

EDITORIALS

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TIME

The Defense Department has announced that Christmas packages for men overseas should be mailed before November 15th and has urged those sending gifts overseas to mail parcels early. It seems a bit premature, just as we are getting over summer, to speak of Christmas.

However, the Defense Department makes its recommendations on the basis of past experience, as tremendous distances are involved in sending a parcel from the United States to Japan or Korea. There are also over 100,000 Americans in Europe and even this number of parcels can easily cause a serious overloading of the mails if most of them are sent in a comparatively short period.

Thus, you are urged to get your Christmas shopping underway at the earliest convenient time, so that servicemen overseas will not be disappointed this Christmas. Mailing boxes should be of double-faced corrugated cardboard, or box of comparable strength, and tied with strong cord. The loose end flaps should be sealed with gummed tape, and the contents should be of non-perishable variety, of course.

CHECK-APPEAL

We note with interest that a Boston bank is experimenting with making its checks and check books attractive for its customers. Women depositors are lured in by having a choice of colors. They can get their checks in jewel tones of jade, coral, amethyst, and turquoise. Check book covers for the ladies are red and blue print.

There is a choice of gold, green, pink or blue checks for men placed inside dark blue silky plastic check covers. While we are watching with a degree of interest the experiment of the National Shawmut Bank in "check appeal," we are afraid that the color of the checks would do our bank balance very little good.

INCREASING TAX BURDEN

During the seven years since World War II, Americans have paid into the Federal treasury a total of more than \$300 billion in taxes. This is about \$50 billion more than was collected by the Federal government in taxes during the entire history of this nation prior to this seven year period.

While most of us realize how much we pay each year in income taxes, very few of us have any idea how much we pay in hidden taxes. According to the National Industrial Conference Board, a private research agency, taxes paid on income are far less than hidden taxes.

"Hidden taxes," according to the agency, "are such things as the property tax your landlord pays directly but that you actually pay as part of your rent, or the taxes that a manufacturer pays directly but that you actually pay as part of the price of his product."

The prospect for 1952 is that taxes will take \$80 billion, or more than \$16 billion more than 1951. The tax take in 1952 is about 25% over that paid in the fiscal year ending as the Korean war began.

MACHINE THAT READS ALOUD

Dr. Walter Blum, electrical engineer of Hanover, Germany, has invented a machine that will read aloud to the blind. This report was made to the World Veterans Foundation by Edgar Joubert.

On the battlefield in North Africa, a friend near Dr. Blum at the front was seriously wounded and lost his sight. The inspiration for his invention came from this incident.

The invention is still in the experimental stage and it has been estimated that it will take at least three years and \$100,000 before manufacturing on a large scale is possible. It is hoped that this mechanical reader can be produced for less than \$300 apiece.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Lo! Morality is religion in practice; religion is morality in principle. —Wardlaw

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says when some girls get married they wear blue to show their faithfulness; some wear white to show their purity; but when she gets married, Fanny says she's going to wear a business suit.

Unhappy is the person who knows it all and has no one to tell it to.

A man's good looks are often spoiled when he sneers—especially if he sneers at a bigger man.

A detective wanted the description of a missing bank cashier and asked if he was tall or short. "Both," replied the bank president.

Sizes are often deceiving. Sometimes a woman's thumb has a man under it.

A man hurrying out of a special club meeting here the other day excused himself and explained his mother-in-law was arriving on the four o'clock broom.

Now, they say a non-sinkable suit has been invented. It should be just the thing for floating a loan.

Life can be beautiful—did you see the picture on the cover of last week's issue?

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO

The board of county commissioners today adopted a resolution authorizing the use of the old Civil War cannon, that has long stood on the county courthouse lawn, to the scrap drive. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. W. Beins have returned from Kansas where they have spent the past month. Victor Nord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walford Nord, is home on furlough. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spiegel announce the marriage of their daughter, Louise, to Mr. Leland McNulty of Tarkio, Mo. On Sunday, October 4, Miss Opal Knaup of Humboldt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Knaup of Murdock, became the bride of Elmer E. Herr of Humboldt. Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Lane announce the marriage of their daughter, Evelyn, to Ernest Guy Buttery, formerly of Plattsmouth.

20 YEARS AGO

Glenwood high school football team defeated Plattsmouth Friday by the score of 13 to 7. Guard William Wetenkamp scored for Plattsmouth when he took a blocked punt and raced 48 yards to score. Doug McCrary, John Svoboda, James Holy, Herbert Patterson and Herb Schuetz have departed for Chicago to see the World Series. Miss Marie Kaufmann received minor injuries in a head-on truck crash here. Mrs. Eugene Nutzman of Nehawka was elected president of the Cass county Woman's Club federation at the convention in Louisville. Other officers are Mrs. W. S. McGrew of Louisville, vice president; and Miss Evelyn Wolph of Nehawka, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. J. W. Wolff and Mrs. Henry Ofe have been named delegates to the state convention of Nebraska Women's Clubs.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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Reports that the Republicans plan to tie the air waves with radio and television spot announcements between now and election day, which became a front-page story October 2, was not news to readers of the Washington Merry-Go-Round. On September 16, over two weeks ago, Drew Pearson published excerpts from the text of this proposed \$2,000,000 GOP publicity campaign. Further excerpts were published by Pearson on September 18.

