

EDITORIALS

(Editor's Note: Nebraskans get first chance to read something likely to be reprinted later by some newspapers in other states. The writer, from Sutton, is Janet Nuss, a University of Nebraska junior majoring in journalism. Miss Nuss is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Nuss, friends of ours of long standing.)

THE "HOME TOWN"

The "home town" is America. The home town is as much a part of American life as the hot dog and cherry sodas, The World Series and Joe Louis. The home town is the heartbeat of our nation. Through it and from it surges the lifeblood nourishing our democracy. The home town is the backbone of our nation. Be it metropolis or small community, within it is firmly rested our heritage of democracy. It is Main Street, the corner drugstore, A friendly hello, the man down the block Watering the lawn, fireflies in the dusk. It is the boy next door, the homey aroma of Pipe smoke from across the way, A Saturday afternoon football game. It is children shouting as they play, A dog chasing a cat, the crispness Of autumn, and the first snowflakes.

It is singing in the choir on Sunday morning And buying groceries at Smitty's, The Friday night movie and buttered popcorn. It is many things to many people. The soldier lying in a foxhole somewhere Across the ocean dreams of his home, and his town. The home town is the place closest to man's heart. The place to which man hopes to return, and where He would choose his final resting place. The home town is the place where dreams are conceived, Nurtured and brought to maturity. It is the place where some dreams die.

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BOOING THE CANDIDATES
In recent days, teen-agers have been reported booing, the Presidential candidates, President Truman and other leading figures in the current political campaign. Whether these demonstrations have been spontaneous, or organized in advance, matters little.

In our country, we have traditionally allowed candidates to be heard in an atmosphere of fair play and politeness. While this record is not perfect, of course, and while many jeers and boos have punctuated the political meetings of the past, they have fortunately been the exception and not the rule.

The new twist this year is that teen-agers are apparently committing the offense regularly. The fact that these young people are not mature enough in their judgment to understand both sides of many issues is pretty well established. The natural tendency of youth is either high enthusiasm or unqualified condemnation. And so it has been always. Another characteristic of American youth has been respect for elders.

In the present campaign, this respect is not being observed by some of the nation's teen-agers. One may disagree with everything a candidate says, but we must be careful not to tarnish this principle—which is one of real democracy and one which is always abused or disregarded in totalitarian countries.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Labor is the curse of the world, and nobody can afford to do it without becoming proportionately brutified.

—Nathaniel Hawthorne

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Sometimes we think we are just as young as we used to be—but we're not going to try and prove it.

It's a lot easier to write a book than to try to balance them.

If your spring fever is still with you at this late date, you can diagnose it as pure laziness.

If you've been listening to radio or watching TV lately, you should be convinced that our two-party system is sound.

Many a wife has helped her husband to the top of the ladder, only to decide the picture would look better on the other wall.

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

Our 1953 graduates may not have any new worlds to conquer, but there's plenty of repair work to be done on this one.

About the quickest way we know to disperse a crowd is to pass the hat.

About the only thing we know of that would be worse than a bachelor is being a bachelor's son.

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Doris Marie Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Morton, and Lt. Joseph R. Hendrix were married at the Methodist church at Ocean Grove, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Minniear are the parents of a daughter, Pamela Anne. A local defense council has been organized here. Officers are W. A. Robertson, chairman; E. H. Wescott, secretary; and Don Seiver, treasurer. Jack Highfield is stationed at El Paso, Texas. Plattsmouth defeated Sacred Heart of Omaha 13 to 6. White and Rice scored for Plattsmouth. Dr. O. Sandin has been named chief of the Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Department. A former Murdock girl, Mary Katherine McHugh, now Mrs. O. R. Platt, of North Platte, has received her pilot license and is a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

20 YEARS AGO

Mrs. H. L. Thomas has been elected president of the American Legion auxiliary. Other officers are Mrs. John H. Palacek, vice president; Mrs. Fay McClintock, secretary; Mrs. Roy Stewart, treasurer; Mrs. Edward Steppat, chaplain; Mrs. J. B. Farnham, historian; and Mrs. Frank Rice, sergeant at arms. Exhibiting animals at the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H show were Arnold Stohman, Clarence Stohman, Ellsworth Stohman and Orland Stohman of Louisville; Vincent Rehmeier, Frances Rehmeier, Milford Smith and Dwain Reed of Weeping Water; Vernon Rikli of Murdock and Robert Wolfe of Union. Plattsmouth defeated Malvern 20-0, with Ronne and Arn scoring for the Blue Devils.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: EISENHOWER ADVISERS SEEK TO APPEASE GERALD L. K. SMITH; DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN ADMITS RACE ISN'T WON; TEXAS BUSINESSMEN THREATEN TEXAS SENATOR.

