

EDITORIALS

REST, RELAX OR PREPARE TO DIE The importance of rest, recreation and relaxation cannot be overstressed in this day of heart attacks and other forms of sudden death.

The average individual, for some reason, looks askance at idleness, either of the mind or body, without realizing that a balanced life must include both. Consequently, we suggest to those who think they are too busy to take any time from their businesses that they are gambling with death and the odds are against them.

The stress of modern civilization has developed astonishing casualties. People go nuts for unknown reasons. They worry themselves sick because they overlook the vital importance of easing the strain of modern life.

We would do nothing to militate against the labor that useful individuals perform. It is too true that there are some who have a prejudice against earning their living and this advice is not meant for them.

Those who have the idea that they cannot miss an hour from appointed tasks, or fear that an economic collapse will follow any idleness on their part, might as well realize that the world will continue to revolve whether they punch the clock on time or not. Consequently, if they wish to live long and enjoy life, they might as well plan an intelligent program of activity to include conscious relaxation from the worries and cares of the day.

NATIONAL CAT WEEK NEAR

The national habit of proclaiming various weeks to be celebrated includes Cat Week which occurs this year between Nov. 4th and 10th, according to the American Feline Society.

It should be understood, of course, that the week is for the purpose of directing attention to four-footed cats, with especial emphasis upon the short-haired American type, "frequently but erroneously referred to as 'the alley cat.'"

The nation possesses a cat population of about 21,000,000, according to the society, which points out that fifty per cent of the felines are cared for by individual owners or "hold down jobs" in stores, factories, etc., as mousers.

The society is concerned about the other half of the cat family, the unemployed cats. It suggests that people follow the slogan of the week and "adopt a cat."

The cat, no doubt, performs a useful function in the elimination of mice and rats. It would be well for the nation, again with no doubt, if there were less mice and rats. Consequently, the more cats the less rats and the less loss to the public through the depredations of the mice and rats.

TOO MUCH TO UNDERSTAND

Two years ago, a two-stage rocket ascended two hundred and fifty miles from New Sands, New Mexico, and rocket experts assert that such a rocket might go as high as 22,300 miles above the earth.

More amazing is the prediction of those who have some knowledge of rockets that once the missile reaches its orbit, it will no longer require fuel but will convert itself into a piece of our planet, becoming a member of the solar system, like a small satellite.

Dr. Willy Ley, author and rocket authority, says that such a station, if it could be manned, would be invaluable as a research laboratory where a good vacuum was needed. It would also serve as a fuel supply depot for ships sent out on interplanetary journeys. Moreover, as an astronomical observatory, it would be superior to any on the earth since bad weather would not obscure vision.

Turning to the military possibilities of such a base, the expert says that such a series of platforms, scattered around the earth, would not be a serious military threat "for at least five years."

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

To confess a fault freely is the next thing to being innocent of it.

— Publus Syrus

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

One reason you never see an angel with a beard is that men generally get into Heaven by a close shave.

Good resolutions and babies crying in church are a lot alike—both should be carried out immediately.

One reason we never take a vacation is that if we ever spent two weeks on the sand, we'd spend the other fifty on the rocks.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says if she ever casts her lot with a man he's going to have enough money to build a house on it.

The frost was on the pumpkin Friday morning—and with the bills coming in for winter clothing Fodder is in a state of shock.

Man is that peculiar animal who gets a hearty laugh out of the old family album and then looks in the mirror without so much as a grin.

No idea has ever been silenced by a shotgun.

Even a new broom won't sweep clean unless somebody uses it.

Most of our troubles originate by trying to mind somebody's business.

Maybe a start has been made in Washington—the White House is being renovated.

We're inclined to believe that at last success has caught up with us. Our name is on every sucker list in the county, the government takes most of our income, and the doctor informs us we've got two ulcers.

