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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The people cannot see, but they can feel. —James Harrington

EDITORIALS

STREET WIDENING PROGRAM

Results of the engineer's estimate of the costs in improving Main street in Plattsmouth by recurbng or widening the thoroughfare...

We know of nothing, unless it would be extensive modernization of business fronts, that would improve the appearance or better the efficiency of the business district...

Plattsmouth business district is a most uninviting sight to newcomers. Old timers, and a lot of the rest of us who traverse the streets day in and day out, have become accustomed to the ugliness of our buildings, store fronts, broken down curbs, loose wires strung between lamp posts...

Our city has come a long way on the trail to recognition as one of Nebraska's finest and thriving cities during the past few years. Many improvements have been made, but much remains to be done.

We believe the small expenditure by each property owner necessary to widen our Main street would be a good investment in the future and be returned ten fold.

Widening Main street and placing of a new electric system should be first on the docket for 1950.

Keep improving. Keep watching Plattsmouth grow.

WOOLING LABOR UNIONS

A good example of the effort both political parties put forth in the wooing of labor unions was seen in the recent coal strike.

President Truman played a strictly hands-off policy and let the courts handle the controversy although the nation stood in a serious position industrially as well as economically.

On the other hand, Republicans were playing their part in the game. Little was heard from campaign headquarters although concentration of thinking of the non-union populace could be fanned to a fever pitch by deftly handled by Republican copy writers.

So, with their eyes on the ballot boxes next November, both parties were unwilling to prove their statesmanship and were totally blind to the increasing unemployment, shut downs in industry, closing of schools and institutions, suffering of individuals, all caused by the coal strike.

Republicans are too busy waving the red flag. The Democrats are afraid they will lose their grip on the jack pot in Washington.

DEFINITIONS

Socialism: If you have two cows, you keep one and give the other to your neighbor.

Communism: If you have two cows, you give both to the government; then maybe the government gives you back some milk.

Soft-Pink Communism: If you have two cows, you're a capitalist.

Imperialism: If you have two cows, you steal somebody's bull.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

Was just reading about this fellow back in Massachusetts that got up from the table where he was figuring his income tax, walked to the bathroom and cut his throat with a razor.

Years ago most people used to make most of their clothes on spinning wheels. Nowadays, a lot of people lose their shirts on them.

International tangles haven't got a thing on the sleeve lining of our winter overcoat.

See where the government is buying more apples for the school lunch program. Government has even taken the joy out of bringing teacher an apple.

A noted speaker says man's trouble is that he has never been able to master the art of living with himself. That may be so, but the biggest trouble comes when he tries to move out.

A Plattsmouth man says he's just waiting until those planes that fly faster than the speed of sound are available to the public. He thinks they would be just the thing when his wife starts to nag at him.

Couple of buzzards soaring over the city the other day saw a jet plane go by. "That bird was surely in a hurry," said one. "You would be, too, if your tail was on fire," stated the other.

Capitalism: If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

New Dealism: If you have two cows, the government shoots one cow; you milk the other, then throw part of the milk down the sink.

Anarchism: If you have two cows, your neighbor shoots one and takes the other.

Nazism: If you have two cows, the government shoots you and takes both cows.

Fair Dealism: If you have two cows you milk them every other day; give milk to everybody, build the cows an air-conditioned barn and feed them extra when they go dry.

Realism: If you have two cows, they're both dry.

—Equitable Farm Loan Magazine

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

Edward Gradoville, Jr., student at St. John's Parochial schools, was winner of the championship honors in the Cass county spelling contest held at court house; placed first in both written and oral.

20 YEARS AGO

Lee Nickles and sister, Miss Etta, moved into city property on North Fifth street recently purchased from L. B. Rakow. Hinky-Dinky store was visited by robbers who forced the rear door and escaped with an assortment of goods taken from stock.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

LACK OF COOPERATION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CALIFORNIA RESULTS IN MURDER OF KEY WITNESS AGAINST NARCOTICS GANG; RAMIFICATIONS OF CASE EXTEND TO EAST COAST, REVEALING INTERSTATE NETWORK OF ORGANIZED CRIME.

WASHINGTON.—Abe Davidian, a narcotics runner, was found lying on a couch in his mother's home in Fresno, Cal., last week, a bullet hole in his head.

Behind his murder were ramifications extending to the New Jersey palisades, probably down to Miami, Fla., where a narcotics grand jury has been in session. In fact, Davidian's murder illustrates the amazing interstate network of organized crime.

I was in Fresno in January when Davidian and 15 others were indicted by the

Laff of the Week



"I don't think it helped Gilmore much, moving him away from the clock."

federal government in an effort to break up a giant narcotics ring. At that time both Warren Olney of the California crime commission and George White, chief U. S. narcotics agent for the west coast, were worried.

Here is the story of this significant murder and the peculiar facts behind it.

