

EDITORIALS

Furse's Fresh Flashes

IT'S ABOUT TAXES AGAIN

Seems about all we've heard for the past year or more is taxes. Now Governor Crosby calls our legislature back in session to go over the bills again. We're informed this is the first special session of Nebraska's legislature since they were called back three years ago to combat a hog disease.

We hope Nebraska's taxpayers fare better in this special session than the hogs did in their's.

Seriously, we Nebraskans are going to hear a lot about a tax base during the next few weeks. There will be more ideas on what should and should not be done, dozens of bills thrown into the hopper, including sales and income taxes for the state, abolishing of personal tax, elimination of state real estate levies, homestead exemptions, increases in allowances for education, real estate levies, homestead exemptions, increases in allowances for education, and many others.

It will take a lot of clear thinking on the part of average citizens to come through this tax blitz with a sound mind and anything left of his shirt. Personally we do not believe residents of this state can stand many more sessions of the present legislative membership. Present tax legislation appears to us to have had a sinister motive behind it—an effort to get the average citizen so confused, discouraged and disoriented that, like a drowning man, he'll grab at any panacea offered to pull himself out of a tax mess that has worked extreme hardships on a good number of our citizens, especially those on fixed incomes, pensions, and in low income brackets.

Would it be too much for a mere country publisher to suggest that our legislative body first repeal this nonsensical 50 per cent law, go back to the precinct assessor, cut out foolish depreciation schedules and other tax messes that have been created by laws passed during the two preceding years, and start from there?

Nebraskans better keep their eyes and ears open during the next few weeks, get ready to take action quick, or their tax bill one year hence will make the public debt look like a paltry church collection plate after Palm Sunday.

Our confidence in Nebraska's present legislative bodies has been badly "shook."

It seems that today's swim suits would afford enough relief from the heat without going into the water.

TOO MUCH BOOGEY-WOGEY

An 18-man German orchestra, in the East zone of Germany, was recently given the axe by Communist authorities. The Reds, out of step and unsympathetic with boogie-woogie, claimed the orchestra was digging too much American jazz.

The eighteen orchestra members, disgusted because the Russians were not hep to the jive, and further resentful of the Reds' interference in musical freedom, decided to head for West Germany.

The group split up, most members leaving practically all of their possessions in East Germany. About the only thing they brought with them was their individual instruments.

The end of the story is a success. Into West Berlin, only a few days after the Communist order breaking up the band, filtered the eighteen members. At last reports, the orchestra was getting on with it. The Communist squares, it seems, neither appreciate good music, nor the fact that they can't suppress it with a super-serious fraudulent ideology.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

For one word a man is often deemed to be wise, and for one word he is often deemed to be foolish. We ought to be careful indeed what we say. —Confucius

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The sweet young things are now preparing for the hunting season.

A local husband says while the special session of the legislature is in session he's going to ask them to pass a law preventing women's clubs from meeting more than once a year.

We folks out here in the west just got rid of the Indians and wolves and now they scare hell out of us with the H-bomb.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says her mother warned her early that cocktails do not make good daughters. Fanny says her experience has taught her just the reverse.

Nobody is going to deprive us of saying what we please, but we're afraid to do it most of the time.

It won't be long until the jack of all trades goes into the same thing—vacation expenses.

The Lord made one mistake—it requires less energy to open your mouth than to close it.

See where a former circus sword swallower is now eating pins and needles in a side show. He's probably on a diet.

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO

Richard Hughson, 7, suffered cuts about the head, and bruises when struck by a truck while attempting to cross the street. Mrs. Roy O. Cole and Mrs. R. B. Hayes attended the state convention of the PEO society at Omaha. Grace Louise Wiles has been recognized for high scholarship at the University of Nebraska. A heavy snow fall has been reported in Cass county on April 19. Edgar L. Glaze has been promoted to motor vehicle operation dispatcher at the Ft. Crook ordnance plant. Patty LaRue has been elected president of the Sunny Cooks 4-H club. Other officers are Norma Lindsey, vice president; and Norma Ford, secretary. Mrs. F. O. Sand of Nehawka is leader of the club. Tom Dooley has been elected legislator from the second district, including Cass county.

