PAUSE FOR REMEMBERING

A radio flash Thursday noon announcing death only a few minutes before had quieted the throbbing of an aged heart in Columbus, Nebraska, brought bowed heads to many a Journal staff member. For a time only the constant click of Linotype machines and the whir of presses broke the silence in memory of the Dean of Nebraska's newspaper men, printer, who set the first stick of type for the Plattsmouth Journal, and longtime friend of this publisher.

And, J. Edgar Howard, who viewed the passing show many more years than most men, would want it that way. Too few newspaper editors accept their responsibilities in the fashion of this noble old warrior whose editorial pen could soothe the irate, or blister the backsides of a cynic in so glorious a fashion. Fire, floods, disaster, not even death should for a moment still the voice of America's newspapers in keeping our people informed. That was Howard's creed throughout his unforgettable 92 years.

It seems only yesterday that this writer first observed the long, black frock coat, the string tie, Quaker robe and hat, shoulder length hair-do of this old patriarch at a Nebraska Press meeting years ago. It seems only this morning that Editor Howard sat in our little four-by-four office at The Journal reminiscing of those long ago days when he was a part of this newspaper, of his days out in Benkelman, Nebraska, of the trials and pleasures of publishing the Papillion Times, of his move to Columbus where he was to gain fame and fortune.

A long and colorful life has ended. God has seen fit to call home the spirit of Edgar, who, throughout eternity may view the colors painted in that Nebraska sunset of which he wrote so eloquently only a few years ago. But, his deeds of good will, his writings, sometimes gentle, others subtle or sarcastic, that helping hand, a closed a very successful swim week held word of encouragement, extended to many at Merrits Beach with a total enrollment of we "kids" in the newspaper business will never be forgotten.

Nebraska publishers lost their pride and joy-America lost a loyal citizen, a fighting crusader, of which we have too few.

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

WE CANNOT GAMBLE WITH STALIN W When one considers the peril of the United States, in connection with what might happen in Europe, it is easy to outline a program of events that will leave the United States in any kind of position that the imagination prefers.

These schedules are interesting but nobody knows, of course, what will happen. Consequently, intelligent leadership in this country is compelled to prepare for the worst while hoping for the best.

The defense of the United States must be based upon the assumption that Stalin will attempt to extend his sway throughout Europe and become more formidable rather than less dangerous to the peaceful development of the world. It would be utterly foolish to gamble the welfare of this great country upon the uncertainty that we might be able to get along with the Communists. We must, if we are to wisely defend ourselves, assume that we shall have to do so not only for ourselves but for the Western nations of Europe.

This is not a pleasant task. It is a stern national duty that requires the loyal and wholehearted support of every American. There is no time to debate what might have been if some one had done this or that. We have no moments for reveries connected with isolation because danger threatens the peace-loving nations of the world and dreaming dreams will not remove the menace.

### \* \* \* THOUGHT FOR TODAY

High society is for those who have stopped working and no longer have anything important to do. - Woodrow Wilson

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## EDITORIALS Furse's Fresh Flashes

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, tells us a mink coat is something that keeps a girl warm-and quiet.

They tell us a beetle has been found that can lift five hundred times its own weight-but we can't find out what kind of breakfast food it eats.

There is a difference between death and taxes. Death does not get worked over every time Congress meets.

Statistics show that more than a million women in the United States are overweight. These, of course, must be round

Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.

Folks who aren't letting grass grow under their feet are most likely to be in

Some people's only idea of exercise is letting bills run.

A local little girl thinks their doctor's kids are so goodlooking because he keeps the best ones for himself.

A prominent dietician recently stated it was possible for one to eat for an entire their dislocation may save the has been pretty much on the week at a total cost of ninety-eight cents. He didn't say whether he was referring to a canary, a goldfish, or a ghost. \* \* \*

## Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO Randall Bigsby, of the Bigsby Funeral Home, assumed Scoutmastership of Troop

366 sponsored by the Methodist church ... Cass County Chapter of the Red Cross of 157 . . . Laura Grace and Helen Dean of horses, you can't alternately Leson of Louisville were awarded highest rank in CampFire organization the "torch bearer" at the closing week end ceremonies at Camp Harriet Harding near Louisville . . . George McBride enlisted in the U. S. Navy and departed for Great Lakes bright RFC reforms "asinine Naval Training Station, Chicago . .

Helen Warga, Omaha, daughter of Mr. reforms himself; when he vetoes and Mrs. Joseph C. Warga was named to appoints a power commission head the annual conference of industrial chairman who adopts the Ker girls in the Y.W.C.A. meet at Lake bill-Congress knows that an Okoboji.

20 YEARS AGO in history as a courageous president and on his major policies by Dr. Robert Gilder of Omaha unearth- a correct president. But he will of the Japanese police force has ed an ancient piece of pottery near the unpopular president, and in city bearing what was believed to be finger prints of one of the dwellers in the dim past . . . The piece was discovered near Swallow Hill and excavation work by because they don't particu- Realty Transfers was to be continued with arousing of in- larly believe in the president's terest of students of early western settle- policies, also get discouraged ments . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Mayfield of Louisville were vacationing in the Minnesota Lakes country; In their ab- the House of Representatives, St. of Nebr., 5-5-51, Frc. L. 4 sence The Courier was being issued by Mrs. Mable Mayfield with assistance of August Pautsch and Jess McGrew.

(Copyright, 1949, By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS: 82ND CONGRESS SETS NEW RECORD FOR DO-NOTHINGNESS: TRU-MAN'S SHIFTING POLICIES DIS-COURAGE PARTY UNITY; LOBBY-ISTS AND LOCAL INTERESTS PRE-VAIL.

Washington.—Most capital observers agree that not in years has there been nothing congress as the 82nd. The famed such a tired, listless, indifferent do-80th congress, against which President Truman campaigned to victory in 1948, was a stem-winder by comparison.

Not only has the 82nd congress failed pass Mr. Truman's measures of the protein and nearly all of to pass a single appropriation by the end and which has won for Lyndon of the fiscal year, on June 30, but a good Johnson. many members don't seem to care. They don't even seem to care that they are being called the "horse-meat" congress.

Never in my recollection have both working against many of the morale and morals been so low, leadership policies they are supposed to so lacking.

Never in my recollection has there been less idealism, less patriotism, such poor party discipline; never such shameless absenteeism. Some congressmen are present in Washington only one day a

There are three main, overriding ern leaders found that Mr. Tru-

reasons for this political paralysis: 1. This is the tail-end of a tired, uninspired administration-probably the end northern Republicans-the folof a long period of Democratic rule, No- lowers of Abraham Lincoln-to the world to inquire about a new body, except a few incurable optimists, sabotage civil rights in return strawberry plant developed by really expects this administration to be rereally expects this administration to be re- part of Truman's economic pro- shire. He said he learned of the elected, and when that frame of mind gram. exists in congress there can be no party

discipline, no leadership. And without leadership every con- and to continue any filibuster gressman adopts what's good for the against civil rights. That is also country, he votes what's good for himself why you will usually find just or the lobbyists who helped fill his cam- enough southern Democrats paign chest. He knows that, in many leg- against the Democratic platislative problems, the nation's interest has form to kill some of the Truto be put above his district's interest. A man economic and labor measures which the Republicans opflood-control reservoir may dislocate a pose. hundred or so people in his district, but The bipartisan foreign policy

OF THE WEEK LAFF



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Washington Pipeline

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lives and property of millions rocks ever since the death of below the reservoir area. How- Michigan's Senator Vandenbergever, an "I'll get mine, you get But today a much firmer, yours" spirit has become ram- though never discussed, biparpant in this congress. The law tisan domestic policy has taken of the lobbyist and the local its place. interest reigns supreme.

2. There has been no firm sell of Georgia and Taft of Ohio. hand on the reins. This is true it operates so smoothly it is alboth of the White House and of most automatic. And it has bethe democratic leaders on come a basic factor in the stult Capitol Hill.

The president has alternately will probably go down as one of begged and scolded. He has sel- the most do-nothing in history. dom inspired.

Congress is like a team of horses. It knows from the feel of the reins whether the driver lash congressmen into a lather. then coax them up a hill.

When the president calls the Alger Hiss prosecution a "red herring" one day, then rewards the Hiss prosecutor with a judgeship; when he calls the Fulthen adopts the Fulbrbight RFC the Kerr natural gas bill, then

Harry Truman will go down also be known as an unstable, leading congress, popularity and tic Japanese army will soon b stability is what counts.

The president's leaders on Capitol Hill are no better-partworking for him.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, who once held a steady hand over now doesn't care much whether school keeps or not. Sam is older, more tired, more discouraged than in the days when he controlled the unruly House of Representatives for FDR. Those were the days when he pioneered the securities and exchange laws through congress; then the holding corporation actboth great landmarks to his legislative career. But it's doubtful today if Sam would have the courage and stamina to repeat that legislative performance.

In the Senate, the president' leader is a genial, hard-working, cared Senator from Arizona, Ernest McFarland, who is so worried he will not be re-elected that he spends more time looking over his shoulder at his home state than at the national problems pitched at him in the rain. They recommend that Senate.

McFarland's assistant, Lyndon Johnson, squeaked into the Senate from Texas by the nar- ing cutting has resulted in loss No. 10 in Franklin. row margin of 87 votes and, having done so, has adopted a carotene in the alfalfa hay. One policy of antagonizing no one— heavy rain, the agronomists say. a policy which does not help to on mowed alfalfa removes much the nickname "Lying Down"

Therefore, the Senate today is treated to the spectacle of watching the president's two leaders unhappily voting and

3 The lurking fear of Civil Rights really dominates the Senate. This is something never talked about publicly but which is the most basic factor behind the Republican-Dixiecrat coal-

Two years ago, when southman was really serious about pushing his civil-rights program. they formed a coalition with

That is why just enough nor- paper. thern Republicans always vote with the south to block cloture

## Capitol **News Letter**

Educational Lands and Funds met and adjourned this week without taking any action to modify its rules and regulations to comply with four recent sapreme court rulings which held that all school land leases renewed since 1947 are invalid and must be offered for sale at public auction.

The rulings have stirred up a storm of protest among sandhills ranchers whose cattle graze on state-owned school lands leased by the same families for generations. At Sidney, there were reports of an effort to take the fight to the U.S. Supreme Court, but attorneys at the statehouse doubted there wa any point at issue over which the nation's top tribunal would assume jurisdiction; they contend it's a state matter and has been settled by the state supreme court

An official of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds-State Surveyor Hugh Dillon estimates that the bonuses off the 2,600-odd leases which wil have expired between Jan. 1947 and Dec. 31, 1951, will yield the state around \$2,000,000. Dillon says that's a very conservative estimate for the 950,000 acres involved.

Gov. Val Peterson last week moved in two directions following the most disastrous floods in Kansas history. First, he called a meeting for this Wednesday of the Missouri Basin States committee, an organization of the ten states in the Missouri Engineered primarily by Rusvalley. Then fired off an urgent plea to Nebraskans in congress calling for "rushing to completion" the Pick-Sloan plan of val- Tips On Saving

ley development. ification of a congress which The States Committee meeting, Peterson said, would consider the long-range plan of rubber tires on your car, tractor A business committee advis- flood control and the short- or truck. ing the munitions board has range problem of inter-state recommended standardizing all relief for victims of the flooding. is competent, and, like a team automobile and airplane engines The governor said he was acting at the request of the gov- these are some of the things to . . A real blow to the Kremlin: Since V-J day the American ernor of Kansas and Missouri.

steel industry has increased The congressional delegation was asked, 'How long must we pressure. Keep enough weight count our dead in the basin. White House got a report last How many hundreds of millions sonably good traction. Avoid of dollars must we lose before we may be permitted to complete an orderly program for and radar to the armed services the control of these waters and drive at reasonable speeds. per month. This will soon jump which will make them work for man rather than permit them to oil and grease. These enemies having bought the store with destroy him? Every dollar in- of rubber do their dirty work money he had saved when he ed the machine-tool industry vested in Missouri basin devel- while your vehicle is parked. was ordered by Mobilization opment will return to the taxpayers of America many times Ridgway has informed Wash-

Blame the Weather to put four divisions into the Dripping skies which have field in eight months. Training! covered Nebraska for much of been going on secretly, Ridgthis spring and summer were credited by the highway departway reports, but a new democrament for the king-size of its announcement that it will take bids for construction work on 140 miles of road on Aug. 9.

At the same time the departmaterial to be spread in 65 coun- granting to the starving millions T. A. Tennant & Elsie M. to ties.

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12-51, N of Ry. NE 4 35-13-12, The present zigzagging grave road with six narrow bridges i to be replaced with a straight north-south road with 22-foot

since it was built in 1927 by Sar-

concrete pavement. Relocation of No. 3 between Franklin and Naponee will connect with the relocation east of Alma, finished last year. A new city route will be built into Franklin.

State, federal and Franklin city funds will finance a new storm sewer system and widening of pavement on No. 3 and

Short Stories

These were other developments in the statehouse week: A survey by the Lincoln Journal of flood-hit southeastern Nebraska counties set the toll in county bridges alone at \$3,-

The state supreme court ruled that Clarence Tvrz of Wilber must serve a life sentence for the "love slaying" of Mrs. Helen McElroy in a Wilber tavern. Governor Peterson, terming the conviction in Czechoslovakia Extension Circular 173 gives of William N. Oatis a "rape of

the most important details of freedom," applauded the action of Nebraska Czech-Americans making alfalfa and sweet clover silage. Free copies can be had who are organizing meetings to protest the sentencing of the at any county agent office in American reporter. Sunbonnet Garden Club held DURHAM, N. H. - An Aus-

its meeting at the home of Mrs. Charlie Manners July 12. Mrs. Josephine Strough was assistant hostess.

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Do What You Fear To Do

AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND STARF LIVING"

AT ONE TIME John Stemle, Jasper, Ind., was afraid to spend the night on the river unless he had a companion and left a carbide lamp burning all night. Not that the companion had to be a fighter; he just had to be there. Not that a little light was so much protection; it could work the other way around.

It was necessary for him to take these river trips in order to attract the attention of a manufacturer for the mass production

of a boat he had designed. The questions most frequently asked by the man whom he would encounter in a two dollar rowboat, or in a \$30,000 cruiser, was "Aren't you afraid at night? What do you do with yourself?"

Yes, he was afraid. And he searched for things to do in a pup tent on a dark, rainy night on a Mississippi sandbar. Sound is multiplied when you are lying with your ear to the ground. A fox or a coon coming down to the river sounds like a bear crashing through the underbrush. A fish crane looks pretty harmless by day, but at night the sounds it makes are horrible and terrifying. There's another little bird, no bigger than your

Carnegie fist, that emits a blood-curdling, mournful scream. Hearing those noises, made John afraid to go beyond the bounds of his tent. When they occur, one after the other, and sometimes several in

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discover the source of the sounds, you no longer fear them. "Conquering that fear of noise at night," says John Stemle, "taught me to conquer other fears. For instance, when anything bothers me to the point of fright, I simply search for the origin! or "if it is mental, for the cause. Then when I have done that, fear dissipates into thin air."

unison, there are just two things you can do: (1) Bury your head

under a blanket and let your imagination run wild. (2) Open your

flap tent and go out and discover from where the noise emanates.

The latter is the one and only thing to do, for the moment you

This is just one more example of applying the advice: "Do what you fear to do, and your fear will no longer exist."

# Tires Offered

Here are some tips on saving

Extension Agricultural Engineer Daniel A. Kitchen of the University of Nebraska says

Always have proper inflation on your tractor wheels for reasudden starts and stops when driving your truck or car. Watch curbs and rutted roads

Prompt repair of small breaks years.

and cuts will prolong the life

### CROP Seeks Grain For India

Communities, granges, clubs, churches and fraternal organizations, especially in the rural and farm areas, are being asked by CROP, Christian Rural Overseas Program, to contribute of ment said 98 maintenance jobs their 1951 crops of grain of all will be up for bids. These projects total 245,000 cubic yards of grains the U.S. government is

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of Indian people Under the direction of committees the collection of grain will be organized and taken to American ports in carload lots, and the Indian government will provide shipping facilities across

the oceans. "Friendship Grain for India" is already meeting wide response and several large gifts of wheat have been shipped.

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