In Washington they are in a tizzy over the question of keynoters at the national conventions. Both parties are composed of various elements and the question of a keynote speaker is only one of three sixty-four dollar questions now facing rival groups within each party. Although the keynote speaker question ranks first in speculation, there are other important posts to be settled at each convention.

Who will be the permanent chairman of the conventions? Who will write the platforms? These are other issues which will be settled in the in-fighting between now and July. The Republican convention opens first. There has been much talk that General Douglas MacArthur would be invited to deliver the keynote speech to the Republican delegates, but the thought here seems to be, now, that the General will be invited to be a guest speaker, but not the keynote speaker.

In the case of the Republicans, the politicians in charge are said to be waiting to see who the nominee will be before writing the platform, and making other arrangements. Because of a wide difference in the views of the two leading G. O. P. candidates, the platform might have to be arranged to suit them-and no one can yet say which of the big two is "in", or if a compromise candidate may be the man.

The Republicans are expected to name either Minority Leader Joe Martin, of the House, to be permanent chairman of their convention, or, possibly, Senator Eugene D. Millikin. Tradition favors Martin, but there is strong support for Millikin, in many circles. So, too, does tradition favor Speaker Sam Rayburn as the permanent chairman of the Democratic convention. Rayburn is the favorite for that Democratic convention post until someone comes along to seriously threaten him. And, since there is much dissention in the senior major ranks this year, Rayburn might have strong opposition.

Drafting a platform calls for a resolutions chairman, and each party is also faced with that problem-neither having solved it as yet, of course. House Majority Leader McCormack, former Senator Myers, of Pennsylvania, and several other Democrats have been prominently mentioned. The Republican picture hasn't crystalized even that much as yet. The G.O.P. platform may have to be tailored to the man, and the man is a hot issue, at

THE DIPLOMA RACKET

Apparently there are several hundred so-called educational institutions in the United States that are operating a diploma racket running into millions of dollars a year.

This information was brought to the attention of those attending the National Conference on Higher Education sponsored by the National Education Association. Many of these fraudulent schools specialize in the issuance of fake theology degrees at a cost averaging about \$250.

Dr. John Vale Russell, special consultant of the committee reporting on the fraudulent educational institutions, pointed out that a number of those receiving these phoney degrees have succeeded in getting into the Chaplain Corps of the Armed

While the Federal Government is virtually helpless to stop this unfortunate practice, the Federal Trade Commission did succeed last year in bringing suits against several "diploma mills" with the resulting success of obtaining "desist" or-

New York and Virginia have effective laws to deal with the diploma racket. Other states in the nation should follow the lead of these two states to avoid the

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

No man has power to let another prescribe his faith. Faith is not faith without believing.

-Thomas Jefferson

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### Furse's Fresh Flashes

A pedestrian is a man with a wife, a daughter, two sons and one car.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, became offended at her boy friend the other day and mailed his engagement ring back to him. Large red etters on the label attached read: Glass -Handle With Care."

Some people give and forgive-others get and forget.

In business, you charge a thing and pay for it later; in politics, the payments come first and the charges later.

A local kid says he can look into his girls eyes and tell what she thinks-and it's most discouraging.

That bathing suit that grandma wore Looked like a Mother Hubbard, But nowadays the bathing suits Look a lot more like her cupboard.

In our day the girls were more shy and demure-you had to whistle at them

Some people's only idea of exercise is cessful. They asked letting bills run.

need of federal legislation. There is less Senator training also lived, pick-tinue with the McCarthy inchance of losing educational freedom when the necessary laws are enacted by political subdivisions rather than the cen- replied Truman. And he did. tral government in a nation.

