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(Ed. Note: The accompanying article was written by a Scotsbluff teacher who is a relative of the Kinnis families in the Alvo-Elmwood communities, and submitted by the Elmwood correspondent.)

Korean War
Why are we in Korea? Nobody has a definite answer. Some say because Truman sent us there. He is the one respon-

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sible. But others say we must send troops to Asia to defend our frontiers. The same reason goes for sending troops to Europe. It is a good thing that the Russian frontiers are not on the Canadian and Mexican borders, because we wouldn't like that. One school of thought is that we are spreading our brand of democracy to the backward countries, and America should be in Korea to stop the flow of communistic ideas to the western world. So we send materials to people all over the globe; but we don't send ideas which would counteract Russian propaganda, instead we become an ally to their propaganda. Instead of liking their benefactor, they become distrustful, jealous, thinking that their benefactor intends to dominate them. And there is a great deal of truth in this, nobody gives something for nothing. Hasn't America dominated many of the Latin American countries, directly or indirectly. The reason for this has been to make her borders secure.

People came to this country to get away from the European way of doing things. The Russian people haven't changed, whether they are under the Czar, or under Stalin. They have had Siberia for many years, and they have always sent political prisoners there. It is practically a sure thing that we are not going to change their way of thinking overnight, whether it be with bullets or with the Voice of America, nor will we change the belief of the North Koreans.

It sometimes seems rather difficult to tolerate an intolerable situation, but by losing our heads and going to war will not alleviate the situation. Neither will sending just arms and material help alone. What Europe, Korea and many other countries in the world need is a spiritual awakening. It has to come from within the country. They have to have confidence in themselves to face the future, otherwise they will perish under the communist yoke. We Americans must realize that there are other reasons for life, than just material possessions, or we too will fall prey to communist yoke.

Will our action in Korea prevent future Russian aggression? Russia will strike when she thinks the time is ripe. What will stop her? A world of people, who are prepared spiritually and militarily to defend what they think is right.

By GORDON JEFFERS

Murdock
Mrs. Florence McDonald, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zierott returned home last week after spending some time in Gardenier, S. D., visiting relatives. Fourteen of the ladies of the Friendly Neighbor club met February 20 at the Leo Rikli home. Mrs. Rose Johanson was a welcome guest. After the proper business of the club the two ladies, Mrs. Ann Richert and Mrs. Christine Blum, in charge of the afternoon's entertainment, gave some very interesting readings on the lives of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington from which many new and interesting facts were learned. Then to complete the afternoon's pleasures the hostesses, Mrs. Leo Rikli and Mrs. Martha Schmidt served a lovely and delicious lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacey McDonald left Thursday afternoon to spend the week end at North Loup, Nebr., returning home on Sunday.

Early Thursday morning, Miss Dickerson, the 3rd and 4th grade teacher, was called home due to the sudden death of her mother.

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COPTER CARRIES WOUNDED FROM BATTLE LINE TO HOSPITAL SHIP—Navy medical corpsmen aboard hospital ship USS Consolation carry wounded Marines from 3rd Air Rescue Squadron helicopter to comfortable hospital beds. The patients were airlifted by a friendly seaside airstrip in North Korea two miles away. Before that they had been transferred from a C-47 Skytrain which brought them from an interior airstrip.

These patients, the first to be evacuated in a land, sea and air operation were recently transferred from a United Nations airstrip in North Central Korea to the Navy USS Consolation. Thirty-eight wounded American and Republic of Korea Marines were picked up at the mountain-ringed airstrip by C-47 "Skytrains" and airlifted to a seacoast airstrip. Here helicopters of the Third Air Rescue Squadron airlifted the litter patients two miles out at sea and landed aboard the floating hospital, USS Consolation. Ambulatory patients were evacuated to the hospital ship by speedily launch. Comfortable quarters and immediate medical care were provided by Navy doctors, nurses and hospitalmen. (Department of Defense Release)

Former Plattsmouth Man Decorated For Heroism

A former Plattsmouth youth, now of Lincoln, has been awarded the Bronze Star, Silver Star and Purple Heart for heroism in the Korean conflict.

He is Cpl. Howard A. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richardson of Lincoln, formerly of Plattsmouth.

Attached to the 9th Infantry Regiment of the second division, Cpl. Richardson distinguished himself by gallantry in action August 31, 1951, in the vicinity of Yongju, Korea. On this date, Company C was given the mission to attack and secure enemy replacements which defended vital positions.