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO Official open house for the new Consumers Public Power District office here was held today. . . . The Cass County Young Citizenship contest was held at Greenwood. Bette Gayer, Willa Sylvester, Bill Robertson and Cary A. Marshall of Plattsmouth participated. . . . Bernard A. Jackson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jackson, enlisted in the air force. . . . Wahoo downed Plattsmouth in an East Seven Nebraska conference game 26-6. White scored for Plattsmouth. . . . Mrs. H. G. McClusky, Mrs. L. L. Wiles, Mrs. George Farley and Mrs. Frank A. Clout attended a meeting of Presbyterian women at Humboldt. . . . Lester Reeves, first class private, is on furlough from Fort Meade. . . . B. B. Fender has returned to Plattsmouth for the winter months. . . . Bill Read left today for Seattle, Washington after enjoying a 15-day leave.

20 YEARS AGO Miss Catherine Stave and Mr. Renner Spidell were married at Marysville, Missouri October 31. . . . A large truck of the McMaken company was struck by a train near Louisville. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Irvin F. Meyers are the parents of a son born November 2. . . . George M. Hild and John Gakemeier have returned from Minnesota. . . . Several pounds of copper wire were stolen from the Louisville cement plant. . . . The first regular meeting of the Omaha Episcopal Clericus was held at St. Luke's church. . . . William H. Mark and wife of Union have moved to Plattsmouth. . . . The Plattsmouth Journal is 50 years old today. . . . New officers of the Catholic Daughters of America were installed.

The Ladies Revolt News of Mrs. Edwards' resignation hit the Democratic committee simultaneously with the news that Frank McKinney was to be their new boss. Both caused consternation, the former because Mrs. Edwards is extremely popular, the second because McKinney was almost unknown to most Democratic leaders. Also Southern and Western Democrats felt that in view of the Vatican appointment, the new chairman should have been a Protestant rather than continuing the thirty years of Catholic party leadership.

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The day before the committee was to have its rubber-stamp session, therefore, Mrs. Lynch called a meeting in her room in the Mayflower Hotel. Attending were Pennsylvania's Emma Guffey Miller, New Jersey's Mary Norton, Minnesota's Long Hunt, and Wisconsin's Mrs. Dan Hoar. All agreed that as between India Edwards and Frank McKinney, Mrs. Edwards was their gal and they would stick by her through thick and thin. So, failing to get past King-maker Connelly for an appointment, they sent a letter to the President urging him to intervene personally with Mrs. Edwards and hinting that if he did not persuade her to stay, his hand-picked candidate might not be committee-picked next day.

Truman got the letter, hurriedly called Mrs. Edwards, apologized for the misunderstanding and urged her to remain. She agreed. Thereafter, opposition to new

chairman McKinney gradually melted, especially after his resounding speech next day promising to clean out influence peddlers. The Air Force may retaliate against Biloxi, Miss., whose wide-open gambling got Keesler Field into hot water with the Senate. What the Air Force may do is quietly abandon a lucrative, \$43,000,000 expansion program at Keesler, thus depriving Biloxi of some juicy contracts and jobs.

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However, the gamblers continued to fleece 18-year-old recruits and others, until this columnist first exposed the whole sordid story last July. This columnist listed the number of gambling joints operating wide open, reported that one lieutenant had even committed suicide over gambling losses, and revealed that the majority of Keesler servicemen were around 18. The column then turned the evidence over to the Senate Preparedness subcommittee. As a result, Senate investigators cracked down on Biloxi and the Air Force got a black eye for not keeping its men out of the dives.

Real blame, according to Senate investigators, rests squarely on Biloxi authorities, who winked at law violations and openly conspired with the gamblers. The gambling trade lured free-spending tourists into the town, which in turn lowered local taxes, the townspeople refused to get stirred up over young recruits squandering one-third of their pay.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Here are some that are priced quite reasonably preposterous, sir."

The revolt which simmered, but never reached the boiling point, got its initial touch-off two weeks ago when President Truman called in vice-chairman India Edwards and offered her Bill Boyle's place. Mrs. Edwards, an energetic and popular figure among all Democrats, declined on the grounds that the '52 election campaign should be run by a man. But she specifically and categorically asked that she be consulted on the selection of the new chairman. The President specifically and categorically agreed.

King-Maker Connelly Thereafter Mrs. Edwards wrote the President, suggesting several prominent Democrats as national chairman, including Alabama's Sen. Sparkman, Denver's ex-congressman John Carroll and Price Administrator Mike Di Salle.

Meanwhile, unknown to Mrs. Edwards, presidential aide Matt Connelly was working feverishly to put over his own candidate, Connelly, who fancies himself a "king-maker" and the real "power behind the power." Connelly's maneuvering was so secret that neither retiring chairman Bill Boyle nor Mrs. Edwards was aware of it.

Only on Monday, two days before the committee met, was Boyle informed by the President that McKinney was "the man." Boyle immediately got on the phone and passed the word along to Democrats, including India Edwards. When she heard of it, she hit the ceiling, and promptly turned in her resignation as vice-chairman.

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That is why the Air Force may now retaliate by abandoning its \$43,000,000 expansion program at Keesler, which will cost the city more than it has been able to pocket in 10 years of playing footsie with the racketeers. For most of the gambling profits don't stay in Biloxi. They go to the big-time operators in Manhattan.

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Highest price paid thus far for a single lease was \$24,200 for a section of wheat land in Perkins county.

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Capitol News

LINCOLN—Gov. Val Peterson today confirmed what has been an open secret in Nebraska politics for many weeks: He is a candidate for the United States senate.

The stocky, mostly bald, gray-haired chief executive will have for his opponent Sen. Hugh Butler of Omaha, an announced candidate for a third term. Butler is 73; Peterson 48.

The campaign—which actually has been underway for some time—is expected to begin in earnest within the next few weeks. The April 1 primary is only five months away and both camps are preparing for a rugged battle.

Peterson will likely need a lot of battle to unseat his firmly entrenched foe. The white-haired Butler controls the closest thing to an organization—outside the two parties—in Nebraska politics. It cannot properly be called a machine because it's doubtful he could deliver an election for anyone but Butler.

Butler's supporters point with genuine pride to his record in the senate. They maintain that he accurately reflects the thinking of a majority of Nebraskans.

From the governor's standpoint, the situation has improved in the past few weeks. His declination of the draft movement in the Third congressional district appears to have bolstered his stock. One earthy party regular puts it crudely: "He came out smelling like a rose."

Jitter-Calmer

Nebraska's 5,300 holders of school land leases were getting letters this week from the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds. The letter was intended to calm the jitters that arose following a recent supreme court decision requiring that all leases sold after 1947 be placed on the auction block.

The letter, over the signature of Board Secretary Henry Bartling, says: "The action of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds in conducting auctions of school land leases seems to be misunderstood by some Nebraskans. The board's action was taken as a result of the supreme court's decision declaring the 1947 automatic renewal law unconstitutional. Since the leases made subsequent to 1947 were granted in violation of the constitution, they never were legal documents; in fact, in the eyes of the law, they do not exist."

Future contracts with the state have not been jeopardized. You will note that the 25-year leases which were in existence before the unconstitutional law was passed are still in force. The new leases now being drawn in accordance with the court decision likewise are valid. If inquiries in this procedure result, it is something over which the board has no control or authority to adjust. This is regrettable, but under the circumstances, unavoidable."

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Recovery Begins Where Worry Ends MERVIN BJURSTROM, Portland, Oregon, had been in sick bay for three days when the medical officer sent for him.

He said, "Mervin, I don't want to frighten you but you have a serious illness. You will be sent off the ship to the naval hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii. From there you will be evacuated to the states. It will take six months of hospitalization or more to get you well."

He remained in the hospital in Honolulu until they put him aboard a Dutch freighter for San Francisco.

At the naval hospital, Oakland, California, the doctors said he was an unusual case. All he knew was that he had a respiratory ailment, but he could see that they were doing their best to help him.

Things seemed to be going well and he was transferred to the U. S. naval hospital, Corona, California. Here he was attended by a woman doctor, who, he says was one of the best doctors he ever met. Forceful in her speech and inclined to curse if things didn't go as she wanted them to go.

His progress in recovery wasn't what this doctor thought it should be. She said, "Mervin, there is something bothering you that we can't help you with, and it is preventing you from getting well. What is worrying you? You must get it off your chest." After a few minutes discussion of his problems, his morale was boosted greatly.

He returned to his bunk and analyzed the situation. "What if I can't be so active and have to baby myself a little the rest of my life? Few of us can do exactly as we like anyway. A majority of the people of our great nation have had to plan their life's work over with a handicap greater than mine."

Right then and there he stopped worrying and started planning. His recovery began right then, he declares, when he stopped worrying.

It's doubtful whether they will be—it will mean a saving of \$1,721,000. More than a million of this will be in the board of control agencies.

The governor's office was miffed that the story leaked out. "We wanted to wait until it had been accomplished," one said, "and besides, we knew we'd be accused of doing it for political gain."

The spokesman was right. The Democratic Lincoln Star began its story: "Amputation of Gov. Val Peterson to serve in the U. S. Senate may result in benefits to the taxpayers."

Animal Injuries Will Climb In Weeks To Come

Livestock owners were alerted to the dangers of animal injuries in the weeks just ahead in a special bulletin today from the American Foundation for Animal Health.

With the coming of colder weather, there's more chance for injury as livestock is brought off the ranges and pastures into closer confines of winter quarters. Foundation authorities pointed out:

"Typical of these injuries are horn wounds, bruises, cuts and scratches from nails, barb wire and other sharp objects," the report said.

Also, during cold weather there's danger that livestock will stumble over frozen objects and icy spots, sometimes bringing injury or bruised feet.

Livestock owners whose animals suffer wounds were urged to take the following precautions:

"(1) If the wound is bleeding excessively, pressure should be

applied to the affected area with sterile gauze. (2) If the bleeding continues, a tourniquet may be needed also. (3) Before examining a wound, the owner's hands should always be washed to reduce chance of infection. (4) Strong antiseptics which may aggravate the injury should never be used. (5) Animals with serious wounds should be placed under a veterinarian's care. In these cases, the attending veterinarian may need to give treatment to prevent tetanus, and sometimes internal medication to prevent complicating infections."

WORKERS GET ESTATE

MCGRAW, N. Y.—A total of \$100,000 left by F. A. Purchas to the 187 employees of three factories was recently divided. Workers with more than ten years' service received \$1,000; those with five to ten years, \$500; and those with a year and a half to five years, \$250. Purchas, who died August 4, owned controlling interest in the Central Paper Box Company, Inc., and the Higgins Supply Company, Inc.

Iroquois 'Calico Treaty' Develops Inflation Angle

EVEN THE PRICE of peace should increase in times of inflation, Indians of the Six Nations decided recently.

Occupying their own lands in central New York since before it was New York State, they protested the shrinkage in the latest federal payment of cloth. An annual allotment of cloth keeps them at peace with Uncle Sam under the terms of the 157-year-old "calico treaty."

Nowadays, yard goods of more fashionable chambrays and flowery seersuckers instead of calico and muslin make up each year's payment of the New York Indians' portion of the \$4,500 under the Treaty of Canandaigua signed in 1794.

In that fixed figure lies the present catch in the durable treaty. Through boom and bust, the yard goods have shrunk and stretched with the dollar. The 1951 payment is shared by 5,700 Indians. It threatens to leave some of them short-skirted and short-shirted.

In return for "clothing" and other items, to be distributed "yearly forever," the Iroquois confederacy or Six Nations agreed never to make war on or claim the lands of the young American nation. General Lafayette negotiated with the chiefs. George Washington, himself, guaranteed that the Indian lands in the Finger Lakes region of New York would not be violated.

While they were not always friendly in colonial days, several members of the Iroquois league later aided the cause of the American Revolution. When Washington's army was starving at Valley Forge they came to the rescue with 600 bushels of grain from their own scanty stores. This service Washington never forgot. A bill currently before congress would authorize annual settlement in cash in lieu of bolts of cotton. The Oneidas, now living in Wisconsin, for years have taken their allotment in cash. The New York nations, however, have rejected previous cash proposals preferring to hold to the "calico" provision of the treaty.

Prosperous for the most part today, the Iroquois have many fine homes and well managed farms. To them the annual "calico day" symbolizes perpetual peace and friendship. But with prices what they are in 1951, the Indians have made it plain they could use a little more calico—and a little less symbolism.

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