

# EDITORIALS

## DOLLAR DAYS FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Never before have we seen the spirit of cooperation shown by local business men and women in preparation for "Dollar Days" here this Friday and Saturday. It has been a regular "Dollar Daze" to ad men, printers, proof readers and operators here at the Journal office assisting the greatest number of participating merchants in any such previous retail promotion.

"Dollar Days" here in Plattsmouth this Friday and Saturday should be more appropriately referred to as "VALUE DAYS". Local merchants have gone all out in offering shoppers in this area the greatest bargains in everyday merchandise this community has ever seen since pre-war days. Many, many articles are actually selling below cost. Many more are priced at far below their actual value.

This Friday and Saturday, Plattsmouth merchants will be setting the pace in the Missouri Valley area for real values. It will pay every reader of this newspaper to check all the advertisements in this issue. On every page are bargains that cannot be repeated often, so take advantage of them this weekend.

It's Plattsmouth merchants way of deflating inflation.

## THE FAIR TRADE BILL

The so-called "fair-trade" bill was passed in both houses of Congress before the recent session ended business prior to the national conventions. The bill is, at this writing, awaiting a Presidential signature or veto, which may well have occurred by the time you read these lines.

There are two good arguments, for and against the so-called "fair-trade" bill. The one advanced by Senator Paul Douglas, an economy and anti-inflation advocate, however, appeals to us. The bill in question allows manufacturers to fix a minimum price on a product, and thus a retailer who can cut handling and other costs, and sell the product at a lower price, is stopped from so doing.

While there are good arguments on the other side—that the same retailer will have the same incentive, making larger profits, if he must sell at a fixed price—we do not like to see any rigid price-fixing at the factory level. The consumer is our main concern, and there is no argument which can convince us that his best interests does not lie in getting goods at the lowest price possible.

Under terms of the bill passed by Congress the consumer will not get manufactured products at the lowest price possible. The retailer who would sell cheaper is to be prevented from doing so. To us, this is always a step in the wrong direction. The greatness of American industry lies in our individual business initiative, and the system of reward to the most efficient and aggressive, and also in our ability to get more goods to the average buyer, at cheaper cost.

Any restrictive law, holding prices artificially, is a low blow to the consumer. Business men, wholesalers, manufacturers, and retailers, exist and operate under the rule of survival of the efficient. To prevent one man from selling cheaper than his competitor is unnatural, prevents hustling, and forces the consumer to pay a higher price. It is contrary to our own free enterprise system, which we boast about to the world.

## UNION SHOP SNAFU

The steel companies have a good point in their opposition to agreeing to a union shop. The union shop would force every steel company employee to join the union immediately upon his employment in the steel mill or plant. The steel companies say this is a denial of human freedom, a principle they will not see violated in their own plants. The steel companies point to the old-time gangs which were organized

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

*Fraud and deceit are always in haste.*

—N. G. Bohn

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## Furse's Fresh Flashes

We have found that "in giving until you are drained," some people are extremely sensitive to pain.

If there had been drunken driving in the days of the Ten Commandments, there would have been eleven.

A local man says his vacations are about one-half anticipation and the other half changing tires.

The trouble with some men who hide their light under a bushel that soon, if somebody doesn't notice, they start pounding on the bushel.

About the least amount of praise we've ever seen is when the car dealer makes his appraisal when you're trying to trade in your old car.

The only part of some men that doesn't function properly while in pursuit of the dollar is his conscience.

The only time we wish we could have been an aviator is when we go over to the courthouse. We'd like to fly over one of those pigeons just once.

A Plattsmouth mother gave her daughter a copy of "What Every Young Girl Should Know." The girl has written to the author suggesting a dozen corrections and two new chapters.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says it takes a lot of experience for a gal to kiss like a beginner.

To prevent employees from joining unions. They say this practice is now barred in their companies, recognized as a denial of individual rights.

The same principle, they say, applies to an employee being forced to join a union. For the employee who does not want to join, it amounts to an order from the company and union, which gives him no freedom of choice. The companies say they do not intend to force all their employees to join the union, just to end the strike. They probably have the support of a majority of Americans in this contention. Other factors in the strike, such as wages and profits may have two more evenly divided sides, but on the union shop issue, the companies are on the right side.

