

EDITORIALS

THE U. S. AND NEWSPAPERS

The people of America buy 54,017,938 daily newspapers, for which they pay \$2,589,000. This represents a high intelligence level and a people who want the complete news of local, national and world affairs.

The newspaper is an American tradition—the weekly newspaper even more so than the daily—about which the above figures relate. Although many people do not realize it, the weekly newspaper today has equally as much influence as the daily.

Most of the people of this huge country of 155,000,000 live in towns of 10,000 or less and, in many cases, in many of these towns, the people subscribe to only one newspaper—their local weekly, bi-weekly, or tri-weekly.

The small newspapers of America, which began a great tradition in this country of freedom of the press, reach a grass-roots audience which the huge metropolitan dailies do not touch. The farmers and the small-town inhabitants of the country read their small-town newspaper religiously, from cover to cover. They are much likely to weigh the thoughts expressed therein more carefully than the average metropolitan resident or worker, who usually takes one or two or three newspapers daily and who is so pushed for time, he can seldom examine any of these papers thoroughly.

On the other hand, the weekly subscriber has all week to read his local weekly. Advertisers sometimes forget that some 10,000 weekly papers offer great opportunities and concentrate primarily on the approximately 1,500 dailies in the country. Likewise, those who mail out various political propaganda sometimes fail to realize the importance of the weekly press—which is still the backbone of the American press.

In both the daily and weekly fields, however, the American reader has demonstrated a keener desire for the news of his area, country and the world than the average citizen of any other country. As long as our newspapers continue to print the truth, and tell the news, which most of them do today, and as long as Americans have the urge for the news and the truth, this country will remain the best-informed of any in the world.

BASEBALL SEASON

April is the month in which the Major Leagues open the season and the month in which many Minor Leagues begin the year's diamond activity. It always coincides with the arrival of Spring and heralds the approach of Summer.

To school children, it also is the vacation sport, continuing all through the Summer vacation and ending in an October World Series. Baseball is commonly known as the national pastime of American sports because of its long history throughout the years. Perhaps the finest thing that can be said about baseball is the lack of scandal and corruption which has been a trademark of the sport ever since Commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis cleaned up the 1919 Black Sox scandal with a strong hand.

Since that time there have been minor ripples or individual scandals, but the sport itself has come through the years intact without the stigma of gambling connections or intimidation of players. Baseball is a clean sport—one which requires both skill, speed and some mental ability in the field of quick decision. It is a sport which requires years of training to master.

As long as this sport continues to operate on high ethical lines, it will be tops in the minds of American sports fans. As it is today, it is reflective of the best things that are America.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The happiness or unhappiness of men depends no less upon their dispositions than on their fortunes.

—La Rochefoucauld

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a week.

★ ★ ★
An adult is a person that has stopped growing except in the middle.

★ ★ ★
A local soldier now stationed in Korea, writes that he has met three sisters over there who are not married. Their names: Tu-Yung-Tu, Tu-Dumb-Tu and No-Yen-Tu.

★ ★ ★
Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says the best way for a young girl to be popular is to have a rich Daddy.

★ ★ ★
We wonder if A. G. Bell had any trouble beating his wife to the telephone to make that first call.

★ ★ ★
Many a parting line on a blonde's head reveals a dark secret.

★ ★ ★
The man who spends less than he makes is independent; the man who spends more than he makes is a slave.

★ ★ ★
Some pedestrians walk around as if they owned the streets, and some motorists drive around as if they owned their cars.

★ ★ ★
Don't ask us for information—if we knew anything we wouldn't be here.

★ ★ ★
Towns and cities, like some people, seek to get rich without earning the returns.

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Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO
Permission was granted today by the state railway commission for Clarence Cotner to operate a bus line between Plattsmouth and the Martin bomber plant.

