CCIDENTS KILL 100,000 YEARLY A Nearly 100,000 Americans lost their lives through accidents last year and there

is practically no way to estimate the total

number of those injured. These figures, we are quite sure, mean little or nothing to the average reader of The Journal, who looks at the total figure with nonchalance. Few of us imagine that they have any particular significance to us, representing merely the

misfortune that befell others. About one-third of the total fatalities occur through highway accidents. About one-fourth are attributed to falls. Drowning takes care of about 6,000 Americans. Railroad accidents kill about 2,500 people a year and air transport is responsible for the demise of approximately 2,000. The careless use of firearms cause the death

of approximately 2,300 persons each year. We call attention to these figures to emphasize the fact that most of the accidental deaths involve individuals who were responsible for the mishap that took their lives. Consequently, we should be on our guard against similar risks. Whether in our homes, in our work, or on the highway, we can minimize danger by thinking before acting and by making this a habit.

The economic wastage of accidental injuries and deaths is stupendous. The total runs into billions of dollars. The individual who happens to be a victim needs no statistics to remind him, or her that accidents are costly as well as painful ex-

As an individual, you cannot alto- your wild oats but not sowing them. gether guarantee your own safely, because it often depends upon the careful action of others, but you can do much to safeguard your person by taking advantage of modern precautions, using your intelligence and training yourself not to take chances of any kind. It will pay, even if you cannot prove that you have collected dividends.

 $\star$   $\star$   $\star$ TAX LOOPHOLES NEED PLUGGING

There may be differences of opinions as to the merit of recommendations made by President Harry S. Truman in connection with the effort to increase the reve-000,000,000. There should be no argu- of ground ceremonies for the new giant ses, our sea defenses and just laws should be eliminated.

The President says, "Those required runways at the plantto bear higher taxes for defense are entitled to the assurance that others will not 20 YEARS AGO be permitted to avoid them." He does not think that it is right to increase the taxes the city members of the Civic Improve- civilian all-out production our of gases, pests and plant disease of a man, head of a family, earning \$60 a present law," which, under some circumstances, permits a man with a hundred times as much income to avoid paying any taxes at all.

The President stresses the gross undertaxation "of the oil and mining industries," the broad loopholes in estate and gift taxes and the undue "preferential treatment" granted to capital gains. He thinks that these provisions should be studied, "together with those relating to life insurance companies and to holders of securities now exempt from income taxes," and that the tax status "of organizations now exempt" should be considered.

The general declaration of the President should have the support of every American citizen. We do not attempt to pass judgment upon details of the suggestion that loopholes be eliminated because, none are included in the tax message to Congress These are matters to be worked out by the Congress. What we suggest is that everybody support the effort to work them out so that, in connection with defense costs, there will be no deferment from the financial burdens created by a fair and just system of taxation.

> \* \* \* THOUGHT FOR TODAY

He that fears you present will hate you absent.

— Thomas Fuller

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## Furse's Fresh Flashes

A local kid recently took his first big bite of horseradish at the family dinner table. When he finally got his breath, he turned to his mother and told her he had heard his Sunday School teacher talk on hell fire but he didn't know they served it.

\* \* \* Speaking without thinking is like shooting without aiming.

\* \* \* What is needed today is less permanent waves and more permanent wives.

A report says the per capita consump- army of civilian Americans and crops and animais. But evtion of whiskey in Washington is four which will total some 20,000,000 cry cruzen must be as went eatimes the national average. This doesn't men and women in every state fully explain what's happening in the capitol, but it helps.

If you want a place in the sun you'd better expect to get a lot of blisters.

A word to wives: If your husband's words are sharp maybe it's from trying to get them in edgewise.

One industrious gossip in a commun- energy new new or civinan islation and appropriations as ity can cause more trouble in a week than | uerense warrare-a type war- are necessary, and to train men all the doctors, preachers and lawyers can lare new to civilization in which and women in scores of facets settle in a year.

A million dollars won't bring you contained, untrained, without health or happiness, they say. But, it sure comes in handy when next month's payment on the furniture or car comes due.

