

# EDITORIALS

**SOIL CONSERVATION MAY SAVE U.S.**  
"American civilization will reach a disastrous turning-point within twenty years," declares Dr. Wendell H. Camp, President of the American Horticultural Council. He says that will happen unless "immediate and heroic measures are taken to save our remaining crop land and thus guarantee a continuing food supply for our growing population."

Calling attention to the loss of 100,000,000 acres to erosion and misuse, the doctor says that another 100,000,000 acres of the 560,000,000 acres acquired by our early settlers will be in the discard by 1960. In the meantime, the population is rising at the rate of 2,200,000 a year.

Nutritionists estimate that it takes two and a half acres of crop land to provide a properly balanced diet for a single person and, therefore, the doctor says that the United States will arrive at a critical point in the next fifteen or twenty years. The world at large, of course, is in a worse condition than the United States but this is no consolation for the problem that we face.

The average American, including those who live in the rural sections, rarely stops to realize that the civilization of the world depends upon the top six inches of soil that enable mankind to raise crops. To stand idly by while this precious land is washed into the rivers and ocean by our disregarded rainfalls is carelessness of the worst type. Because of the latent danger, the Government has very wisely taken steps to encourage landowners to practice soil conservation and intelligent agriculturalists are more interested than ever in saving their soil.

## THREE BILLION DOLLARS SURPLUS

The idea that present inflationary trends are due to deficit financing on the part of the government must be abandoned in the light of the statement that the federal treasury will show a three billion dollar surplus for the fiscal year ending June 30th.

This is due, in the words of John M. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, to the increased collection of taxes, largely income and corporation levies, and a slower tempo of spending for defense. Moreover, Mr. Snyder thinks that, if Congress provides another ten billion dollar tax-bite there will be a surplus for the 1952 fiscal year which ends on June 30th, 1952.

Don't forget to trade in Plattsmouth whenever possible. This policy will promote your prosperity, as well as the prosperity of other citizens.

## DOWN WITH THE U. S.

An educational project with Chile, under the Point Four Assistance Program, has been terminated at the request of the Chilean Government but there will remain intact a health and sanitation program, one for agriculture and another for low-cost housing projects.

The agreement, signed in January, provided for United States assistance in the purchase of equipment and professional aid for the modernization of educational methods in Chile. Almost as soon as news of the agreement got around, there was a bitter campaign of opposition.

The hostility was brought to a head when university students paraded the streets, approaching the U. S. Embassy residence with shouts of "Down with the United States!" Thereupon, Claude G. Bowers, our Ambassador, reminded the government that the agreement resulted from a Chilean request but that, since it must be based on "good faith with popular support," which seemed to be lacking in view of the growing violence of the opposition campaign, it should be terminated.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Who owns the mountains? The man who has a deed to the land? Rather, the man who appreciates the mountains.

—McConnell

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## Furse's Fresh Flashes

It's silly to fuss about growing older—when we stop growing older we're dead.

A toastmaster at a dinner party is the fellow who informs you that the best part of the evening is over.

Too many quit looking for work when they find a job.

All men are born free and equal—then they grow up, get married and pay taxes.

The most disappointed people in the world are those who get what is coming to them.

Some people we know must be terribly hard up. They made an awful fuss when their baby swallowed a quarter.

Cars and people who knock need working on.

We've always been of the opinion that it is better to go broke than not to go at all.

Doctors claim that vacations cut down the death rate. He probably means when you don't drive to that favorite spot.

Sometimes it's cheaper to move than keep up with the neighbors.

At the rate the world is going, it's funny some congressman hasn't submitted a bill to enlarge the 8-ball.

The hardest part of being born poor is getting over it.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

**10 YEARS AGO**  
Rev. Samuel G. Schick tendered his resignation from pastorate of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church to accept post at Minneapolis, Minn., effective in June. Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Perry and daughters and Miss Mary Jean Knorr returned from attending the wedding of Eleanor Minor at Kankakee, Ill. Harley Street departed for Albany, Georgia to enter on his work as a member of the Johnson City, Tenn., team in the Appalachian Mountain League one of the fast teams of that part of the south. Home State Bank of Louisville was robbed of \$600 by daring stick up by lone bandit.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Falling temperatures and chilling cold with frost damaged the fruit trees in this section. Style Show and Trade Exposition sponsored by the American Legion at their hall and participated in by local merchants opened for a four day run. R. E. Bailey was named to head Rotary with William Baird as vice president, George K. Petring, Secretary, Frank M. Bestor, Treasurer.

