## EDITORIALS Furse's Fresh Flashes

### CHRISTMAS DAY

L The celebration of Christmas in the United States is more or less uniform. There are some variations, such as the Pennsylvania Germans in Bethlehem, the Scandinavians in Wisconsin and Minnesota, and the fireworks of the Southern States. On the whole, however, the Christmas celebration in this country borrows from the practices of many European countries and reflects our customs in the church and home.

The Italian Christmas is a sacred holiday. There are church ceremonies and special food, but it is not customary to give presents to one another.

France and Scotland are observed on New Year's Day. Particularly in France, religious features, rather than festivity, are emphasized on Christmas Day.

December 25th is also a religious holiday in the Netherlands and Belgium. The feast of St. Nicholas is celebrated on December 6th as the children's holiday with most of the feasting and celebrating that Christmas.

A German Christmas means a home festival and attendance at church services. Everything centers around the Christmas tree with presents piled under the tree with the distribution of presents preceded by the singing of Christmas carols.

In the Scandinavian countries, elaborate preparations are begun weeks in advance of Christmas , including cleaning, decorating and renovating the house and cooking special meats, breads, cakes and other foods to last for three weeks of hospitality and leisure.

Christmas celebrations in England which had lost all inner meaning, were forbidden in 1644. Now Christmas brings family reunions, gifts, parties, singing and decorations . . . And, of course, Father Christmas, the English Santa Claus.

While the customs of celebrating vary all over the world. Christians everywhere are celebrating, on December the 25th, the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Let us hope that on this great occasion. His spirit of unselfishness will abide with us all.

### \* \* \* NEW LOOK-IN GLASS

A A greenish-tinted glass, which absorbs the sun's heat while allowing light to penetrate, has recently been announced by a major glass manufacturer. The new

A local doctor pulled the window blind following an operation on one of his patients here the other day. There was a fire right across the street and the doctor wanted him to know the operation had been successful when he came out of the anathestic.

### \* \* \* A bigamist is a person who has taken one too many.

\* \* \* If we had the cash for all that our experience has cost us, we would never work another day.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little con-Many of the Christmas customs in tour twister, says she would go through anything with her new boy friend. Right now she has started on his bank account.

\* \* \* Sometimes we think it is foolish to have a speed limit here. There's some people who couldn't go through Plattsmouth too fast to suit us.

The dime isn't entirely useless. We've we in America usually associate with seen the time it made a fairly good screw driver.

Trying to make a collection for a local church here the other day, one of the colhe owed the Lord something. To which he replied, "Yes, but he ain't pushin' me like my other creditors." my other creditors.'

### $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ $\star$ Which reminds us that the best test of religion is to find yourself in church with transferrin; \$456,926.02 of gov- back to the mainland.' nothing smaller than a dollar bill in your ernment funds into a fictitious.

pocket. \* \* \*

### A Merry Christmas to everyone-espec- men, whose only interest was doing a splendid job and also Blanket Tax ially advertisers and subscribers.

men involved should have to pay such a ican taxpayers who have been heavy price for their mistake, the judge, putting up the dough to keep pressed with Mow's story, but for the state supreme court. in giving stiff sentences, was trying to Chiang's government operating. asked him to leave all the con- District Judge D. R. Mounts of save an institution which is dear to the promised his wife to clean ough study. hearts of millions of Americans. If basket- house, he ended up firing not ball scandals, and immoralities, can be the embezzler. General Chou, checked by stiff punishment, just as the but the man who exposed him, 

# Down Memory Lane



back seat.

The guilty finger pointed all here in the service. They all won the endorsement of county straight a Chiang's top Gen- want to do their part, so in officials at their meeting in

private bank account. He also brother, Colonel Mow Ying-Tsu, Ruth Pierce who has since retried to buy aviation gas and who is commanding officer of signed. airplane parts through middle-| the flying training school, was

skimming off fat fees. Need- the heroic event of my son, Lt. came indirectly from the Amer- the communists.'