20 YEARS AGO

Nine Cass countians have been recognized for high scholarship at the University of Nebraska. They are Elinor Longman and Florence West of Eagle; Margarethe Bornemeier and Denice H. Greene of Elmwood, John E. Lindell of Murdock, Verner F. H. Schomaker of Nehawka; Mary L. Clark, Helen R. Cole and Ward Tefft of Weeping Water. J. Russell Reeder, science teacher here, has filed as a candidate for county superintendent of schools. 417 boys and girls are enrolled in Cass county 4-H clubs. Plattsmouth and Nebraska City battled to a 61-61 tie in a track and field meet. Hendrix, Taylor, McCleary, Hiner, Rhoades and Cotner scored wins for Plattsmouth. Extensive repairs are underway at the Plattsmouth State Bank building.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: McCARTHY DIDN'T WANT LAS VEGAS SUN PUBLISHER INDICTED; LAS VEGAS NEWSPAPER'S HIGHLY LIBELOUS AND DAMAGING CHARGES ARE NOW PART OF LIBELPROOF COURT RECORD; IKE PROMISES TO SUPPORT BENSON ON SUPPORTS.

WASHINGTON—The inside story of how the Eisenhower administration indicted a Las Vegas publisher at the behest of Joe McCarthy is one of the most amazing Washington has seen in a long time.

The real fact is that McCarthy didn't actually want the publisher prosecuted. Certain justice department officials pushed the action despite him and probably to embarrass him.

What happened was that Hank Greenspun, editor and publisher of the Las Vegas Sun, wrote a column on January 8 that "Joe has to come to a violent end. Live by the sword and you die by the sword!" Greenspun continued, "Destroy people and they in turn must destroy you."

McCarthy sent a copy of this column to Postmaster General Summerfield as a move to take second-class mailing privileges from the Las Vegas Sun. That apparently was as far as he wanted to go. Obviously if he had wanted criminal prosecution he would have sent the column direct to the justice department to which he has referred various other matters in the past.

Joe's Friend: McCarthy happens to be chairman of the senate subcommittee for post office appropriations, thus has a powerful hold on Summerfield. Once before they put

In No Position to Make Threats



their heads together to embarrass another McCarthy critic—Henry Lucre of Time, Life and Fortune—when Summerfield furnished McCarthy under-the-table figures on Lucre's profits and McCarthy proceeded to build a fire against the magazines' second-class mailing privileges.

Further, Summerfield has been one of Joe's consistent friends inside the cabinet and was the man who, during the election campaign, took Joe up the service elevator to the Pere Marquette hotel in Peoria, Ill., to persuade Eisenhower to drop any praise of General Marshall from his Milwaukee speech.

However, then Attorney General Brownell heard about McCarthy's complaint to the post office, he decided to examine it carefully. And in the Greenspun column justice department officials found that McCarthy was described as a "disreputable pervert."

This was a charge Greenspun had been making about McCarthy for some time and getting away with it. McCarthy had not sued though copies of the newspapers containing these charges had been mailed all over the United States.

Brownell, therefore, took the entire column and made it a matter of court record, with the result that it has now become privileged and has been quoted by other publications with complete immunity. In other words, Brownell did to McCarthy what McCarthy did to General Marshall and others when he launched attacks on them from the libelproof safety of the senate floor.

Brownell did this by indicting Greenspun on the ground that he incited attacks on McCarthy's life. But it's significant that he did not cite the

perversion charge as grounds for criminal libel though he could have done so. Nor did he delete this part of the Greenspun column. He made it all a matter of court record.

Note—Greenspun came into the U. S. district court in Nevada the other day to face charges, but neither the U. S. attorney nor the U. S. marshal nor the judge seemed much interested. They finally told him to come back next fall when a new judge would be appointed. Judge Roger Foley said he wasn't going to try the case himself (he's a friend of Greenspun's). They didn't even ask the publisher to post bail.