Four months ago Davidian was speeding up California's central valley near Bakersfield with one kilogram of heroin in his car.

Shortly after his arrest, Davidian came in to see Federal Narcotics Chief George White and offered to tell the story of a large-scale narcotics ring which the federal government had been trying to track down for months.

Federal officers were elated and immediately communicated with California's state narcotics chief, Walter Creighton, who promised cooperation.

White was notified. But Davidian was a narcotics witness for the treasury department. He was not a justice department witness and, without consulting J. Edgar Hoover, the west coast FBI took no interest.

White immediately phoned Riordan, asked for a letter agreeing to postpone Davidian's prosecution. Davidian, it was explained, was the key witness by which the entire narcotics gang might be caught.

Riordan promised a letter, but never sent it. Instead he sent a letter asking for a new count against Davidian, which, significantly, would make it impossible for him to be put on probation, once convicted.

Riordan is the assistant of Attorney General Fred Hower. So also is State Narcotics Chief Walter Creighton. Neither the federal government nor Governor Warren have any power over them.

By this time, federal agents knew that the head of the narcotics ring was Joe Sica, the new Italian leader of the Los Angeles underworld and the man who has been nudging Mickey Cohen down from his gangland throne.

Sica trained in New Jersey with the Willie Moretti gang, whose headquarters are at Palisades, just across the Hudson river from New York.

Joe Sica and his 15 indicted colleagues were considered the biggest narcotics haul in the history of the United States. This was the first time the federal government got real inside information regarding the sources of heroin now flooding the U. S. A.

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Picadilly Weepers were the moustache and long, drooping whiskers worn by fashionable men of England in the 1860's.

A classified Ad in The Journal costs as little as 35c.

CAPITOL NEWS

LINCOLN—A freshman legislator from Ord and the governor of Nebraska exchanged some heated words last week.

Sen. Hugh Carson in an accusation that Valley county farmers aren't getting a "fair deal" in the governor's highway program, bitterly attacked the appointment of Ben Sallows, Alliance, as business consultant in the state highway department.

"Plain bunk" retorted the chief executive, "crankcase sludge and drivelt from the petroleum companies' oily propagandists."

Peterson said attacks on his program have come mainly from the "powerful petroleum interests—so overwhelmingly strong that they can and have broken governments the world around."

The governor said, "The petroleum people have made sly, underhanded attacks on me for many months. I expect these to continue. The fact is they have already contacted individuals to run for governor against me."

Carson was author of a bill in the last session which would have separated the irrigation bureau and the state highway department and placed a business manager over the state engineer. It drew 23 votes, a clear majority, on final consideration, but it was later discovered that 29 votes were needed, since it set up a new department. On the next vote, the bill received only 22 yeas.

The subject of the controversy—Ben Sallows—also got into the act by calling Carson "out of order." He said he had never discussed re-election plans with the governor. "My efforts," he said, "have been dedicated to road."

However, Sallows said, "I think Peterson's re-election is probably important in continuing the needed road policy."

Governor Peterson went to Washington last week to testify before the senate appropriation subcommittee on war department civil functions. He told the group that congress must not try to balance the budget largely at the expense of soil and water conservation. The dams built by the army engineers are the foundation of all other benefits planned for the Missouri basin in the Pick-Sloan development plan, he said.

"We have no objection to accept such a cut in our activities as the congress sees fit to apply evenly across the entire scope of governmental activity," the governor said, but he urged discrimination in economy.

In Peterson's opinion, continued neglect of soil and water will lay the foundation for America's "eventual and final bankruptcy."

The backers of a petition to place the issue of legalized gambling on the November ballot in Nebraska all but tossed in the towel last week.

They are Dudley and Eugene Gray, brothers who own a hotel in Superior, Nebraska, and Glen Williams, who operates an "amusement" route in Nebraska and Kansas, and a liquor store in Superior.

Dudley, who is 27, told the United Press the petition campaign was falling behind "partly because slot machines are popping up all around." His brother, 25-year-old Eugene, elaborated: "Several times when we approached people with petitions, they seemed to think that as long as Anderson (Attorney General James H. Anderson) was going out, things were going to get lax. They thought there was no use signing them if things were going to turn around the other way."

Anderson, who has resigned, effective March 1, to accept a position with an Omaha law firm, said that few recurrences of gambling had been reported to his office and these were immediately suppressed.

Anderson's successor, C. S. Beck, said there will not be "the slightest relaxation in enforcement of the anti-gambling law and people who say otherwise are liars!"

The Grays said they had about 20,000 signers, less than half enough to get the issue on the ballot.

Reports from other parts of the state showed two other proposed referendums have fared even more poorly.

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DALE CARNEGIE

AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

Golden Rule Brings Popularity

THERE WAS a young boy back in Satanta, Kansas, who in the short time he lived learned a valuable lesson which his mother passes on to you and me. His name was James Eldon Conover.

