

EDITORIALS

UNITY IN EUROPE

Probably within two months, we will know whether France, West Germany, Italy, and the Benelux nations will be successful in forming a voluntary federation. For about two years now this idea has received strong support from the United States.

The first step in uniting against the common danger from the East is nearing completion, the establishment of a pool for Western Europe's coal, iron and steel industries. After travelling a very rocky road, the Schuman Plan, as it is known, is about to become a fact. France's National Assembly ratified the coal and steel pool by the unexpectedly strong vote of 377 to 233.

The second part of the plan for strengthening Western Europe is the establishment of a European Defense Force. This will mean a common uniform for the soldiers from these six countries.

Actually, the two plans, industrial and defense, are one. And as Gen. Eisenhower has pointed out, Europe cannot attain the material stature possible so long as it is divided by patchwork territorial fences. Certainly if these small European nations attempt to stand alone they will be broken just like so many small twigs under the wheels of the Soviet war machine.

In unity there is strength! And the next two months will probably determine whether these countries are willing to give up some of their national sovereignty and are able to overcome the other obstacles that stand in the way of a Europe united against Eastern aggression.

MEAT SUPPLY—WHICH WAY?

The Department of Agriculture now predicts that the pork supply will be smaller next Spring than at first anticipated and, as a result, meat prices may be higher than once anticipated also. The buying public, which was only recently given a rosy picture by the Department of Agriculture, now finds that Government forecast was incorrect.

The Department still says the beef supply will be plentiful, which may tend to bring down beef prices, slightly but since the pork supply will be shorter than anticipated, it may also affect the beef supply and beef prices.

A check over Department of Agriculture predictions in recent years will convince the average reader there is little reason to become concerned with the latest forecast. These forecasts have been altered so frequently in past years that it has been next to impossible to get a fixed and accurate picture of the future meat supply more than a few weeks or months in advance at best.

Thus, by the time next Spring and Summer roll around, several additional Agricultural Department forecasts will probably have been released to the press.

UNDER-GROUND BANK

Herman Knaust, a former mushroom grower, is building a gigantic underground bank to guard valuables against the perils of an atomic attack. The vault, which will have several levels from one hundred to three hundred feet beneath the surface of the ground, will contain hundreds of thousands of cubic feet of space inside the rock walls of an abandoned iron mine.

New air-tight, water-tight floors, walls and ceilings have already been built of concrete, reinforced with steel. Thick doors have been installed and they will be guarded by both time locks and individual guards.

This iron mountain storage vault is lighted with electricity by a public power line and with a stand-by power plant inside for emergencies. Inside the cave we also find a small radio transmitter to supplement the telephone service.

As atomic weapons are developed, more and more places for keeping val-

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

I will follow the right even to the fire—but avoiding the fire if possible.

— Michel de Montaigne

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

To be happy with a man you must love him a little and understand him a lot — to be happy with a woman you must love her a lot and understand her very little.

We can begin to understand why it took hundreds of years to build the pyramids in Egypt—it was a government project.

We wouldn't say we were underweight, according to the chart we should be about six inches shorter.

That story about Jonah and the whale should remind us that you can't keep a good man down.

We wish somebody would invent a hollow cake of soap so when it was used up there wouldn't be those annoying little pieces left.

Those that continually explain that the farmer is getting rich might move out into the country and share the spoils, but, strangely, the trend is in the other direction.

The old town grouch says boys of today want too much money and wanted to bet us we didn't know what he was getting when he got married. We didn't, and we'll make him another wager that he didn't know either.

A recent bridegroom thought his wife was the whole world, but it is surprising how much geography a man can learn in a few months.

uable documents, jewels, art works, etc., will be constructed.

It occurs to us that the job of interior guard, in one of these storage vaults, will be a much sought after position in the event of atomic war.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO
Lee Faris of Union has been named one of the top corn growers according to the Nebraska Corn Growers Association. The Eastern Nebraska winner had a yield of 68.9 bushels an acre on his plot . . . Six persons were injured when the car in which they were riding collided with a train at Orepolis . . . Henry A. Schneider was re-elected president of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce. Other officers are Searl S. Davis, vice president and Fred Rea treasurer . . . Mrs. R. F. Patterson was elected president of St. Mary's Guild of St. Luke's church. Mrs. H. C. McMaken is vice president and Mrs. George K. Petring, treasurer . . . J. Howard Davis was named general superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School board . . . North stopped Plattsmouth 22-17 in a basketball game played here.