Superior awards were received at the district music contest by Betty Ann Albert and Jeanne Galland, while Thelma Kruger, Juanita Sigler and Billie Jean Sylvester received excellent ratings. Mrs. William Woolcott was named president of Plattsmouth Woman's Club. Mrs. Wm. Heinrich was elected vice president and Mrs. Fred Howland, recording secretary. Plattsmouth high school defeated Louisville 15-8 on the diamond. Walter J. Wunderlich of Nehawka was elected president of Group I of the Nebraska State Bankers Association.

20 YEARS AGO
Miss Marie Meisinger was elected president of Plattsmouth Homemakers Club. Bernard Galloway, 1932 graduate of Peru State Teachers College, will teach at Dorchester this fall. W. T. Distell, Miss Mia Gering, George W. Olson, Mrs. W. A. Swatek, Frank Libershal and Mrs. W. L. Heinrich were named Plattsmouth members of the democratic county central committee.

Committee members elected by the Republicans were S. S. Davis, Miss Minnie Guthmann, O. C. Hudson, and Mrs. J. F. Wolff. Henry Jasper, local florist, has opened a downtown store. Seniors of Plattsmouth high school spent sneak day at Lincoln. Jacqueline Grassman has been elected president of Camp Fire Girls. Anna Marie Rea is vice president and Joan Moore secretary.

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: INDIANA DELEGATE APPROACHES KEFAUVER HEADQUARTERS FOR CON-EXPENSE MONEY; KEFAUVER WILL NOT SUBSIDIZE DELEGATES; GOVERNMENT TO BUILD MOUNTAIN OF ALUMINUM.

Brehm Conviction Upheld
Last week the U. S. Court of Appeals upheld the conviction of Rep. Walter E. Brehm, Ohio Republican, on charges of taking illegal salary kickbacks from his stenographer. Drew Pearson began an expose of Congressman Brehm's operations on Sept. 26, 1950, revealing kickbacks to the congressman for the first time. Brehm threatened to sue, calling Pearson a liar, but Pearson continued to print more facts about Brehm's kickbacks until a jury found him guilty last April. He was fined \$5,000 and given a 5-to-15-months suspended jail sentence, which he appealed. On Thursday, April 24, however, the Court of Appeals upheld the Ohio Congressman's conviction.

Washington.—It was supposed to be kept "confidential and unfiled," but a prospective delegate recently hit Senator Kefauver of Tennessee for "expense money" in return for his support at the Democratic Convention.

This would-be delegate is Warner Bloomberg of Gary, Ind., who hinted significantly that expenses at the 1948 convention ran around \$1,000 per delegate. But he solicited the wrong candidate in crime-busting Senator Kefauver, who may end up investigating instead of paying him.

While Congress Fiddles



Bloomberg made his shocking request for money in a confidential letter, dated March 29, to Kefauver's campaign headquarters.

"I would prefer that this letter be kept confidential and unfiled," Bloomberg wrote cautiously. "I have been approached by some friends of mine who have long been active in the Indiana Democratic party." He indicated to me that they would be happy to bring about my selection as one of Indiana's delegates to the national convention. Of course, there is no way that slip between cup and lip in politics of this sort—but the offer presents a good possibility. I have tentatively accepted."

The Indiana ward heeler then got down to business.

Background Delegate
"Because of the expense involved—it was estimated at \$1,000 per delegate in 1948—it is often difficult for anyone to take the job in such 'poor' districts as the second, where I live. While I can take care of any personal expenses in Chicago and I am willing to sacrifice a week's loss in pay, I understand that there are fees or contributions of some such nature running into several hundred dollars which would be a very heavy burden for me. I probably could solicit some funds from friends. Can national headquarters make up the rest, presuming I am elected?"

Queried by this column, Bloomberg explained that he needed the money to pay a \$200 registration fee. The Democratic National Committee denied, however, that convention delegates are charged any fees or contributions. Bloomberg admitted to this column that he lived only 37 miles from Chicago, that he could room with friends during the convention and that he expected financial help from his labor union or the local Democratic organization. So Senator Kefauver would like to know what is at the bottom of this strange request for a financial touch "running into several hundred dollars."

