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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The good are better made by ill, as odours crushed are sweeter still. —Rogers

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EDITORIALS

PRAISE THAT IS DESERVED

On another page of The Journal a letter is being published extending a word of thanks and appreciation to the newspaper and the merchants of Plattsmouth for their support of a page advertisement once each month devoted to the churches of this community.

While many of our readers have taken this page for granted, we do not believe anything this newspaper has carried in its columns of this type in years past has been responsible for so much favorable comment or received the praise as has the church page. Hundreds of readers of this newspaper have telephoned and personally extended their words of appreciation for its timeliness.

Although the advertisements are prepared by the staff of The Journal, only through the generosity and thoughtfulness of the sponsoring merchants whose business cards surround the monthly feature is publication possible. Each contributes a small sum each month in order that this church message can be brought before the public.

If you are one of the many appreciative of this special feature, a word of thanks to the sponsoring merchants is in order. Personally we think it very timely when, at the present time, about half our citizenery is traveling on the road to hell at the speed of a fire wagon.

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LET'S ORGANIZE FUND DRIVES

Many drives for funds for many worthy enterprises have been conducted in Plattsmouth during the past few months. We do not complain of the enterprises or of their worthiness. This factor is not questioned.

Boy and Girl Scouts, polio, tuberculosis, Salvation Army, heart disease, and dozens of others, plus several individual cases, all very worthy, but all the reason for a drive for funds. With each individual project, there comes another drive.

Those of us who can are glad to give to the support of these causes. The one's who can't wish that they could.

We take this opportunity to compliment the leaders of each and every drive and all the persons who work for these fine causes and every individual who makes a donation. The public spiritedness displayed in these drives marks distinct nobility of character.

However, it might be suggested that measures could be taken to curtail the continuous drain on the pocketbooks of the community. If the assault were made all at once, in a big, concerted effort, it would probably be better. A single, community chest type drive, carried out on a large scale would serve the combined purposes of all of the fund drives.

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GARDENING OFFERS REWARDS

About this time of the year it is well to urge all readers of The Journal to consider the possible pleasure to be obtained from flowers, fruits and vegetables. It is also worth noting that, sometimes, such activity can develop a monetary profit.

We are not much concerned, in this article, with the economic gains of gardening. There are other values that come to the individual who seeks to develop something of beauty and perfection in accordance with the laws of nature.

There are countless homes in Cass county on lots that need the charm that can come only from well-appointed surroundings. It may take some years to develop an attractive lawn or garden but the task will bring satisfaction, however long delayed. Besides, what you do with your lot will add to the natural beauty of Plattsmouth.

When it comes to vegetable gardening, one must admit that the process involves work. At the same time, many business men would be physically benefitted by some exercise. We know, from hearing them boast, that the amateur gardeners take as much delight in their prize specimens as fishermen who talk so much about the "one that got away."

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Even if money grew on trees, some people would figure out a way to get others to climb the trees and bring it down for them.

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The time is fast approaching when Uncle Sam will have and hold us from that day forward, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part.

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The reason a woman's intuition is so often right with respect to a man is that it leads her to expect the worst.

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About the only untaxed transaction now is that of a person laying up a treasure in heaven.

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After being frightened silly by inflation for the past four years, we now have a lot of people who are afraid it will not continue.

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No one is particularly interested in what you are doing if you are behaving yourself.

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Don't cry over spilled milk or into weak beer.

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About this time of year we are not interested in how much income tax Jack Benny or Barney Baruch has to pay.

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It is reported that about 30 million Bibles were sold last year. What we can't understand is why so many people buy and so few read it.

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A newspaper headline states that every winter many Indians get lost and perish in our western blizzards. Those people will never become accustomed to our country.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

Rev. Paul Dick, popular and able pastor of the Mynard U. B. church, accepted call to Custer county church at Merna, Nebr. . . . Miss Dorothea Helen Fulton and Grant Roberts were married Feb. 11th at Mynard U. B. church . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ben Turner, son, Roy, and grandson, Larry, departed for Auburn where they were to operate the "Wimp cafe" there . . . T. H. Pollock was named as plant manager of the Plattsmouth Water Corporation at annual meeting . . .

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20 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Bess Gearhart Morrison delighted a large audience at the Presbyterian church when she reviewed "The Copperhead," a story of the Civil war period . . . Myron Wiles purchased the farm of James Schwab, 400 acres, known as the George Snyder farm . . . The dramatic club of P. H. S., under direction of Miss Mary Jane Tidball, presented a number of scenes from Shakespeare's "Macbeth," with Warren Farmer cast as Banquo, Ira Mumm as Macbeth and the witches were Janet Vallery, Helen Virginia Price and Eleanor Swatek; with Vestetta Robertson portraying Hecate . . . Supt. R. E. Bailey presided over the Dads and Lads banquet at the Methodist church, an observance of Scout Week; L. D. Hiatt led the singing for the group. The Cardinal orchestra, comprising Winifred Rainey, Don Rainey, Don Cotner, Ed Egenberger, Bob Hall, James Constock and Sam Arn gave the musical setting.