Meanwhile, Mow has dictated his story in his own words in case it may be needed in the legal proceedings. Though his statement hasn't been publish-ed, this column has obtained a

copy In is American friends. language. Mow tells how he made a special trip to Formosa in October, 1950, with documen-

### THE PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, SEMI-WEEKLY JOURNAL **Capitol News** PAGE FOTTR

LINCOLN-The expected fireworks following the board of control's shakeup of the state assistance department appear largely to have fizzled out. Some observers were expering a blast from W. W. McDerm t, chief of the departments personnel division. McDermet's was one of two divisions eliminated in the reorganization plan and he was told he wouldn't be nseded after Jan. 1.

In a letter to the board, Mc-Fermet challenged the legality of his dismissal after ten and a half year; of service, but said he would'n't fight the order be-cause of the expense and because if the board were forced e all him "the relationship after might be unpleas-

The chairman of the board of control, Mrs. Harold Prince, would not comment on McDermet's letter.

The bureau chief reminded the board, which supervises the multi-million dollar assistance program, "that if this state is to continue to receive funds from the federal government for assistance programs, the admin-istration of those funds must of necessity be continued by personnel selected and maintained under personnel standards on a merit basis. This is required by federal statutes and the regtricked him into taking an gu- Gen. Mow continued. "He ulations of the social security

brothers, and my elder son are the reorganization plan, which eral. C. J. Chou. who was caught some future days that we can go Omaha two weeks ago. The other is the division of assistance "Then he mentioned that my which had been headed by Mrs.

The attack on the constitu-

less to say, these misused funds Mow Chao-Yu, in escaping from tionality of Nebraska's blanket four-mill tax law affecting Chiang not only seemed im- school districts appears headed Though the Generalissimo demning documents for thor- O'Neill upheld the law's validity last week in a suit brought by

Senator Knowland Appeals Charley W. Peterson, a Holt Meanwhile, two American county landowner. friends of Nationalist China, Peterson sought to test the General Mow. However, Mow re- Sen. Bill Knowland of Californ- 1949 law on the grounds that



### Do More Than Is Necessary

TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS ago, Clyde Randall Krech, Nashville, Tenn., began working for an air line, and a hint that one of the local officials gave him almost ruined his career. That hint was, "You just can't make mistakes and last long.

Nine months after he started, he was sent to the New York home office in regard to a promotion. He didn't get it. Last summer, he was again sent to New York, after thor-

oughly being screened in Miami for the same promotion. He didn't get it. He had a third chance. He remained just where he was.

He began retracing his work in an attempt to find out what was holding him back. The company has progress reports that go to New York every six months. He reviewed the reports for information and could find only one thing that could possibly have caused him to fail.

There was one column that was always checked on him. "Does the necessary amount of work, but no more." He wasn't ashamed of that because he knew that he had worked very hard for the company. And he didn't make mistakes. He couldn't see how this could be the answer. He just let the thought linger in his mind for a few days.

It then dawned on him that in his progress report was the answer. "Does the necessary amount of work but no more." He had been worrying about making a mistake in his work and was spending as much time checking his work as doing it.

He listed the things that could happen if he made a few mis takes and the worst thing he could find was they could fire him. He began immediately to do the best he could and not check it. Now he turns out a lot more work and he doesn't make the mistakes he was worrying about.

Two weeks ago the column that was checked on him was, "Does the necessary amount of work and more." He got a promotion.



y JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent

STATE MISTORICAL BOCISTY The pioneer preachers of old once every two weeks.

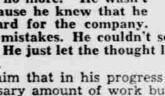
the floor laid of green elm had shrunk, leaving seams half inch wide; this covered with Kentucky jean which was laughed at by the winds as they lifted it in rolling waves from the floor The next year, Rev. Barnes had Cuming City, then a rather

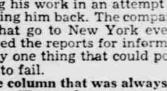
active budding metropolis, now a ghost town in Washington County, as an added responsi-He went from Florence bility. to Cuming City by stage, preaching in the latter community

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organized a church, he set about





glass will be used in the windshields of several 1952 model automobiles.

cording to the manufacturer. In areas glass will maintain temperatures ten to twenty degrees cooler than normal.

the glass manufacturers and the automobile industry have not succeeded in introducing glare-proof glass in the automotive industry. One or two models have already adopted the use of glare-proof rear-view mirrors, which relieve eye-strain considerably on long trips.

glasses, in windshields and automobile head-lamps, which tend to reduce the glare caused by the lights of approaching automobiles, it would be a mark of progress. Not only would such a change save motorists' eyes and make night-driving more comfortable, it would prevent accidents caused by glare-blindness. Were only one life saved by the change, the increased cost of the change-over would be justified.