Washington.—An Eisenhower committee has taken an interesting step to

organize and chief spark plug of the Christian Nationalist party and has nominated General MacArthur for President and State Sen. Jack Tenny of California for Vice President. His chief financial angel is Judge George W. Armstrong of Texas, whose donation to Jefferson College in Mississippi was rebuffed amid nation-wide publicity.

A few days ago, a committee speaking for General Eisenhower called on Smith and urged him to take the Christian Nationalist party out of the presidential race. Smith has built up quite a following in Southern California, also some following in Texas, and his party is on the ballot in Washington, Missouri and elsewhere.

In states where the Democratic-Republican race may be close, the Christian Nationalists could hold the balance of power. Therefore, Smith was urged to withdraw the party's name from the ballot.

As an inducement, Smith was told that if he would withdraw General Eisenhower would take the initiative in calling personally on General MacArthur.

The significance of this gesture is that no less than ex-President Herbert Hoover himself has been trying to get Eisenhower and MacArthur together, but so far has been unable to persuade Ike to go to see Mac. Eisenhower is willing to get together with his former commander, but he isn't willing to go to the Waldorf Tower where MacArthur lives. And MacArthur in turn won't go to see him.

Same Act-New Front



However, according to the Eisenhower committee that called on Smith, he will now go to see Mac—if Gerald L. K. will drop his political party.

Note—Though MacArthur's name is not on the ballot in California, it's legal to write it in, and a lot of MacArthur admirers plan to do so.

Frank Steve Mitchell, new chairman of the Democratic National Committee, took down his hair at an off-the-record meeting at the Hotel Statler here recently and told how he really thought the Stevenson campaign was going.

He admitted, among other things, that Stevenson's campaign trips had received lukewarm crowds until St. Louis, at which time the committee spent \$12,000 to get things organized, just as the Eisenhower people have been doing for some time.

He also admitted that his and Wilson Wyatt's statement of a bandwagon rush to Stevenson in part was wishful thinking. Instead, he said, the election was neither won nor lost.

Discussing political developments in different parts of the country, the refreshingly frank Mitchell said:

That Sen. Lyndon Johnson phoned him to complain that businessmen were threatening to get even with him when he ran in 1954 if he helped Stevenson in '52.

That Governor Lausche of Ohio, the alleged Democrat, must realize that Stevenson's chances had picked up, because he now occasionally mentioned Stevenson's name. Before, Lausche's contribution to Stevenson had been minus nothing.

That the Democrats hadn't emphasized the real issues on "tidelands" oil. They should have made northern and inland states realize that they would lose by the Eisenhower plan giving tidelands oil to three states only.

The Democratic chairman was critical of Senators Smathers and Holland of Florida, who he said were carefully ducking. He said Stevenson faced a buzzsaw in the bigger cities of Texas.

He told how he had Governor Stevenson telephone Jesse Jones, the ex-RFC director, following which Jesse had printed a fairly warm editorial in his House Chronicle. Most Democratic congressmen in Texas are vacationing, Mitchell admitted, but he warned that this would be remembered when the time came to pass out the patronage.

The worst problem he faced as Democratic chairman, Mitchell said, was that local Dem-

ocratic organizations had disintegrated in the last 20 years, and had to be built up again. Two exceptions he noted were Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Regarding Senator Nixon, Mitchell made this comment: "I think by election day he will be the lowest man on any political totem pole you ever saw."

"Eisenhower," he continued, "is now 62 years old. Only a few other men have been older when elected president, and don't forget that Harrison died one month after he took office."

The student newspaper at Columbia University may have come out officially against the president-on-leave, but the faculty is mixed. Some are ardently for Eisenhower, some ardently opposed.

A leader of the latter group is the Dean of Journalism, Carl Ackerman, who administers the Pulitzer Prize awards and has helped to train thousands of newsmen. Writing to Stevenson headquarters recently, Dean Ackerman enclosed a check.

"Education," he wrote, "has a vital stake in this campaign. The election of General Eisenhower will set an example for every student from the kindergarten to the graduate level that cramming is a laudable substitute for serious study. The Republican candidate has substituted final hour briefing for knowledge. That is why he makes so many contradictory statements on political issues. One day he is briefed by Lodge and Dewey; the next day by Taft and Cromwell; then by McCarthy and Truman. Who will brief him in the White House? Who will teach him how? For the next four years?"

"Mrs. Ackerman suggests that you have some writer do a campaign song to the tune of 'Who is Kissing her now? Who is teaching her now?' But with more appropriate words, name 'Who is briefing him now? Who is teaching him how?'"

