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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

'Tis safest making peace with sword in hand. —George Farquhar

EDITORIALS

LEFT OUT AGAIN

Another example of the need here for an auditorium with ample facilities for public gatherings will be held next week in the form of the football banquet.

This year, as in former years, the banquet sponsored by the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, will be held in the dining room of a local church. This year it will be the turn of Christian church ladies to serve the dinner.

After allocating the tickets to the football squad, coaches and visitors, 30 tickets will be left over to be made available to the public.

Plattsmouth must provide facilities adequate to at least honor its own. Hundreds of times each year this same problem faces every organization within the city and surrounding area.

It's time we do something about it.

THE FARMER'S HIDDEN ASSET

While most men will readily admit that their wives are assets, few can be heard claiming that they are financial assets.

A professor of agricultural economics at the University of Minnesota, George A. Pond, however, has come up with the fact that a good farm wife is worth some \$69,000 to her mate.

As one writer has exclaimed, here is a "new idea which ought to appeal to Mr. Truman in his desire to overcome New Deal deficits."

So long as the administration places a premium on mediocrity, it shouldn't be too difficult.

THE CASE OF EZRA POUND

Three years ago, Ezra Pound, Idaho-born poet, who lived for many years in Europe, escaped trial for treason in connection with his activities during the war by the decision that he was unfit to stand trial.

The poet has since been confined to a mental hospital in Washington. Nevertheless, early this year, the Library of Congress awarded him a \$1,000 prize for the outstanding book of poetry published in 1948.

As a result, congress directed the Library of Congress to discontinue the practice of sponsoring of prizes for artists. At the same time, some Americans suggest that a man who could write a prize-winning book of poems in prison must be sane enough to stand trial for his broadcasting activity during the war in Italy.

BUYING EARLY PAYS

Once again the people of Cass county are doing their Christmas buying and the merchants of this city are vying with each other in attracting shoppers.

The Journal has repeatedly urged the people of this county to trade at home and at this time wishes to emphasize the fact

Furse's Fresh Flashes

If the knocking at the door is unusually long and loud, it isn't opportunity. It's bill collectors—or relatives.

The government may be working for posterity, but it insists on being paid by us.

In weather forecasting the time is here for "snow tonight in the low-lying areas," which should serve the low liars right.

Just read where a 15-month-old boy who held his breath until unconscious when scolded was revived by firemen after 500 pounds of oxygen was used. It won't be many years, if we know this type of youngster, before they will have to be administering oxygen to the parents.

American critics now rate a radio drama by the number of listeners that take to the hills.

A man over in Kansas is advertising for an honest lawyer. Truly, optimism is returning by leaps and bounds.

Imagine (if you can) 2,550 acres of land completely blanketed under a layer of \$1 bills—that's how much of the people's money must be harvested every time they are taxed a billion dollars. Politicians please note!

A stenographer up the street says she's just a gal working on her MRS degree.

that local buyers can secure practically anything they want from the stores here.

Meanwhile, let us again urge all buyers to start early and make their purchases as quickly as convenient. Besides the comfort of being able to shop leisurely and avoid the last-minute rushes, the buyer is assured of a better selection in making his purchases. We feel sure that merchants and their employees will appreciate the early shoppers and will give them special consideration.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

20 YEARS AGO

Hon. Charles E. Noyes and Mrs. Noyes of Louisville sent greetings from Phoenix, Arizona, where they planned to spend the winter months. In the selection of all southeast conference team for the past football season, the Falls City Journal gave honorable mention to Warren Farmer, aggressive tackle of the P. H. S. team.

TEN YEARS AGO

Franklin Wehrbein, John Kaufmann and Arthur Hild were enjoying a hunting trip in the northwest part of the state near Alliance and Lakeview at the Morse Peters ranch. Mrs. Ray Norris of Weeping Water was honored by state board of Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs with the appointment as state chairman of American Citizenship for two years.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

JUNKETING SENATORS CREATE BAD IMPRESSION: SENATOR THOMAS'S SUBCOMMITTEE DOES CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN PARIS; BOLIVIA DUCKS WASHINGTON AIR COLLISION BLAME.

