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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Judges are apt to be naive, simple-minded men. —O. W. Holmes

EDITORIALS

SHOULD GET FACTS

We are happy to get letters like that which appears in today's issue under "The Letter Box." It is letters like this that give all concerned an opportunity to bring all facts out into the open, eliminate confusion in thinking and prevent gossip and small talk to poison the minds of otherwise clear thinking people.

This letter written by a property owner on Main street concerns itself with the street widening and lighting program and questions the procedure of the city council in creating the district and, at the same time, brings up other questions deserving enlightenment.

Members of Plattsmouth's city council took no action in this matter until many property owners urged them to do so and resolutions passed by both the Chamber of Commerce and Business Men's Ad Club were presented to the body requesting the district be created. All the city council has done is submit to the bidding of progressive businessmen and two businessmen's organizations, who, on two numerous occasions are accused of never doing anything.

Following the creation of the district, property owners will be duly notified through publication and other means and be given ample time to voice their objections, if any. We doubt, with the small cost involved, that any objections will be forthcoming.

Reference to the modernization program as an "expensive project" belies the fact. Following engineer's estimates the cost as submitted to the council was amazingly low. In fact, it was estimated the complete job would cost property owners approximately \$5.60 a front foot. Added to this for general tax purposes will be an amount of around \$5,000 to \$6,000 for intersections and other miscellaneous expense.

While the project may take care of a minimum amount of flood water, the program was never intended as a flood control measure. No one can look up Plattsmouth's Main street and deny that an emergency exists in the appearance of street curbs and street lighting—in fact, as days pass, our streets more and more take on the appearance of the ancient ruins of Pompeii. Widening and modernizing will cost less than one dollar per front foot over a repair job. So, take your choice—patch it up for \$100 per front or do a proper job for \$120. Wise money will do the latter.

As far as sharing the cost with all property owners, we do not believe the small cost involved warrants it.

This writer made an investigation of courthouse records on several properties in an effort to determine how much of a hardship the expenditure would create for the owner. Practically the only protests so far have come from those with income or rental properties, and in no instance can we find one where the expenditure would be out of line.

Take the one involved in this letter for instance. Courthouse records show this property was valued at \$6,000 in 1948, as a one-sixth interest was purchased at that time for \$1,000. In 1945 it was on the tax rolls at \$3,680, this was raised in 1948 to \$4,120, and this year, following a meeting with the board of equalization, the valuation was reduced to \$3,870, with a total tax load of \$257.74.

This building is leased for \$30 per month, the tenant pays all interior expense, including redecorating. Gross revenue totals \$960 per year. Allowing for taxes, insurance and incidentals, it produces a good rate of return on the investment, much better than bonds or real estate loans.

Last special assessment we can find levied against this property was back in 1922—28 years ago, covering the repaving of the street.

We believe every fair minded citizen will go along with our thinking that the en-

Furse's Fresh Flashes

A friend of ours out in California reports they have found a petrified man out there. It was more than likely one of California's hardened sinners.

Asking a woman her age is like buying a used car. You know the speedometer has been turned back, but you don't know how far.

The only thing we can see about a bald head that's nice is that it's at least neat.

The only trouble about living in a welfare state is that somebody has got to pay the fare.

With present living costs what they are, we've joined that flood of humanity who will enjoy their strawberry shortcake when the berries get plentiful and cheap.

To you who would cuss our weather just remember—the climate was here first.

A scorched shirt collar must be a woman's mark of irony.

The modern woman says she is proud of the fact she can do everything a man can do. She still can't strike a match like grandpappy did.

This country has been on the downgrade ever since so many folks took to wearing their Sunday clothes every day.

A couple of Plattsmouth old maids living together say they aren't exactly lonely as they have each other to talk to, but they need another woman around to talk about.

The engineer's estimate of \$120 odd that it will cost this owner is not too much of a contribution to make to your community over a period of 28 years, especially when it will add to the value and rentability of this investment.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

TEN YEARS AGO

H. A. Schneider motored to St. Edward, Nebr., to join Eugene Burdic in a fishing trip to Crane Lake, Minnesota. Darlene Hennings was employed as stenographer in office of A. L. Tidd. Christian church passed eightieth year of service in Plattsmouth with observance of anniversary at Sunday morning worship hour. Camporee set for June 13-14 was to be held at Camp Wheeler; would bring Boy Scout meet here for third consecutive year. Leland Flora of Wayne was elected to music post of local high school and Glen Fosnot of Schuyler was named to the science department.