## The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

(Copyright, 1949, By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)  
DREW PEARSON SAYS: NEW FACE LOOMS ON GOP POLITICAL HORIZON; DEMOCRATS MAY CHOOSE EISENHOWER IF REPUBLICANS CHOOSE MACARTHUR; NO REST FOR G.I.S IN KOREA.

Washington.—Up until this week, most of the top strategists in the Republican party were reasonably sure that the GOP National Convention battle 15 months hence would be between two men—Taft and Eisenhower. Now they aren't so sure.

The man who has upset them is the General who came back from Tokyo this week. Even despite the General's disclaimer of political ambitions, the politicians are upset.

It would be a mistake to say that those who would policy inside the GOP are too enthusiastic about MacArthur as a candidate. In the first place, they couldn't control him. Secondly, patronage would be his, not theirs—and patronage is something without which no political boss can long survive.

This, incidentally, is one reason the party bosses never have been enthusiastic about General Eisenhower. For he likewise probably would not understand how the party system works. That is why Taft always has been the favorite of the chief architects of the Grand Old Party.

Nevertheless, the glamorous MacArthur plus the crowds he has drawn, the appeal he seems to have, the manner in which he has made President Truman take a back seat, has made GOP planners think twice. Some do so with great regret, because they had their heart set on Taft. Some are waiting to see how soon—if ever—MacArthur stubs his toe.

Some are wondering also what the MacArthur boom will do to Eisenhower. If the GOP nominates a military man for president, then the Democrats are certain to offset him with a military man of their own adoption—Eisenhower.

That is why the return of the General of the Army from Tokyo this week has

## LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Gee, That's The Best Movie I Ever Saw—And The First!"

turned the GOP candidate-pickers literally topsy-turvy. And it will take a couple of weeks for them to get their political predictions reshuffled and in place again.

**Texas vs. Kentucky Humor**  
Sharp-tongued Sen. Tom Connally of Texas was ribbing Vice-President Alben Barkley, a Kentuckian, about his reputation as a storyteller.

That's the only way you can get elected in Kentucky—telling those hillbillies down there stories to keep them happy," said Connally.

"If you told more jokes and discarded that sour look, I'll bet you'd get all the votes in Texas," countered the rep.

"I don't want all the votes, just a majority," replied Connally. "I couldn't stand being obligated to everybody in Texas."

**G.I. Gripe Bag**  
In order to help servicemen with their problems of adjusting to military life, this column periodically publishes excerpts from G.I. letters and tries to answer their complaints. Names are withheld upon request.

**Company G, 15th Infantry, Third Division, Korea**—"We have just been brought back from the front for a rest. As we understand it, we are supposed to spend this time to rest, write letters and catch up on much-needed sleep—plus a little recreation. Instead we have spent our rest period building a sidewalk in a Korean village outside of Seoul. We have been working long hours, hauling chunks of stone, weighing up to 100 pounds, from a nearby cliff."

**Answer**—Front-line troops should be entitled to a rest. The Army has promised a thorough investigation of the incident you report.

**A private, Camp Stoneman, Calif.**—"I was forced to travel to Camp Stoneman by train. Why shouldn't the Army let me spend the same amount of money for an airplane ticket, so I can spend more time at home on furlough?"

**Answer**—The Defense Department has an unofficial policy of giving the railroads priority on military passenger travel. This is partly due to the fact that in wartime the airlines have been so crowded that it is difficult to get space on them.

**A draftee, Ft. Lewis, Wash.**—"The Coast Guard is a haven for draft dodgers. Those who are lucky enough to get into port security units are exempt from the draft until M-day. This isn't fair to the rest of us."

**Answer**—It is true that draft-eligible men have been able to get into Coast Guard security units. It is also true that all they are required to do is attend 48 drills and serve two weeks active duty per year. This automatically exempts them from the draft. However, the Coast Guard claims it has sent letters to 160,000 ex-Coast Guard men in an attempt to recruit 289 officers and 2,420 enlisted men for port security units. Only after all other methods failed, the Coast Guard claims, did it open these units to draft-eligible men. These units are still short 67 officers and 826 men.

**Mrs. Otto Tissot, St. Louis, Mo.**—"My son has been in Korea all winter, and in each letter, he asks for food. The mail rates to Korea are very high. Isn't there any way these packages can be sent cheaper?"

**Answer**—Congressman Cecil King, California Democrat, has introduced a bill to provide free parcel post for wives and parents of servicemen sending packages to Korea. It is now up to Congress.

**Note**—Several letters have been received from veterans of the Fourth Marine Division, asking whether the war will interfere with their annual reunion. The answer is that there will be no interference. The reunion will be held in Chicago at the Hotel Sherman, June 28, 29 and 30.