During the assault, intense hostile fire pinned down the advancing troops. Cpl. Richardson, with complete disregard for his personal safety secured a machine gun and continued the assault, employing a heavy volume of fire. His accurate and effective fire accounted for heavy casualties and forced the remainder to withdraw. Although sustaining a painful wound, he continued the attack, urging his comrades to follow.

Inspired by his act of bravery, elements joined him in routing the hostile forces from their positions. Cpl. Richardson was cited for gallantry in action and devotion to duty.

June 11, 1951, during an assault upon entrenched enemy positions in the Anhyon-ni area, Cpl. Richardson, then a Pfc., disregarding his personal safety dashed across the open field and carried one wounded man to a point where he could receive medical aid. He then returned up a slope and brought down the second wounded man, while under intense enemy fire.

The action took place while Company C was assaulting enemy positions on Hill 699. From well concealed entrenchments, the enemy opened fire, halting the attack and reflecting many casualties.

Cpl. Richardson, who is now back in Lincoln after one year of duty in the Korean area, is a nephew of Fred Vincent of Plattsmouth.

Ex-Plattsmouth Resident Visits In Washington, D.C.
A former Plattsmouth man during the course of his visit in Washington, D.C., last week won a social engagement there Tuesday night, February 19.

He is Joseph J. Chovanec, who returned to his home at 4602 North 47th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, late last Thursday night following a four-day stay in the nation's capital. That particular night he was special guest at the 8 o'clock reception given at the home of Joseph F. Kvapil near Capitol Hill. The affair proved to be a delightful reunion of a small group of former Plattsmouth young people. Present to enjoy Mr. Kvapil's cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were Claire A. McPherson, Miss Irma Pittman, Miss Bette Altschaff, who along with the hostess are all former Plattsmouth residents now working and living in Washington; Miss Alice Ruml, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Ruml of Mitchell, S. D., and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toman of Plattsmouth; Miss Miriam Lampe, a native of York, Nebraska; and Bernard Gelak of Syracuse, N. Y.

The following evening Messrs Chovanec and Kvapil were dinner guests in Brookmont, Maryland, of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Blanchard, old friends who are also known to a number of Plattsmouth and Omaha folks. Prior to returning to Nebraska with his family in the summer of 1949, Mr. Chovanec was employed in Washington for almost 2 1/2 years.

Mr. Chovanec made the trip by plane.

CHINESE FIRST AGAIN HONGKONG — Mark up another first for the Chinese. They were the first to use fingerprints as a means of identification. O. O. Griffith, fingerprint expert of the Singapore police, said the Chinese used fingerprints as signatures and seals more than 2,000 years ago.

SPORTS NOTE OF 1845 BOSTON — A copy of the Boston Almanac for 1845, dug up by William Harrington, contained the following sports note: "Horn Pond House of Woburn, having got a bad reputation, it being the resort of low people, Mr. Sheriff Choate pounced upon them and arrested seven gamblers, who had 23 fighting cocks, valued at \$1,500."

FROM CERESCO LION TO COMSTOCK DEER
Not to be outdone by reports of a lion near Ceresco, Comstock people have reported seeing an all-white deer — but those in Comstock have proof — pictures.

Avoca
Mrs. Henry Maseman

Patty McQuinn of Union spent the night Tuesday with her teacher, Mrs. Myrtle Woiph. Mrs. William Berger spent several days at Smith Center, Kan., visiting her mother, Mrs. Flaxbeard.

80-Acre Farm Sells For \$21,000
Mrs. Anna Mohr of Syracuse sold her 80 acre farm west of Fort George here last week for \$21,000 to William Brummer, who has been living on it for several years.

Albert Schütz is not so well at Bryan Memorial hospital following a stroke 2 weeks ago.

Woman's Club Meets Wednesday
Avoca Woman's Club met with Mrs. Jim Cullen Wednesday. Mrs. Robert Hallstrom gave appropriate music for her music appreciation paper. Mrs. Louis Ruhge gave the parliamentary drill. Mrs. Henry Smith reviewed the book, "Miracle at Carville," by Betty Martin.

Mrs. Darrel Mather of Plattsmouth visited here Tuesday evening with her grandmother, Mrs. Dana Ruge, while Darrel went to referee a basketball game at Tecumseh.

Mrs. Paul Straub held a cutting and sewing afternoon for the St. Thomas Orphanage Thursday. Nine ladies were present.

BIRTH
T/Sgt. Laurence and Mrs. Johnson of Plattsmouth announce the birth of a daughter, Ellen Marie, February 23 at an Omaha hospital. Mrs. True Harmon of Avoca is a great grandmother.