DREW PEARSON SAYS: CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF NIXON EXPENSE FUND AND HIS FINANCIAL SITUATION REVEALS FAMILY FORTUNES IMPROVED SINCE HE BECAME SENATOR; PUBLIC HAS RIGHT TO KNOW FACTS, THOUGH NIXON WON'T DISCLOSE INCOME-TAX RETURNS.

Los Angeles.—When General Eisenhower announced last week that he would publish his income-tax returns, it was presumed that his running mate, Senator Nixon, would do likewise.

However, just two hours after the Eisenhower announcement, a statement was issued by Nixon headquarters that the GOP vice-presidential candidate would not publish his tax returns and that he considered the matter a closed incident.

In view of Governor Stevenson's complete financial disclosure for ten years, and the pledge that Eisenhower and Senator Sparkman would do the same, Nixon is left in a position where the public now has a right to ask considerably more questions concerning his financial position than the brief details he gave in his nation-wide telecast.

Ticklers

By George



"You two traveling men should meet; you got so much in common."

In that telecast Nixon stated that he had been cleared by the law firm of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher. However, this law firm happens to represent some of Nixon's biggest and most active donors, among them Jack Garland and the Garland estate; also the Union Oil Co. of which Herbert Hoover is a director and owner of shares worth \$1,200,000. Hoover was one of the two highest contributors to Nixon's extra-curricular fund.

Nixon also stated in his telecast that Price-Waterhouse, an accounting firm, had checked his expense fund and given him a clean bill of health. It happens, however, that Price-Waterhouse was the accountant which got caught with amazing discrepancies in checking the account of the McKesson-Robbins Drug Company that they were forced to pay McKesson-Robbins stockholders \$500,000 because of their oversight.

In the case of the Nixon fund, Price-Waterhouse appeared to be more careful. For when you read the fine print of their statement in the newspapers, you find that Price-Waterhouse stated that they had not had time to examine all of the Nixon funds.

They also stated that they had examined only one fund handled by Dana Smith, collector for Nixon, which the definite deduction that there was at least one other fund.

This system of self-examination by self-appointed lawyers and self-appointed accountants is something which Lamar Caudle or Howard McGrath or others probed by congressional committees never could have rot away with. Such a self-appointed investigation of the Democrats by the Democrats would have brought howls of protest from the Republicans.

However, since Congress is not in session at the moment and since Nixon will not bare his tax returns, it falls to the lot of the press to examine as carefully as possible the unusual expense fund and the financial situation of the man who, if elected, would be one heartbeat away from the presidency.

Neighbors will tell you here in the Whittier area, near Los Angeles, that the Nixon family's fortunes have picked up considerably since Dick was elected to Congress.

One year after he was elected —1946—the family bought a farm in York County, Pa. The farm was purchased in the name of Dick's father and mother, price not known, and for a while Dick used to go up from Washington to spend week ends on the farm.

His father and mother didn't care for the Pennsylvania climate, however, and moved back to California. They still own the farm.

Back in California, Dick helped get his father a job as postmaster of a U. S. post office sub-station at Friendly Heights, near Whittier. The senior Mr. Dick secured the job just about the time his son became a Senator, and while it doesn't pay much—\$600—it has one important advantage. It is located in the Nixon grocery store.

Thus, to buy stamps and mail letters, you pass through part of the Nixon store—a great help to any merchant.

A few blocks down Whittier Boulevard, brother Don Nixon has just opened a swank new drive-in restaurant, replete with palm trees, an orange grove, and tables under the grove. As you drive in, you give your order for food through a microphone, then pick up the food and take it out under the orange trees. The setup must have cost well over \$100,000.

The senator's home in Whittier is a modest California bungalow on which he actually has a bigger mortgage than he stated over the air. But the difficult thing to understand, and which he did not explain, is how he was able to buy two houses at about the same time, paying \$20,000 down on his \$41,000 house in Washington.

Retired Maj. Gen. Burr Johnson, the agent who sold Nixon the \$41,000 house in Washington, states that he paid \$20,600 in cash, which at that time was necessary under Regulation X. The house is also well furnished at a cost of at least \$5,000 probably more. Some of it is Chinese furniture.

Boothe. Mrs. Boothe accompanied her home and remained until Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin and Mrs. Boothe were at the Myron Laughlin home Sunday.