The art of self-restraint is feeling

## **DOWN MEMORY LANE**

\* \* \*

10 YEARS AGO Bruno Reichstadt, member of the U. S. Coast Guard was transferred from his original station at Baltimore, Md., to New Orleans, La., reaching there in time to enjoy the closing of the Mardi Gras . . Walter Reed, former resident of this city, of these terrible methods of visited here enroute to Burbank, Calif., his modern warrare if the nation home . . . Glenn L. Martin of Baltimore, with Russia. The extent would

Md., head of the Martin bomber plant at depend only upon the enemy's fects of the atomic bombs at which has been added a new during the past year. The 1951 is expected to require 525 nues of the nation by an estimated \$10,- Ft. Crook was to arrive for the breaking ability to pierce our air detenland southeast of Ft. Crook wanted for army is as essential to the nation southeast of same and farmers, three billion tons, about one most successful with a nice balton. The bureau of animal hus-

With the view of adding beauty to American civilians and, without tion for defense against release ment Committee of the Chamber of Comweek and permit "glaring inequities in merce, Womans Clubs and Rotary and the city park board were making plans for a inum will be in reasonably good ing income taxes. If they are ified itself into a miniature de- tested showed signs of pullorum campaign for "Better Yards and Gardens" supply for civilian use as well stationed in noncompat areas. partment store under the thrifty contest . . . Coach F. A. Rothert and his as military?" asked Utah's GOP however, they must pay taxes name of Ben Franklin. Barney basketball squad departed for Wahoo to Sen Wallace Bennett. play their last game on the schedule before the Peru regional tournament . . . ! Contracts for surfacing Highway No. I every day from G.I.'s, exercising ing income taxes. The best thing papers in his town, too! What or the "Red Ball" highway from Murray their time-honored American you can do is write to the house resistance that boy has. west to Elmwood was let to the Roberts privilege to kick. It is impossible to investigate all their com-Construction Co. of Lincoln at \$1.81 per plaints, but from time to time, cubic yard of gravel to be laid 3 inches this column will publish the thick, in a five mile area and to the Able most serious G.I. gripes and try Construction Co., of Lincoln for six miles,

## \* \* \* The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

(Copyright, 1949, By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS: GOVERN-MENT TO CONTROL SCARCE MET-ALS DOWN TO LAST POUND; THIS COLUMN WILL ANSWER G.I.S' QUESTIONS; SENATORS HAVE AFFIDAVITS ON MISSISS-IPPI "JOB-SELLING" SCANDAL.

Washington. — Mobilization boss Charles Wilson will assume drastic powers over aluminum, copper and steel, be- Somewhere in Korea—"I wish were charged as high as \$1,500 told him he had seen a lot of ginning the middle of June. He will put the people of the U.S. could see for jobs and favors. The Sen- people sign their name with an these strategic metals under a controlled the horror of war as exhibited ators' constituents claim to have X but it was the first time he these strategic metals under a controlled in Korea. Hundreds of men. been approached by representatives of the so-called Truman around it. The hillbilly was a women and children are dying tives of the so-called Truman little perturbed and bluntly ment authority to regulate their use down daily from lack of food and the to the last pound.

Wilson spelled out his plan behind to aid them closed doors to the joint congressional

committee on defense production. "The controlled materials plan is one | that will operate on scarce materials absolutely," the mobilization boss explained. "I mean, it will have the control of all the which enlisted reservists with material in the particular line that is

short." However, Wilson added ruefully: hastily abandoned Nov. 7, 1950. "Once you start to control things, it is a terrific job. That is why I hate controls, adopted. An army spokesman and from the very bottom of my heart I

The reason for this drastic control ese didn't intervene until late Hood, acting national commitplan, Wilson said, was the dangerously November, he consulted his supshort supply of aluminum, copper and story that the critical military INFLATED WATER steel in the face of the tremendous arma- story that the critical limitary INFLATED WATER (UP)—Dale City Dads, it was an outstanding post process Mayor Woster acclaimed

ment program. He warned that the steel shortage will be the most critical, but that the copper and aluminum picture is not so gloomy. was announced than on Nov. 7 eight-ounce glasses of water. For example, he reported: "We will con- when it was dropped. The army Increased rates have upped the weeks with adequate inducetinue to have an aluminum shortage for had no further alibis. this current year of maybe as much as 180,000 or 190,000 tons . . . but by 1953, when these American plants of ours come in and begin to produce, we will have a to serve Uncle Sam. but they the shipment of coal by avoidplusage of aluminum, not much, maybe have to pay income taxes even ing the tortuous Tees River

50,000 tons in 1953." "Does that mean that, in 1953, alum- bat zones are exempt from pay-

CIVIL DEFENSE

## **Volunteer Army of Civilians** Will Guard Us From Disaster

By Walter A. Shead

(This is the first of five articles on civil defense.)