Community Residents 21 Years Are Feted
The church dinner given for families and friends of the church in the church parlors was well attended Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Akeson as guests, who have lived in the community over 21 years and recently moved to their farm near Weeping Water. Following the dinner a program was given upstairs and included the following numbers: organ solo, Miss Evelyn Frenkenberg; songs by Miss Marlene Hennings, Dennis Wulf, Patty McQuinn; piano solo, Bonnie Lacy; trio, Mrs. Roy Ruhge, Mrs. Walter Eyerman, Mrs. Calvin Carsten, accompanied by Mrs. Henry Smith; recitations, Sally and Steve Carsten, Roger Smith, Mike Berger; organ solo, Mrs. Henry Maseman. Happy anniversary was sang to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Danklert on their 5th anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ambaugh of Omaha were Sunday guests of Mrs. Emma Rawalt. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ruhge were visiting with Carl Compton at Weeping Water who has been quite ill but is some better again.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hillman of Fremont spent the Friday holiday here with her mother, Mrs. Ella Wulf. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hennings spent Sunday in Omaha. Mrs. Ellis Lacy and Mrs. Geo. McFadden of Nebraska visited Mrs. Dorothy McFadden at a Lincoln hospital Wednesday.

William Michelsen received word that his mother, Mrs. T. M. Michelsen of Red Wing, Minn., had broken her wrist. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zaiser called on Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ruhge Sunday.

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Miss Stubbendick Is Shower Honoree

A miscellaneous shower was given Sunday at North Branch Lutheran church parlors honoring Miss Janet Stubbendick of Syracuse. Hostesses were Mrs. Ralph, Dale and Glen Stubbendick, Mrs. Maurice Ruge, Mrs. Harry Hauschild, Mrs. Ellis Fritzemeyer, Miss Joan Knickman. Miss Stubbendick is to be married to Ellis Liesemeyer March 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Diller, Mrs. Danny Stratton, Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Onder, Emerson, Iowa, called on Henry Jorgensen Thursday.

Mrs. Clyde Fletcher has been helping care for her mother, Mrs. Coster at Weeping Water following a stroke last week. Mrs. Fred Gunn returned home from the hospital Tuesday. At the Albert Carr home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mundt, Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carr, Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Carr and daughter, Nebraska City; S/Sgt. Leo and Mrs. Carr of Topeka, Kan.

John Mohr Notes 71st Birthday

Helping John Mohr celebrate his 71st birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mohr and daughters Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mohr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bose and sons, Mrs. Clara Ruhge and Mrs. Joan Wocott and children of Lincoln for dinner. In the afternoon callers were Fred Mohr, Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Heim and family, Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hauschild, Syracuse; Mrs. Anna Mohr, Syracuse; Mrs. Dora Oldenburg, Mr. and Mrs. John Stubbendick, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Duhge.

Day Of Prayer Service Planned

The World Day of Prayer will be observed with a church service Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The missionary committee with Mrs. Walter Everman as chairman will conduct the service.

Korean Veteran is Dinner Honoree

Honoring Cpl. Raymond Ruhge just home from Korea Sunday at the John H. F. Ruhge home were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ruhge and family of Talmadge, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ruhge, Avoca; Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Stovall, River-ton, Iowa; Mrs. Minnie Neumeister and Bertha, Mrs. Raymond Ruhge.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Staack have moved to a farm near Weeping Water.

Pfc. Richard Bickford left after a 10 day leave after visiting his wife, the former Doris Sudman here. He went back to San Diego where he is a marine and will attend signal school.

Couple Observes 40th Anniversary

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. William Baier of Lincoln on their 40th anniversary Sunday was a dinner at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McCord of Syracuse. Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Baier held a neighborhood card party for them.

Grandson Dies Couple Learns

Mr. and Mrs. Kord Sudman received word of the death of their grandson, Stephan Craig, who was born November 1 and passed away February 11. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rutledge of McDonald, Penn. The Rutledges have another son, Bobby, 4 years. Mrs. Rutledge is the former Marion Sudman.

Roy Fahnestock Dies At Omaha

Friends here received word of the death Sunday of Roy Fahnestock, 63, at Omaha. Ray lived here most of his boyhood

and is well known here. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jack Lambert, Selah, Wash.; his mother, Mrs. Anna Fahnestock, his sister, Mrs. Birdie Woodson, both of Omaha, who he made his home with, two brothers, Claude W. of Laurel, Nebr., and William E., Scribner, Neb. Services were held Monday at the Veterans hospital chapel and burial was at Nebraska City beside his father. He was a veteran of World War I.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenord Ehmke have moved to a farm near Dunbar.

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