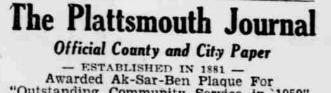
of several former college basketball stars to jail sentences, should shock the nation, and other players, into their senses. Following the dismissal of some ninety cadets from West Point several months ago, the action should have a good effect on the nation, as a whole.

While it is regrettable that the young

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The first mistake in public business is the going into it.

- Benjamin Franklin



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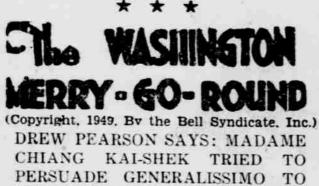
20 Henry F. Nolting is the new com-It will also be used extensively in pub- mander of Knights Templar, Mt. Zion tary proof that General Chou lic building construction next year, ac- Commandery No. 5. Other officers are had been embezzling govern-Raymond C. Cook, Generalissimo; W. F. ment funds and fleecing the where sunlight makes offices and homes uncomfortably warm in summer, the new reasurer; and John E. Schultz, recorder. American taxpayers. He finally got an audience with Madame Chiang on November 2. and ... The city council held an unofficial showed her the documents over meeting to discuss ways of cutting down One of the mysteries of the era is why expenditures for the balance of the fiscal year . . . Plattsmouth defeated Louisville about all those things that she 24-11 in the first basketball game of the even had an upset stomach." season on the home court. Galloway led Mow reports. "Then I proposed the scoring with 14 points . . . C. E. Ledg- she was very anxious to know way, clerk of the district court, has been the whole picture, so she insiscommissioned an admiral in the Nebraska ted that I finish the whole case. Navy . . . Miss Lelia Amos of Lynch and If the industry now adopts the use of Burdett Briggs, formerly of Plattsmouth, Generalissimo was going to prowere married in South Dakota . . . County Commissioner and Mrs. George L. Farley and daughter left for Iowa for the Christ-

### YEARS AGO

mas holidays.

Honored Queen of Job's Daughters as the Chou. group's annual installation. Other officers fronted General Chou, himself. installed were Helen Hiatt, Dorothea Duxbury, Betty Hutchison, Edna Marie Mar- that he didn't think there was ler, Mary Evers, Betty Gayer, Waunita Sigler, Alice Jayne Grosshans, Mary Jean only waste time and manpower. Hatt, Aileen Reed, Shirley Mason, Alice and he said he wanted Colonel Zatopek and Catherine Kaffenberger . . Miss Marie Thomason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thomason of Plattsmouth "said he is the Commanding and Eugene Meisinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. | Chief of the Chinese Air Force Henry J. Meisinger, also of Plattsmouth, and he has the power to order were married at St. John's church . . .

Guests of Mrs. Mary Wondra for Christ- Hsiang had exposed the gasomas will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wondra, line deal to the Commerce De-Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wondra, Mr. and Mrs. John Wondra, Frank Bukacek and Mr. ist. I told (Chou) that if the and Mrs. Ray Cavender.



HUSBAND FOR AUTO RIDE TO GET HIM TO LISTEN TO GRAFT STORY; HONEST CHINESE GEN-ERAL REBUFFED BY U.S. COURT AFTER TRYING TO CLEAN UP.

Washington,-The inside story can walk away. So she used that now be told of how an honest Chinese hour-long drive to present the agriculture January 15-16. General, P. T. Mow, fought but failed to case to him. clean up corruption inside Chiang Kai-Shek's Government, and how he has now Kai-Shek. been rebuffed for his pains by U.S. Judge James Kirkland.

Gen. Mow laid documentary evidence do my duty to help the country building. before Madame Chiang that made her lit- and to bring up the confidence thurch denominations interest- men without counsel. erally sick at the stomach. Later she tried of our people so we could go ed in town and country church to get her husband, the Generalissimo, to back to the mainland. listen to the evidence, but he walked out. " 'I didn't understand what refusing to listen. Finally, Madame Chiang 'you meant that I was sharn'

the supper table She Turned Sick

"She was so sick to learn preserved. In conclusion, she told me that during Chungking time. the secute General Chou. She didn't tell me the cause, but she indicated that she had rendered a hand to General Chou and

finally the case was not enforced. After she learned what I told her with documentary proof, she regretted what she IU Mary Helen Dill was installed as had done before for General

> "The first thing he said was any necessity to investigate further." Mow recalls. "It would Hsiang (Mow's aide) to be back in Formosa right away .