Puzzled Nixon: When Vice President Nixon finished his now famous anonymous speech to editors, newsmen warned him:

"This speech is going to raise Cain, and we want to be sure just how we can use it."

"What do you refer to?" asked Nixon. "What I said about Syngman Rhee?"

"No, what you said about Indo-China," Nixon was told.

However, he still didn't understand what newsmen were driving at until they spelled out specifically that it was his statement on the use of troops in Indo-China.

Reason was not that Nixon was hedging or playing dumb. He had been immersed in the Indo-Chinese problem for several weeks, and had discussed the possible use of U. S. troops in Indo-China so many times in security council circles that he didn't realize the impact it would make on editors and the American public generally.

Chief significance is that the use of troops, if necessary, has been decided as a matter of definite Eisenhower policy; further-

LAW and ORDER

by Sheriff Tom Solomon

During the past several months many important motor vehicle laws were brought you through this column. If we overlooked any particular motor vehicle law which you may have been interested in, drop us a line and we will attempt to fulfill your request.

In the next several issues we will take up various rules and regulations of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, which we feel may be of interest to you: 53-197. Violators of act; duties of sheriffs, police officers to make complaints; neglect of duty; penalty. Every sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, marshal, deputy marshal or constable who shall know, or who shall be credibly informed, that any offense has been committed against the provisions of any law of this state relating to the sale of alcoholic liquors, shall make complaint against the person so offending within their respective jurisdictions to a proper magistrate therein, and for every neglect or refusal so to do, every such officer shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

53-186. Consumption of liquor on public property, public roads, streets, alleys, forbidden; exceptions. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic liquors in the public streets, alleys, roads, or highways, or upon property owned by the state or any governmental subdivision thereof, or inside vehicles while upon the public streets, alleys, roads, or highways. Provided, the provisions of this section shall not apply to sale of beer in stadiums where professional baseball is played.

One glance at our roads and drainage ditches can quickly make you realize that the above law, 53-186, is far from being complied with.

Saturday night State Liquor Agent Wm. L. Gordon and I checked the State Park at Louisville for violation of the above law, 53-186. We found many violations. This park is used by hundreds of local citizens for

recreation purposes. In view of the heavy consumption of alcoholic beverages on the grounds, more frequent checks of the park will be made in the future by State Game Wardens, State Liquor agents and members of this office. Main violators are from adjoining counties to the north.

The sheriff at Mullen, Nebr., reports that a cow and calf were taken from a pasture south of Mullen the night of April 7. The cow is branded two plus on right hip, and weighs about 1000 lbs.; the calf was born morning of April 7th.

Nineteen kaddie wagons packed in cardboard boxes, one to a box with lettering on box "KW Engineering Company, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska," were stolen from Milford on April 5.

Also reported stolen from Milford is a two-wheel trailer bearing 1954 Nebraska license 2-235 with a 6 ft. high box, aluminum color.

Authorities at Colorado Springs, Colo., put out a three state alarm Monday for a man who allegedly pulled a robbery in that city on April 13. On April 15, we took the wanted man into custody at Mynard, Nebraska, after he was involved in a hit-and-run accident south of Plattsmouth.

At the time of his arrest, he aroused our suspicion because of his actions, the amount of money on his person, and the fact he had two guns in the car, one which was loaded. We immediately contacted Colorado Springs authorities, and state authorities and we were advised that he was not wanted by their departments.

The following day he pled guilty in county court and after paying a fine of \$100 he was allowed to continue on his way. It goes against our grain to see such a big catch get away, but at least we had him figured out correctly even though no one else agreed with us at the time of his arrest.

Tom Solomon, Sheriff, Cass County, Nebraska

more, was decided some time ago.

Benson Won't Budge: While public debate over rigid price supports continues on the senate floor, here are some of the things that have been happening off the floor in senate cloakrooms.