20 YEARS AGO

The seventeen year locust, the insect which in early days was one of the crop perils to farmers of Nebraska, and whose appearance was held by many as a sign of war, was seen in this locality. The insect was quite large and on its wings appeared the letter "W". F. G. Fricke, veteran druggist of this city, was honored at meeting of Nebraska State Pharmaceutical association in Omaha with a record of 69 years of active practice in his profession. Some 500 Masons, members of the Grand Lodge, and their ladies visited the Masonic Home here. Rev. G. O. Wichmann, of St. Paul's church, at the Sunday service, pleaded for the protection of the birds.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

(Copyright, 1949, By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS: TAX-FORGIVENESS WOULD HELP BIG RACKETEERS; GOP ADVISER DULLES OPPOSES GOP POLICIES IN ORIENT; DEMOCRAT LOUIS JOHNSON FAVORS GOP POLICIES IN ORIENT. WASHINGTON.—Congressmen are beginning to change their minds about voting income-tax forgiveness to tax defrauders who come in to the treasury and fess up. Such a tax-forgiveness proposal was voted by the house ways and means committee the other day at the urging of Congressman Walter Lynch, New York City Democrat.

However, some consider it significant that Congressman Lynch has the backing of Joe Numan, ex-commissioner of internal revenue now handling a lucrative income-tax-law business; and that Numan in turn has been representing Frankie Costello.

Regardless of who was behind the tax-forgiveness bill, however, it is now recognized that this would chiefly benefit such big racketeers as Frankie Costello. In fact, some of the big gangsters are said to be praying that such an income-tax-forgiveness bill will pass. For that is about the only way the federal government can catch up with them.

Realizing this, several congressmen are now changing their votes, among them veteran representative Herman Eberharter of Pittsburgh.

"Like a lot of people, I thought it would



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bring in some quick money to help balance the budget," says Eberharter. "However, if we approve something like this, it will be an admission that our revenue-collection system has broken down and that we have got to forgive criminals to get money. The only congressman who had the foresight to speak out against tax-forgiveness were John Carroll of Colorado, Jere Cooper of Tennessee and Stephen Young of Ohio, all Democrats.

"I will not compromise with a willful fraud," Carroll challenged his colleagues. "Instead of giving big tax evaders immunity, we ought to increase our tax-collection force and go after them."

"That's exactly how I feel," added Young. "It's outrageous to think of giving amnesty to racketeers, gamblers and war profiteers who exact taxes when we needed the money the most."

"DULLES VS. JOHNSON" It looks like the Republican watchdog of U. S. foreign policy, John Foster Dulles, was going to be something of a disappointment to his fellow Republicans. Simultaneously it looks as if the big Democratic money-raiser, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, was going to be quite a help to the Republicans.

In fact, Johnson, the Democrat, is probably going to please the Republicans, more than Dulles, the dyed-in-the-wool Republican.

It was over aid to Formosa and Nationalist China that Republican senators raised such a new last winter—how it related to the appointment of Wall Street Attorney John Foster Dulles as state department adviser.

Now GOP senators find that GOP Dulles is privately critical of Republican communists.

There is no Japanese problem General MacArthur can't solve," he says. "The Japs don't want him to leave. Nor do they want a change to civilian rule. There is no resentment against our occupation."

Editor Plattsmouth Journal Dear Sir: It was quite a surprise to me when I read, in the May 25th issue of the Plattsmouth Journal the heading "Go-ahead Sign Given Main Street Lighting, Widening Program." I am wondering if this is the usual procedure, not to give the property owners the opportunity to give their consent or express their opinion of this expensive project, as I understand it, this widening of Main street will not solve the problem of flood disaster, it will make more space for cars to block the flow of water in case of flood.

Would it not be the practical way to advise every property owner just what the cost would be to each individual?

Another question that comes to my mind is why do the property owners on Main street have to bear the entire cost of this project when everyone in town shares the advantage, why not also share the expense. "JUST ASKING"

However, MacArthur's tight censorship has prevented the American public from getting a true picture of what is happening in Japan. Nor does the Pentagon building appear to be fully informed.

For, according to information which state department adviser Dulles has given to senators, Japanese communism is definitely growing, and even Jap businessmen, wanting a share of the huge Chinese market now dominated by the Communists, talk about doing business with communism.

Dulles, in searching talks with senators, has said he feels the United States must win over Japan as a partner in the cold war. The dilemma, Dulles confessed to senators, is that if American troops move out, then

armed Communists will move in. Yet if the present military occupation remains, Communists have a better battle cry for sabotaging us.

