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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY
The judge is nothing but the law speaking.
—Benjamin Whichcote

EDITORIALS

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

A most progressive step was taken by Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce last Thursday night when a resolution was passed requesting that city officials create an improvement district for widening and relighting of Main street.

This matter has been under discussion for several years, but little had been accomplished beyond the talk stage until several months ago when a committee headed by W. A. Swatek, working closely with the city council, prepared tentative plans and secured an engineer's estimate of costs. Fully 100 per cent of property owners along the main stem were amazed at how little expense would be involved to modernize and improve the business district.

While the project has not boasted of full blessing of all the holders of business property along the street, we can say it is to Plattsmouth's credit that not one has risen in violent protest, which refutes the oft heard remark that "Plattsmouth is a backward town. They won't spend the money to improve and modernize." To us, that statement or opinion is a lot of baloney—our townsmen have proven on more than one occasion since this writer's residence within the city that a majority will go along if a leader will come forward to start the "ball rolling."

It is not to be expected that all will go smoothly before the project is completed. There will be some differences of opinion as to how much wider the thoroughfare should be made, and whether parking areas should be sloped to the curb, or be constructed with a step low enough to clear bumpers and still allow Plattsmouth visitors to gain the sidewalk without a running-jump or assistance from one who has already made it.

Knowing and seeing the ugly, deplorable condition of curb lines, sidewalks and street lighting in the business district of even one protest against the program. Not one resident will argue that new lights and curb repair is not absolutely necessary, and this newspaper will wager not one property owner along Main street will protest the additional expenditure of another \$20 or \$25 a front to do the job right.

We here in Plattsmouth have learned that an attractive, modern, clean town with a convenient shopping district attracts trade. We are all looking to the future—many of our business places have plans drawn for new and modernized store fronts only awaiting the cleaning up of Main street before construction. Most of us here in Plattsmouth are determined to protect our investments in homes, commercial properties and businesses by making of our city the most attractive in the area.

New lighting and modernizing of Main street is only one more forward step to assure respect for our city—to encourage and attract new home owners, new citizens and new businesses, all adding to and protecting the investments we already have here.

HOOKS, SLICES, ACCIDENTS

Willie Turnesa, former U. S. and British amateur golf champion, who has played on from five to six hundred golf courses in six nations in twenty-two years, says that golf is a game of great uncertainties and if it were otherwise, persons would no longer play it.

The amateur was testifying in behalf of a defendant, being sued by a man hit in the eye by a golf ball driven from a parallel fairway. Mr. Turnesa said that he had accidentally hit players with golf balls and had often been hit himself. Every player, he testified, might hook or slice a ball and land on the wrong fairway.

The golfer asserted that ninety-nine per cent of golfers lift their heads while driving and, consequently, make bad shots. Moreover, "fore" should not be shouted

Furse's Fresh Flashes

About the best example of perfect security we have seen is the fellow serving a life term in the penitentiary.

Which reminds us of the prisoner about to be executed requesting a large bowl of mushrooms as his last meal. Said he had always wanted to try them but was afraid he would be poisoned.

A prisoner is always in a bad way. Even when he takes the witness stand under oath he has only two choices. If he tells the truth he goes to jail, and if he lies he goes to Hell.

Saw a sign in a drug store up the street advising customers "If you don't use our soap, for goodness sake use our perfume."

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, tells us that when she told her latest boy friend he shouldn't see her anymore, he immediately turned out the lights.

A local gal tells us she has fallen in love with six men without avail. We suggest she wear one on her next date and maybe she'll have better luck.

A book agent dropped in the past week selling a book he guaranteed to do half our work. We were tempted to buy two of 'em.

A Plattsmouth mother tells us she doesn't believe in letting her children have "piggy banks," thinking it encourages the youngsters to become misers. We wouldn't know about that, but do know it turns many parents into bank robbers.

Another "editor left town heading" in an outstate paper: "Two Sisters Compromise Weekly's Entire Staff."

until a person is about to be hit and, even then the warning is dangerous because it generally causes an individual to look toward the ball rather than to duck.