President Eisenhower has passed word through his close friend, Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas, that he might agree to a one-year extension of rigid price supports. This would be an acceptable extension of rigid price supports. This would be an acceptable compromise to Sen. Mill Young of North Dakota, Republican, and Sen. Allen Ellender of Louisiana, Democrat, the two leaders of the farm bloc who are pushing hardest for rigid price supports.

However, it is not acceptable to Sen. Dick Russell of Georgia, the potent southern leader. Russell says farm price supports must be extended for two years, not one. He argues that farmers must have continuity of cropplanting, must be able to plan for more than a year in advance.

However, whether it's a one-year or a two-year extension, either will definitely be unacceptable to Ezra Taft Benson, the sincere, sometimes stubborn secretary of agriculture. Benson just won't budge on rigid farm price supports—whether it be one year, two years, or six months.

He's just again 'em. And though he hasn't said so, the chances are he would resign from the cabinet, the president failed to back him up.

So far the president shows no sign of deserting Benson. On the contrary, he has promised Ezra to get on the telephone personally to various senators to swing them into line against the amendment-laden wool bill extending price supports.

MURRAY

Mrs. Dede Hiatt Correspondent

Miss Ann Marlyn Tysor, daughter Doctor and Mrs. R. W. Tysor, spent the past week of Easter vacation at the home of her parents in Murray. Miss Tysor is a student at Nebraska University at Lincoln.

Sonny Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker of Omaha, spent last week at the home of his aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Ackerin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buffington and Jay spent Easter Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hiatt at Tabor, Iowa.

Miss Nancy Boedecker spent her spring vacation in Murray at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boedecker. Miss Boedecker attends Brownell Hall school in Omaha.

Combined Services Held Good Friday

Combined services of the Murray Christian and United Presbyterian churches were held for Good Friday at the United Presbyterian church. Rev. Val Johnson, Christian church minister, delivered the sermon.

Miss Lois Sporer spent her spring vacation from Wesleyan University at Lincoln, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sporer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker and family were Easter Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Ackerin.

Ronnie Daniels of Plattsmouth and Jerry Hiatt were all-day guests on Friday at the home of Melvin Haschar.

David Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oline Morris, spent Friday night and Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Comstock of Omaha.

Mr. Charlie Mead is at his home after being in Methodist hospital the past week following an operation.

Charlie Comstock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Comstock of Omaha, spent the week-end at Murray with Mr. and Mrs. Olin Morris and family.

Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hutchinson and family were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Settles of Valentine.

Family Event Is Planned

The Young Married Claws of the Christian church are sponsoring a fund raising affair to help furnish a new dormitory at Cotner College at Lincoln. It is a family affair and the public is invited. Each person is asked to donate a penny for each year of his age to the penny bowl, which will go to the fund for furnishings of the college dormitory. Pies should be brought to serve with coffee. A small program will be presented. The affair is for 8:00 o'clock on Friday evening on April 23rd.

Surprise Birthday Party Held Friday

A surprise birthday party was held at the home of W. L. Seybolt on Friday night. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ackelin and Ronnie, Sonny Baker of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Dede Hiatt, Jerry, Irene and Keith and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tilson, Richard Steve and Becki. The group played pinocle for entertainment, after which the ladies served refreshments of ice cream and a decorated birthday cake with thirty six candles for Mr. Seybolt's birthdays.



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON, April 22—The realities of the situation in Indo-China are not pleasant and some Americans are not accepting them. Number one fact is that Communists already occupy large sections of the country. Those who hope the Geneva meeting will result in a Red retreat from these areas may not be facing the realities of the present situation.

In Washington it's evident the U. S. government is shooting for a bigger victory in Indo-China than are French and British. French are willing to concede a part of the country to the Reds if the fighting can be stopped. U. S. wants the Reds licked, hopes for united action to throw the invaders out of Indo-China altogether.

The Secretary of State flew to Paris and London to convince the French and British that the western democracies should put up a strong front at Geneva, offer trade but not concessions in Indo-China. Yet the French people are very weary of war there, long for peace even if country is split.

