

EDITORIALS

Furse's Fresh Flashes

A SWEET STORY

Sue White is a pretty girl from Big Springs, Texas. Her father is a cotton farmer in Big Springs. But things haven't gone so well for Mr. White this year. A drought hit the Texas cotton crop and the White's fortunes sagged accordingly. Sue quit college because of the poor state of things around Big Springs, but she didn't stop raising top steers. She took one she had bought for less than two hundred dollars to Chicago, for the stock show, the other day.

Her beef steer did all right too, winning first place over all the others entered. That gave her the top steer in all North America, according to many estimates, and also gave her \$1,000 prize money. When they told her she had won first place, Sue broke down and cried like a pretty girl oughta—and the top stock show official, Jess Andrews tried to comfort her.

Amid sobs, Sue said she might be able to go back to college now that she had won top prize in the stock show. And she was sure to get more money than that, out of the sale, and any other benefits which might result. So things are looking up for Sue White, a gal who doesn't seem to know what the word defeat means. Our hat is off to her. It is great to see things like this happen in the USA, still the land of opportunity for all those who would persevere.

If anybody could make a move that would insure peace for the world, all the people would be thankful.

SAVE YOUR LIFE CHRISTMAS

One of the unbelievable tragedies of the Christmas season every year is the number of deaths which occur on the highways, as the result of preventable automobile accidents. Unfortunately these sudden deaths often snuff out the lives of loved ones just as they are coming home to celebrate the annual Christmas festivities.

Statistics show that the month of December is a grim one from the standpoint of automobile accidents. Weather conditions are likely to be poor, and there is a maximum of darkness, in which automobile accidents are more likely to occur than in daylight. Therefore, driving conditions are close to their worst in the month of the year when the major holiday season occurs.

Some few accidents are unavoidable and even if all drivers exercise maximum care and caution, some fatal accidents would occur on our highways. However, highway records have proved that over ninety per cent of all accidents are preventable and need never occur. It is genuinely disturbing to realize that during the Christmas holidays this year Americans will be killed on the highways at the rate perhaps of a hundred a day and injured at a rate even far greater.

Glancing over figures like these, one realizes why foreigners sometimes express amazement at the carnage on U. S. highways. Although the United States is, without a doubt, the world's most advanced nation, perhaps representing a black mark against our present-day culture that we cannot reduce highway accident deaths to a lesser figure.

We urge every reader and driver to exercise care and good judgment this holiday season and save his or her life for many future Christmases. And, if that is not important enough, saving the lives of those you may injure or kill, through carelessness, should be a proper incentive.

If all the after-dinner speeches were laid end-to-end, there would be miles and miles of just words.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Though the world contains many things which are thoroughly bad, the worse thing in it is society. —Schopenhauer

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Ticklers

By George



"He says his arm got so tired from ringing a bell all day he had to get an assistant."

through, and the result is the inspiration the world yearns for today—inspiration the American people yearned for when they voted for his overwhelming victory just a year ago.

Wars are bred—when wars are over people throw their hate in the air. Memories come back to me of an Armistice day I watched in Philadelphia in 1918. Whistles blew. Crowds cheered. Pretty girls kissed soldiers. The war was over. The millennium was here. A few months later people settled down to enjoy the millennium. I found it to be humdrum, unexciting, no hands playing, taxes high, business bad, Europe troublesome. To heck with Europe. Let's paddle our own canoe. Stay out of the League of Nations. Let those birds solve their own problems. Then came isolation, depression, discouragement, dissension, Hitlerism, war.

Dangerous era—Periods after wars are always difficult. That's when the seeds of future wars are sown. Wars don't break suddenly when a Hitler invades Poland on a September morn. They begin five, sometimes ten years before, with discouragement, depression, dissension. They begin when allies fight among themselves, when American idealism lapses into lethargy, when dollars are put ahead of decent diplomacy, when people lose hope. They also begin when people grasp at phony leaders who hold out new hope, when hate becomes more important than love, when tolerance is swamped by intolerance, when unscrupulous men trample on less fortunate men in their mad grasp for power.