All in all, he concludes that in golf "we don't know where the next ball is going." You can get any number of Plattsmouth golfers to back up that statement.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

Thirty-one farmers of the county enrolled as co-operators and demonstrators of the 1940 Nebraska Pasture-Forage-Livestock program . . . County Judge A. H. Duxbury was scheduled as Memorial Day speaker at Elmwood and Palmyra . . . The Plattsmouth Woman's club announced dates for their hobby show, May 28 and 29 . . . W. H. Wilcoxon, president of the Wilcoxon Motors of St. Louis, presented his alma mater at Elmwood with a roster of Elmwood high school down through the years, to the members of the alumni—more than 700 copies in all. Mr. Wilcoxon was a member of the Elmwood class of 1901.

20 YEARS AGO

The Roberts Construction Company completed work on the concrete paving from the north end of the John R. Webster boulevard, to the Stull place . . . Rev. O. G. Wichmann, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the Presbyterian church . . . C. H. Martin, of the local Red & White store, was at Springfield arranging stock for new store there which was to be operated by Stuart Chase . . . Frederick Wehrlein and Mildred Schulz were named by school as king and queen of May at festival in Garfield park, directed by Miss Ruth Lindsay and B. E. Woodward . . . N. C. Christensen of Weeping Water departed for his old home in Denmark, making the trip on the ship, "Oscar the Second." This was his sixth trip back to his native land.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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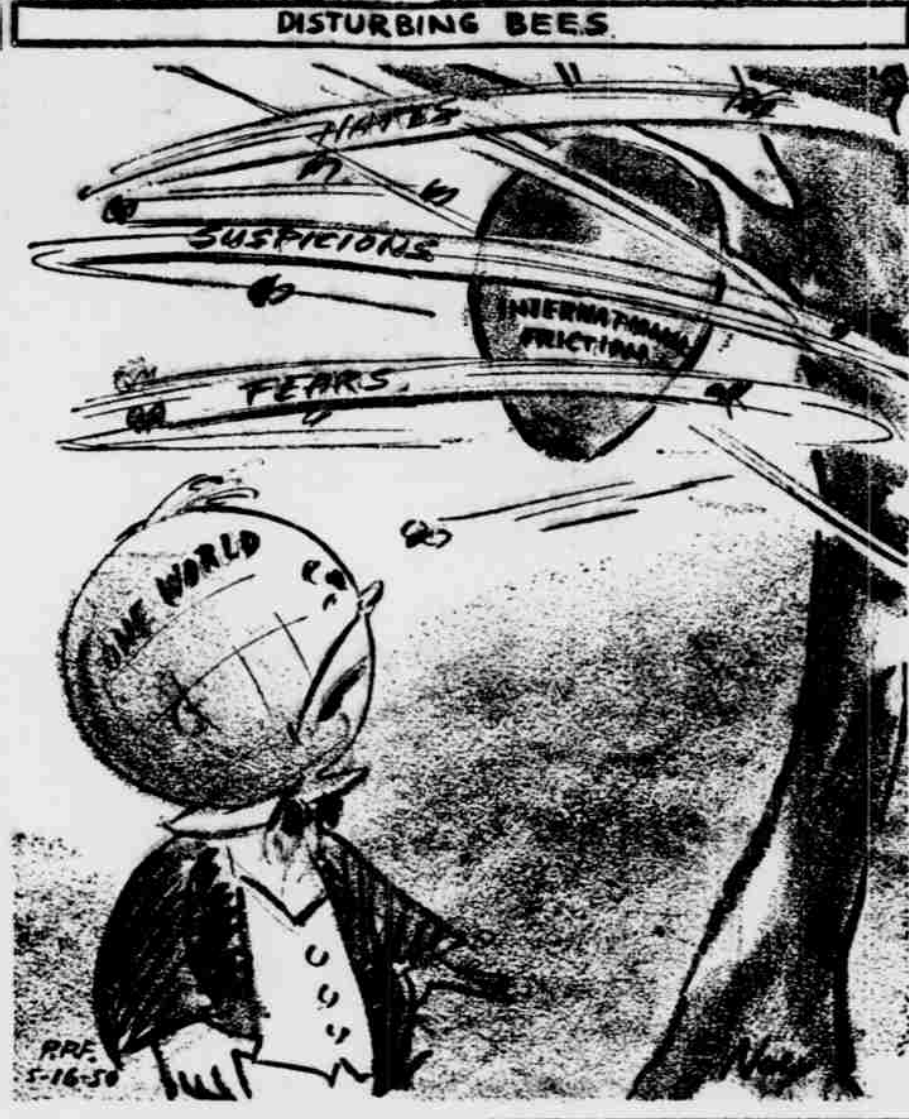
DREW PEARSON SAYS:

U. S. ARMY HAS FIENDISH NEW WAR GAS WHICH MAKES MEN INSANE; U. S. MUST USE NEW PROPAGANDA METHODS TO CONVINCE EUROPE WE ARE NOT WARMONGERS; PRESIDENT TRUMAN COULD SELL PEACE BY EUROPEAN WHISTLE-STOP TOUR.

