

# EDITORIALS

## NOT ALL OFFICIALS ARE LOAFERS

We read, not so long ago, the following statement in a leading newspaper: "The people hear much about the political jobholders, but know little about the public servant who really does a job."

There is considerable food for thought in the above statement. Many of us have been convinced in recent years, by what we read and what we hear, that every public official is a burden upon the people, drawing a salary without performing any service. The idea has been carefully fostered by many individuals, who are extremely anxious to avoid interference with special privileges.

While it is undoubtedly true that some public servants are loafers, intent upon securing as much as possible, there are many men and women holding official positions who devote themselves without stint to their jobs.

In Cass County we have a number of public officials serving the county, the municipalities and other public agencies. Let the critics of governmental employees look them over and pass judgment upon what they accomplish. Not many of them are loafers and few are overpaid for the time and effort they devote to the public service.

## AN INTERESTING RIDE

Captain "Tug" Wilson, pilot of a commercial airliner which stops at Johannesburg, South Africa, recently experienced a ride he will not soon forget. As the pilot's plane reached flying speed and was leaving the airport, the radio operator noticed that a green snake was curling around the neck of the pilot.

The snake was none other than the dreaded mamba, a deadly African snake, and the radio operator, with the aid of another crew-member, managed to dislodge the snake, which coiled itself around the control column and struck at Radio Operator Rice, its fangs striking his collar. All the while, the pilot was scrambling to get back into the airport so that he could surrender his small enclosure to the mamba. From the control column, the snake fell on the instrument panel and then to the floor of the ship. It then vanished.

After the plane was landed, it was located and killed in a locker-room. The plane then took off again, with one less passenger, and much less excitement. It would probably be safe to say that the pilot will never experience a more devastating take-off and landing, and that he holds some sort of rare distinction in the annals of aviation, having taken off with a rare African snake around his neck.

There are few in life who will pass up a scheme to make a quick dollar.

## HIDING BEHIND A SLOGAN

The "freedom of the press" is one of the fundamental rights of a free people but it is not an exclusive possession of the press.

For this reason, it is important for the people of this country to understand what the phrase means. It is certainly apparent that some newspaper men have the idea that it extends immunity to the press in a manner that far transcends the right to print articles without censorship or penalty other than those represented by libel laws.

The freedom of the press does not relieve the press of its obligation to pay taxes, to adjust employment according to the laws of the land and to comply with regulations issued to protect the nation in an emergency. Neither is it a cloak to conceal the facts about the ownership of publications, in violation of the law that requires disclosure of ownership.

A little confidence in a person can often produce great results.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Wisely, and slowly; they stumble that run fast.

—Shakespeare

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## Furse's Fresh Flashes

If you want your wife to listen to what you say, try talking in your sleep.

There would be no college "pantie" raids today if the present generation of girls wore the same kind of lingerie their mothers wore.

Hyde Sweet is the only person we know who hasn't howled over the potato shortage. He hasn't seen a plate of potato salad in three weeks.

A word of advice—Don't give it.

A noted specialist says a teenager should get nine-hours sleep. Most of them do—six in bed and three on the job.

Gossip is the art of putting two and two together and making it five.

The Air Force reports that it is too costly to produce rain by sprinkling the clouds with dry ice. The cheapest way is to have the Weather Bureau predict a nice day.

A playing card company says there are only five real authorities on bridge in this country. We can't understand how we always get one of them for a partner.

The longest word in the English language in our estimation, follows: "And now we will have a word from our sponsor . . ."

We would like to pass along a word of caution to Plattsmouth's amateur gardeners—never plant more than your wife can cultivate.

## Down Memory Lane

### 10 YEARS AGO

Eligible voters will cast ballots in four county communities for including an additional 128,000 acres in the Cass Soil Conservation District . . . George W. Olson, local farmer, has filed for the democratic nomination for Congress . . . Mrs. Ernest C. Giles has resigned as "Plattsmouth City Hostess" a civic duty she has performed in welcoming newcomers to Plattsmouth . . . Gene Richardson, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Livingston, is listed among the graduates from the Naval Academy at Annapolis . . . Fifty-one countians left today for induction into the armed forces . . . Attorney A. L. Tidd was at Lincoln attending a session of the Supreme Court . . . Members of the board of education consulted with Army headquarters on construction of an addition to school facilities here.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Alice Hiatt, Edward Lorenz, Louis Knoflicek, Patty Clويد, Mildred Knoflicek, Katherine Meisinger, Alfred Hartman, Malinda Friedrich, Roberta Waugh, Beatrice Knoflicek, Ellen Hartman, Billie Reddie, Elaine Burger and Andy Leidy were members of a piano class of Mr. J. M. Roberts who presented a recital . . . Mrs. Agnes Chapman and Mrs. Emily Timgate, charter president and conductor, were honored by the Woman's Relief Corps. The group was organized in 1886 . . . Helen Wurga was elected president of Westminster Guild, recently organized by the Presbyterian church. Other officers are Fern Stivers, vice president; Wilhelmina Henriksen, secretary; and Gertrude Vallery, treasurer . . . Paving of Highway 34 from Lincoln to Eagle is to be let soon . . . Plattsmouth Merchants baseball team won a close 10-9 game from Weeping Water.

There will be played up by Taft leaders; in fact, congressman Carroll Reece of Tennessee, Taft's campaign manager for the south, already has cast doubt about Ike's ability to take off the gloves against the Democrats because he's been too close to them. On the other hand, what many GOP leaders forget is that the Democratic party has the preminant reputation in the nation today, and in order to win, the Republicans must woo large blocs of Democratic votes. A candidate who has had Democratic leanings in the past sometimes can do this better than a dyed-in-the-wool Republican.

After the elder Taft refused to seat Teddy Roosevelt's delegates at the 1912 convention, Roosevelt bolted to form the Bull Moose party. Today the same fight over Texas, Louisiana and South Carolina delegates is certain to take place in Chicago, with President Taft's son and Eisenhower lined up in bitterly opposing camps.

Young Ike, speaking as a Democrat in Abilene in 1909, had some worldly-wise observations to make about the earlier split in the party of which he is now a member.

As shown by the following remarks young politician Eisenhower was trying to wear the progressive wing of the Republican party over to the Democrats, just as Eisenhower the candidate will now have to win Democrats over to the Republican party.

"One branch of the Republican party," he told the Jack-son Day meeting at Abilene, "is called the square-dealers, insurgents, and reformers. All these men are loud in their denunciation of Cannon, Aldrich, and a few others who are hide-bound party men, yet they refuse to join any other party and at election vote the Republican ticket."

"There is an hidden desire in all normal and healthy boys to help the smaller contestants in

achievements during the last 23 years with a warm tribute to the Truman-Acheson foreign policy. The President seemed so interested in convention plans and the meeting lasted so long that Governor Dever was late for the 11 o'clock mass at St. Matthew's cathedral. After church, a group of friends asked: "Is the President going to take an active part in the convention?" "This is the age of modern communications," replied Dever with a smile. "It's my guess that nobody at the convention will be able to see the President's hand."

## Another Panmunjom?

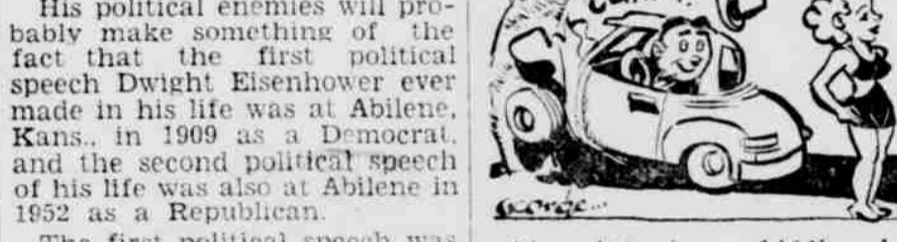


## STRICTLY FRESH

FRENCH Communist leader Maurice Thorez has been "reoperating" in Russia for almost two years now. The Kremlin boys must have a special "five year plan" for poor Maurice.

A Chicago woman had the habit of going to different dentists, and as they worked on her molars she picked their pockets. It takes intensive drilling to make a good pickpocket.

With the snow gone and Bikini bathing suits here, male motorists



will switch from skidding into wrecks to looking-the-other-way into them.

Time to think about vacations and how long it will take to drive back home to find out if your wife smuggled the iron.

Some one stole a Missouri man's dog and the young elm tree it was tied to. Doggone!

an even fight." Eisenhower continued. "A young man, in speaking of the political situation the other day, said: 'My father is a Republican and so was his father, but I am going to vote for the Democrats at the next election because I think they need me and the Republicans do not.'"

Boosts Democratic Principles "But notwithstanding such reasoning as an admiration of fair play, the parental vote and the like, a man's first vote generally is cast correctly. He has arrived at an age of great self-confidence and has acquired a feeling of self-importance, for he figures that he will be about one-fiftieth of a millionth part of the vote of the United States."

"A leader of a political party who is a clear and fearless fighter," concluded young Eisenhower, "and possesses a winning manner is undoubtedly the means of attracting a large number of votes. The young man sees that the more honest and fearless leaders have become disgusted with the actions of the leaders and the party proper. He admires these men greatly but he cannot help but think and remark that they are fighting for many of the same principles which the Democratic party advocated."

That was Dwight Eisenhower's first and last contribution to the Democratic party. According to the Abilene News: "To say that he handled himself nicely would be putting it mildly. His speech was well-received."

A few months later Ike Eisenhower was in West Point, where no one is supposed to be either a Democrat or a Republican.

## Cass Countians Schedule Picnic At Long Beach

"In Bixby Park on June 8, we have a date, so pack your lunch and bring your bunch — Let's celebrate."

That's an invitation received here recently to the Cass county picnic being held at Bixby Park in Long Beach, Calif., next Sunday.

Mrs. Florence McElroy of Hollywood, secretary of the Cass county organization in California, here this week as a reminder that Cass countians vacationing in California might wish to join their former friends.

Mrs. McElroy informed friends here that the picnic will be a grand opportunity for old friends to get together. Readers of the Journal scattered over the state of California may have time yet to plan a lunch and attend the county gathering.

## Capitol News

LINCOLN — Just about a month from today Nebraska's 18 delegates to the Republican national convention in Chicago's spacious Amphitheater will be balloting on the party's nominee for the president of the United States.

How that delegation would vote was the center of speculation this week wherever politics gathered in the Cornhusker state. Sen. Robert A. Taft, winding up his now-nearly-campaign for the nomination met with some members of the delegation in Omaha last week and his supporters came out of the meeting claiming only 14 of the 18 votes.

This is at least two under the number generally credited to the Ohio senator and there are "professionals" here who'll bet you he doesn't get even that many on the first ballot and certainly won't have that many on successive ballots.

It's Like This These men, who know politics like a farmer knows his back 80, reason this way:

Terry Carpenter, the delegate-at-large from Scottsbluff, is an out-and-out Eisenhower supporter. His fellow townsman, Robert G. Simmons, Jr., quite likely will support Ike because the voters in the Fourth Congressional District chose Eisenhower over Taft in the April primary and Simmons is a district delegate.

Eisenhower also won in the First District where Guy Cooper of Humboldt and Frederic Marsh of McCook were elected delegates. From these two and Simmons' Fourth District colleague, Frank M. Johnson of Lexington, the betting is that Ike will grab at least two—but they won't tell you which two.

That leaves Taft's 14 which include Omaha's Charles S. Reed who hasn't said who he's for. It's no secret that Reed wanted very badly to be elected chairman of the delegation but the Taft people ganged up on him—those are Reed's words—and handed the chairmanship to Sam Reynolds, an Omaha coal dealer.

It wouldn't be surprising if that incident caused Reed to vote against Taft, because as dean of the delegation, Reed wanted that chairmanship in the worst possible way. He lost it by two votes.

Backfire And, finally, there are men like Lincoln's Arthur Weaver, originally a Stassen man who is now listed for Taft simply because he agreed to support the winner of the primary. That promise was made by a group of Stassen delegate-candidates who couldn't conceive that their man whose name was on the ballot, would be beaten in the primary by two write-in candidates. The stunt backfired so now they're stuck with Taft—at least for the first ballot.

These, mind you, are the thoughts of men prominent in Republican politics; they're not this reporter's.

A tip that they might be correct however is this excerpt from a United Press story about Taft's luncheon meeting with Reynolds, Weaver and Reed: "Taft conceded after the lunch that Reed is 'really independent' and said that Weaver told me he would support me."

In Lincoln, Weaver, in conversation with Taft, said: "I told him I would support him on the first ballot, just as I told the voters of Nebraska that I would abide by the outcome of the presidential preferential primary."

Reason Taft, of course, has a special reason for attempting to woo Weaver. The Lincoln man is Nebraska's representative on the all-important credentials committee of the convention. This is the group which will decide who's to be seated and who isn't.

Weaver's associate in the Stassen campaign, John B. Quinn of Lincoln, already has indicated "a group of prominent Republicans" will contest the seating of Delegates Ted Metcalfe of Omaha and Hugh Brown of Kearney as well as Alternate Henry Amen of Lincoln, all Taft men. Quinn will attempt to show the credentials committee that the three were illegally filed for their offices by not having enough valid signatures in the Fourth Congressional District.

In addition, several southern states will send both Taft and Ike slates to the convention, and it will be up to the credentials committee to decide which one gets seated.

POSTMASTERS President Truman has again asked Congress to act on his recommendation of putting the appointment of postmasters, United States Marshals and customs officials on a strict civil service basis.



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5 — Senator Robert Taft's recent statement that he intended to let General Douglas MacArthur clean up the Pentagon when and if elected president is as close as the senator has yet come to saying that MacArthur would be the next secretary of defense in a Taft administration. On several occasions Taft has publicly intimated that MacArthur is his choice for the top defense post but he has not been more specific than he was on the last Sunday in May.

At that time he also said that he would seek MacArthur's advice in formulating a new foreign policy, if elected president. Such a foreign policy would certainly give vent to MacArthur's views on the Far East, which have been in partial or total opposition to those of the administration in power for some time now or even longer. At the beginning of World War II MacArthur opposed the Marshall-Roosevelt strategy of concentrating on Europe in such heavy proportion, arguing that the Far East was just as important as a theater of war. Marshall and Roosevelt overruled him, and Germany was brought to her knees first as planned.

Today MacArthur thinks too much emphasis is being placed on the European alliance of nations and the NATO pact countries, once again. He even said recently that the billions spent on European aid over a period of some years has not gained the U. S. any converts in Western Europe. On this score the difference of opinion between General Dwight D. Eisenhower and MacArthur is widest. Eisenhower believes the Marshall Plan and European economic and military aid have saved much of western Europe from communism.

He also thinks the North Atlantic Treaty has posed communism with the greatest array of power the Reds have ever faced, since an attack on western Germany today means—in effect—an attack on all countries from Norway to Turkey, including Germany, France and Italy, plus half a dozen others like England, the United States, Yugoslavia, Greece and probably Spain. This is indeed a powerful front, and one which the Reds will attack only if convinced that a desperate all-out gamble is their only chance to defeat democracy in the worldwide battle between the ideologies.

MacArthur does not share Eisenhower's appreciation of the NATO alliance, nor Ike's high opinion of the European aid program. Just what his European policies would be, if he became adviser to President Taft, is not altogether clear. It is easier to say what his Far East policies would be. He could be expected to enlarge the U. S. effort in Korea, with bombing of China, a naval blockade, and possibly a new U. N. offensive up to the China border in North Korea. What he would do when he reached the Chinese border still fighting the Chinese, no one knows. If he invaded China, he would need at least a million American soldiers, or more, plus heavy U. N. reinforcements. Such a step would be an all-out

war for the U. S. while the Reds stood by in complete satisfaction, not losing a man of 200 million population. Such a war would mean exhaustion of the U. S. in the end, and it is in weakened position to fight the Communist threat.

Of course, MacArthur's of five would be designed to cut the opposition, but it is imp able that he could crush C by defeating the Chinese a (and part of another) which been committed in Korea by Chinese Reds. He won't several other Chinese armies face when he reached the nese border, and his polic, bombing China would n that all-out war prevailed, he would have to either at them or face attack from t Russia, of course, would be playing the Chinese with t thing they needed, in orde pin down U. S. troops and w en us financially and physic This dilemma is just what administration has not wa to get into, for two reasons are not yet ready for a n test, and secondly, we don't want to fight in China. real fight, if it comes mus with the real enemy, Ru Otherwise, a victory would meaningless.

The Truman administration is scurrying a bit to keep I ness activity on a high l Credit controls have been lax and by the time you t this, home borrowing re tions might have been e The drag which has devel in several business line thought to be due to cons resistance, not fully take appreciation by economic l ners a few months ago, an end to the war psychology prevails in much of 1950 1951.

A real estate pick-up is pected in July or August, other soft spots in the eco are expected to harden in eral months. The inevitab ession is not expected by administration until 195 then. The reason is that fense spending has not rea its peak and while it is goin economists can't see how ession can develop.

The Reds in Korea have power to launch another o sive and General Mark G will be put to the test, comes. Of course, Ge James Van Fleet will ha do the front-line comman and he is confident his can hold and inflict great es on the enemy.

Nevertheless, such a a would again mean heavy casualties and would repr a set back for the admini tion which has been seeki armistice. It might help Republicans, in their driv out the Democrats in No ber.

The signing of a defense with West Germany put NATO countries on spot. The gambling that West man participation in the Russian alliance will be and appreciable. They are insuring France that Ger will not be allowed to r (Continued on Page 3)

## WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Feathered Friend

Here's the Answer

Table with crossword puzzle answers: HORIZONTAL 1 Dejected, 5 It is a, 8 It eats, 12 Extent, 13 Vase, 14 Opposed, 15 Of scale, 16 Reduced in, 19 Any, 20 Unit, 22 Donkeys, 23 Also, 24 Liquid measure, 26 One time, 27 Cloy, 28 Ruminant, 29 Sun god, 30 Decimeter, 31 Pronoun, 32 Daybreak, 33 Laws, 35 Crack, 38 Scraps, 39 Relate, 40 Underworld god, 41 Natural fat, 46 Observe, 47 Doctor of Science, 48 Enrolls, 50 Calcium, 51 Limbs, 53 Harvest goddess, 54 Careless, 56 Seth's son. VERTICAL 1 Flying creature, 2 Astronomy, 3 French article, 4 Boy, 5 Totals, 6 Love god, 7 Poker stake, 8 Notion, 9 Many, 10 varieties are, 11 America, 12 Position, 13 Impede, 17 Each (ab.), 18 Plural ending, 21 Commits, 23 Spring flowers, 25 Pesters, 26 Most unusual, 33 Pamper, 34 Ascended, 35 One of Furies, 37 Make happy, 41 Half an en, 42 Blackthorn, 43 Tilt, 44 Essential, 45 Right (ab.), 49 Health res, 52 Depart, 55 Boy's, 56 Fur's nickname.