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Exams Announced By Civil Service

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Capitol News

LINCOLN — A six-member committee of the Legislative Council, research agency of the Nebraska Legislature, has submitted a series of recommendations to the 1953 session concerning the reorganization of the state's 1,620,000 acres of school lands.

The committee, headed by young Sen. Robert D. McNutt of Lincoln, proposed the junking of the present Board of Education-Land and Funds and replacing it with an agency created by the Legislature. The board, charged with administering the state's educational endowments, is made up of the governor, state treasurer, attorney general, secretary of state and state superintendent.

To create a new agency however, would require a constitutional amendment, so the committee proposed that in the meantime, the board employ a manager or director of school lands to be paid a salary comparable to other department heads. A 1950 Legislative Council committee made a similar proposal but nothing was done about it by the last Legislature.

The McNutt Committee also called for an end to the present system which permits the board to consider mailed bids after a public auction has been concluded but before the board has granted final approval.

Another suggestion was that the board be given authority to require its permission before a lessee could install improvements on school land. It has been alleged, the committee said, that some lessees place improvements on the land for the purpose of discouraging other bidders.

The committee voted against selling the school lands and retaining the contentment of the Nebraska School Lands Lessees Association that the counties in which the lands are located should administer them with the income retained in those counties. An attempt by the association to place such a proposal on next month's ballot failed because of insufficient petition signers.

McNutt's group reported there is no "practical alternative" to selling the leases at auction and that 6 per cent appears not to be an unreasonably high rental figure. Twelve-year leases, the committee said, should give a longer trial before changing the lease term.

Going Up

The University of Nebraska laid its request for a 1953-55 appropriation before Gov. Val Peterson last week. It asked for state tax funds totaling \$1,355,003, a 31 per cent increase over the \$1,029,000 granted by the 1951 Legislature.

Peterson said he didn't want to "pass judgment" on the request until he'd had an opportunity to discuss it at length with University officials, but he told Capitol newsmen:

"It had been my hope that all state institutions in the coming biennium would be able to operate within the sum appropriated for the 1951-53 biennium." Flicking through his budget messages to the last several legislatures, he noted that the University's appropriation had risen steadily from \$483,000 in 1945 to this biennium's \$2,500,000. Other state agencies, of course, have risen as well.

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson had explained that more than half the increase was due to inflation and that the lion's share of the boost—if it's granted—would go to bolster the program at the College of Medicine and University Hospital in Omaha, where, he said, there is a risk of losing the American Medical Association's accreditation blessing.

Peterson observed, "I appreciate that as inflation continues, it takes more of today's cheap dollars to do the job. And I am certain that the Medical School needs to be strengthened and improved."

Gustavson said the budget represents "an honest and conscientious effort to solve the problems of rising costs and stronger support" for several University programs, principally in medicine and agriculture.

Peterson noted that if the University has to have a 31 per cent increase the other three of Nebraska's Big Four spending agencies—Assistance, Highways and Board of Control—"can find equally strong reasons for increases."

The Nebraska Railway Commission last week thumbed down the application of Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for a rate increase in the state.

The Commission by a vote of 2 to 0 dismissed the company's request for a boost which would permit "a fair and reasonable return" on its investment. Commissioners Richard Larsen and Harold Palmer signed the order. Commissioner Joseph Brown was campaigning with the Republican caravan when the case was before the Commission and did not participate in the order.

The ruling said that "neither the public nor the applicant nor the Commission has had sufficient time to judge the impact of a February increase" which the company won.

Larsen said that the February (Continued on Page 5)



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 — It is now evident, after some earlier doubts, that President Truman's whistle-stopping forays are helping Adlai Stevenson in the western, eastern, and midwestern areas. Despite his many enemies, Mr. Truman is filling these needs in the Democratic campaign effort. He is playing the role of hatchet man in cutting General Eisenhower, which would not be a proper role for Stevenson to follow. He is generating enthusiasm among public power proponents and workers, and some farmers, by his blunt talk, which Stevenson has not used.

3. He is drumming up enthusiasm among minority groups the Democrats have won in the past, especially the Negroes, who like Mr. Truman. Since he is not campaigning in the South he is losing little because his unpopularity in this section is already firmly established. First reports that the President's attacks on General Ike were stirring as much resentment as support may have been accurate. But the President is stirring up enthusiasm on the other issues which outweigh the even break he is getting in his personal assaults on Ike.

As Mr. Truman continues his efforts there are evidences that Adlai Stevenson is getting ready to take off the gloves. Most of the polls show that he is now gaining slowly on Ike, who had a considerable lead. Maybe that was to be expected. Maybe it was not. Whatever the case, Stevenson is tuning his major attack for the climax, which will be the next two weeks, and he is being urged to lay it out bluntly.