10 YEARS AGO
The marriage of Betty Ost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ost of Nehawka, to Boyd A. Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayfield, of near Weeping Water was solemnized at the Ost home at Nehawka . . . Mrs. Wiley Sigler was installed as Worthy Matron of Home Chapter, No. 189, Order of Eastern Star. Howard Wiles is Worthy Patron . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hollman McKinney of Murray are the parents of a daughter born at Clarkson hospital . . . Albert A. Wetenkamp and Paul Murdock were re-elected directors of the Farmers Cooperative Company . . . Miss Helen Eleanor Slatinsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slatinsky, Sr., of Plattsmouth was united in marriage to Harry Bellinger today . . . The marriage of Miss Bessie Landis of Plattsmouth to Jack Eads has been announced . . . Mrs. Zelpha Seward of Alexandria was elected as a member of the teaching faculty at Plattsmouth city schools.

THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND
(Copyright 1949, By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)
DREW PEARSON SAYS: CHURCHILL AND TRUMAN LAST MET OFFICIALLY IN POTSDAM; TRUMAN HAS CHANCE TO SELL CHURCHILL ON EUROPEAN UNITY; CHURCHILL STILL THINKS IN TERMS OF EMPIRE WHICH CAN NEVER COME BACK.

Washington.—The last time Winston Churchill met in an official conference with Harry Truman, he was on the ebb-tide of a great and glorious career as war Prime Minister; Truman had just taken over the complex burdens of Franklin Roosevelt.

These late hours, American military claimed, wore Roosevelt out. Furthermore they suspected that the British prime minister chose them to discuss important decisions, because a weary FDR was more likely to compromise; second, because the military was not around during these crucial conferences to object to Churchillian decisions.

Be that as it may, Harry Truman is not going in for these late parleys. He has already sent word to the British embassy that his bedtime is around

10 p. m. And he will not be able to confer with Churchill later than 9 p. m.

At the Albert Carr home were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carr and daughter, Nebraska City, Sgt. and Mrs. Leo Carr, Forbes Field, Topeka, Kan., Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carr, Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mead and daughters, Fremont.

At the home of Mrs. Emma Nutzman and Elenor were Mr. and Mrs. Lenord Nutzman and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Hilvert Nutzman and family, Ted Nutzman and Miss Ethel Munson.

John Emshoff had their Christmas dinner Christmas Eve.

Guests Sunday at the Ralph Rathburn home were Mr. and Mrs. Silas Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bogard, Mrs. Ruby Drury.

At the home of Mrs. Martha Ruge were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Carsten, Mrs. Nancy Carsten and Mrs. Bessie Paap.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zaiser were guests of the Robert Jensens in Omaha.

At the home of Mrs. Maude Ruge Christmas Eve were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ruge, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ruge, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ruge, Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson and Bonita, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hoback and family, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Golden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gregg and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauptman quietly observed their 45th wedding anniversary December 24.

Mrs. Anna Harshman has gone to Nehawka to make her home this winter with her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Lundberg.



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Pfc. Wayne and Mrs. Pedersen of Fort Riley, Mrs. Clara Ruge and Mrs. Joan Wolcott and children of Lincoln were Monday evening supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. John Mohr.

Christmas guests at the Harry Kepler home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kepler, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. William Kepler, Jr., and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Kepler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kepler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Rheiners and family, Plattsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kirkhoff, Palmyra, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, Stan and Roger were in Ralston at the Kenneth Boyd home Monday . . . On Tuesday they were in Weeping Water at the Mogens Johnson home.

At Joe Behrens were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Behrens and family, John Sledge and family of Sterling.

At the home of Mrs. John Stubbenicks were Mr. and Mrs. Irving Stubbenick and family, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Seelhoff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stubbenick and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carr.

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At the Louis Ruge home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickle, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beccard, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Bruns and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ganzer.

At the J. H. F. Ruge home were Mrs. Minnie Neumeister and Bertha, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ruge and family of Talmadge, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ruge. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ruge went to her mother's, Mrs. Ott.

At the William Gollner home were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Pittman and Cordy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Olewine and family, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Nielsen and daughter.

At the home of Mrs. Dema Ruge and Frances were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Emshoff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ruge and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Mather.

Mr. and Mrs. John Compton were at the Carl Compton home at Weeping Water for dinner and in the evening at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zrub.

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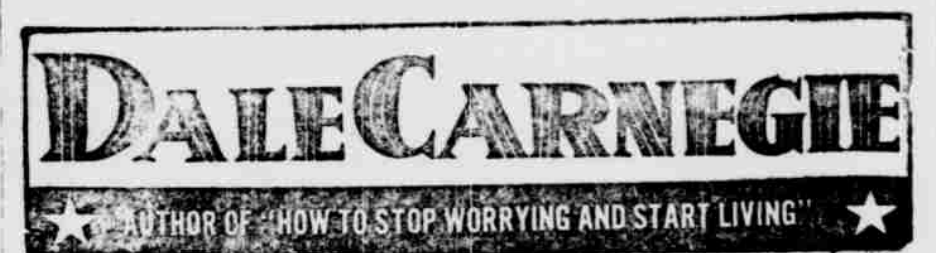
Elmer Mueller spent the holidays with his aunt, Miss Meta Mueller.