WASHINGTON.—A sensational story was flashed out of Detroit recently that the army has developed a magic nerve gas which destroys the will to resist and makes war painless.

The story grew out of a remark by Maj. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe, chief of the army chemical corps, who happened to mention nerve gases at the American Chemical Society's annual meeting in Detroit. The sensational details about making war painless, however, were supplied by an imaginative reporter.

Inside facts about the army's new nerve gases are sensational, all right, but exactly opposite to what the press reported. The gases do not cause a gentle sleep and do not pave the way for bloodless conquest. Instead, they drive men mad, turn them



into raging lunatics before killing them.

The army's experiments have been based on two nerve gases developed by the Germans and still known by their German names—Tabun and Sarin. These are fiendishly lethal gases, depending upon the dose. A small dose will cause severe headache, nausea and chest congestion. A few extra whiffs will attack the optic nerve and cause blindness, then degenerate vital brain cells, until the victim loses his sanity. Homicidal tendencies are supposed to result.

Gas masks are no protection from Tabun and Sarin, which seep into the body through the skin pores. Protective clothing has been developed, however, that will help.

RUSSIANS HAVE SECRET, TOO?

The army is now using goats, rabbits and rats to experiment with Tabun and Sarin at Dugway proving ground in the barren Utah desert. The gases are invisible and difficult to detect, though army scientists who have gotten a whiff of escaping Tabun say it smells faintly like "Juicy Fruit" chewing gum.

The Germans turned over 200-pound and 500-pound Tabun gas bombs to the U. S. army after V-E day—bombs which had never been used for fear of retaliation—though captured German documents show that Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels urged that Hitler resort to Tabun in the last, desperate days.

German officers handling the Tabun bombs were deathly afraid of them, warned that they might explode if left in the sun too long.

Inasmuch as the Russians took over German war secrets, it is safe to assume that Russians have been experimenting with Tabun and Sarin in the same way we are doing.

Note—Dr. Albert Speer, former reichsminister of armament, told allied authorities he had planned to kill Hitler with Tabun by filtering it into his ventilating system. But Hitler built a protective chimney around the ventilating funnel before Dr. Speer could carry out his plot.

HARRY'S WHISTLE-STOP

Whether you agree with President Truman or not, any fair-minded political observer will agree that when Harry gets out among the folks, it does something both for him and for them.

He is like Antaeus who got new strength every time he was thrown to earth, and whom Hercules could not vanquish until he held him over his head away from the earth.

Likewise Harry Truman is strongest when he gets away from his palace guard of cronies and sticks close to the earthy people from whom he came and to whom he belongs. They give him almost a spiritual lift, and he in turn gives them a political lift as far as his popularity and the Democratic party are concerned.

This, of course, is something for the Republicans to worry about.

However, in these days of new and fiendish poison gases, there is also something else for all of us to worry about—namely, the wave of neutrality that is sweeping western Europe.

Carefully nurtured by the Communist party and by the Moscow radio, many Europeans have come to believe that the U. S. A. is the world's worst warmonger and that western Europe is foolish to get in the middle of a clash between the U. S. A. and the U. S. S. R.

Propaganda is relatively cheap. It costs little to send radio waves into western Europe, or send Communist speakers among the ranks of labor. The Marshall plan costs us billions annually and has done a great job in re-

building Europe. But we have cause we haven't accompanied it received little credit for it, be by the proper sales campaign.

SOAP AND PEACE

No good American business firm ever curtails advertising for long; but many Republican congressmen, influenced in part by business, voted to curtail the state department's sales campaign to Europe. Several years ago, a well-known American soap cut down its advertising on the theory that enough Americans were sold on the fact that "it floats." Sales immediately dropped, and that company has come back as a big advertiser since.

All this is by way of saying that the United States has to sell its peaceful aims, its generosity, its constructive moves to rebuild the world, not once, but all the time. It can never stop.