"Chou," Gen. Mow continued. anyone under his command to do anything he wants. In fact, partment of the United States. He must have been a Communone who tried to stop the corruption was a communist. Then what would be the man who tried to graft and deceive the government and lower the prestige of our reformed government. I walked out.

### **Taken For A Ride**

Meanwhile, Madame Chiang arranged for Mow to present his case personally to the Generalissimo. "She told me that after I left."

Mow recounts. "She asked the Generalissimo for a ride in a car and she said she used that good. opportunity to present the case

said after she learned from me on November 2 of all those

The result was that Mow was the Missouri Valley Basin proj- cerned. invited to breakfast with Chiang ect. He is expected to tell what

programs

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As a result, Chiang fired a cattle barons. The first was the territory stinging, confidential order to refusal of the state board of After a short period of trav-Chinese Ambassador Welling- equalization to lower the valua- eling through ton Koo. Dated May 23, 1951, tions on cattle for assessment Iowa for the Sunday School Un- had been true with his home in the order, signed by Chiang, de- purposes. Then a federal court ion, Rev. Barnes, in 1856, settled Florence, Rev. Barnes built the clared: "From now on, if any in Omaha knocked out the in- in Florence, the old Mormon first Baptist church in Omaha official of the government sta- junction suit of the state's outfitting town which since the largely with his own hands. It tioned in a foreign country school land lease holders.

actual facts, and thereby under- certainty in the 1953 legislature He built his house with his mine the prestige of the gov- and the new one is given a good own hands, recalling in his au- the pioneer minister. As Rev ernment, he will be severely chance of escaping the axing tobiography that the cottonwood Barnes wrote. "The history of punished under the law s o that handed L. B. 455 of the last ses- boards used in the floor shrank the Baptist cause in the territhe honor of the nation may be sion by the public works com- so much that it was necessary tory was one of hard struggle mittee.

mented, but he was fired any- congratulated Sen. John P. Mc- that even then they warped he resigned his mission comhow-while the corrupt Gener- Knight and his legislative coun- further, making it necessary to mission in 1862 and returned al Chou is still in charge of cil committee for the work they fill in the cracks. spending American aid money- have done on drafting a new and and while Judge Kirkland re- simpler bill. The sample bill was held in a vacant house, shared buffs Mow.

Name Droppers capitol.

A sure-fire way for a high-Summarizing the testimony, "It stood on a side hill, on upranking official to keep influ- McKnight noted that no one right sticks, one side near the ence peddlers out of his hair appared to protest the objec- ground, the other, two feet was demonstrated by the late tives of the bill and that the above, giving full sweep for the Lew Schwellenbach, one of the only criticism was of minor de- wind under. Not finished in-"young Turks" of the Senate tails

and later Secretary of Labor. The ironic part of this is that so as to insure full ventilation; The incident is told by his for- those who assailed L. B. 455 most mer assistant. Harold McGrath. bitterly harped on the fact that The Schwellenbachs and Mc- it was too long and contained Graths were dining at a poppowers that were too broad and ular Washington restaurant sweeping. Now, some of these when a nattily dressed man same people are complaining presented himself at their table that the new bill is not specific and smilingly addressed the enough in outlining those pow-Senator as "Lew.

Without an invitation, he

bulled up a chair and tried to Voc Ag. engage Schwellenbach's atten- The st The state board of vocational tion in a whispered conversaeducation is taking a second look tion. Suddenly, there was the harsh sound of a chair being at its requirements for eligi-pushed back and the Senator bility under the vocational agripushed back and the Senator culture program. At present stood up. He glared down in outrage upon his visitor and said persons who do not reside on

farm are ineligible. in loud tones that could be Gov. Val Peterson, chairman heard across the restaurant: Harold, if this man ever dares of the board, called this ruling come in the office. I want you "outdated." There is no reason to throw him out. I will not that a man living in town can't be just as good a farmer, or better, than one living on a tolerate his presence. After the astonished inffu-

ence-peddler slunk away. Mc- farm, said the governor. "Where Grath asked his boss what it he sleeps doesn't make any difwas the fellow had wanted. ference The board is expected to

