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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY The people cannot see, but they can feel.

- James Hirrington

EDITORIALS

STREET WIDENING PROGRAM

Results of the engineer's estimate of the costs in improving Main street in Plattsmouth by recurbing or widening the thoroughfare came as a most pleasant surprise to most of our business men. In fact, the estimated cost was less than half most of us had planned on paying if and when the project was completed.

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 than the contemplated street widening program under consideration by the city famers.

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, but don't think for a minute visitors don't notice it. The condition of the present will certainly fail to attract new businesses or encourage ex-

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. Not all of it additional expense to the taxpayer ... as would be the widening project.

. 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. We also believe that a big majority of the business people along the street are in favor of the improvement.

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

Keep improving. Keep watching Plattsmouth grow.

WOOING 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. Although there was lots of talk, little action was taken.

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. With elections staring them in the face, not one Democrat would take the chance of paying the supreme sacrifice in getting the miners back to the coal pits pronto.

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 if deftly handled by Republican copy writers. But the boys directing policy were afraid the gains made in the wide open spaces would be more than offset by union votes.

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 neigh-

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

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 i with a razor. Peace be with him. He must have been a mind reader.

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

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 federal government in an effort Despite this background and run for governor against me." would be, too, if your tail was on fire," to break up a giant narcotics despite the pleas of U. S. narstated the other.

Capitalism: If you have two cows, you chief U. S. narcotics agent for operate in delaying prosecution ness manager over the state ensell one and buy a bull.

New Dealism: If you have two cows, They told me they were worried "There was no explanation as majority, on final consideration. the government shoots one cow; you milk over the strange behavior of the to why the state bureau of nar- but it was later discovered that the other, then throw part of the milk down office of California's Attorney cotics was so anxious to sabotage 29 votes were needed, since it

neighbor shoots one and takes the other. Nazism: If you have two cows, the gov-

ernment 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-condi- valley near Bakersfield with one eration," Olney continued, "they with the governor. "My efforts,"

they go dry. Realism: If you have two cows, they're drove so fast that, though he ized crime possible."

-Equitable Farm Loan Magazine

TEN YEARS AGO

Edward Gradoville, Jr., student at St. and offered to tell the story of a bers of the narcotics ring. John's Parochial schools, was winner of large-scale narcotics ring which the championship honors in the Cass coun- the federal government had been ty spelling contest held at court house; He was willing to buy more placed first in both written and oral. Ruth heroin, this time using marked Finkle of Weeping Water was second . . Misses Laura Meisinger and Marie Fitz- cers and dictaphones planted gerald departed for a month's vacation on within earshot. the west coast, guests of Mrs. Robert Will Federal officers were elated at El Monte, California . . . Farney's Cafe and immediately communicated keglers defeated the Ladies Toggery team with California's state narcotics in the ladies bowling tourney . . . An- chief, Walter Creighton, who nounce was made that Herman Meisinger of Mynard won a place in the high ten in the nationwide Iowealth hybrid corn sales contest, in which dealers from all agricult contest, in which dealers from all agricul- him huffy and uncooperative. story of the California narcotics tural states participated . . . Residents find Mike Riordan, California assist- ring. Chapter 2 began about will lay the foundation for Amdifficulty in traveling the dirt and graveled ant attorney general in charge two weeks ago when the U. S. erica's "eventual and final hicle license fees. roads as melting snow brought softening of law enforcement in San Fran- attorney's office in Los Angeles bankruptcy." and made the roads "bottomless."