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The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN DOLLARS MAY MAKE PARTY TOO FAT; BEN SONNENBERG APPOINTS CLIENTS TO RUN DEMOCRATIC DINNERS; SOVIET JUSTICE IS WORSE THAN HITLER'S.

WASHINGTON.—The big Democratic dinner in Washington tonight contrasts sharply with the Republican box supper ten days ago. It will be the biggest banquet in the history of the world—even bigger than the banquet once given to Julius Caesar. If the Democrats are smart, however, the contrasts will be a red flag of warning.

The Democratic dinner costs $100 per plate—not a bad idea to raise political money. But what's happening is that the fat-cats who once backed up the Republicans now flock to the Democrats, for a very simple reason: the Democrats have power.

In other words, included among the guests tonight will be a few who have income-tax cases to fix, who want to get a government contract, who seek to influence White House policy or are angling for an airline franchise. Two tables seating ten guests each cost $2,000 — and sometimes the investment is worth it.

It used to be that the big-money boys flocked to the Republicans, but — except for the very faithful — a lot are now switching to the Democrats. This doesn't mean that they are really for Truman. They just think it pays.

But the danger to the Democrats is that when any party gets indebted to too many fat-cats, it starts riding for a fall. Likewise when the Republicans really draw support from the $1 box-supper class, it will start riding to victory. Only trouble with the recent GOP box supper was that it was superficial. The boys didn't really relish it.

DEMOCRATIC FAT-CAT

Illustration of how Democratic dinners may be mixed with big business was the contribution of popular Bill Pawley, ex-ambassador to Brazil, to the December 2 New York dinner. At that dinner, Pawley took four tables. Cost: $4,000.

Pawley, a great friend of Bob Hannegan, made a big killing after the war when he bought surplus planes from the British in China, turned round and sold them to the Chinese. Since Pawley made the deal outside the U. S. A., it was tax-free — so he raked in a handsome profit.

More recently, Pawley has been pulling wires to help the Nationalist Chinese to whom he sold these planes. A good Democrat, high in party councils, his expensive four tables at the Waldorf dinner may have had no business motive. And it should be noted in fairness that if Pawley tried to use political influence with Truman and Acheson re China, it didn't work.

MIRACLE-MAN SONNENBERG

When Charles Luckman, the deposed czar of Lever Brothers' soap empire, raps the gavel at the big Democratic dinner tonight, it will be a triumph for a roly-poly little man with a high-buttoned coat sitting in the audience.

He is public relations expert Ben Sonnenberg, who has achieved a public relations miracle by having two of his proteges chairman the two big Democratic dinners. In fact, it's got so that when the Democrats hold a dinner they figure on "menus by Oscar" and "chairmen by Sonnenberg."

The last New York dinner, which netted the Democrats more than $250,000, was presided over by earthy Tom Morgan, the North Carolina boy who rose to be head of Sperry Gyroscope and who, like Luckman, is a client of Sonnenberg's.

To understand how the amazing Mr. Sonnenberg was able to perform this miracle of putting his clients in front of the speakers' stand twice in a row, you have to understand the gentleman himself. And even his wife says that is difficult.

Coming to this country from Poland as a boy, Ben never has forgotten his humble beginnings, reminds his friends that his grandfather was a rabbi and his father a pushcart peddler.

Ben represents some of the biggest corporations in the country—Texas Oil, J. S. Bache of Wall Street, Remington-Rand, Philip Morris and Lever Brothers. But he has a heart of gold and never is too busy to help out the nonpaying little fellow.

Though he takes good care of his clients, he is brutally frank in talking about himself, and once explained his high stiff collar and tight-fitting coat this way: "I chose my clothes because I knew that wherever I went, people would say, 'who in God's name is that?'

"I don't care what they say about me," adds Sonnenberg, "just so they remember me." It isn't the clothes that make the man, however. It's the fact that he delivers.

NEW DEMOCRATIC SENATOR

A quarrel over the gravy train is about all that's holding up the adding of a new senator to the Democratic party.

Lusty "Wild Bill" Langer, one of the few, old-time bull moosers left in politics, is planning to pull up stakes and leave the Republican party. The only hitch is that Dave Kelly, the North Dakota Democratic national committeeman, does not want to split the Democratic patronage with Senator Langer. Hitherto he has had the distribution of all Democratic jobs in North Dakota.