## **Down Memory Lane**

A YEARS AGO Harding Memorial Highway will be marked to follow U.S. 34 from Red Oak to Glenwood and through Platts- years that followed, Murray was that the veep was concerned mouth across Nebraska . . . Miss Anna May Sandin was winner of second place as vocalist in the state music contest . . . leaders. And it was not until A. H. Duxbury was presented a past com- about a year ago that he was sfer had already been partially mander's Jewel at the Knight's Templar dential talk with the president. back to Kentucky. Meanwhile banquet . . . U. S. Government has obtained permission to pave from the city Sen. Guy Gillette of Iowa, jit- mittee is investigating why the reservations that it will be com- had certainly said something! limits of Plattsmouth north on Eighth tery chairman of the Senate Air Force spent the extra money pletely self-supporting. street to the rifle range . . . Murray opened its baseball season Sunday with a 17-3 other newspapermen to be gril- The committee doesn't know win over Union. Newman collected four led on news leaks, but apparent- that the veep is involved . . hits to back the pitching of Hopkins and by hasn't the nerve to serve Tennessee friends of Senator Taylor . . . Juniors were hosts to seniors at the annual banquet. Stuart Porter, jun- to serve live-wire Clark Mollen- | road car for the Senator's re-

40 YEARS AGO

president, responded.

George L. Farley has filed for the nomination as a member of the uni- that the stories were the same. | dunamic, young Secretary of the cameral legislature . . . Mrs. Gertrude V. Gorton has filed as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office that she now holds . . . Another filing was also hoff, though one is all signed greated big steel executives the announced today. Henry C. Backemeyer and ready filed for the board of county commission- long way from the voters of Clarence Randall, president of ers from the third district . . . John J. Iowa, while Mollenhoff writes uland Steel who had attacked Cloidt of Plattsmouth was elected president of the county petroleum industries in lowa. committee. Other officers are Ralph V. Lane of Avoca, vice chairman; and C. E. round the capitol every day, memories of his Cleveland crime ing congestion. And, third, that General James A. Van Fleet Welshimer, Plattsmouth, secretary . . . E. ready to accept service. Gillette bearings when he submonned it solve a problem that cannot A Wurl was elected president of the Plattsmouth board of education, Dr. R. P. Westover was named vice president; and Frank A. Cloidt was elected secretary . . . Mrs. William Woolcott was installed as president of the Plattsmouth Weman's of Senator McCarthy, the man grassman Walter Brehm of Ohio, Club at the annual banquet.

## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

(Copyright 1949, By the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS: PRESI-DENT TRUMAN AND PHIL MUR-RAY HAVE NOT BEEN INTIMATE FRIENDS; SEN. GILLETTE IS JIT-TERY OVER IOWA NEWSMAN; VEEP KEEPS AIR BASE FOR BLUE-GRASS STATE.

Washington.-One of the personal paradoxes of the steel dispute which only three or four people know, is that President Truman and CIO chief Phil Murray for many years were not on too good personal terms.

The public has the impresion that they were intimate friends and that it was part- their dependents. These in- \$29.00 for each additional child ly because of this intimacy that the White creases are automatic and no (instead of \$25.00); no widow House went to bat for the steelworkers. However, though the CIO has thrown powerful political support to Truman, Truman's and Murray's personal relations

for a long time were cool. The coolness dates back to the 1944 Democratic convention in Chicago when Murray was a strong supporter of Henry Wallace for the vice presidency. As such he opposed Truman, and was not in sympathy with the way Sen. Sam Jackson of Indiana abruptly gaveled the convention Richard r to a close in order to stop a bandwagon

rush for Wallace. That night Murray received a call from on regular cases and an increase War II, the Korean War, and ever at anytime sufficient trafsome of the big democratic bosses, includ- of \$6.00 per month for those their dependents. For veterans fic to pay for the cost of toll ing Ed Flynn of the Bronx and the late Ed persons in need of regular at-Kelly of Chicago. They reported that the tendance and aid. Kelly of Chicago. They reported that they Death compensation payments and the Indian Wars, the inhad been trying to stop Sen. Harry S. Tru- to dependents of a veteran who crease is a flat 15%

No Place Like Home?



man in his determination to be cautioned Gillette about it vice president, but weren't

ed up the phone, asked if he vestigation, a month has now "I'll come up and see you."