Bloomberg confessed to this column that his letter had been a "political error," but denied that he had any "ulterior motives."

"I am just a political amateur," he pleaded. "I didn't ask Senator Kefauver for any money. I asked Jack O'Brien (Kefauver's campaign manager) if he could help me out. After all, he isn't entirely poverty-stricken."

In his letter to Kefauver headquarters, Bloomberg also added that "for the time being, I would have to remain in the background of the campaign for Kefauver in this state."

Kefauver, however, indicated that he is not interested in subsidizing delegates, though he would like to catch someone trying it.

Note.—The Republican party in the south is notorious for the system of "buying" up delegates, and now it looks as if the system were spreading. The truth is that the American people may elect a president, but they have little to say about nominating him. Delegates such as Bloomberg are usually hand-picked, listen to the party bosses or the highest bidder, not the people. To get the views of the American people, this column has been conducting a post-card poll. Write your choice for Democratic candidate on the back of a post card and mail it to Box 1952, Washington, D. C. The Republican poll showed Eisenhower 49 per cent, Taft 36 per cent.

Mountain of Aluminum
It has been kept under wraps, but the government may build a mountain of aluminum—to keep handy in case of war. Mobilization officials are talking privately in terms of a tremendous, 4,000,000-ton stockpile.

This was brought out at a closed-door meeting of Mobilization chiefs, including production boss Manly Fleischmann, atomic energy chairman Gordon Dean and aluminum czar Samuel Anderson.

"To avoid the possibility of having to build rapidly for the third time to meet war needs," declared Anderson, "it is considered to establish, after civilian requirements have been met, a 4,000,000-ton stockpile objective, which could be at-

Parents Home At Hamburg Flooded

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kime, Omaha, were dinner guests Sunday at the George Kime home. Mrs. George Kime received word that her mother, Mrs. Henry Welch and Mr. Welch's home at Hamburg had six feet of water in it. The home had just been repaired with new siding and new plaster before the flood.

Callers at the Wm. Cornell home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Walters, Avoca; Mr. and Mrs. Alford Davis and family, Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beatty and Presley Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford O'Connor and daughters were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Middiff.

Charlene, Gene and Raymond Mayfield accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Louie Allgayer to Omaha Sunday to view the flood area.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Schrader returned Sunday night from Alma and Republican City, where they visited friends.

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Coloradoans Are Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Berger were guests for the day Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. W. Wilkens and Aliegra at Lincoln. The guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkens of Denver, who had just returned from a visit with their son, Lawrence and family at Chicago. The dinner also observed the birthday of Mrs. Frank Wilkens. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilkens, DeWitt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Damkroeger, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Owens, Lincoln. On their return from Chicago Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkens could not cross the bridge at Omaha and it was necessary for them to go to Kansas City to cross. They will visit relatives in Nebraska for ten days before returning to Denver.

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Monday, April 28, 1952

Entertains At Evening Dinner

In recognition of Mrs. Herman Wieckhorst's birthday Mrs. Paul Guttinger entertained at dinner Monday evening. Guests included George Herman and Mrs. Oscar Webber, Nebraska City; Mr. and Mrs. John Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Herman and Gene, Union; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wieckhorst, Dunbar; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wieckhorst and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wieckhorst and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wieckhorst. Cards afforded entertainment for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chappell and son, Plattsmouth, were guests Sunday of Mrs. Christina Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sturm were guests Saturday evening at a pre-nuptial dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Metcalf at the George Metcalf home in Lincoln. The guests of honor were Beverly Metcalf and Jim Sturm. Also present were the members of their families.

Fred C. Shomaker visited at the Henry Thiele home at Plattsmouth several days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Klepser, Winterton, Fla., arrived Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Bagley and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hines. They left Wednesday for Minnesota.

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