Langer, the senator with the long stride, bull voice and habit of chewing cellophane-wrapped cigars, proudly lists his bolts to Robert La Follette and Hiram Johnson when they ran for president.

Today the senator is virtually independent of the GOP, because the nonpartisan league which controls North Dakota politics is solidly pro-Langer.

Another factor which makes Langer lean toward the Democrats is the revolt against Republican farm policies now spreading across the Dakotas. When the GOP policy statement was issued with such fanfare in Washington, a South Dakota dirt farmer, Axel Beck, pleaded with National Chairman Guy Gabrielson to let real-for-sure farmers draft a postive agricultural program. But Beck was given the

TRAVESTY ON JUSTICE

Tomorrow a trial opens in Hungary, the trial of an American who has had no chance to consult counsel, see his friends or have any contact with the outside world.

During the trial of those accused of the reichstag fire, Adolf Hitler permitted defense counsel and foreign observers to be present. But the high-handed operations of officials in satellite countries are far worse than anything perpetrated by Hitler, as witness the arrest of Robert Vogeler, manager of International Telephone and Telegraph, imprisoned in Hungary for three long months.

When Vogeler's trial date was set, the premier of Hungary announced in advance that Vogeler would be given a stiff sentence. Morris Ernst, the fighting New York attorney, asked the Hungarian embassy for a visa to visit his client, but at this writing was given a brushoff.

GROPING IN THE FOG

OUT OLD NEBRASKA

by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

David Butler, first governor of the state of Nebraska, had one of the stormiest political careers in the history of the commonwealth, and has been one of the most debated figures ever to hold Nebraska's highest public office.

In the first place, he was elected in 1866 by a margin of only 145 votes over J. Sterling Morton, his Democratic opponent, and as frequently was the case in early Nebraska elections the results were contested. Morton's adherents never admitted that the election was an outright victory, and there is some question even to this day relative to certain procedures—particularly the disqualifying of the vote cast in Rock Bluffs precinct, Cass county, strong Morton territory.

Once in office, Governor Butler was faced with the problem of transition from territorial to state government. Among the many vexing questions was the location of the state capitol and the principal state institutions.

The legislature directed the governor to head a three-man commission to choose a capital city, which in addition to the statehouse was to contain the state university and the state insane asylum.

Under Butler's leadership the commission chose the site that was to develop into the present city of Lincoln. Once the site had been selected, the governor sparked a campaign to sell town lots, organize the functions of state government, and develop the new capital city.

Before long, however, he was in serious trouble with the legislature, and in 1871, just at the beginning of his third term, eleven articles of impeachment were preferred against him, the brushoff.

000 of the school fund given the state by the federal government. The state senate convicted him on that charge (although acquitting him on the other ten) and the supreme court ordered first being that he had appropriated to his own use some $16,- him removed from office.

The Lieutenant Governor, William H. James, who had been serving as governor, since the charges first were preferred, filled out the remainder of the term.

In 1877 the legislature relented of its action and adopted a resolution expunging the impeachment proceedings from the record. In 1882, after ten years' retirement from active political life, Butler was elected to the

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YOUR brain budget

1. Nigeria is in (a) western Africa, (b) central Asia, (c) northern South America, (d) southern Europe.
2. The Rorschach ink-blot test is a test of (a) ink quality, (b) paper absorption, (c) mental capabilities, (d) eyesight.
3. The Capets were (a) a group of equestrian performers, (b) a ruling house of France, (c) a comedy team, (d) a secret society connected with the Inquisition.
4. Gretna Green is famous as a (a) golf course, (b) spring salad, (c) haven of elopers, (d) domain of Robin Hood.
5. Henry Hudson's ship was known as the (a) Half Moon, (b) Full Moon, (c) Quarter Moon, (d) Three-Quarter Moon.

ANSWERS

1.—(a) Western Africa.
2.—(c) Mental capabilities. It is a method of determining a student's chance in college.
3.—(b) A ruling house of France.
4.—(c) Haven of elopers. A small town in Scotland.
5.—(a) Half Moon.

THIS WEEK IN Washington

ACTION in the United States senate confirms a prediction made in this column last November that the navy still has a "chip on its shoulder" over the ouster of Adm. Louis Denfeld as chief of naval operations.

This column said of the ouster, "That should be the last of it. But apparently the navy is still aggrieved and there promises to be more fireworks when congress convenes in January."

Well, the fireworks have started with Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R. Wis.) questioning the truthfulness of Secretary of the Navy Francis Matthews, bringing about a reopening of the Denfeld case and a delay in the confirmation (at this writing) of Denfeld's successor, Adm. Forrest P. Sherman. Republicans, who the week before dropped all demands for an investigation of the Denfeld case, now insist that Secretary Matthews be called for a "full explanation."