**Truman Telephones**  
President Truman was so pressed for votes during the fight on the 18½-year-old draft

## CAPITOL NEWS

LINCOLN.—Governor Peterson's legislative critics gave him a hard time last week.

Scarcely recovered from the senators' attack on the state health department which led to the resignation of Dr. Frank D. Ryder as director, the governor picked up three new headaches:

While Peterson was out of the state to appear on a national radio program, Lt. Gov. Charles Warner vetoed the controversial wheat utilization bill (L. B. 1) and the measure's sponsor, Sen. Arthur Carmody of Trenton, loosed stinging verbal blasts at both the governor and Warner.

Attorney General C. S. Eeck held that Liquor Commission Chairman Young violated the law in accepting insurance business from liquor licensees and the governor with "deep regret" wrote Young a letter asking his resignation.

Peterson was put on the defensive by a charge of W. B. Hall, Stratton gravel pit operator, who said the state highway department had discriminated against him in awarding gravel contracts. Carmody immediately promised a probe of the charges.

Carmody, who owns one of the legislature's quickest tempers and sharpest tongues, said at week's end that he would ask the attorney general whether Warner's veto was constitutional. He attacked the lieutenant governor's act as "prejudicial" and accused him of lobbying against the bill.

The veteran senator said he thought it was "unfortunate" that Peterson should be absent from the state "when this thing came up. And a lot of folks are going to wonder why he didn't arrange to have the matter taken care of before he left."

Peterson telephoned Carmody from Ogallala, where he was attending the dedication of a hospital. The governor is reported to have told the senator he intended to let the bill become law without his signature. Carmody said he told the governor that was "an untruth."

Commissioner Young told newsmen that he "certainly" intended to accept Peterson's offer of a hearing, probably sometime this week. The governor made the offer on the advice of the attorney general who outlined the procedure for removal from office.

Young was held in violation of the state liquor control law which carries a possible penalty of a 60-day jail term or 60 months in jail, or both. Statehouse lawyers said it was unlikely Young would be prosecuted because of the difficulty in proving criminal intent. In answer to a reporter's question, Peterson said that if the commission were prosecuted, it would be first the duty of the Douglas county attorney and secondly, of the attorney general.

Bert Overcash, of the attorney general's staff, wrote the opinion, which said:

"The insurance commissions received by Mr. Young for 1950 on this business exceed \$2,400. Individual commissions vary in amount from \$1 to a commission of \$787 on one account that was first written in January, 1947."

"The report of one agency for 1950, processing this insurance, contains 31 liquor licenses, five of which show an original business date prior to the time Mr. Young became a member of the commission. Seven of these accounts are shown as originating in the year 1950."

There is nothing in the report of Mr. Young to dispute his statement that he has favored no one in discharging his official duties and that this business from liquor interests has come to him without any thought of special favors.

"His statement that, since becoming a commissioner, he has refused the insurance of certain liquor licensees and has not solicited business from anyone connected with the liquor business, suggests a recognition of consequences which might flow from such a combination of official and private activity."

"The design and purpose of the statutory mandate, as shown before, is to prevent situations from arising which have the possibility of improper practices. This standard alone that the present situation must be measured."

Another battle of words between Carmody and the governor was over the alleged discrimination in the gravel contracts. The governor explained that Hall's gravel is considered unsatisfactory from some types of high construction.

"If I find Hall's charges can be proved," he said, "I'm considering asking for a full investigation of what's going on in the highway department." The Trenton senator has long been critical of the operation of the highway department.

The governor told newsmen, "I would suggest that Senator Carmody be careful in his use of language. This is a technical problem and cannot be dealt with very satisfactorily by loose talk and hot air. The governor also said "publicity seekers" and newspapermen should be more careful of their evidence.

Meanwhile, Sen. Hugh Carson

## Funeral Services Are Held For Mrs. Brubacher

Memorial services for Mrs. Thresa Brubacher, resident of Plattsmouth for more than 40 years, were held at the Sattler Funeral Chapel at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, April 21.

Mrs. Brubacher died at the home of her son, G. E. Brubacher at Murray, Wednesday, April 18, 1951. She was 73 years old.

Rev. A. Matzner officiated at the services at which Dale Wolfarth sang, accompanied by Mrs. Glen Johnson at the organ. Casket bearers were Henry Stark, John Ed Meisinger, Philip Born, Wm. Ore, Louis Born and Wm. H. Puls.

A native of Austria, Mrs. Brubacher was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bisanz. She was married to Edward Brubacher in Bayonne, New Jersey, in January, 1901. She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church of Plattsmouth.

Her husband died in 1938. Surviving are one son, G. E. Brubacher of Murray; one brother, Alex Bisanz of Omaha, and one grandchild, Beverly Ann Kugler.