## Down Memory Lane

### 10 YEARS AGO

Plattsmouth board of education has let contracts for razing the old Central school building, that in earlier days, was also the city high school. The building, in its earlier day, had in addition to the present structure, another story that housed the high school, and later was removed for safety sake. Oldest graduate from this building residing in this city today is T. H. Pollock, member of the class of 1883, the second to be graduated from the school. . . . Plattsmouth City council has passed an ordinance limiting the number of taverns here to ten. . . . Pvt. Frederick N. Wehrlein has been assigned to the medical replacement center at Camp Grant, Ill. . . . William Armstrong and Granville Sigler, who have been on the west coast are here visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Sigler.

### 20 YEARS AGO

The 49th anniversary of the great hail storm which struck on Friday, July 13, 1883 is noted this week. One of the worst storms to sweep over eastern Nebraska, the hail lay like snow on beaten crops. Account of the story as told by George S. Smith of Rock Bluffs explains that "there was only waste where the green corn had been. Trees were denuded of their leaves and all vegetation was pounded into the ground. When the storm finally ceased its fury, land was as white as though it were dead winter." The storm started massed migration from farms to town and boomed railroad work. . . . Francis Marquardt of Avoca placed first in the state in the University Scholarship contest. He plans to enter the University of Nebraska this fall.

## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: KERR MONEY CROPS UP IN STRANGE PLACES; MYSTERIOUS GENTLEMAN TRIES TO PAY RAIL FARE FOR KEFAUVER DELEGATES; PENTAGON BRASS SIGHS WITH RELIEF AT EISENHOWER VICTORY.

Washington.—While most Democratic candidates are operating on a shoestring, genial, Bible-quoting Senator Bob Kerr of Oklahoma, the oil millionaire, seems to be spending money right and left.

Delegates to the forthcoming Democratic convention receive staggering amounts of printed material from the

## Ticklers

By George



"Not another word about firecrackers; your father believes in a safe and sane Fourth."

senator; several were offered \$500 as "expense money" to attend a Kerr meeting at Salt Lake City, and Kerr flew a number of delegates to Salt Lake in his private plane.

On the heels of this, there turned up in Los Angeles the other day state senator George of Kansas, who announced that he was working for senator Kerr.

George called at Kefauver headquarters, explained that he realized the delegation must vote for Kefauver on the first ballot, but wanted them to know about senator Kerr and vote for him in case the Tennessee senator was no longer in the running.

In the afternoon of the same day, a man appeared at the office of the ticket agent for the Santa Fe who is handling the special Kefauver delegation train to Chicago. He called himself J. G. Wilson, and answered to exactly the same description as senator George, even wearing exactly the same clothes—a lightweight summer suit of fine grain with a thin blue cord running through it.

Well Heeled  
Mr. "J. G. Wilson" took out of his pocket a bundle which when opened contained approximately \$1,700 in ten and twenty dollar bills. He told the ticket agent that he wished to purchase seven lower and one double bed room on the Kefauver train to Chicago, plus the regular train fare. The total cost was \$1,607.52, which Mr. "J. G. Wilson" paid, and received deposit receipts.

Mr. "Wilson" asked the ticket agent to keep his deposit confidential and instructed him to issue pullman tickets when any person came into the office with the ticket receipt.

The agent inquired where Mr. "Wilson" could be reached in case the people did not come for their tickets so that the deposit could be returned. Mr. "Wilson" however, said he was "leaving town, would not be back and that the Santa Fe railroad would stand to earn a lot of money if the people did not come in for the tickets. He said he was temporarily staying at the Clark Hotel, but a check of its records showed that no man named "Wilson" was registered.

Next morning three Kefauver delegates received anonymous letters containing ticket receipts, instructing them that they could pick up their tickets at the Santa Fe office on presentation of the receipt. The delegates had no idea who the tickets were from or why they were getting them.