Ike's chance—What impressed me about Ike's speech, as a listing was his hold move for leadership has been lagging. This is a period when a nation must move forward, not backward. It's also a period when it's extremely easy to move backward. Once a nation, a people or a president start starting still they start moving backward. The tides are too strong. The rush of conflicting currents that carry men and nations down are such that you have to keep swimming every minute just to go ahead. You have to work at peace, for instance, every minute, or you start drifting into war.

Ike's Drive—All this is why Ike has got to keep moving forward—as he did the other day at the U. N., as he once did in Europe. He can't afford to sit behind the hedgerows at Caen. He has to break through as he did with Patton and Bradley at St. Lo and sweep on to bigger victories. As long as he's pushing forward, the McCarthys who yammer at his heels can only nip. They can't throw him. As long as he's pushing forward, there will be no division in his own Republican army. As long as he's moving forward the Democrats can't catch up. But he has to keep pushing—at the expense of golf, health, everything else.

Alternate is war—For peace is more important than war. And lives have to be lost in peace too—if necessary. Ike's plan for atomic cooperation, if he pushes it, can bring 50 years of peace. The alternative—within five years—is war.

Defense Deer Hunters—Returning to Washington from a two-day hunt in Michigan with Arthur Godfrey and other amateur sportsmen, Defense Secretary Charles Wilson was asked at a press conference: "Who got the more deer, you or Godfrey?" "It was a draw," replied Wilson. "How many apiece?" "None."

Christmas Care Shopping—If you're harassed over Christmas shopping and want a way to shop for someone else in a hurry, here are two suggestions:

1. Care has worked out a plan with the government whereby an eleven-pound package of food can be delivered to needy people almost anywhere in the world for only \$1. The food is surplus American farm produce already stored overseas, and can be delivered within a few days—eleven pounds of rice, beef, sugar, canned milk, etc. Your name, which goes in the pack-

age, will help build people-to-people friendship, and with it will build peace.

2. A Virginia lady who prefers to remain anonymous has given me a check for \$1,000 for Korean orphans—provided a like amount is raised from other sources. This is for a country still in a shambles, still in the shadow of Communist guns, where thousands of pinch-faced children are starving and homeless. You can help match the \$1,000 by earmarking a contribution to Care, New York, or sending it direct to me.

Inside the Pentagon

The National Security Council has concluded flatly that the United States cannot afford to build the European army up to Eisenhower's goal of 50 divisions. Reason: The budget can support only the present 20 divisions. It has indicated he will go along with the Security Council and modify his goal. The air for was ordered to cut down on the reserve officers on active duty as an economy measure. But so many reservists got sore and quit that the air force is now short-staffed and is trying to get 2,000 reserve officers back. The defense department has decided, for economy reasons, not to retool standby plants—another example of how the defense department is sacrificing security in the future to save a little money now. If these plants ever have to be put back into production in case of an emergency, all they would be able to produce would be obsolete tanks and planes.

ALVO NOTES

Mrs. Mabelle Winn Phone 420

Mrs. Hazel Roelisz, Mrs. Esther Clark and sons Karl Lee and Dick, were in Lincoln Saturday when the boys attended the football game and the ladies did Christmas shopping. Mrs. Bernice Lemming has been ill the past week and unable to work at the telephone office.

The Senior-Junior class play given at the gym Friday night had a good crowd considering the condition of the roads. The play was good.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yeager and Mrs. Edith Brawn were Saturday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bucknell at Elmwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fairfield and son Ross were Sunday, Nov. 5th, dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rueter.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hardnock, Mr. and Mrs. August Johnson and Mrs. Grace Brunkow attended the funeral of Mrs. Besie Conn at Greenwood last Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. August Johnson visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Paul Judkins and Mr. Judkins at Lincoln Sunday. Elmer Rueter and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rueter and son David are visiting their sisters and families in California.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Mickel entertained at Sunday, Nov. 15, dinner honoring their son Lloyd's birthday. The following were guests: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hardnock, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Gerbling and daughter Cwendolyn from Elmwood, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nickel, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson from Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hardnock and son Jerry, and Miss Kathy Chelowski from Lincoln.