Burial was at Oak Hill cemetery.

## Louisville

Mrs. Bessie Core

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Read, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schroeder and daughter Lois and friend Angeline Shrader were among the many to attend the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Wilson of near Avoca. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson lived near Louisville some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Core and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Hagan of Omaha visited Bessie Core and father and also called on Geo. Lutz last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Isaac were Omaha visitors Tuesday morning.

Susie, Dr. H. W. Worthman and Susie were Omaha visitors Saturday.

## Omahans Open Variety Store

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hon, formerly of Omaha, but now living in Louisville at the Staben apartments, are opening up their variety store to the public Thursday morning. They bought the business from Carl Chiswick who has been in business in Louisville for about 15 years.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Huffman attended a family dinner at the Colonial Club in Lincoln Sunday honoring a cousin, Glen Badger, who was out from Washington, D. C., on business.

Mrs. Joe Zastera, Pr., arrived home last week from Kentucky where she had been for a few weeks while her husband was at Camp Campbell. Lt. Joe has been transferred to Camp Pickett, Va., and expects to eventually go to Europe.

Robert O'Brien, who has had 20 years in the navy, arrived in Omaha for a two day visit with relatives in this vicinity. He lives in California. He was on his way to the east coast and he thinks to Europe also.

Earl Cushman and Robert Chappell of Hastings and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lewis of Lincoln spent Sunday with Earl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cushman and Richard.

Harold is driving a new car this week.

## Father And Son Banquet Is Held

The father and son banquet held at the Methodist church Friday evening had a very nice crowd. The ladies served 125 people. Rev. Glassey from the Masonic Boys Home in Omaha was the speaker and was introduced by Toastmaster Henry Davis.

The surveying gang is again working in Louisville getting the surveying done for the remaining part of the year. It is expected to be put in this year.

Mrs. Laura Brunko was in Omaha Tuesday.

The Cecil Johnsons are enjoying a new Plymouth which they recently purchased. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis and Bob spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends in Lincoln.

Another new car in town is that of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Partridge, which is a Ford. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Speak spent the week end at Kansas City, Missouri, with their daughter, Mrs. John D. Tyo and husband.

Michael McClintock spent Friday night, Saturday and Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terryberry. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don McClintock, came after him on Sunday.

James York was in Lincoln Monday evening to visit his sister, who is in a hospital there. Bill Ingram, Jr., has returned to Fort Benning, Ga., after a 15 day leave spent with his father and other relatives here.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert McShane and two children of Arnold, Neb., on their way to Lincoln for a medical meeting, visited at the J. T. McShane home last week.

## Mrs. Anna Gauer Rites Are Held At Louisville

Anna Lena Gauer, daughter of John and Lena Meisinger, was born February 12, 1878 in Pekin, Illinois, and departed this life April 12, 1951 at 7:30 o'clock in Omaha, Nebraska, at the age of 73 years, 2 months and 10 days.

She had been in poor health for some time and confined to the hospital for several months.

Mrs. Gauer came with her parents to Nebraska when a small girl and spent the remaining years of her life in the vicinity of Cedar Creek and Louisville. She was married to John W. Gauer October 6, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Gauer lived at the farm near Cedar Creek until 1935 when they retired and moved to Louisville where Mr. Gauer passed away December 22 of the same year.

Mrs. Gauer was baptized in the Lutheran faith. She joined the Presbyterian church in Cedar Creek to which she belonged until they moved to Louisville, then joining the Methodist church of which she was a member at the time of her death.

Her husband, one daughter, Mildred Wendt, and one son, Carl, preceded her in death. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Florene Heil of Plattsmouth, Mrs. Frances Hennings of Avoca, Mrs. Freda Wendt of Louisville and Mrs. Joyce Ford of Omaha, and one son, Floyd Gauer of Louisville; ten grandchildren; three great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Bettie Jardine, and Mrs. Frank Salberg, both of Louisville; two brothers, Anton Meisinger and Louis G. Meisinger, both of Plattsmouth, and a host of friends.

## Couple Wed At Church Recently

Mrs. LaVone Treadway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Benedict and Christian Stohman were married Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at Immanuel Lutheran church with Pastor Melvin H. Meyer performing the ceremony. They will live on the Stohman farm south of town.

## Superior Rating For Saxophonist

Jerold Hirsch received a rating of superior on his saxophone solo at the music contest held at Fremont last week. Then Jerry also received a nice letter from Don Letz, leader of the University of Nebraska band. Seven others from Louisville also received fine ratings.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Schwalm returned home Sunday evening from a two week's stay at Cheyenne, Wyoming, with relatives.