However, one delegate from Long Beach, L. A. Pinkin, who was eased out of the chairmanship of the original Kefauver committee, has been bitter against the other delegates and lunched with senator George. Significantly, the delegates, who whom free tickets were sent

## VETERANS' COLUMN

By RICHARD C. PECK  
Cass County Veterans' Service Officer

Indemnity Insurance Payment  
There have been numerous inquiries as to why beneficiaries of indemnity insurance policies did not receive payments for the months of April and May. The answer is that Congress failed to appropriate sufficient funds for payments through those months.

and the VA simply ran out of money. However, Congress later appropriated the necessary funds and back payments were made for the months of April and May. All beneficiaries should have received those payments by now. If payment has not been received, written notice should be given to the proper insurance office.

Applications for Indemnity Insurance  
Discharged veterans who are entitled to indemnity insurance under the new law must be named to make application for their insurance within the 120

day period after their discharge. There is no provision whereby the 120 day period can be extended, and if application is not made within that period, all rights to obtain insurance are lost.

## LETTER BOX

The Journal welcomes letters from readers for this column on any subject. Your name must be given to all articles. If you prefer, it can be omitted from the letter, appearing in print. Correspondents do not necessarily express the opinions of this newspaper.

Plattsmouth Journal  
Dear Editor:

I had been considering dropping my subscription to the Nebraska Enterprise but since it has been taken over by your paper, I'm happy to enclose a money order which should pay me up until January, 1953.

I was born at Nehawka and graduated from high school there in 1933 but have lived in Kansas since 1934. Many of the names in the news are unfamiliar to me now but I always look forward to receiving your paper. Wishing you continued success, I remain,

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Harry L. Rice  
1607 Avenue C  
Dodge City, Kansas

Dear Editor:

The Republican National Convention for 1952 has come and gone, but not without leaving a somewhat bitter after-taste. This was very much in evidence by the difficulty the winners had in bringing about a demonstration; enthusiasm had fled with the defeat of Mr. Taft. The rank and file were chagrined as well as disappointed.

The winning group working very hard for many minutes, finally succeeded in drumming up a synthetic demonstration sans many delegates.

Early in proceedings Washington's governor spoke very convincingly with what fairness this convention was to be conducted. Now follows a conversation between Tom Dewey and John P. Conway, a contested delegate from Louisiana. "God-dam it Tom, you can't vote to throw me out." "Are you with us or against us?"—by inference if he was for Dewey's candidate—he would be put out.

That sort of fairness may be expected to alienate most of those thrown out, and surely many Democrats who had up to that time intended to support the Republican nominee would accept such affront with reserve.

It is quite possible that by alienating a generous segment of their party plus some friendly Democrats the 1952 Republican Convention has frittered away their last chance of ever functioning as a vital force. Without winning in 1952 the Republican party will be too dead to be resurrected. Other than Taft, there is no one in sight to give it a shot in the arm. There is a limit to what he can stand.

An impartial analysis of the proceedings of the last convention shows plainly the undesirable nature of this way of determining who shall be voted on for U. S. President. Three states can decide that every time when and if they organize so to do.

When that fact is fully realized by a majority of the electorate there will probably be a general demand for a change in the election law, to the effect that President shall be elected by all the people. It's the only way to have the much wanted fair election. That will stop unfair manipulations by the Deweys and the Fairs, for good and for all.

Lauritz A. Larson,  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Plattsmouth Journal  
Dear Mr. Furse:

The Band Parents wish to take this means of thanking you for your wonderful gift to the band.

We hope the band will always carry it with great pride.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generosity.

Very Sincerely,  
Band Parents Club,  
Louise Huebner, Sec.

General Albert Wedemeyer, who was sidetracked in the army, secretly sided with MacArthur and the China lobby, and retired. He served as Taft's unofficial army chief of staff.

General Bonner Fellers, former psychological warfare chief under General MacArthur, and public relations expert for him. Long attached to the Republican National Committee, Fellers advised Taft on air force matters, resigned right after Ike's nomination.

General Le-lie Groves, former boss of the Manhattan project which developed the atomic bomb, also advised Taft on army matters.

General MacArthur, himself, was chairman of Taft's joint chiefs of staff.

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## Looking at WASHINGTON

By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON, July 17.—One of the air advantages the U. S. Air Force now has on other nations' air arms is our technique of air refueling jet fighters. Only a short time ago there was no such thing as air refueling, and even what thoughts there were centered around the refueling of larger aircraft. The jet fighter, however, is the plane which needs refueling most, since it has a limited range.