Mrs. Walter Everman came home Monday from Bryan Memorial hospital where she has been a surgery patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wessel went to California to spend a week during the holidays.

Norman Schutz held his farm sale Wednesday. The Congregational Ladies Aid served luncheon. They will move to Orleans where he has bought an acreage.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reddin of Norfolk spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ruge.



Raw Courage
W. J. WILSON, Munhall, Pa., wants you to know of a happening that may serve to arouse your courage if the time comes when you feel justified in sacrificing it.

His wife was in the hospital for what turned out to be five serious operations. In such a critical condition, she must be shielded from all worry. Shortly after she entered, his daughter called to him from her room one morning to say that she had terrific pains in the region of her abdomen. He called the family physician and his diagnosis was appendicitis. His advice was to take her to the hospital at once. After an examination, his advice was to get her into the operating room as soon as possible. This was hard to take but he asked the surgeon to explain to his daughter. Her remark? "Well, if that's the decision, let's operate at once, but first I would like to see Mother." (Who was convalescing just across the corridor.)

In a few minutes she came from her room fully clothed, hat, coat, and overshoes. Going with Mr. Wilson into her mother's room she greeted her as though nothing had happened. They talked for a few minutes and then suddenly the girl looked out the window and said, "Well, Mother, I'll see the crowd gathering at the football game, so I think I'll go. I'll see you after the game."

Mr. Wilson says he was stunned. The attendants were waiting for her in the hall and she was taken immediately to the operating room. After the operation as he was wondering how to break the news to his wife without shock, his daughter was brought to her room. When she became conscious, she wanted to see her mother.

The superintendent of the hospital, being a personal friend, decided to allow it. The girl was "Hello Mother," Mrs. Wilson asked, "What are you doing on that wheel carriage?" and got the reply, "Oh, just an appendectomy—I'm doing fine." Everything was handled so well there was no time for any shock.

Never again, says Mr. Wilson, will his faith or courage get to such a low ebb.

Murdock

Mrs. Florence M. Donald, Correspondent

Guests at the home of Miss Norma Bornemeier on Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bornemeier and Mick of Auburn and Martin Bornemeier of Lincoln.

Christmas day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Peters were Mrs. Carrie Wolters and son, Gerald, Mr. and Mrs. Danke and children, all of Fremont and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Peters and son of Swanton, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Backemeier had all their children and their families home on Christmas day except their daughter, Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gakemeier spent the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gakemeier and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lau went to York, Nebraska, Christmas day to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kupke and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lindell spent Christmas day at Fairbury, Nebraska, with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Schewe and daughters were Lincoln shoppers on Wednesday.

Miss Louis Wehrman and Miss Freda Wehrman spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Krecklow and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lindell are the proud owners of a new Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Rikli and Mrs. William Rikli were Lincoln shoppers on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Harms and son, who have been visiting relatives here and at Manly left Saturday afternoon for their home in Aurora, Illinois.

A pinocle party will be held at the R. N. A. hall on Monday evening, January 7th at 8:00 o'clock. Public invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Stock and daughter, who have been visiting relatives here the past week left for their home at Cozad, Nebraska, on Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maseman held a late Christmas dinner Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Maseman, Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nutter and family, Eagle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Halm and daughters, Syracuse, John Maseman and Cathy, Mrs. Myron Shroeder, Richard Maseman, all of Lincoln, Arthur Carrette, Omaha.

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Friendly Neighbors Complete Twice Postponed Party

The Friendly Neighbor Club Christmas dinner and party after being postponed twice on account of bad weather was held at the Silas Schlapoff home on Friday. Four members were unable to join us. The day was lovely, each lady brought a covered dish of such good things to eat. After eating the gifts were distributed and each learned who her secret friend was. Then the president called the meeting to order for the regular business and election of officers for the ensuing year. This taken care of, each member contributed her bit toward the entertainment of the afternoon, good reading, new ideas for Christmas favors and Christmas trees and their decorations. Our aim for 1952 being to do sewing to help needy children. The much enjoyed afternoon ended with Happy New Year wishes to each and all.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Rikli are the proud parents of a daughter born Saturday.

Mrs. Albert Thiel and three children were Lincoln shoppers on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rikli had all their children and their families home on Christmas afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Geweke and family of Ord, Nebraska, left Wednesday for Oklahoma where they visited relatives the past week.

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