures on his own by about a half billion dollars. The senate defeated the rider which would have provided the president make an overall budget cut of 5 to 10 percent and eliminated a long-standing ban against the use of oleo for other than cooking purposes in military establishments. This latter was considered a decisive defeat for the milk producers association and a signal victory for the oleo people.

Hearing on the five per cent investigation brought out no new damaging testimony.

was served. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scharfer of Omaha spent Thursday in Murdock visiting old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kupke, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kupke, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McKee and Bill Blum all attended the Lutheran Laymen's League banquet Sunday night at the Hotel Cornhusker at Lincoln. About 400 visitors were seated at the tables. This banquet ended the tenth annual Lutheran Laymen's League convention. Next year the convention will be held at Fremont, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Peters of Omaha were supper guests at the Grant Peters home on Wednesday night. In the evening they all attended the Ashland Stair-Up.

The Sarpy-Cass Bi-Century R. N. A. convention was held at Springfield on Thursday, September 22. There were 13 ladies from the Murdock lodge in attendance.

Mrs. Ernest Schlueter left last Friday to visit a sister who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Elseman were Omaha shoppers on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Peters and daughters of Omaha spent Saturday afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Peters. In the evening a pinocchio party was held in their honor.



Mr. and Mrs. William Stock moved into their new home on Tuesday and are gradually getting settled.

Mrs. Alvin Bornemeier had her tonsils removed on Thursday morning at the Bryan Memorial hospital. She returned home on Friday morning.

The Friendly Neighbor Club ladies with their husbands met Wednesday evening at the Wm. Lau home to enjoy with this kindly couple the evening of their 22nd wedding anniversary. The club presented them with a garnet colored water set. The evening was spent playing charades and visiting. A luncheon of pie and sandwiches, which had been brought by the ladies, with hugh pieces of wedding cake baked by Mrs. Lau

## Crossword Puzzle

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21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55

18 Worshipped animal 48 Wrath 50 Crude metal

Answers to LAST WEEK'S Puzzles

## YOUR brain budget

- 1. "There was a man in the land of Uz." begins the book, (a) The Wizard of Oz, (b) Arabian Knights, (c) Job, (d) Beowulf.
- 2. "Alas, poor Yorick!" (a) "Face thee well," (b) "I knew him, Horatio," (c) "He failed to touch first," (d) "But why did you kick me downstairs?" is a quotation from Hamlet.
- 3. Misspelled in this group of words is (a) felonious, (b) fixative, (c) ferrous, (d) fiberglass.
- 4. The pass at Thermopylae in Greece is famous as a last ditch defense by (a) Leonidas, (b) Miltiades, (c) Homer and Jethro, Hannibal.
- 5. Who was called Der Fueher of Jersey City? (a) Mayor Frank Hague, (b) Leo Durocher, (c) Jersey Joe Walcott, (d) Jimmy Walker.

- 1.—(c) Job.
- 2.—(b) "I knew him, Horatio."
- 3.—(b) Fixative.
- 4.—(a) Leonidas, and a handful of Spartans against the Persians.
- 5.—(a) Mayor Frank Hague.

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