Because it is built for speed and maneuverability it does not carry an oversupply of fuel, which is necessary if range is to be stretched. Thus, with short range, the jet fighter has heretofore been disassembled, and shipped by boat to overseas installations. For some years now, the Air Force has been experimenting with air refueling processes, and recently the new technique was put to its most practical use.

Several squadrons of F-84 fighter-bombers were needed in the Korean theater and air commanders on the scene of combat wanted them at an earlier date than was possible via the usual shipping route over the Pacific. Thus the Air Force decided to fly these ships over the ocean, using air refueling. B-29 tankers were sent out over the Pacific to refuel the jets in flight.

The operation was a history-making success. Although two planes of the first squadron were forced to turn back, because of technical difficulties encountered in refueling, the rest of them landed at Hickam Field, Hawaii, six hours after leaving California, completing the first leg of the flight. Next day the two which had turned back, and another squadron, made the first-leg hop.

The consequences of the new system? It means that fighters will be able to penetrate enemy territory much farther than heretofore planned. It may mean that some bomber fleets will carry fighters all the way with them in the future, on long-distance penetration missions. Of course, the danger involved in such a bomber-tanker-fighter mission is that the tankers would be shot down, leaving the fighters stranded over enemy territory. However, tankers could be sent along part of the way, or go out to meet returning fighters short of fuel in such missions.

As of today the U. S. Air Force is the world leader in this important new air technique.

Reporters who cover the White House, and President Truman's press conference, were a little puzzled after a recent conference with the chief executive. The President used the word "intend" when he spoke about stepping down out of politics. And he used it when asked to mail down his announced intention to retire from political office this year.

Mr. Truman could have been plainer. He could have made a General Sherman type statement, but he didn't choose to do so. There were two answers, either of which might be the right one, offered by reporters. The first is that Mr. Truman is really considering whether to accept a draft, in case the Democrats move toward nominating

## WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Little Flyer

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| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>                    | <b>VERTICAL</b>                      |
| 1 Depicted creature                  | 1 Sebaceous cyst                     |
| 2 Train track                        | 2 Tramp                              |
| 3 Short-napped fabric                | 3 Venerate                           |
| 4 Compass point                      | 4 Demolish                           |
| 5 Blackbird of cuckoo family         | 5 Certain                            |
| 6 Cooked dish of meat and vegetables | 6 Cooked dish of meat and vegetables |
| 7 Two (prefix)                       | 7 Two (prefix)                       |
| 8 Native of Italy                    | 8 Native of Italy                    |
| 9 Pause                              | 9 Pause                              |
| 10 Sudden rush                       | 10 Sudden rush                       |
| 11 Bashan                            | 11 Bashan                            |
| 12 Musical note (comb. form)         | 12 Musical note (comb. form)         |
| 13 Female rabbit                     | 13 Female rabbit                     |
| 14 High mount                        | 14 High mount                        |
| 15 Identical                         | 15 Identical                         |
| 16 Pallid                            | 16 Pallid                            |
| 17 Brahman's home                    | 17 Brahman's home                    |
| 18 Born                              | 18 Born                              |
| 19 Scottish sheepfold                | 19 Scottish sheepfold                |
| 20 Indian mulberry                   | 20 Indian mulberry                   |
| 21 Domestic                          | 21 Domestic                          |
| 22 Cushions                          | 22 Cushions                          |
| 23 Preposition                       | 23 Preposition                       |
| 24 Half-em                           | 24 Half-em                           |
| 25 Starter                           | 25 Starter                           |
| 26 Injuring medicines                | 26 Injuring medicines                |
| 27 Impair                            | 27 Impair                            |
| 28 Residences                        | 28 Residences                        |
| 29 Witticism                         | 29 Witticism                         |
| 30 Fresh                             | 30 Fresh                             |
| 31 Mover's truck                     | 31 Mover's truck                     |
| 32 Challenge                         | 32 Challenge                         |
| 33 Interpret                         | 33 Interpret                         |
| 34 Abstract being                    | 34 Abstract being                    |
| 35 Bang                              | 35 Bang                              |

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