Return From Trip Through Ozarks

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Borman returned Tuesday evening from a 3,000 mile trip which took them through eight states. Their first stop was at Bagnell Dam at the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. They also were sightseeing at Little Rock and Hot Springs Ark. From there they went to Beaumont and Port Arthur, Texas, where they visited some of Mrs. Borman's relatives. While they were so near the Gulf of Mexico they decided to go on to see the Gulf and they stopped at Lake Charles, Louisiana, also. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ranslem of Omaha accompanied them. Kathy and Cindy stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Borman and little Miss Judy spent the time with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones.

Hold Birthday Party For Bennett Borman

A belated birthday party was held for Bennett Borman Friday evening at their home. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roebor, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Humston and Lloyd Jones. The occasion was also the seventh wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Borman. Sandwiches, pumpkin pie and coffee was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parrish, Donna and Leon were Wednesday evening guests at the Henry Bond home.

Mrs. Harold Richards had lunch Wednesday with her daughter, Miss Joan Richards of Lincoln and in the afternoon Mrs. Richards drove on to Crete and visited with another daughter, Mrs. Bill Ziegenbein and Ricky.

Mrs. Carl Weston spent all day Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Beetsion.

Henry Stander was a Thursday dinner guest of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stander.

Dicky Jones spent Thursday afternoon with his grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Jones and uncle, Lloyd Jones.

Mrs. Jennie Farmer has had several callers this past week, among them were Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Utterback, Mr. and Mrs. John Laughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Laughlin and James and Mrs. E. Odell. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laughlin are frequent callers also.

John and Sarah Nichols entertained an uncle, John Rynerd of Burlington, Iowa, at their home from Thursday until Monday evening. They were all dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stander Saturday and they called on Earl Nichols Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gade spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maack and family, accompanied by Mrs. Don Rau and children, went to Louisville one day last week and called at the Loren Vogel home to see the new baby there.

Mother And Baby Home From Hospital

Mrs. Ralph Zeorian, Jr., and baby son returned from the hospital Friday and are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Jones. Callers at the Jones home since then were Mr. Zeorian's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Zeorian of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McCorry, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morris and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Long and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strong and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ives, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones and Mrs. W. A. Jones.

Mrs. Mable Blair spent this past week with her sister, Mrs. Walter Farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hayward of Lincoln were additional Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stenberg and Janet of Council Bluffs and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Olson and Nancy were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stenberg and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bachman, Mrs. Mararet Lehman and Wallace McClelland were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nitz at their home north of Wann.

L. J. Roebor Still Remains In Cast

Although L. J. Roebor is still in his cast he was able to return home from the hospital Friday. He has had many visitors since his return. They were the Kenneth and Leonard Roebor families, Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Carl Kupke visited with Mrs. Gus Streich near Greenwood Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Maack called on L. J. Roebor at the hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Hoffman is slowly recovering from a painful seige of shingles. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Armstrong called on Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman Friday forenoon.

Mrs. W. A. Laughlin Home From Hospital

Mrs. W. A. Laughlin returned home Friday after having spent several weeks in an Omaha hospital and with relatives while recuperating. This past week she was at the home of her sons, Vernon and Grafton Laughlin and with her sister, Mrs. W. M.

Test Your Intelligence

Score yourself 10 points for each correct answer in the first questions.

- Only one president-elect ever received the unanimous vote of electoral college. Pick him out below.
—Thomas Jefferson —George Washington
—Franklin D. Roosevelt —Chester A. Arthur
- Which of the following countries does not have two official languages?
—Canada —Union of South Africa —Belgium —Spain
- Which of the following men is credited with inventing the steam boat?
—De Witt Clinton —Thomas Edison —Robert Fulton —Eli Whitney
- Which of these four men was the son of David, king of Israel?
—Saul —Uriah —Solomon —Samuel
- Pick the non-Southern state named below.
—Georgia —South Carolina —South Dakota —Louisiana
- Which of the following men is a fictional character?
—Capt. John Smith —Thomas a Beckett
—Sherlock Holmes —Samuel Clemens
- Match the following sports with the pieces of equipment commonly used in each sport. Score yourself 10 points for each correct choice.
(A) Badminton —mallet
(B) Golf —helmet
(C) Croquet —bird
(D) Football —tee

Total your points. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-90, superior; 90-100, very superior. (Answers on Page 6)

Herman Roebor, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Beck and children, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lenhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kupke, Mrs. Emma Neuman and Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reister, Mr. and Mrs. James Carson, Arthur Stander, Laura Brunko, Fred Neuman and Carl Weston, Saturday overnight and Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ronnekamp, Loran and Cindy and Mrs. Lizzie Komroffke, all of Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Storek of Kansas City were Saturday callers at the home of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Bolter. Mr. Storek is a pilot for United Airlines.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lambert were hosts Saturday evening to H. J. Willis and Gladys of Prairie Home and Albert Arnold of Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Erickson were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Gade and Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. John Laughlin spent Monday in Omaha with Mrs. Sedrick Laughlin and son Rudi.

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