The Senator from Washingchange the ruling in its conton explained good naturedly: "He just wanted to know what tracts for next year. Governor Peterson also urged happened in the committee on a bill. But he's a crook, and I the board to call a meeting at don't want him hanging around the Milford trade school for the me. I figured this would be the purpose of deciding the fate of best way to get rid of him for the school. Board members

Address Meet

**Hot Water** will be one of the principal speakers at the annual Nebraska Town and County Church Conference slates at the Uni- of-the-moment remarks than versity of Nebraska college of

The governor will speak on far as Nebraska lawyers are conhas been done and what will be task last week for allowing per- in 1952! accomplished at 9:40 a. m.. Jan- sons to appear in court without . I only wanted to do uary 15 at the College Activities counsel. He said he thought it The conference is open to all this state can pass judgment on The remark was made during

a pardon board hearing on a

later said he was innocent.

bill to close the school.

southwestern securing a church edifice.

organization of Nebraska terriwithout first knowing all the Another watershed bill is a town" to Omaha. tory was experiencing consid- ture. A frame building, 20x32,

Mow's facts were well docu- Even opponents of L. B. 455 they could be nailed down, and

Services the first year were up for public hearing at the with the Presbyterians. Rev. Barnes described the house thus:

LINCOLN-The latest developments and improvements in maside, the clapboarding warped

The governor's comment went ence here January 3-4. ver like a lead balloon with the legal profession. One prominent state noxious weed division said Lincoln judge suggested that the the latest developments will be governor might consider that explained through discussions any district court in the state and exhibits. A large number of would disqualify a lawyer who commercial firms are applying

offered his services to an at- for exhibit space. torney-less client. This, said the Farmers as well as experts in jurist, violates a basic cannon weed control will participate in of the legal profession which the discussions. A panel of farmprohibits solicitation of cases.

### Politics

around that snowy corner and of the University of Nebraska ts early days are expected to oring a clarification of the muddled Nebraska senatorial situa- division and the University of

Capitol observers think it likey that Governor Peterson next week will announce whether he's still a candidate for the regular meetings will be held in the 4-H term against Sen. Hugh Butler building at the state fairor whether he'll move over to grounds.

the short term scrap with former Gov. Dwight Griswold. Right now, insiders say Peterson is leaning toward the short term

attorney Frederick Wagener is eyeing the G. O. P. Senatorial agreed that the school is likely race and probably will file to come again under the legislaagainst Butler if Peterson goes tive attack which led to Sen. for the short term, or get into George Syas' introduction of a the tussel with Griswold if the governor keeps his filing the way it is.

Gov. Val Peterson, who makes Greetings better headlines with his spur-With this, the last Capitol News of 1951, the writer sends with prepared scripts, has found his warmest greetings to the himself in a little hot water so editors and readers of this week-

v piece May all good things be yours The governor took the bar to

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man who had pleaded guilty but Ph. 6287

was not a very imposing structo wait for some time before and small advance during these

territory's metropolis

early years." Nevertheless, when east he had helped lay the firm foundations for the subsequent growth of the denomination.

### Weed Control **Conference Set**

chinery for applying chemicals for control of weeds will be discussed at the sixth annual Nebraska Weed Control Confer-

Dwight Lambert, chi f of

ers will discuss their experiences with the eradication of bindweed. Panel leader will be Ex-Nineteen-fifty two is just tension Agronomist J. D. Furrer

The two-day event is sponsored by the state noxious weed Nebraska. It usually draws hundreds of farmers and others interested in weed control. The

For added color, a string of outdoor Christmas tree lights were entwined in green boughs



that I had told her to him. She Peterson Will LINCOLN-Gov. Val Peterson

things, she had tried to present to the Generalissimo, but he always walked away from her. She said that when she had him in the car, he could not

"After we sat down." Mow relates, "he said, 'You are very sharp.'

CHIANG KAI-SHEK TRIED TO PERSUADE GENERALISSIMO TO STOP GRAFT; MADAME TOOK