A tall, lean, square-jawed, broad-shouldered man sits in a temporary office in one of the many converted government buildings, a short two blocks from the White House. His name is destined to become well known to millions of

He is Millard F. Caldwell, former governor of Florida, who has been handed the tremendous responsibility

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These include, not only pro-

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The help of every organization

people bomb-conscious, to pre-

urging tax relief for all G.I.'s.

children to an orphanage?"

"Job-Selling" Scandal

list if he did not pay the fee.

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to come if we live at an.

of the nation's civil defense and\* who will head up a volunteer | bomos, to attacks against health of the union.

His immediate job is to weld together a small force of approximately 5,000 paid employ- chore of his daily nie; for it is ees, approximately 1,000 of whom will be administrative workers in Washington, the rest mera officers in various states and Strategic areas.

At the same time, he must ucate the people, to organize destart from scratch to train these lenses, to set up this volunteer people who will in turn train army, to see that state legisms co-mimon-man army in an lacures pass such enabling legthe mode of defense is largely incidental to a catastrophe such over pioneer and untrod pains, as certainly will nappen if a and in winch then, women and bomo is dropped in their midst. knowledge of possible defense tection against the bomb itself -may be helplessly slaughtered to himmize loss of life and inby the thousands.

Governor Caldwell must come lighting, evacuation, health Jacup with the answers to these indes, water supply, medical questions: What can I do to attention, food supplies, social pors if an atomic bonto is grop- efficient organization for any ped in or near my nome? What contingency, which spreads about a hydrogen bomp? What from the cities into the small protection to 1 have in case a towns and rural sections of evpacteriological bomb or banoon ery area in the nation. is loosed in my community? What defense is there against in the nation and of every inradiological wariare? Or the dividual will be enlisted not only dropping of insect pests or plant to join in the civil defense, but disease to destroy crops and to neip make the masses of the

ream of possibility that the American people face one or all should get into a full-scale war

military cannot move. There are defenses to atomic truction.

"Yes sir," smiled Wilson.

Letters pour in to this column to give them a straight steer.

A draftee, Ft. Story, Va. There are 500 of us at Ft. Story who haven't been home ince we were drafted. Now we are supposed to be shipped overseas. We were promised ten days leave, but this has been cut to three days. This isn't even enough time to go home and tell our folks goodbye."

Ans. — Investigation reveals that several camps have cut furloughs in order to complete raining schedules and still meet shipping schedules. However, this column protested to the army which promised to send a directive to all camps, ordering at least a seven-day furlough for every G.I. before he

is shipped overseas. Capt. Roger C. White Jr., intense cold. Is there no way

Ans.—"CARE" is now rushing carrier, a position not requiring runnin' around with wild wim-

A Sergeant, Camp Stoneman, Calif.—Whatever happened to masters must be confirmed by day. Did you know a player is the much-publicized point system announced last fall, under director of price stabilization.

less than two weeks after it was explained it was scrapped because of Chinese intervention in Korea. Reminded that the Chinto be dropped. However, it was Maffit, Des Moines water works success. Mayor Woster acclaimed pointed out that the military manager, admits that inflation it "the best investment the town situation was more critical on has hit the cost of a drink. Once, ever made." Plans are under-Oct. 28 when the point system he said, a nickel bought 2.667 way now to stage a repeat per-

Elmer Hency, Sr., Oran. Mo .-'Can't anything be done to help my three boys in uniform? They sacrificed high civilian wages was built 125 years ago to ease on their small army incomes."

Ans.-Enlisted men in com-Subscribe to The Journal

Rotarians last Tuesday had a most unusual program under the direction of Ad Newens. Although it weaved slightly off course in several instances it wound up an hour in nothing

It was interesting to some of we younger members to learn that the "Old Guard" was not adverse to doing a few tricks when they were feeling their oats a little oftener than they

In observance of Rotary Intook to reminiscing of incidents since the local club was organchore of his dany hie; for his we believe Fred Lugsch took possible we shall be hving the most punishment for his these dangers for many years barge trip down the Missouri as his Rotaryann party a few years ago. All went well until the return voyage when the group was caught in a near cloudburst with no shelter. The Anns were most becoming as they left the barge soaked to the skin, but, the best sight of all, says Fred, was seeing this group of women dressed in their finery huddling under small tables trying to escape the rain. Fred has never been placed on a Rotaryann program since.