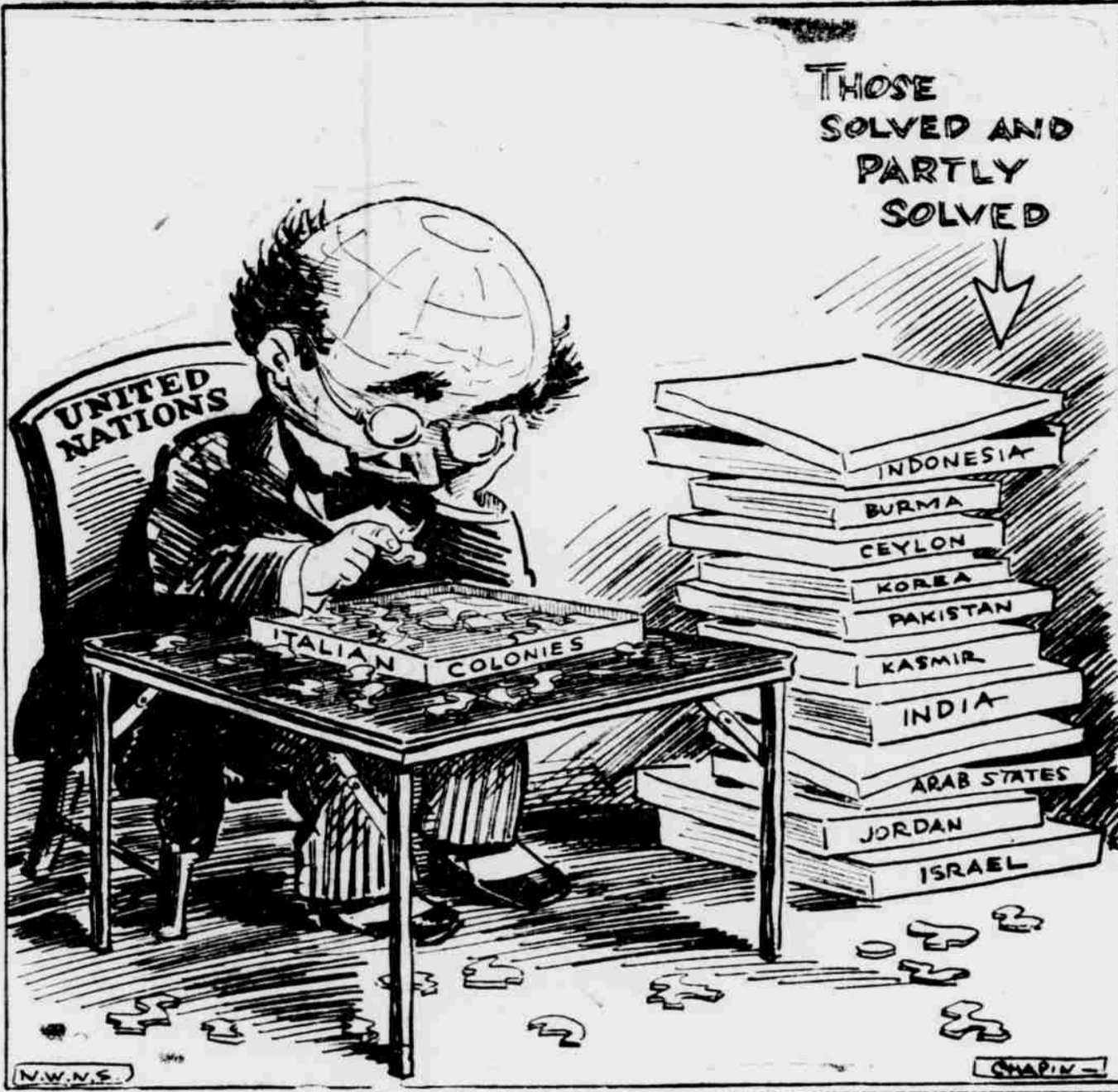
WASHINGTON. — When Sen. Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma wrote a letter to Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson last fall wanting a special air force plane to carry a senate appropriations subcommittee through Europe, someone in Johnson's office at first questioned the expenditure.

This caused the senator from Oklahoma to challenge the use of government airplanes by Secretary Johnson, Vice-President Barkley and other brass hats, with the result that Johnson pulled in his horns, and Senator Thomas got the plane—plus six crew members.

Now that Senator Thomas and colleagues have toured Europe—supposedly on official business—it appears that Secretary Johnson's first impulse was right. He should have stuck to his guns.

For the chief results of the Thomas junket are an overdose of hospitality in Spain, and an underdose of hospitality in

JIG-SAW ADDICT



THOSE SOLVED AND PARTLY SOLVED

South Bend

Mrs. Glen Kuhn

Sweden—thereby bringing bitter complaints from Senator Thomas—and the general impression left upon Europe that U. S. senators are ignoramuses.

To illustrate why Europeans got this impression, here is an interview published by the highly reliable Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune:

"We saw the French defense minister today," Senator Thomas told the press, to illustrate the fact that his committee was in Europe to see how the American taxpayers' money was being spent.

Thomas went on to tell the press about the Paris night clubs and theatres his committee had visited and named with approval the Lido, Bal Tabarin and Folies Bergere.

"I'm chairman of the committee," he explained when newsman admired his suite at the Ritz. "I always get the best rooms."

Thomas went on to say that his committee liked Paris. "We've gotten all our Christmas shopping done," he explained.

Contrast 1—Unlike the senators who toured Europe at government expense, Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and wife took off for Europe by slow boat last month, paying their own way.

Contrast 2—Unlike certain hazy senators who guzzled Franco's wine in Spain and then recommended that he get a \$100,000,000 loan, Senators Brewster of Maine and Ferguson of Michigan took a quiet, hard-working tour of the world's trouble-spots—completely sober.

BOLIVIA DUCKS Bolivia is ducking all responsibility for the tragic P-38 collision that cost 55 lives over the Washington airport.

The Bolivian government now refuses to pay the balance of \$7,500 due on the plane, though before the crash it had insured the P-38 with Lloyds of London.

Bolivia has even stopped \$10,000 payment on another plane, a P-47, even though it was already delivered in La Paz. Yet the dealer here, Paul Aubin, can't sue Bolivia unless it waives diplomatic immunity.

HELP FOR FRANCO The American charge d'affaires in Madrid, Paul Culbertson, has cabled the state department that crop conditions are

extremely bad and a Spanish revolution may start anytime. Culbertson reports that the only way to prevent the overthrow of Franco is an American loan.

Therefore, with Vice-President Barkley's son-in-law, Max Truitt, on Dictator Franco's payroll, a new drive for a loan to Spain is certain. Barkley, incidentally, usually disagrees with the policies of his son-in-law; never helps him.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

The battle of the admirals isn't over yet. Admiral Blandy, commander-in-chief of the Pacific and Atlantic fleets, fired another round last week while at the New York Yacht club.

He told a navy audience that they must keep up the fight not only in writings and speeches, but in everyday conversation.

General MacArthur has recommended that the 27 American lend-lease frigates which Russia has finally returned to us now be given to the Japanese.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gakemier Jr. were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosecrans. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Grady.

CAPITAL NEWS CAPSULES

GOP stirs in Dixie — GOP leaders in Georgia will shortly hold a strategy meeting to decide whether to try reviving the Republican party in the south.

Mr. and Mrs. John White spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dill.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haswell called on Dora Richards and daughters Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cwing were supper and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Valgene Ewing.

factories are turning out so much stuff that Moscow is planning to announce that the five-year plan has been achieved in four years.

THIS WEEK IN Washington

AS A RESULT of the recent elections, politics is in the air in Washington, with Republicans somewhat downcast and Democrats jubilant over the outcome in New York state and in other off-year elections.

Both parties accepted the New York election, which pitted ex-governor Herbert Lehman against Sen. John Foster Dulles for the seat vacated by Sen. Robert Wagner, as a test of issues. Lehman was squarely for the Fair Deal program of President Truman, and Senator Dulles squarely against the program, with Lehman the decisive winner.

As a result, the Republican high command may change to a middle-of-the-road opposition to Democratic proposals. Governor Dewey was defeated on a "me too but do it better" program, and Senator Dulles tried the direct opposition method. Both failed. They point to the middle-of-the-road course of Governor Driscoll of New Jersey, reelected as conservative-liberal, and to the campaign of Senator Ives of New York, also a conservative liberal, who defeated Governor Lehman for the senate in 1946.

Pointing to the campaign being made by Senator Taft in Ohio as winning friends, the Republicans may adopt a "semi-liberal" stand for the 1950 elections.

At any rate, President Truman is at the height of his popularity, which strengthens the morale of the Democratic organizations in the large cities. That these organizations need strengthening is seen in the defeat of the Curley machine in Boston and the Hague machine in New Jersey.

The Democrats are planning to wage a strong campaign for farm votes, especially in the Midwest, and will make strenuous efforts to capture the votes of small businessmen.

Despite victories in New York, which add a senator and a congressman, and in California, which gives another congressman to the Democratic majority in the next session, the congress convening in January will be essentially that

which was reluctant to pass the Fair Deal program at the first session.

Unless these congressmen come back to Washington with different viewpoints after consulting the home folks, the President will have about as much difficulty enacting the rest of his program. The President will win more of his program, but not all.

The President was given a standing two-minute ovation when he attended and spoke to a nationwide meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the Mayflower hotel at a luncheon kicking off the drive for Brotherhood week in February, 1950.

With a new record cotton production of 15,524 bales predicted for 1949, Secretary of Agriculture Brannan has announced a 1950 marketing quota of 11,732,750 bales and a national acreage allotment of 21 million acres in a move aimed at reducing the 1950 production by at least 20 percent.

Dr. Willard E. Givens, executive secretary of the National Education Association, said that in the coming decade 1,300,000 new school teachers will be needed. The demand for new elementary school teachers will be about 100,000 annually, he said, while only about one fifth of that number is being prepared each year. He pointed to the fact that, while average salary of all employed persons rose nearly 100 per cent between 1940 and 1947, salaries of school teachers increased only 66 per cent and that average pay of school teachers is far below what could be considered professional compensation.

This in addition to too few and so-called buildings, is placing a tremendous drain on state and local taxes. Add to this a tremendously increased enrollment, and it is likely that in many urban centers only half-day schools will be held.

There is expected tremendous pressure in the next session for federal aid to schools, and chances are good that the school aid program will pass. The \$300,000,000 bill already has passed the senate but was held up in a house committee. It may be that the figure will be increased by house action.

Attend Funeral At Beaver City

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rummel of this city, in company with H. B. Hall of Lincoln, Mrs. Fred Rummel, daughter, Jean, and son, Gary of Garland, Nebraska, were at Beaver City, Nebraska, the past week to attend the funeral services of the late Mrs. M. J. Rummel.

Mrs. Rummel passed away on Tuesday afternoon at the home of her son, Carl Rummel, at Holdrege, where she has been during her last illness.

After the funeral of Mrs. Rummel, Mr. and Mrs. John Rummel and Harry Hall departed for Alameda, Kansas, where they visited overnight with Hugh

Hall, brother of Harry, and his family. The local people returned home late Saturday afternoon.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. August Oehlerking will hold open house at their home at Elmwood, on the anniversary of their 50th wedding anniversary, Wednesday, December 14th, 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. They request no gifts.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—No-body entered the Knox County 4-H Club wool dress and suit contest this year. The reason according to assistant home demonstration agent Mattie Drimmer: The girls just don't like wool dresses and suits; they prefer sweaters and skirts.

Crossword Puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words.

YOUR brain budget advertisement with a list of 10 items and their corresponding brain budget values.

Answers to last week's puzzle and a grid for the current crossword puzzle.