Question hinges upon whether or not Denfeld was issued a new two-year commission, or if he was, whether or not he was ever sworn in, or even if he was sworn in, has the President the power to fire him anyway?

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The 64-year-old fight over federal taxes on oleomargarine is ended. Federal taxes have been repealed, a bitter defeat for the dairying and creamery interests. Only differences in the senate-passed bill and the house bill were minor, requiring that oleo be sold in triangular patties and that notices be posted in restaurants using yellow oleo. Of course, there is no law which would prohibit restaurants serving butter in triangular patties.

But the bill repeals the 10-cent federal tax on a pound of yellow oleo and a fourth-cent on white oleo, $600 a year license fee for wholesalers of yellow and $200 a year fee for white margarine, $48 a year for retailers of yellow and $6 for retailers of white oleo. The senate progressively defeated a dozen amendments to the measure which included tacking on of all the civil rights measures as proposed by the Truman administration. Debate on the measure was bitter and ran the gamut of politics involving the farm vote. Examples:

Said Sen. Karl Mundt (R., S.D.), "We are confronted with just some plain, practical Pendergast politics which believes it can get some votes now by inducing some city people to go along with them, because they are going to give them a little cheaper spread, and they probably are not going to lose many votes among the farmers, because primarily they are dealing with a group of people who have had the good judgment to vote Republican anyway."

Senator Mundt was immediately challenged by a dozen senators asking him to give a resume of the farm vote at the last election which generally went Democratic.

Said Sen. J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.), author of the bill, "I do not believe that repeal will injure the dairy industry, much less destroy it. There is not even proof that repeal will do any great amount of damage to butter."

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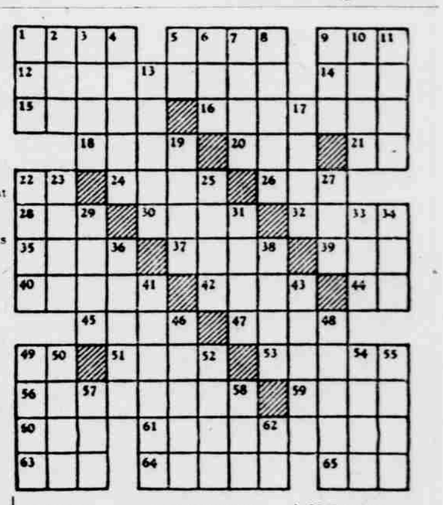
Defeat of a southern Democrat-Republican coalition, both in the house rules committee and on the floor of the house, was a definite victory for President Truman, but it may have reverberations throughout this session of the congress. Had the rebels won, it would have given Congressman Eugene Cox (D., Ga.), an avowed foe of the Truman administration fair deal program, complete control of all house legislation by reversing action of the first session which sheared from the rules committee its absolute power to control all legislation by the simple process of pigeonholing it.

Republicans, headed by former speaker, Joe Martin, and minority leader, Charles Halleck, joined in the coalition, although they sought to side-step responsibility by moving for an adjournment in order to prevent an expected vote on the FEPC measure. The move for adjournment was killed. Now they must vote FEPC either up or down.

Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL

1 Likewise
5 Store
9 Part of "to be"
12 Well-bred
14 Cover
15 Drunkard
16 Rate of ascent of a road
18 To navigate
20 Furtive
21 Earth goddess
22 Exclamation of disbelief
24 To paint coarsely
26 To cry like a cat
28 Gone by
30 To fall in drops
32 Small fish
35 Without feeling
37 To be aware
39 Sweet potato
40 Apportions
42 Lamb's pen name
44 Greek letter
45 River bank
47 Highly seasoned dish
49 By
51 Storage place for grain
53 Coin (pl.)
56 Edible roots
59 Opera by Verdi
60 Upward curve of a ship's plank
61 Disappears gradually
63 To obtain with difficulty
64 Liturgical pause
65 Printer's measure (pl.)

VERTICAL

1 Part of a play
2 Card game
3 Dines
4 Mountain nymph
5 Compass point
6 Selfish person
7 Pronoun
8 Sacred song
9 Son-in-law of Mohammed
10 Resonance
11 Border
13 Group of three
17 Stained
19 To prowl about
22 Four inches
23 Fever with chills
25 Climbing stem
27 Manner
29 Persian poet
31 Game played on horseback
33 Sliding mechanism on a wheel
34 Ostrichlike bird
36 Happiness
38 Feral
41 Sharp projections
43 Substitute name
46 Existent
48 Ecclesiastical garment
49 Projecting part of a building
50 War vehicle
52 Precious stone
54 Paradise
55 Pertness (slang)
57 Cereal grass
58 Nahoor sheep
62 What?

Answer to LAST WEEK'S Puzzle: