

EDITORIALS

THE POLIO SEASON

The outbreak of polio began this year as usual in Southern Texas. If it follows its normal pattern it will spread northward slowly until its annual cycle ends with the frost of autumn.

The year 1949 is the worst polio year on record. In that year the total deaths from polio were only 2,700. As a matter of fact, in the nation of about 150,000,000 people, there are seldom more than 40,000 cases in a year.

About half of all polio victims recover completely, and an additional one-fourth suffer only minor after-effects. It is true that only one out of six polio victims are permanently handicapped, and most of the permanently handicapped victims of infantile paralysis can be helped by surgery and other recently developed methods of treatment.

The people of the nation can help medical science win the battle against infantile paralysis by not becoming panicky when the killed strikes. . . by maintaining a sensible attitude toward the ailment. Remember that science is at work continuously trying to conquer this dreaded disease.

Besides remaining calm, there are some precautionary measures that should be taken when polio strikes a community. Get plenty of rest, avoid over-fatigue, eat fresh foods, avoid crowds, prevent children from using the same eating or drinking utensils or wash cloths, watch for sore throat, upset stomach, and tenderness and stiffness of the neck and back, and follow your doctor's advice about nose and throat operations, and teeth extractions during the polio season.

TAX CUTS NOT CERTAIN

Despite the political talk about major tax relief, it is certainly not a sure thing. Tax cuts depend largely on the international situation. The question is will we be able to spend less on our defense program. Of course, it is also possible that the business boom with its accompanying inflation will gain momentum in 1953 and provide tax revenue sufficient to balance the budget. . . and this could conceivably mean a tax cut.

In addition to pressure for general tax relief, there is a growing demand for selective tax cuts. There is talk of increasing the charity deduction from 15 to 20 per cent of taxable income, and for larger allowances on medical expenses.

It should also be remembered that there are certain automatic tax cuts that will go into effect unless they are cancelled out by Congress before their effective date. For individuals with incomes under \$25,000, there is an automatic reduction of about 10 per cent in 1954. There is a smaller cut for those in larger incomes, and an end to excess-profits tax on June 30, 1953.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Naming United States Navy ships has followed a definite pattern through the years. Battleships, for example, are named after states, while cruisers get their names from large cities.

Destroyers are named after individuals, like war heroes, federal government notables, and inventors. Submarines are named after fish and marine creatures. Aircraft carriers are given the names of historical naval vessels or battles.

As a matter of fact, there is a plan for naming ocean-going tugs, harbor tugs, small seaplane tenders, larger seaplane tenders, destroyer tenders, repair ships, submarine tenders, gunboats, and attack transports.

If you're one of those individuals who can't tell one ship from another, all you have to do is learn the Navy's pattern for naming ships. Because in the Navy, there is something in a name!

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Unbroken happiness is a bore. It should have ups and downs.

—Moliere

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Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, tells us her new brand of perfume is quite effective. It has a chloroform base.

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A local man asks us what he can do about talking in his sleep. All we can suggest is that he do nothing that he shouldn't.

If wives knew what most stenographers think of their husbands, they wouldn't worry.

Some Plattsmouth kids have changed the name of their cat from Ben to Ben Hur—he had kittens.

All the U. S. Constitution guarantees you is the Pursuit of Happiness—you have to catch up with it yourself.

Most of our enthusiastic spring gardeners are now buying their vegetables.

A lot of those presidential aspirants can now tell you why they were not elected.

Political freedom to a nation is just as valuable as financial independence to an individual.

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO

Raymond L. Owens of school district 58, Cass county, has been named first prize winner of the state essay contest, "More and Better Trees for Nebraska. . . The Plattsmouth State Bank has opened a night depository service. . . Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Devoe attended a meeting of the state aid fund committee at Fremont. . . Miss Marian Kay Graetz of Claremont, Calif., became the bride of Elmer Perry Cole recently. . . Tom Dooley of Papillion has filed for the Unicameral legislature from Sarpy and Cass counties. . . A break in at the office of George E. Nickles of Murray has been reported. . . Loan rate on Cass county wheat has been set at \$1.19 a bushel. . . Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yelick of Lexington, Kentucky, are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Yelick.

20 YEARS AGO

A swarm of bees, apparently on the war path when unable to find their queen, left the domain of Plattsmouth Laundry and forced three Plattsmouth men to give up attempts to tar the roof of the Redman building. . . Arthur Kief of Plattsmouth, past worthy president of Eagle Lodge here, and last year grand worthy inside guard, has been named grand worthy conductor. . . Dumping of debris on west Vine street is creating a problem in that area west of the second ward school. . . The interior of the Mullen meat store on South Sixth street is being treated to a thorough renovation under the supervision of Charles McCauley. . . Mrs. Etta Gorder is visiting at Pueblo with Miss Martha Gorder.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: TRUMAN MAY THROW HIS HAT IN RING—UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; HE'S CERTAIN TO HAVE POWER OF VETOING DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE HE DOESN'T WANT; IS CONVINCED STRONG DEMOCRATIC TICKET CAN WIN.

Washington.—While the Republicans were picking their candidate in Chicago, President Truman finally decided on some candidates of his own.

And while he doesn't want to run himself, he has decided that he may change his mind—under certain circumstances. These circumstances are if any one of the following Democrats appear likely to get the nomination:

1. Sen. Russell of Georgia—The president has the highest personal regard for Russell, considers him one of the ablest men in the Senate, has remarked privately that if it wasn't for the race issue he could be the best candidate for the Democratic party. But the president knows that Russell would lose most of the northern votes, and he is determined to see the Democrats win.

2. Sen. Bob Kerr of Oklahoma—Again, Truman is fond of Kerr personally, but he is also fully aware of Kerr's intimate links with the big oil and gas lobbies and knows the wires Kerr pulled to hike the price of gas to most of the nation.

3. Vice President Barkley—If it wasn't for his age, the president would probably be for him. Barkley has stuck to the basic liberalism of the Democratic party more faithfully than any other southern leader. But Truman is realistic and doesn't think the American people would ever elect a man 74 years old, and, again, the president

is determined to win.

4. Speaker Sam Rayburn—The same applies for Rayburn. "Mr. Democrat," as Sam is called in Washington, has authored some of the cornerstones of the New Deal, but, at the age of 70, he simply couldn't get elected.

Therefore, if the Democratic convention meeting in Chicago a week from today begins veering in the direction of any of these four candidates, the president is ready to reverse himself and throw his hat back in the ring. The above will probably be denied. Nevertheless it is what the president has discussed with some of his highest party confidants.

What it boils down to is that the president, within limits, will have the veto power over who is to be the Democratic nominee.

Those Truman Would Support

On the other hand he has also picked three Democrats he will support for the nomination at Chicago. They are:

1. Senator Kefauver—Though Truman started out with a large lack of enthusiasm for the Tennessee Senator, he has come to realize that Kefauver talks like a winner, acts like a winner, and has all the earmarks of being a winner. In his many months of campaigning, Kefauver hasn't pulled a single boner, whereas Eisenhower's recent crack about the French will not only cost him the French-Canadian vote in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Hampshire in November but will undid whatever build-up Eisenhower gave the North Atlantic Pact while in Paris. Furthermore, Kefauver has supported the Roosevelt-Truman program more than any other southern senator.

2. Governor Stevenson of Illinois—While the president has been slightly miffed over the way Stevenson has played coy and tried to divorce himself from any association with Truman, nevertheless, the president thinks there would be a strong liberal candidate with a real chance to win.

3. Averell Harriman—Truman started out having his fingers crossed on Harriman. He even said he didn't think Harriman could have a chinaman's chance against the "Late" however, Harriman's flair for campaigning, his persistence and his courage have caused the president partly to change his mind. While he still doesn't think Harriman is the most practical candidate, he considers him the most idealistic and he would definitely be acceptable.

The president is expressing no preference regarding the above three, and any combination between them would be satisfactory—such as a slate of Kefauver and Stevenson or Stevenson and Harriman. But if either of them make a deal with those on the taboo list, then Truman would not be happy.

As he watched the feuds of the Republican convention last week, the president became more and more convinced that a strong Democratic ticket can win, and he is determined not to let victory turn into defeat—even if he has to run again, or threaten to.

May Behind Ike
Tom Dewey took more abuse than any other man at Chicago. He smiled as best he could as Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois poured out the vitriol and whipped up a storm of boos against the man who twice had led the Republican party. Not even William Jennings Bryan, who failed three times for president and toward the end was not popular with many Democrats, ever got such a public whipping.

Yet the inside facts are that Eisenhower could not possibly have got where he did without the man the Republican party chastised so unmercifully.

It was Dewey who handled almost every important move in the eastern section of the Eisenhower campaign. It was Dewey who went over Governor Fine's head by personally appealing to Pennsylvania local leaders and switched that pow-



"IN ADDITION TO LIEING ABOUT THE KIND OF CAR HE HAD HE MADE ME CRANK IT."

Bettie Sutton Submits Girls' State Report

In her report of activities at Girls' State, Miss Bettie Sutton, Plattsmouth high school junior, told her sponsors that she is even more impressed with the duties of an average citizen.