Jimmy Conover died suddenly just after he had completed his sophomore year in high school. He had lettered in football and track one year and in scholarship another year. He was active in basketball, the boy scouts, and had been president of his class.

I am sure you will agree that Jimmy was headed for a useful and splendid life. But his Maker decided otherwise.

The point I want to bring out in Jimmy's story is something his mother told me. When Jimmy was a small boy he found it difficult to get along with the other children. He couldn't understand why the other boys didn't like him and he was extremely sensitive about it. But Jimmy was an inveterate reader, and he read books that opened his eyes to his own shortcomings.

Many a boy might have just passed up what he read, but not Jimmy. Jimmy was headed for better things. He took stock of himself and he began the practice of the golden rule; he treated the other fellows as he would want to be treated. He went further, and became interested in what the other fellows were interested in.

It wasn't long before Jimmy was a much happier boy than he had been previously; it wasn't long before his friends were hanging around him. And if you want proof of this, just re-read paragraph two above. Unlike boys don't receive the honors Jimmy received. Here is a quotation from a write-up in his home town paper after his death:

"Jimmy was one of the most popular boys among all age groups ever reared in Satanta. He was reared in the Catholic church."

Jimmy's mother and I have passed this story on with the hope that it may help other boys who find it difficult to get along with their fellows. We know Jimmy would have wanted us to do this.

The plan for a popular vote on the 1949 law permitting the four state teacher colleges to grant liberal art degrees apparently died a-borning, according to Frank Edgerton, Aurora banker. He said as far as he knew, no active campaign has been begun, although he still stands ready to serve as chairman of the drive if it materializes.

At Lincoln, Louis B. Maupin said he has dropped his plan for a proposed constitutional amendment to increase the size of the legislature from its present 43 members to 75-85, and members' salaries from \$872 to \$1500 a year. So many other questions will be on the ballot, he said, the voters will be confused.

"We'd rather wait another two years," he said. Three questions are certain to be submitted to the voters next November.

Farm organizations, truckers and oil interests already have secured the necessary number of petitioners to require popular vote on a 1949 law raising the state gas tax by one cent, and increasing the cost of motor vehicle license fees.

The legislature sponsored a proposed constitutional amendment, under which the state senators would be permitted to set their own salaries and call annual sessions if they wished. Sessions in even numbered years would consider only appropriations and confirmation of appointment by the governor. The legislators' two-year terms would be increased to four years, and staggered so only half the membership would be up for election at once.

Dale Whalen of the secretary of state's office said July 6 is the deadline for filing petitions for referendum vote. But he pointed out the form of the petition should be submitted considerably ahead of that so it can be checked.

STATE HOUSE NAMES AND NEWS OF THE WEEK. Dr. E. A. Rogers, head of the tuberculosis survey division, said he expects Nebraska's two mobile x-ray units to complete surveying the state by Sept. 1.

Labor Commissioner Donald P. Miller reported jobless Nebraskans received \$484,283.33 in unemployment insurance payments during January, the highest monthly distribution since the program began ten years ago.

Use Journal Want Ads.

Successful Parenthood advertisement with logo and author name Catherine Conrad Edwards.

BY THE TIME a baby is ten months old he will probably be on a three meals a day schedule. He will also have developed a liking for variety in his food and can no longer be put off with a warmed-up bottle of formula.

Since the staple foods in his diet are still quite restricted, it isn't too easy to provide appetizing changes of menu. But it can be done, and certainly the result is worth the time and effort. For it is this early cajoling of the appetite which leads to a genuine liking for food.

Let's begin with the staple foods that a toddler's meals should be made of. They are: milk, fruit juices, cereals, meat (beef, lamb, bacon, chicken, liver), non-oily fish, soup, vegetables (carrots, spinach, peas, asparagus, beets, potatoes), eggs, milk and gelatin puddings, rennet custard, graham crackers, whole-wheat bread or toast, zwieback, banana, cooked fruit.

Since cereal is the standby solid food, begin early to vary it. Cook it some days with half milk, other days with all water. The difference in taste is remarkable. Then, try not to serve the same cereal more than two days in succession. If you want to use up morning cereal at the evening meal, mix it with a little sweetened apricot or prune pulp. Though most cereals are served without sweetening, the evening dish can be made a treat for baby by adding 1/4 teaspoon of white clover honey. Rice with milk and honey gives a little change in texture, as well as taste, for the baby's palate.

Adding egg is the simplest means of making familiar vegetables taste and feel different. The beaten yolk of an egg gives flavor to spinach and peas—add while cooking. Or half-fill a custard cup with tomato, spinach or pea pulp—then drop the yolk of an egg on top, cover with milk and crumbs of toast or zwieback, and bake. Strained carrot can be set in lemon gelatin.

You can think up any number of new combinations if you will just remember that baby likes attractive, varied meals as well as the other members of the family.