

# JOURNALisms

We've been a little behind schedule in keeping this column going the past few weeks. A number of readers have blamed it on our last column in which we were so bold as to express some personal views on the MacArthur-Truman nightmare, but we can assure you that while our shoulders are not too broad they can bear the weight of outside criticism—our spine has been a little sore on the lower end for a few weeks, but it was in no way connected with the daily burden of argument.

Before we get off the above subject, we are happy to know that Navyman "Eud" Jorgensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Jorgensen of Nehawka, goes along with our thinking in that "mess" and he ought to know something

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about it—he's been in the middle of the Korean situation since it opened over a year ago. We would clip and reprint his letter that appeared in the Enterprise last week if we thought some of our critics could stand up under the shock.

Getting back to this column. Thousands—well not thousands, but hundreds—well, Fred Rea anyway, asked us a few times why we didn't keep "The Thing" going. We didn't exactly run out of gas like the school teacher-preacher combination we referred to several weeks ago, but a combination of circumstances, both personal and business, has prevented us from taking the time to compile this stuff with our leisure. Never let business interfere with pleasure.

Karl Grosshans came in the other day handing us a nice printing job for the Plattsmouth Sales Barn which he has built up to one of the most widely known in the state. Karl informed us that bidders were on hand at last Monday's great horse sale from as far away as Torrington, Wyoming. Other bidders were present from Iowa, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, with a number of horses sold to a buyer from Wisconsin.

We sometimes think few of us here in the downtown section of the city appreciate what this livestock market means to the community each week. For years Grosshans, with the capable assistance of Auctioneer Rex Young, has provided farmers a top outlet for surplus and finished livestock. Every week hundreds of persons flock to this establishment on south Chicago Avenue, with many a buck dropped off at local business establishments by families of buyers who come along to shop.

It is shocking sometimes to learn of the lackadastrical way in which some counties squander the taxpayer's money. Not long ago Bryan McDonald, county clerk, called for an estimate on election supplies to be included in the budget for the fiscal year 1951-52. Last election The Journal furnished these supplies at a total cost of \$23 a precinct for both the primary and general election. Clerk McDonald informed us that an out-of-town salesman had been in his office that day after an order for Cass County. This salesman informed

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Bryan he had 14 counties in Nebraska sewed up at \$48 a precinct. The Journal takes a little pride in the fact that we've saved Cass County \$575.00 on its 23 precincts. But, we're more pleased with the fact that Cass County officials are alert to the possibilities of making savings to the taxpayers by channeling their needs through local concerns. It isn't often our local courthouse officials fall victim to the glib tongue of a shrewd salesman.

While down at Avoca the other Sunday attending that well planned and glowing tribute to Dr. Brendel, we met a couple of young fellows deep in reminiscence of the past. Albert Schultz, Avoca, and John Ehlers, of Bertrand, the latter driving many long miles to pay his respects to the doctor. Albert and John informed this writer they had batched together for a couple of years southeast of Avoca nearly 50 years ago when first starting their farm operations.

It wasn't as lonesome a job as they would have us believe, however, as we learned not far from this farm lived two families with attractive daughters. During this period some coniving was carried out as each wound up with a wife, with later years resulting in fine families.

From appearances Albert gives us the impression that he had crowded John a little at the feed trough during those bachelor days from which he never fully recovered. In fact, it would take both John and this writer to stand up against one of those mid-Nebraska breezes and, at that, we'd probably come out second best.

**Circus Appealing To Youngsters; Crowds Small**

The Big Top has gone, but its thrills will continue in the minds of several hundred Plattsmouth and Cass county youngsters, many of whom were experiencing their first glimpse of circus activities.

While many of the older fans appeared somewhat disillusioned, the gleam in the eye of any one of the children witnessing the thrilling acrobatics, high flying performers, wild animals, especially the elephants, and the many daredevil stunts, was excitement enough for the participants.

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