Furthermore, we have to think up new sales ideas, new advertising gimmicks regarding our peace aims, just as a manufacturing company thinks up new promotion plans to sell its goods.

So here is a suggestion: President Truman, a down-to-earth, likable gentleman, who goes over great with the plain people, should go to Europe this fall or summer to make a whistle-stop tour.

If he visited not merely the big capitals, but took a train through the heart of France, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands, stopping at little stations along the way, he could do a great selling job for his country and a far greater service than touring our own western states.

I personally have spoken from flat cars in the railroad stations of the cities of France and Italy and I know how the people welcome anyone who deals not government-to-government but people-to-people.

And Harry Truman, I predict, giving off-the-cuff, down-to-earth, sincere, straight-from-the-shoulder facts about what the American people have already done for Europe, and the reasons why we have done it, would become the world's No. 1 salesman of democracy and would stymie the Moscow radio for months to come.

Murdock
Mrs. Florence McDonald

A birthday party for Mrs. Emil Reike and Marvin Wendt was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wendt last week. Entertainment consisted of "Court Whist." Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Klemme, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Pank, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vogt, Mr. and Mrs. Thorwald Hansen, Lucille and Herbert and Mr. Emil Reike.

Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Alvin Backmeyer on Thursday of last week with a very good attendance. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. Frank Buell, Mrs. I. C. McCrory and Mrs. William Streich.

Mrs. Matthew Thingan had the misfortune to fall while hanging curtains last Friday and badly injured her knee. She spent several days in bed, but is able to be up some with the aid of crutches.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verle Brunkow were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Willis and son of Omaha and Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Brunkow.

The Murdock Alumni banquet will be held Saturday, May 27 at the school house at 6:30.

Mrs. August Wendt gave a miscellaneous shower for Miss Lucille Hansen on Saturday afternoon. Miss Hansen will be wed to Marvin Wendt early in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kupke entertained Mr. and Mrs. Herman

Wendt, Marvin and Lucille at dinner Tuesday evening. Later in the evening a surprise tool shower for Marvin was enjoyed when a group of young folks gathered for the occasion.

Mrs. August Wendt and Myrtle Wendt were Lincoln shoppers on Tuesday.

Mrs. Emma Ward, Mrs. John Buck and Mr. W. O. Gillespie were Lincoln shoppers on Monday.

Miss Norma Barnemeier spent the week end in Lincoln at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krueger spent last Saturday in Lincoln visiting relatives as well as doing some shopping.

Greenwood

Connie Osburn
Journal Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Meisinger and Margaret and Virginia Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. Louie Meisinger of Plattsmouth, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Green and sons in Omaha.

Mrs. Joe Kyles accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Friend, Nebraska, to Kimball, Nebraska, to visit relatives.

Sunday Mother's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Grady were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosenkrans and Jackie. Mr. and Mrs. Buzzy Gakemeir and Mr. and Mrs. John Grady and baby.

Rose McDonald was in Lincoln Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Meisinger drove to Avoca Thursday afternoon and visited Miss Vivian Meisinger who has been teaching there this year. The term ended Friday and Miss Meisinger is home for vacation.

Dorcas Society met Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Grady and Glenda of Omaha and C. C. Robinson of Ashland were Mother's Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Osburn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ryan were Lincoln shoppers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Meisinger spent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leesley and family. Mrs. Leesley and Judy accompanied them to Lincoln to see the flood waters.

Mrs. Tom Ryan entertained at a Mother's Day dinner Sunday. Guests included: Mrs. Kathryn Ryan, Mrs. Rose McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leesley and family and Mrs. Emil Meisinger spent Tuesday evening at Springfield, Nebraska. Mrs. Leesley and daughters Sharon and Roberta and Mrs. Meisinger attended the Mother-Daughter banquet.

Mrs. Alice Cameron of Omaha spent the week end at the Emil Meisinger home.

Louisville

Mrs. Bessie Core,
Journal Correspondent

Louisville has passed the 1,000 mark in population. To be exact, 1,003.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Schliefert were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schliefert. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Ragoss and Billy Gabel.

Louisville had its first baseball game of the season last Sunday. They beat Weeping Water 23 to 1.

Tom Waroeka, Sr., returned to his home Saturday night after spending several months in California with his two sons, Tom, Jr., and John and his granddaughter, Mrs. Geo. Rhoden and their families.

Workers have finished repairing the damage done to the Farmers Elevator by the high wind of a couple of weeks ago. The tin has been replaced and the whole building given a coat of gleaming paint.

The regular meeting of the American Legion was held Friday night instead of Thursday night, due to commencement exercises being Thursday night.

At a family dinner at the Ralph Wildrick home Sunday, Mrs. Wildrick and her three sisters were together for the first time in four years, although they all live fairly close to each other.

Michael Krambeck, one year old son of Laverne and Eleanor Krambeck, was entered at the Children's Memorial hospital for three or four days with a very bad case of hives.

L. J. Mayfield received a card from his niece, Mildred Bringham, of Riverside Drive, North Hollywood, Calif., saying her father, Chas. S. Bringham, was seriously ill with pneumonia and not expected to recover. Mr. Bringham was a pioneer citizen of Louisville in the early '80's.

F. H. Nichols received word Monday of the death of his nephew, Hugo Moats, of Harrisonville, West Virginia. Mr. Moats formerly lived in Omaha and was the son of Mr. Nichols'

DALE CARNEGIE

★ AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING" ★

Mental Attitude Causes Headache
A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS in a meeting at Columbia university made one of the most valuable statements the medical profession could announce for the benefit of laymen. Although they didn't couch their remarks in as simple language as I use it sums up to the same thing:

When you have a headache, it is likely to be due more to your mental attitude than to any organic disorder.

To tell it in medical terms, I quote three neuro-psychiatrists of the college of physicians and surgeons who worked in the headache clinic at a Bronx hospital, New York City. They said "results strongly suggest that the effectiveness of treatment is primarily caused by the patient's psychological reaction to the treatment situation in general."

Dr. Sidney Carter, who has tested many persons with regard to headaches, says, "To overlook or to fail to treat the psychological conflicts in a patient with chronic headaches is to run the risk of failure."

So: don't you sum it up that you worry yourself into a headache, and if you can rout worry, you won't have headaches. Anyway, the next time a headache comes your way, ask yourself what you are worrying about? Then ask yourself if you can do something about that worry. If you can, then get at it. If you can't, then tell yourself the truth, put out of your mind the subject that you are worrying about and fill your mind with something else. The best thing to fill it with would be some thought of helping someone else who is worse off than you are.

To go still further on the subject of how worry can get you down, I quote Dr. Edward Weiss, professor at Temple university, Philadelphia, who says that marital troubles are the most frequent cause of rheumatism, and he says he based his observations on a group of 83 selected from 499 people. All but 11 of these were married. The most frequent troubles underlying this physical condition were loss of sleep and poor sexual adjustment.

And he goes on to say that much of the trouble stems from man or woman bottling up within themselves things they want to say to another in a fault-finding way but which they refrain from saying due either to fear of that person, or the wish not to hurt that other's feelings.

Dr. Weiss recommends relaxation, dismissing unpleasant thoughts from the mind, and taking up some occupation that will keep your mind off your worries.

the funeral Saturday at Union of Tom Akin, who was drowned a week ago in the flood.

Mrs. Jesse Sell and son, Day and Mrs. Clarence Crawford drove over to Fremont Thursday afternoon.

The yards of the property of Searle Davis are being landscaped and planted to blue grass this week.

Miss Neola Noyes of Omaha was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Noyes, on Mother day and the three had the dinner at the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barr and son, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Reete and all of Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sack and Ronnie of South Bend were guests Mother's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Barr.

Mrs. Cy Johnson and Janet were shopping in Omaha Monday.

Louis C. Lau made a business trip to Plattsmouth Monday.

Clyde Ahl and daughter, Norma, and Shirley Larson were in Omaha Saturday.

Misses Betty Woehler and Ruth Schroeder were in Omaha shopping Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weite and Mrs. E. A. Ingram were shopping in Omaha Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Terryberry of Omaha visited at the Terryberry home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Jacobso were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Larson at the hotel.

Miss Betty Salberg of Omaha was a Mother's day guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Salberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackma of Omaha were down Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ingram and family spent Sunday at Palmyra where they visited at the Dav Rhoten home.

County Agricultural Agent Clarence Schmadke of Weeping Water was in Louisville on business last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Huff left for Chicago Wednesday for a visit with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Nichols are having their home redecorate this week. Chet Eismann of Murdock is doing the work.

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