Lee Nickles and sister, Miss Etta, moved prosecute Davidian immediately. into city property on North Fifth street diately, however, would have ness for the treasury departrecently purchased from L. B. Rakow . . . spoiled any setup whereby he ment. He was not a justice de-Hinky-Dinky store was visited by robbers was to buy narcotics with marked partment witness and, without Gray, brothers who own a hotel who forced the rear door and escaped money, so U. S. Narcotics Chief consulting J. Edgar Hoover, the in Superior, Nebraska, and with an assortment of goods taken from White went to Santa Barbara to west coast FBI took no interest. stock . . . The T. E. Olson family held see State Narcotics Chief Creigh- A few weeks before this the unique record in educational work of the ton personally. Creighton, he FBI had been asked by the U. S. and Kansas, and a liquor store Plattsmouth city schools in that the sev- found, was nervous and temper- attorney in Los Angeles to help in Superior. enth member of the family, Miss Clara, was amental. He declined to coop- when another federal witness, to be a member of the graduating class in the arming. B. Fester Petterson high unless he got a letter from his to death in Long Beach, Calif. the spring . . . R. Foster Patterson, high chief, Riordan, in San Francis- Allen had been a witness before ly because slot machines are school principal and coach of the debating | co. team, took his team, comprising Robert | White immediately phoned torney General Howser, and Livingston, Mary Swatek, Charles Nowa-Riordan, asked for a letter shortly thereafter was pistolcek and Gerald Sperry to enter the dis- agreeing to postpone Davidian's whipped to within an inch of we approached people with petrict tournament at Valley . . . New light prosecution. Davidian, it was his life. contract was placed to make new road to explained, was the key witness bridge a scenic driveway and well lighted by which the entire narcotics to help protect Allen as a witthoroughfare.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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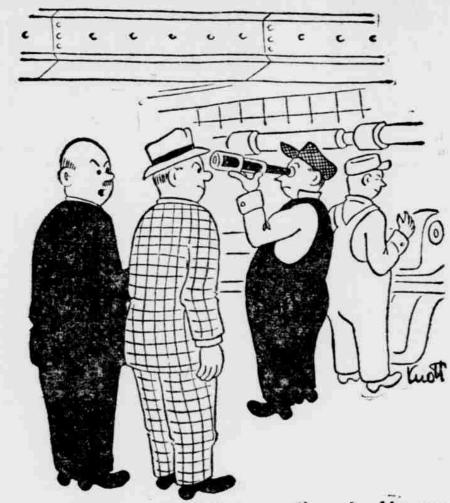
DREW PEARSON SAYS: LACK OF COOPERATION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CALIFOR-NIA RESULTS IN MURDER OF KEY WITNESS AGAINST NARCOTICS GANG: RAMIFICATIONS OF CASE EXTEND TO EAST COAST, RE-VEALING INTERSTATE NETWORK

OF ORGANIZED CRIME. WASHINGTON. — Abe Davidian, a Cohen down from his gangland sources of heroin now flooding narcotics runner, was found lying on a throne. couch in his mother's home in Fresno, Cal.,

last week, a bullet hole in his head. Behind his murder were ramifications whose headquarters are at Paliextending to the New Jersey palisades, sades, just across the Hudson probably down to Miami, Fla., where a river from New York. Frankie narcotics grand jury has been in session. In fact, Davidian's murder illustrates the children. Sica has made variamazing interstate network of organized ous trips between Los Angeles

I was in Fresno in January when David- between eastern and western ian and 15 others were indicted by the mobs.

Laff of the Week



"I don't think it helped Gilmore much, moving him away underhanded attacks on me for from the clock."

ring. At that time both Warren cotics agents, the enforcement the west coast, were worried of Davidian. tant case.

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

tioned barn and feed them extra when kilogram of heroin in his car. tossed the heroin out to get rid of the evidence, some of it flew into the back seat with such force that the police had to use a vacuum cleaner to pick it up. OFFERED TO TELL ON RING

money and with federal offi-

government. Riordan wanted to off Davidian.

gang might be caught. SIGNIFICANT REQUEST

against Davidian, which, signifi- FBI didn't cooperate. contly, would make it impossible once convicted.

also is State Narcotics Chief Walter Creighton. Neither the fed-Warren have any power over found dead.

Costello is one of Moretti's close friends and the godfather of his and New York, an obvious link

a public statement.

When the police gave chase, he sort of thing that makes organ- roads."

Thanks to uncooperative state went to an early trial and plead- ing the needed road policy." ed guilty. But Judge Warren Stockton of Bakersfield, anxious to cooperate, postponed sen-

As they were picked up, members of the ring told U.S. agents they knew exactly who was going to be arrested. Federal state agents see their confidenial files. It is also interesting that Crime Commissioner Olney announced that a phone call was traced from Sica's office to Robert Franklin in Fresno, one of Howser's campaign managers. "NO JURISDICTION"

KILLS COOPERATION

That ends chapter 1 of the cisco, Creighton said, didn't got a tip that eastern gangsters want to cooperate with the U.S. were being imported to bump

The FBI was notified. But To prosecute Davidian imme- Davidian was a narcotics wit-

a federal grand jury against At- popping up all around." His

But when the FBI was asked ness before a federal grand jury, the FBI replied that he was a Riordan promised a letter, but witness in an income-tax case. never sent it. Instead he sent This was under the treasury dea letter asking for a new count partment, not the justice, so the

To protect him, Davidian was for him to be put on probation, hidden in Arizona by U. S. narcotics agents, but last week he Riordan is the assistant of At- returned to Los Angeles for artorney General Fred Howser. So raignment and slipped up to his mother's home in Fresno. There, lying on a couch with a bullet eral government nor Governor hole in his head, Davidian was

Joe Sica and his 15 indicted By this time, federal agents colleagues were considered the knew that the head of the nar- biggest narcotics haul in the cotics ring was Joe Sica, the new history of the United States. Italian leader of the Los An- This was the first time the fedgeles underworld and the man eral government got real inwho has been nudging Mickey side information regarding the the U.S. A. But with no wit-Sica trained in New Jersey ness alive to testify against with the Willie Moretti gang, them, the case against the Sica gang has now blown up higher

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

than a kite.