Fred Rea added his bit a few years ago when he acted as escort to a group on a goodwill binge to Falls City. It was during the time when improvements protect myself and my neigh- services, warning signals, and an south. The trip started in great were being made on route 73 spirit but Rea became confused on the detours with the entire caravan getting lost in the river bottoms east of Auburn. The party arrived in Falls City, late, dirty and bedraggled.

Lynn Minor, former member of the club and now a resident of Kankakee, Ill., paid a real tribute to Plattsmouth Rotary Governor Caldwell believes vent fear and hysteria so that by revealing an annual program hat it is entirely within the a major catastrophe may be av- of the Kankakee Rotary had its now are getting better chicks. roots here in Plattsmouth. The The government has been for local club for years has visited versity of Nebraska give the scientific developments in nutrimonths making detailed studies rural organizations on many oc- credit to research and the Na- tion and management. of the bombing of European cit- casions. dined and entertained tional their hosts. Minor put this prac- Plan. ies in World War II, of the ef- tice into being at Kankakee to hatcheries took part in the plan mobilization in this country in Nagasaki and Hirosnima. They twitch. There Rotary not only hatcheries have a capacity of to 550 million tons of bituminous have worked out pattern and ef- visits rural groups, but has gone more than six and a half mil-

the same as civilians. Mean- says business has been very while, several bills have been good, but we see he is still using introduced in Congress to ex- a damned rubber stamp on his empt all enlisted men from pay- envelopes-and with two news-

ways and means committee, Enclosed in his letter was a A paratrooper, Ft. Campbell, 10-page newspaper issued by the Ky.- "We have been ordered to Chamber of Commerce each sign forms that we 'may not month. Neodesha as we rememown, or maintain, or operate a ber it, is a city about the same Names will be withheld upon motor vehicle that is not regis- size as Plattsmouth and maintered at Ft. Campbell.' I have tains a full-time paid secretary a car in my name, but it is be- of their Chamber and Barney ing driven by my wife at home. reports he is doing a full-time If this form is legal, then what job for the town. We were suris to stop the army from telling prised to see the amount of their me that I should sell my home budget, only about double that or divorce my wife and send my of Plattsmouth. But, we did notice the organization had pro-Ans.—This form was issued in moted numerous activities in the the hope of reducing accidents town, many of them direct fund around Ft. Campbell. The only raising campaigns for the Chamlegal grounds for it is the auth- ber treasury and wound up with

ority of the army to maintain a good balance January 1. This safety at its installations. The will be filed with the VIP's with army cannot take away your the hope it will get results here automobile, and probably won't A hillbilly, with a dizzy blonde hanging on his arm, picked up Here is the inside story on the pen handed him by the clerk the Mississippi "Job-Selling" up at the hotel the other night scandal. Mississippi's two Sen- and signed his name with the ators have affidavits from 20 letter X. He hestitated a minrural mail carriers, postmasters ute, then with a thoughtful look and contractors who say they put a circle around the X. "Pap" been approached by representa- had seen them put a circle faction of the Democratic party. little perturbed and bluntly Jobs were sold at the follow-stated, "Ain't nothin' so dading prices: \$1,500 for rural mail burn odd about it. When I'm

food and clothing to Korean Senate confirmation; \$300 to min I don't use my right name. \$400 for acting postmaster (This We learn something new every payment is small, since postthe Senate); \$300 for county not permitted to smoke while sitting on the bench or while Contractors also paid \$200 to playing in a major league ball sufficient points would not be be placed on a nonexistent elgi- game? That let's us out. We had sent overseas?"

be placed on a nonexistent elgi- thought of taking up baseball Ans.—The point system was Columbus, Miss., contractor re- but it would be no place for a ported that he was warned his country printer with ants in his name would be put on a black- pants and a two-pack-a-day ap-

> Note-The Truman faction of Plattsmouth's "Clean Up the Democratic party in Miss-Drive" last spring was one of the issippi is headed by Clarence most successful events staged here in years. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce with the splendid cooperation of the formance within the next few cost to five cents for only 2,000 ments for participation of all individuals.