One solution now under study is to give the Japanese more authority, remove military control, and reconstitute MacArthur's troops as a "Pacific defense force" eventually including the Japanese.

Meanwhile Secretary Johnson is leaving for Japan, privately agreeing with MacArthur that U. S. arms should go to Formosa. In Tokyo, he will handle with MacArthur on how to sell their program to congress.

Long-range aftermath to Secretary Acheson's historic report to congress was that he used too many one-dollar words. Ten-cent words would have gone down better with the congressmen.

Real fact is that, military-wise, Acheson achieved a greater success in London than most people realized. Here is what he achieved, spelled out in ten-cent words.

During World War I, General Pershing flatly refused to integrate American troops with French or British. He spent several months organizing independent U. S. units so they could fight separately.

Likewise Field Marshal Haig was flatly opposed to an overall European commander, and it took pressure from Lloyd George and Woodrow Wilson to make Marshal Foch the supreme allied commander. After he was appointed, the war went better.

In World War II, General Eisenhower was supreme allied commander. But even so there was not much integration of troops of different nationalities. The American army usually fought as a unit and so did the British.

Last month in London, however, it was agreed that North Atlantic pact forces would be completely integrated. In other words, France, which would like to go in for a navy and air force, instead will chiefly concentrate on developing a land army. The U. S. A. will concentrate on long-range bombing and naval warfare; the British on fighter planes, etc.

To persuade sovereign nations to forego their own military commands and cooperate in this kind of defense is probably the most important step in military cooperation ever taken.

Note—One point neglected by Acheson is the European man-in-the-street, now drifting steadily toward neutrality. Regardless of what his military leaders may decide, he is inclined to see no reason to get mixed up in a war between the U. S. A. and the U. S. R. Danger, therefore, is that we send guns to Europe, make historic agreements with generals, yet the man-in-the-street may not fire the guns.

War on Stray Dogs Creates Interest

The warfare that has been declared on stray dogs over the city, has created a great deal of interest, especially among those who are owners of canine pets.

The proclamation of the mayor or of the city, that the ordinance providing for the tagging of dogs as well as muzzling of the animals, would be strictly enforced, caused a rush of residents to secure the necessary tags.

Many of the families had the household pets locked up, confined to the homes, this leading to a great deal of protest from the dogs and according disturbance in the neighborhood.

The city has erected a pound east of the city hall, where the dogs are being stored as they are rounded up, awaiting rescue by the owners or disposal otherwise by the city.

Mayor Woster has had a great deal of praise for the dog warfare, also considerable criticism from the dog lovers and owners. His honor, the chief executive of the city, departed Sunday for Chicago where he is attending the dog camp of the Modern Woodman of America, forgetting the headlong dogs.

Wheat Allotment For New Farms

Farms on which no wheat was seeded for harvest in any of the years 1948, 1949, or 1950, may apply for a 1951 wheat acreage allotment, according to Evan H. Armstrong, chairman of the Cass County Production and Marketing Administration Committee. To be considered for an allotment on a new farm, the farmer must apply in writing to his county PMA committee by June 24, 1950. Forms to be used in making this application are available at the county PMA office.

The application must contain evidence that the land for which an allotment is requested is suitable for the production of wheat and that the operator will be largely dependent for his livelihood on his farming.

More than 5,000,000 acres of arid and semi-arid lands in western states are under irrigation.

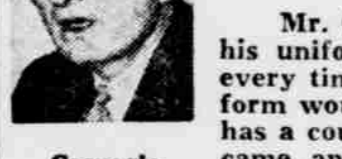
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DALE CARNEGIE AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

Look Upon the Brighter Side

HERE'S A STORY with twin subjects, that is, two people going the same theme.

William J. Campbell, Pittsburgh, Pa., says that he has one of the finest men in the world for a father. But as his father has grown older, he has taken more to worrying. It is particularly worrying after listening to certain commentators on the radio, commentators who spread gloom through thoughts of disasters, many of which never happen, and even those that are not minimized by predictions.



Carnegie

Mr. Campbell says that if he had put on his uniform and gone back into the service every time his father predicted war, the uniform would have been worn out by now. He has a cousin old enough to go if another war came, and since his aunt had two boys in the last war, she is terribly worried over the mention of another.

So every time the older Mr. Campbell went to see his sister he talked war, disaster, and left her in a miserable state. One day when William Campbell went with his father, he called his father's attention to the unhappy woman had become. The father said he had noticed it. Then said the son, "You add to it every time you go over a repeat the miserable predictions you have heard."