It may develop that if the United States insists Communists get out of Indo-China altogether, even retreating from areas they have held for years, no truce can be arranged. Russia has suggested that a truce be arranged immediately to stop the shooting—and that a truce worked out later.

This proposal, whether sincere

or not—and it is similar to the Russian proposals for a truce during the Korean war—has much appeal in France and Britain. The question is whether the United States should go along with such a move if all parties at Geneva agree to it.

The other question is how far the American people will back President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles in our growing involvement in Indo-China. If the French are willing to agree to a cease-fire or a truce, leaving the Reds in control of large areas of the country, then should we stand in the way of such an agreement? That's the sixty-four dollar question on many tongues in Washington.

Sensational behind-the-scenes disclosure, or charges have been published in recent days affecting both Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. The charges against Roosevelt are the more sensational. It is claimed by at least two admirals that the late President used as a part of his strategy to unite the nation solidly in a war against Axis aggressors, the technique of encouraging the Japanese to attack Pearl Harbor.

The special mixed investigation commission appointed to look into the Pearl Harbor fiasco, is being examined anew, and the strange failure of either Army or Navy leaders in Washington to alert Pearl Harbor, even as the Jap codes were being broken and even as the Japanese embassy burned its secret papers, is up for new appraisal.

It is now disclosed that junior officers in both the Army and Navy attempted to alert Pearl Harbor with war-emergency messages as early as December 6th, 1941, when it was apparent from broken codes that the Japs were preparing for things which "would automatically happen" if the Jap negotiators in Washington failed to achieve an agreement. But they were prevented from sending these messages by orders from higher authorities.

Admiral Stark, then Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, would not send a message of dire warning even at nine or ten o'clock Sunday morning (Washington time) and General Marshall was mysteriously riding horses back and not available. The charges are that President Roosevelt did not want anything to disrupt Jap plans—knowing that an alert at Pearl Harbor would be detected by Jap spies and the attack called off. Roosevelt, it is said, wanted a stab in the back to unify the nation.

President Truman is involved in charges that the H-bomb was delayed for almost nine months. Later statements and disclosures however show that Truman went ahead and ordered production of the bomb even though a majority of the Atomic Energy Commission members opposed the project. So perhaps HST deserves credit instead of criticism. Some former AEC members are to come in for increasing criticism though.

Roosevelt, of course, is dead, and cannot defend himself against the serious charges being made against him. They are sensation charges, hotly disputed and a major topic of conversation in Washington—and will continue to be talked for many months to come.

Youth Groups Have Sunrise Services Easter Morning

The Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor groups of Murray Christian and United Presbyterian church, held Sunrise service on Kings Hill overlooking the Missouri River at 5:30 on Easter morning. The service was opened by group singing of the hymn "Christ Arose," followed by prayer by Rev. Val Johnson. Special Bible verses were read by Miss Barbara Anderson and Clifford Rogers. The quartet, consisting of Rose Read, Peggy Frans, Wayne Reike and Clifford Rogers, sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Miss Marlyn Sporer played a saxophone solo. Nancy Lancaster and Lowell Reike sang a duet. Miss Phyllis Reike accompanied the singing on her accordion. The service was closed by sentence prayers by the group. After the service the group drove back to the Murray church basement, where they enjoyed an Easter breakfast of bacon, eggs, toast, jelly and coffee or cocoa. Thirty-three young people attended the service and the breakfast. The following ladies cooked and served the breakfast: Mrs. Olin Morris, Mrs. Harold Sayers, Mrs. Forest Todd, Mrs. Fred Drucker, Mrs. Charles Boedecker, Mrs. Dede Hiatt, and Mrs. Raymond Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Dede Hiatt, Jerry, Irene and Keith spent Easter Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lechlitter and family of Winslow, Nebraska.

Dinner guests on Easter Sunday at the home of Mrs. Margaret Brendel were Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Brendel and son, and W. L. Seybolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kempton and children of Winfield, Kansas, were Saturday and Sunday guests of Rev. and Mrs. Val Johnson.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers. Includes 'OAK SEED' and 'Here's the Answer' sections.