Right now would be a good Great Britain's first railroad time to start looking around with a weather eye out for trash that should be removed. Making Plattsmouth a cleaner and better looking city is everybody's job.

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Make Lemonade from Lemons of Life

TIERE'S HOW Mrs. Gregory Austin, who lives in Los Angeles, made lemonade from a lemon that was handed her.

When she was only 13 years old and just beginning to think of a career and dating the boys, an explosion occurred that took three fingers from her left hand. She had suffered a handicap previous to this in that her right arm had been scarred from a

blood tumor. But this calamity seemed to be the last straw. She was terribly self-conscious over ternational Week, the local boys the loss of those fingers and hid her hand whenever she could. By and by she began to develop an inferiority complex, felt resentful toward life.

She had been reared in a family that had little of this world's goods and so had a feeling of insecurity in addition to the above.

But she had something else, too, something that stood her in good stead: pride. She was not going to let others know how she felt. So during the day she appeared self-confident, poised, and friendly. Her nights were filled with bad dreams. She really cared nothing about living. That was a burden for a very young person to carry, a young person who had not yet developed a philosophy to live by.

Then one day she read something about capitalizing on one's best qualities. And that's were the lemon came in, the Iemon that made good lemonade. She made friends easily; she certainly was not homely of face. She capitalized on the former, and the friends took care of the latter, for when she was 18 years old she was voted the most popular girl in an organization of 6,000 people. She came in second in a beauty contest. She was nominated for the presidency of one of their organizations and, although she lost to a boy who was considered to have special qualifications, she felt highly honored because she was the only girl ever nominated for the office. She was offered a movie screen test three times, but she preferred the role of wife and mother, is now happily married and has a beautiful child.

"After all," she says, "most people have some handicap, why should I worry about mine."

### Nebraska Farmers Get Better Poultry

Poultry specialists at the Uni-Poultry Improvement

Through the coopenation of state and federal agencies, the and equipped military force; is bandry and the bureau of plant just as essential, and possibly industry of the department of more so in saving the lives of agriculture have a plan of ac-"Barney" Bernhardt drops us of the poultry plague-pullorum aimed at animal and crop des- a line from Neodesha, Kansas, disease. And figures show there where he is king-pin in what has been considerable progress. used to be referred to as a In 1945, more than 4 per cent "racket store" but now has glor- of the 104,000 Nebraska birds disease.

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birds tested 1.17 per cent reacted to the pullorum test.

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THOUGH QUARRELING may be mounter or teacher to the scene, all children do, it has its origin in approving. How much better to the child's need to assert himself learn that mother will come faster and so shouldn't be squeiched al- and stay longer to admire a well together. If left alone, little chil- built sand ca tle than to separate dren usually settle their differences children who are throwing sand in -one minute they are screaming each other's hair. at each other, the next they are contentedly piling blocks into the same red wagon!

Through their quarrel they have got rid of a strong, unpleasant feeling, prompted perhaps by rivalry, but they have also learned that it is more fun to play nicely together, as shown by the added zest brought to their block loading project. This lesson of getting along with others is one all human beings must learn, and finding out from operience that quarrels are less pleasant than agreeable companionship is more apt to stick than constant admonitions that "to be good is to be happy."

If minor quarrels are to be lefto the children to settle, what is a minor quarrel? It isn't easy for a mother to see anything normal about two snarling youngsters! Ac- development to only one of the cording to the Vale child guidance conclus one about the va elinic, minor quarrels incure and a line and act. de frame calling, screaming, pushing, | wall deand most cases of hitting waters no weapon is used." Children can't do taucaca, but e me i an much harm to each other with their bare hands, but if one nie's up a lo partire i toy train with which to hit his com- out, is one a panion over the brad it's time to, arous called used to a an adult to interlere.

Another to a specific. adult supervision, youngstors with ther is 1.8 to 1.2 a

the most unpleasant thing your attention and interest, even if dis-

Letting children express aggression while they are still young enough to do it in harmless, direct ways is one thingconstant bickering is samething else, and not a very healthful climate for character growth. It may take a good deal of unobtrusive managing on mother's part to keep the atmosphere generally pleasant. Separating the children on especially quarrelsom days, without punishing or biaming either one, is a good rune, If a new toy starts a conflict, year may have to empire-for taking turns is cosenilal, The Um'l child must learn his explanated as the approved a child made

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learn the starting a fight bounds that he some year and