"I know what you want," he "and I'm not going to do

knew the CIO chieftain wanted him to withdraw, that he wasn't

That ended that. During the went there only with other labor Jittery Gillette

Elections subcommittee, has to shift an air base from Ken-

ior class president, gave the farewell ad- hoff of the Des Moines Register- election campaign. McKellar is dress to which Miss Helen Schulz, senior Tribune, who wrote exactly the too feeble to travel by automosame story on Gillette's commit- | bile and climb up on platforms tee as did Eddie Milne of the so they plan a series of R.R. Providence Journal. In fact, the rear-platform speeches . editor's note appearing at the ate secretary Les Biffle has been top of the Providence Journal auetly boostin- the elderly veep and the Register-Tribune stated for president together with the

> ened Milne with jail unless he vice president reveals his source, yet he hasn't served a subpoena on Mollen-Reason: Rhode Island, is

ne biggest circulating paper him bifterly on the

Kowtowing to McCarthy Meanwhile, the entire incihas been under the thumb cleaning up the city he is supposed to probe. What Pepublican, convicted of taking about the Gillette committee this column, finally decided was that its own staff had rec- not to run for re-election . ommended hearings on five of Senator Williams of Delaware the charges Senator Renton has made such a name for him-McCarthy, who didn't like this

Other members of Gillette's he committee were sore. They are also peeved over the fact that, Murray, who had a room in after the Senate voted unani-Ho al where mously 60-0 on April 10 to connothing.

ator from Missouri didn't wait | postponing further McCarthy out. for Murray to open the conver- investigations until May 12 when Welker returns from the west.

Washington Pipeline Few people, even in Kentucky,

Alben Barkley pulling wires for the Bluegrass State. The other day Truman himself telephoned Secretary for Air Finletter and half apologetically explained force McKellar are discussing the pos-Especially he hasn't the nerve sibility of hiring a private rail-

> Merry-Go-Round President Truman

Clarence Randall, president of minimum requirements in aver-Incidentally, Mollenhoff isn't town Ohio, were really out to tween points thus speeding the ducking the subpoens. He's a- get Kefauver. They had bitter movement of traffic and reliev- East as theater commander, out of control and plunged down various mobsters who had en- otherwise be solved.

of heckling newsmen re- can reform mayor Charles B. Mollenhoff wrote bickbacks after an expose in referred against McCarthy, self as a tax-fraud exposer that cople outside his state now appublicity, and who is close to real to him for help. When the in putting a gas line across wes-This crackdown came as a tern New York, people of that Hayden of Arizona, chairman of Williams, in addition to their

complete surprise to Senator area appealed the Rules Committee, and he own New York Senators.

veterans

creased as fol-

By RICHARD C. PECK Cass County Veterans' Service Officer Pension Cost of Living Increases\* Recent legislation has author- | died as a result of a service conized certain minor increases in nected disability is increased as ments to disabled veterans and \$121.00 (instead of \$105.00) with

pension and compensation payapplication is necessary. Some but one child \$67.00, two chilhave already re- \$122.00, with \$23.00 for each adceived checks by ditional child; dependent par-

VETERANS' COLUMN

ing separately or alone. Disability pay- Death pension rates for dependents are raised as follows: Widow with no children \$48.00. lows: For service connected disa- widow with one child \$60.00 with metropolitan cities or the travel bility, a 5% in-crease on ratings child; no widow but one child eastern states do possibly justify from 10% to 49%, \$26.00, two children \$39.00, three | the cost of some toll roads. At

for each additional child non-service connected disability an increase of \$3.00 per month veterans of World War I, World in Lincoln and Omaha, is there War, Spanish-American War,

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Toll Roads the Answer?