He says his father was surprised, but pondering it a moment, he admitted that he believed this to be true. After thinking it over, he said hereafter he would express only cheerful, happy thoughts when he went to see his sister. It wasn't long before that sister was again her cheerful, optimistic self, and she doesn't even mention the war that hasn't yet come—and may never come.

The second case is that of a woman friend of mine who was in paying a call to a friend who is confined to her bed with weak heart, she had just realized that she kept that friend ill with fear and apprehension over the way the country was being run, while she herself doesn't even bother to go to the polls vote when the time comes.

She says she was brought to a realization of what a misanthrope she had become when another woman was with her a her invalid friend one day, and when she left, the two remaining, her own self and her invalid friend, felt so happy. Said the invalid, "It's a joy to have Gertrude around, isn't it? She's always so happy."

Lockin Group Presents Dance Revue Friday

(continued from page one) Tap Dance—Caroline Olsen, Margie Snyder, Beverly Olsen. Buck Dance—Sharon Blake, Linda Donnell, Gary Austin, Georgia Eperding. Rhythm Tap—Marie Goehen-cur, Shirley Thompson. I'd Have Baked a Cake—Diane Steinkamp, Rose Mary Wol-ski, Caroline Brizandine. Soft Shoe, Shim Sham—Sharon Harms, Kay Casey, Patty Mullee, Joyce Kerns, Deslee Mullee, Reeda Taylor. Acrobatic Dance—Sharon Puls, Whispering—Joyce Kerns. When My Baby Smiles At Me—Nancy Simonet, Martha Carneal, Gail Peterson, Jo Non Albin, Jeanine Newton, Janice Wiles. Oh, You Beautiful Doll—Kay Casey, Wayne Lewis. Three Little Girls In Blue—Sharon Heath, Jean McClintman, Deanna Hutton. Swanee River—Above group and Patricia Schluter. Minuet—Wanda Harrison, Arnold Burback. Baby Tap—Penny Hulac, Kenneth Mernan, Linda Randall, Christy Gulbrandsen, Carol Sness, Jigger Blake. Peggy O'Neil—Mary Schmidt. On The Beach—Baby Class. Playmates—Cathy Bollin, Alice Frady, Valerie Gorton, Sandra Cleaver, Antholee Rizzi. Star Dust—Deanna Hutton, Janice Wiles. Aint' She Sweet—Danny Lockin, Nancy Bullin. Let's Take An Old Fashioned Wak—Beverly Harris, Kay Casey, Wayne Lewis. Strollin—Roma Johnson, Marcella Moleman, Arnold Burback. Nancy Simonet, Martha Carneal, Gail Peterson, Jo Non Albin, Jeanine Newton, Janice Wiles, Nancy Sedlak. Toe Tap—Cecelia Carter. There's a Bluebird on Your Window Sill—Janet Campbell. Acrobatic Dance—Joyce Johnson.

A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody—Joan Cannon, Vickie Smith, Cecelia Carter, Bonnie Fritchee, Marilyn Honnen, Jeanine Gardner.

St. Louis Blues—Janice W Music, Music—Jo Non Alb Spanish Tap—Jeanine N (on). She Wore a Yellow Rib Martha Carneal, Wayne Lewi Acrobatic Tricks—Swee Blake. Rhythm Tap—Gail Peterso Louisville Lou—Judy Fie Arnold Burback. Buck and Wing—Nancy S monet. Spoon Dance—Joan Cann Cecelia Carter, Vickie Sm Marilyn Honnen, Carol Fie Janice Johnson. Exhibition Waltz—Bon Fritchee, Eugene Clark. Caidonia—Nancy Simon Martha Carneal, Flora Mae Ti lor, Alice Hughson, Marga Eiting, Gail Peterson, Jo N Albin, Jeanine Newton, Ha J Gochenour, Janice Wiles, N cy Sedlak, Sharon Puls. Choo Choo Boogie—Billy I cker. Circus Acrobats—Arnold B back, Aaron Puls, Joyce S m son, Judy Jones, Sweetie Bl Sharon Blake, Deanna Hul Betty Coleman, Danny Loc Rag, Mop—Neal Reynolds. Chatanooga Shoe Shine I —Neal Reynolds, Danny Loc Nancy Bullin, Kay Casey, a group. The members of the advan class presented a perform Wednesday, June 7th at the S. Veterans Hospital, Lincoln.

V. F. W. ANNUAL MEET AT GRAND ISLAND Twenty-five thousand V and auxiliary members of Department of Nebraska will be represented June 11 to 13 Grand Island, where the Veterans of Foreign Wars will have its annual state convention.

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