As for the Republican High Command, it is still pleased with Ike's reception everywhere. The General is drawing larger crowds than Adlai. He is greeted enthusiastically at practically every stop. The Democrats say this is partly due to the advance planning and hoopla purposely arranged by Ike's advance guard. But one expertly says that the polls still show Ike considerably out front, though losing some of his once-commanding lead. As the trend of slow Democratic gains continues, some of Ike's advisers are urging him to make the rest of his campaign a dignified one.

They would handle it more on the Dewey theme of 1948. They think mud-slinging against the General, if he does not stoop to it in return, would hurt the Democrats more than it would help them. And they think this strategy might check the trend of Democratic gains registered recently. In any event, they expect the General to win. Ike has not made public any decision on this tactical question yet.

He was raked over the coals by sizable sections of the press at least, those traveling with him for his remarks on the use of South Korean troops in the Korean war. Many reporters felt that Ike put out the impression that he would take Americans out of the front lines in Korea and replace them with South Koreans. In an appeal for votes, of course, that is impossible at present, since the South Koreans cannot handle both the North Koreans and China single-handedly. This play highlights the strange situation which has developed between Ike and his traveling reporter-entourage.

When the General first began

his campaign, most reporters assigned to his campaign special were sympathetic to him. Now they are against him, for Stevenson. Reporters with Stevenson are for the Governor too. The general feeling among reporters traveling with Ike is that he has not followed the line on which he won nomination at Chicago, moved too far toward the right wing of the Republican party. Ike knows their feeling. He thinks he knows the sentiment of the voter right now, though senses victory in the more conservative approach.

Some of the cautiousness about business prospects which has been evidenced in recent months is dissipating and most record sales and continued as long as there is heavy rearmament and fighting in Korea. Business has picked up rapidly in the last 90 days. For example:

Unemployment has hit a post-war low. Business activity is at a post-war high. Civilian employment is a record high, though it may eventually drop late in 1952. Critical plant expansion is only a third completed and completions will require new workers. Personal incomes reached a record in August, are rising. Dry goods sales are rising fast. The price level is more stationary than had been expected, and reflects a safer business future than a new inflationary spiral would indicate.

The question naturally remains whether and when a recession or depression will arrive. The outlook is now for a milder recession than some had feared, and it might not begin for a year or more, might not hurt anyone too much. That is a brighter prospect than trends indicated just two or three months ago.

STRICTLY FRESH

If August be here can unhappy school children be far behind?

With the long Labor Day weekend coming up, auto wrecking concerns can look forward to a zooming business unless drivers learn that roads weren't built for the business of zooming.

A Quebec truck driver wasn't sure whether the puddle under his truck was water or gasoline, so he



lit his cigaret lighter to get a closer look. A \$500 fire followed. That's the kind of drip that causes trouble.

Weeping Iranian Premier Mohammad Mossadegh had better learn that water in oil will gum up any machinery—even political.

An Indiana boy sent a postcard to Mars asking authorities on that planet to "send some pictures of your people, buildings and flying saucers." If the trend continues, the North Pole post office will go out of business.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Playwright

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| HORIZONTAL | 3 Sport | 25 Ancient Aryans | 48 From (prefix) |
| 1,7 Pictured playwright | 4 Age | 27 Mexican serfs | 50 Steals |
| 13 Gazed fixedly | 5 Compass point | 30 Flap | 51 Narrow road |
| 14 Malay island | 6 Rect. | 32 Speck | 53 Underworld |
| 15 Stupor | 7 Greek coin | 35 Scolded god | |
| 16 Preposition | 8 Negative reply | 36 Bird | 55 Before (prefix) |
| 19 Unbleached measure | 9 Before | 38 Cheered | 57 Symbol for selenium |
| 20 Mimic | 10 Length | 39 Horsemen | 59 Note of Guido's scale |
| 21 Quits | 11 Spanish town | 40 Laces | |
| 23 Secured nickel | 12 Noisier | 41 Boy | |
| 24 Mixed type | 17 Symbol for nickel | 42 Virtuous | |
| 25 Mount (ab.) | 18 Thallium (symbol) | 43 Reverberate | |
| 26 Higher | 21 Saunter | 44 Top of head | |
| 28 Down | 22 He achieved great in his field | 45 Girl's name | |
| 29 Consumer | | 46 Incinerator | |
| 31 Tree | | 47 Thicker | |
| 33 Sir | | 48 Horses | |
| 35 He is a | | | |
| Prize winner | | | |
| 37 Come in | | | |
| 40 Least measure | | | |
| 41 South latitude (ab.) | | | |
| 42 Steamship (ab.) | | | |
| 43 Chinese weight | | | |
| 44 Trap | | | |
| 45 Laces | | | |
| 46 Boy | | | |
| 47 Virtuous | | | |
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