There has been some recent mention editorially in Nebraska about the possibilities of toll roads to solve some of the state's road problems.

and recently hat toll roads were only giving newsmen a headnot the answer in Nebraska.

toll roads in the United States has been the Pennsylvania members of the press, who felt Turnpike, completed in 1940 at their blood pressure rise to new a cost of \$70 million and running heights when the red hot tip was from Harrisburg over the Ap- uttered, but little has been said palachian Mountains to Pitts- about the hot flushes which burgh. This toll road appears to overtook State and Defense devery popular because it provided | presidential press staff. a bee-line route over the moun-Trucks made up 24 per cent of Pennsylvania-Ohio border.

could come down and see him. passed and Gillette has done road programs in recent years. His only move has been to to those of the Pennsylvania Almost bursting into the room cater to McCarthy's close friend, Turnpike did not exist, many broke up, reporters were ready a minute or two later, the Sen- Senator Welker of Idaho, by of these roads have not paid to send the ultimatum story

> 1947-48 and running for a distance of 44 miles, cost \$20,600,-000, but in the first two years know how much it pays to have of its operation did not pay off ultimatum, no "first facts," and any of the principal on the not 1945 at all but 1946! Those bonds floated to pay for it.

> One of the most recent toll tions. roads constructed in the east is the New Jersey Turnpike, beabout the transfer of an air gun in 1949 and completed a few Department heads, they suffertraining center from months ago at a cost of \$225 ed from temporary blindness, for Boone County, Kentucky, to million and running from the one thing, hoping someone Clinton County, Ohio. The tran- Delaware border to New York would say it wasn't so. But no City. No clear picture is availmade, but now is being made able yet as to whether this road officials in the executive departis going to pay for itself or not. the Senate Armed Services Com- Some authorities have serious

has several short toll roads, in 1950 turned down a toll road press and radio, when his words proposal which would have called for the expenditure of \$60 what even Mr. Truman meant million and would have crossed on this occasion Mr. Truman the state from Connecticutt to had put his feet squarely in his Omaha market last week. New Hampshire. The Massachu- mouth. And even the executive setts Turnpike Authority, after department was stunned a traffic survey, decided that to be justified financially, this toll | road would have to carry a minimum traffic volume of 15,-000 vehicles per mile the year around to pay for it. Nothing but it was satisfactory. The less than that figure would en- tough fighter (Ridgeway) de-However, Gillette has threat- Interior, Oscar Chapman, for able the authority to finance served his appointment and is original costs, meet interest expected to make a good NATO charges and maintenance costs.

There appear to be about three basic requirements in conthe road provide a more convenient or more direct route be-

About the only real advantage to toll roads is that such facilities make available immediately anderson and Youngstown po- high-standard facilities instead of 20 to 30 years in the future.

One of the most prevalent misconceptions about toll roads is that they are better than free roads. Actually, such roads have been built comparatively recently and incorporate modern engineering principles. Free roads could be built to standards just as high, if not high-Gillette, is credited with per- Tennessee Gas and Transmis- er, if the taxpayer wished to suading him, to crack down on sion Company abused farmers, concentrate his taxes on the building of such routes.

The motorists is twice-burdened on toll-roads. If his taxes had not been so widely misappropriated and mis-spent over the years by self-seeking politicians he could have had his highway free. The toll highway built to exactly the same standards as a free highway costs a great deal more, because interest has to be paid on the bonds floated to build the toll road, and expensive toll gates and facilities for collecting tolls and persons to man these facilities are necessary.

A mile of toll road of a given standard costs a great deal more than a mile of free highway built to the same standard be cause of the added costs advoshould dren \$94.00, three children cates of toll roads do not take into consideration.

The way to get good highways this time paying ents \$60.00 or \$35.00 each if liv- is not by building toll roads, but by concentrating the spending power of motor vehicle tax money on roads where traffic needs are greatest.