Mrs. Augusta Bucknell and her brother George Frolich moved to Lincoln last week to live with the former's daughter, Mrs. Grace Luick for the winter. Mrs. Mabelle Elliott was a Tuesday night dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haa.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dinges drove to Syracuse to visit the latter's father, Mr. Geo. Bray, who isn't very well. They had supper with him.

Mrs. Nyden and Mrs. Thompson, sisters of Mrs. Stella Dinges, came down from Lincoln Thursday morning and had coffee with Mrs. Dinges.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yeager and Mrs. Edith Brawn were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Grace Linch. Other guests were Mrs. Augusta Bucknell and Geo. Frolich.

Miss Emma Jordan is ill with the flu.

Pancake, Sausage Supper Enjoyed

The W. S. C. S. and the young adults group of the M. E. church had a pancake and sausage supper Wednesday night at the church basement. The proceeds was thirty dollars.

Reading Club Meets Thursday

The Woman's Reading club met at the home of Mrs. A. B. Stroemer Thursday, Nov. 19th, with Mrs. Clyde Johnson in charge of the program. She showed a stereopticon pictures that her son Gene Johnson had taken in Japan while on leave from his base in Korea. There were 18 members present and one guest, Mrs. Karl Rosenow. Mrs. Stroemer served delicious refreshments.

Yeager Services Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Mr. John Yeager who passed away last Monday at a Lincoln hospital, were held at Ropers Mortuary Wednesday. Rev. Johnson was in charge of the service. Burial in the Alvo cemetery. He leaves three brothers in New York City and one sister, Mrs. Edith Brawn at Alvo.

Mrs. Art Skinner, Mrs. Orval Marcae and Mrs. Clyde Jipp were shopping in Lincoln Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cook and two daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Wesley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook at Weeping Water.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Menke from Clamoco, parents of Mrs. John Weichel, were all day Sunday guests at the Weichel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Town and Carol and Stephen from Omaha, were Saturday night guests of Mrs. Town's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stroemer. They returned home Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yeager left Monday morning for their home.

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It's box-elder bug time in Nebraska: They hang in clumps on the old porch rail, I find them oft in my water pail, Sometimes they light upon my hand, And other times in the frying pan. It's box-elder bug time in Nebraska.

It's box-elder bug time in Nebraska: A lot of things seem a pest to man, But God, He had another plan. And man would cease to fret and stew, If this plan of God he only knew. It's box-elder bug time in Nebraska.

—Leland Massie.

Nov. '53, A. D. Murray, Nebraska.

Miss De Vee Reber spent Friday night in Lincoln with her friend Miss Jean Hatfield.

Mrs. Mickel Is Card Club Hostess

Mrs. Hazel Mickel entertained the Double Deck Pinochle club Wednesday afternoon with two tables of players. Four members were unable to be there on account of sickness and death. High score was won by Miss Martha Detmer, second high by Mrs. Vera Sutton, low by Mrs. Mabelle Elliott. Mrs. Mickel served a dainty lunch of sandwiches, apple pie, ice cream and coffee. The next party will be the Christmas party and 12 o'clock luncheon with exchange of gifts with Mrs. Mabelle Elliott and Mrs. Mattie Skinner in charge at the home of Mrs. Mabelle Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Reike were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hill, Elmwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jipp Stehen and Jackie were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. Orval Marcae and Gary.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brunkow, of Murdock, spent Thanksgiving with the former's brother, Mr. Herman Brunkow and Mrs. Brunkow.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hardnock had as their Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Mickel and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hardnock and Jerry.

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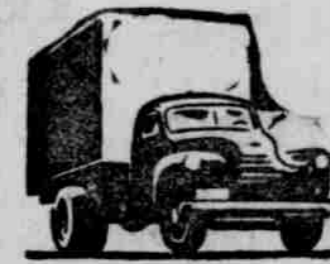
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