Miss Sutton was a delegate from Plattsmouth, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, V. F. W. Auxiliary and Cass County Salon 8 & 40.

Her complete report follows: "I believe the main purpose of Girls' State is to stimulate interest in government and help us girls to more fully understand just how government works and what its purposes are."

If there was one thing that stuck in my mind it was the idea that we the women of America play a very important role in our nation and community. In my opinion it's more important today for a woman to read her daily newspaper than to clean the house. For isn't it important to keep our government clean? I'll grant you that your homes and children must be kept clean but those very children aren't going to have much of a future if we aren't well enough aware of what's going on about us to vote intelligently and correctly to the best of our ability.

Now I'd like to tell you about some of the things we did at Girls' State which helped me to understand better how our government in community and state works.

Our group of girls which consisted of 254 was divided into two groups that were called either Federalist or Nationalist party members. Each girl had an office that she was interested in serving in and she had to file for that office as is ordinarily done in any primary election. After filing for office we made campaign signs and speeches among others of our party. We then held our primary election which I must admit eliminated me.

After the primary election we held our county conventions. At this convention we elected two county board members from our party as two more were needed.

Next came the State convention in which we organized our platform and planks that would be used for our party. We quickly elected a chairman and five girls for our platform to defend our planks. The planks we chose were ones that we thought were well worth our consideration and of considerable interest in the state of Nebraska. They read as follows:

1. That equal educational opportunities may be made available to Nebraska's children we support:
(a) Strengthening redistricting laws
(b) Higher certification requirements for teachers
(c) Better pay for teachers
2. To promote the construction of better roads in Nebraska, we support:
(a) Increased license fees for trucks
(b) Higher gasoline tax
(c) More efficient use of money collected for roads
3. Support of a sound soil conservation and flood control program.
4. Strengthening and enforcing Nebraska's election laws.

Later in the day we had a meeting with all the girls present where our parties introduced their platforms and planks. There were various discussions on the planks and a good deal of interesting debate. With the aid of these planks and their campaign speeches we held our general election.

Having been defeated in the primary election I have planned to tell you about my appointive office. The office I held was Secretary to the Public Library Commission. It was an office of interest to me because of my interest in secretary work and I was associated with library work in school for two years. I was taken to the capital building and to the office where I was met by the secretary, Miss Louise Nixon and her associates. One of these associates who some of you may know is Miss Jessie Robertson, who is an individual reference I learned that the Public Library Commission was established 50 years ago with the aid of the Federation of Women's Club. Its main purpose is to encourage and stimulate the use of

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—1018 miles —2000 miles —1452 miles —575 miles
 2. The capital of South Carolina is:
—Durham —Columbia —Spartanburg —Charleston
 3. The 1945 baseball world championship was won by the:
—N. Y. Giants —St. Louis Browns —Detroit Tigers
 4. The president of France is:
—Vincent Aurioi —Rene Plevin —Antoine Pinay
—Charles de Gaulle
 5. What famous military leader crossed the Alps with elephants:
—Alexander —Pericles —Hannibal —Charlemagne
 6. The chemical symbol H2SO4 means:
—water —sulfuric acid —chlorine
—hydrochloric acid
 7. Listed below are four universities and opposite them the states in which they are located. Match them, scoring 10 points for each correct answer.
(A) Harvard —Connecticut
(B) Columbia —Iowa
(C) Yale —New York
(D) Drake —Massachusetts
- Total your points. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior; 90-100, very superior.
- (Answers on Page 5)

books and libraries throughout the state of Nebraska.

This commission not only loans books to individuals, small libraries, and schools, but it also loans books written in braille to those who are blind. They have also added a most wonderful new feature to those people. This new feature started about a year ago is that of loaning phonographs and records of books and magazines. In this way the people who cannot read braille may still enjoy the best books and articles. We were told of several instances where these records have been a great inspiration to those less fortunate.

I believe the most interesting work aside from that I have told you is that of the Legislature. I attended a Legislature meeting in the capital and we were given a most interesting talk by Mr. Hugo Srb, clerk of Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. I have some information with me that I believe may be of interest to you. This information consists of what I learned while attending these meetings.

1. The responsibilities of the citizen to their legislature are to be well informed, read the bills, petition to your legislature on whether you like the bills or not.
2. We have a unicameral legislature to eliminate the conference committee from two houses, fixes responsibility, non partisan, pays higher and costs less to operate.
3. A citizen may contact the legislature about bills they have an opinion about by writing their senator or appearing before the committee if possible.
4. We also learned the 14 steps of a bill before it is passed.

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