Nebraska does not have the and 15% on rat- children \$52.00, with \$7.20 for no point in Nebraska, possibly with the exception of the im-The above payments apply to mediate environs of small areas

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By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

dent Harry Truman threw executive gears into confusion at his last April press conference. When he told assembled newsmen, including this paper's correspondent, that he was unleashing a hot-peep exclusive for the first time, about an ul-State Engineer Harold Aitken timatum to Russia, he was not ache but also giving one to his One of the most successful own executive department. Much has been written about the poor

As the reader probably knows, tains. Particularly popular with Mr. Truman inadvertently mistruckers, it has been largely paid led the press about the ultimafor by revenues from trucks, tum. It later turned out, according to presidential assistant the turnpike traffic and 64 per press secretaries, that there had cent of the revenue in 1950. This been no genuine ultimatum, and toll road was authorized in 1949 that the news Mr. Truman was to extend its mileage east to releasing was not really news. Philadelphia and west to the Mr. Truman told his press conference that he had issued an A number of eastern states ultimatum to Joe Stalin in 1945 have undertaken ambitious toll telling him to get out of Persia by a certain period, and that but because conditions similar | Stalin had removed his troops.)

When the press conference over the world, and some did, A toll road between Portland but some waited to get a reand Kittery. Maine, built in hashed version which later came from a press secretary. The President's words had been toned down astonishingly. No real were the changes-or refuta-

When the President's utterings were dumped upon State one did. Other top government ment were thunder-struck. The President of the United States And unlike the occasion on Three Countians belief he could take over the Are Shippers Io were blown up a little beyond

General Matthew Ridgeway's post was not the most satisfactory one possible to Europeans, weighing 961 that sold at \$34 commander, but General Alfred 37,000 cattle, calves, hogs and M. Gruenther was probably the sheep on sale. Fat cattle sold favorite among Europeans for unevenly weak to 50-75 cents sidering toll roads. First, that the job—naturally. He has been lower, while hogs were steady such a road must meet certain like's Chief of Staff for many to 25 cents lower. years-knows how to work, not only with Ike, but with the European nations themselves.

In the apopinting, which sent seems to have been the forgotten managed to escape in time to Fleet has proven a sound and efficient fighter, who has not jured. lost a major battle since tak-ing over the U. N. command. He was expected by many to move | nal costs as little as 35c.

WASHINGTON, D. C.-Presi-\* up to the Far East command post, as a reward for his job in Korea. But he and Gruenther were not moved up. They held two key jobs and it might well be that no one else could do an equal job in the same capacity at the moment. At least Ridgway insisted that Gruenther remain his CS in Europe.

Both parties are wondering what they can do about keynote speakers. Those in the G. O. P. who wanted General Douglas MacArthur to make the keynote speech at the Republican convention are finding that Eisenhower supporters will never have paid its way and has been partments, and members of the agree to that. It is not objectionable to Taft's workers since General Mac has already indicated a preference for the Ohioan. But Eisenhower supporters fear the MacArthur charm might set the tone of the convention on the wrong pitch, which to them would be on a Taft policy pitch.

Most observers think that General Mac will make a speech, but that it will be only one of number of regular guest speeches. For the Democratic keynoter, a man like Senator Bob Kerr might be named. Of course, it has been a tradition that those actively running for the nomination are not invited to keynote the convention, and this might eliminate Kerr, if he is still in the race by July. Senator Hubert Humphrey has been almost ruled out because of Southern objections. He has the active animosity of some in that section.

There is one suggestion that President Truman himself keynote the Democratic convention. but the President hasn't been drawn out on this idea. He would be expected to refuse the suggestion, however. And on top of htat, the President isn't an effective public speaker anyhow-compared to some available in the party, or either par-

# Omaha Market

Three Cass countians were listed among shippers to the Shippers included Mrs. Louis Goebel, 15 hogs, weighing 22 pounds, that sold at \$17: Arnold Stohlman, seven heifers, weighappointment to the top NATO ing 896 that brought \$33.75; and that brought \$32

Livestock supply ran heavy Monday at Omaha with some

EXPLODES

MERCERSBURG, Pa. - When General Mark Clark to the Far his dynamite-laden truck went an embankment. man. He stays righ where he warn near-by residents before has been, commander of the the flames ignited the dynamite. army on the Korean front. Van Although there was a deafening roar, no one was reported in

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#### WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