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, Althe state highway department. He charged that Sallows was campaigning for the governor's re-election at taxpayer's expense.

"Plain bunk." retorted the chief executive," crankcase sludge and drivel from the petroleum campanie's 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 a-

The governor said, "The petroleum people have made sly. many months, I expect these to continue. The fact is they have already contacted individuals to

Carson was author of a bill in the last session which would Olney of the California crime officers of California's Attorney bureau and the state highway commission and George White, General Howser refused to co- department and placed a busigineer. It drew 28 votes, a clear General Fred Howser in declin- the federal case," Crime Com- set up a new department On the Anarchism: If you have two cows, your ing to cooperate in this impor- missioner Warren Olney said in next vote, the bill received only

"The state office did every- | The subject of the controthing it could," Olney continued, versy-Ben Sallows-also got into make Davidian unavailable to the act by calling Carson Four months ago Davidian was to the federal grand jury. In- "out of order ' He said he had speeding up California's central stead of giving the usual coop- never discussed re-election plans speeded the trial. This is the he said, "have been dedicated to

However. Sallows said, think Peterson's re-election is officials, therefore, Davidian probably important in continu-

Governor Peterson went to Washington last week to testify before the senate appropriation vidian came in to see Federal the federal government time to subcommittee on war depart-Narcotics Chief George White indict Sica and 14 other mem- men 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, con-

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 Glen Williams, who operates an "amusement" route in Nebraska

Dudley, who is 27, told the United Press the petition campaign was falling behind "partbrother, 25-year-old Eugene. elaborated: "Several times when titions, 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 nad about 20,000 signers, less than half enough to get the issue on the

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

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DAILE CAURNEGIE 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 liance, as business consultant in 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.

Carnegie

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

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. Unliked 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

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

terializes.

At Lincoln, Louis B. Maupin election at once. said he has dropped his plan for Dale Whalen of the secretary a proposed constitutional am- of state's office said July 6 is mendment to increase the size the deadline for filing petitions of the legislature from its pre- for referendum vote. But he sent 43 members to 75-85, and pointed out the form of the pemembers' salaries from \$872 to tition should be submitted con-\$1500 a year. So many other siderably ahead of that so it questions will be on the ballot, can be checked. he said, the voters will be confused.

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

of petitioners to require popular vote on a 1949 law raising the tinued neglect of soil and water state gas tax by one cent, and during January, the highest increasing the cost of motor ve- monthly distribution since the

The legislature sponsored a proposed constitutional amend-

The plan for a popular vote ment, under which the state on the 1949 law permitting the senators would be permitted to four state teacher colleges to set their own salaries and call grant liberal art degrees ap- annual sessions if they wished. parently died a-borning, ac- Sessions in even numbered cording to Frank Edgerton, years would consider only ap-Aurora banker. He said as far as propriations and confirmation he knew, no active campaign of appointment by the governor. has been begun, although he The legislators' two-year terms still stands ready to serve as would be increased to four years, chairman of the drive if it ma- and staggered so only half the membership would be up for

STATE HOUSE NAMES and

NEWS of the WEEK Dr. E. A. Rogers, head of the tuberculosis survey division, said bile x-ray units to complete Farm organizations. truckers surveying the state by Sept. 1. and oil interests already have Labor Commissioner Donald P. secured the necessary number Miller reported jobless Nebraskans received \$484,2833 in unemployment insurance payments

> program began ten years ago. Use Journal Want Ads.

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

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. And a baby who really likes to eat is rarely any trouble to feed.

bottle of formula.

Let's begin with the staple foods that a toddler's meals should be made of. They are: milk, fruit fuices, 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 haif 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 baby's pelate.

Sometimes it requires a carefully planned campaign to introduce liver into the baby's diet. Begin with canned vegetable mixtures that contain enough chicken livers to acquaint him with the liver taste. This can be mixed, at first, with milk and later white sauce, as further inducements to licking the plate. When baby begins to show a liking for the flavor, try serving ground liver, creamed. Finally, liver loaf becomes a thrice-weekly item on baby's diet. Here is one moth-

EDWARDS

Associate Editor,

Wash one slice of calf or baby beef liver and plunge in boiling water. Remove skin and connecting tissue. Run through the grinder, using small blade. Grind, also, two pieces of zweiback. Add the beaten yolk of an egg and one tablespoon of milk. Combine ingredients well and bake in a custard cup set in water until the loaf is firm. This makes enough for several servings,

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 zweiback, and bake. Strained carrot can be set in lemon gela-

You can think up any number of white clover honey. Rice with milk new combinations if you will just and honey gives a little change in remember that baby likes attractexture, as well as taste, for the tive, varied meals as well as the other members of the family.