### WINS BATTLE AGAINST CUTS

It is reliably reported from Washington that General Matthew B. Ridgway, Army Chief of Staff, has won his battle against further manpower cuts in the Army. The present strength of the Army is somewhat above 1,173,000 — to which figure manpower will have to be cut by July, 1955.

Originally, when the "new look" defense program was outlined, it was planned that the Army would be reduced further after July, 1955. Ridgway has been strongly protesting these planned cuts for some months now.

As a result, he has been given at least a tentative indication that the Army's strength may not be cut further than the 1,173,000 limit. One of the reasons for this is Ridgway's excellent record of increasing combat divisions, while, at the same time, reducing manpower levels.

For instance, the Army is attempting to maintain twenty-four or twenty-five tactical divisions in this country and abroad, as against seventeen --- which was the originally scheduled number. The larger number of divisions is being maintained even though manpower is not being increased - and will be cut down to the 1,173,000 limit by next July.

Of the twenty-four or five divisions, it is expected that two will be stationed in Korea, one or two in Japan, one in Hawaii, one in Alaska, one in Panama and Puerto Rico, thirteen in the United States and five in Germany.

One of the factors which will make this plan possible is the decision to maintain only several divisions to be kept in the United States in a high degree of combat readiness. The others will have a limited combat effectiveness, but they will be divisions capable of rapid perfection.

#### NOTHER WAR RECORD HOAX Representative Douglas R. Stringfellow, Utah Republican, recently resigned his candidacy for reelection to the House

# **EDITORIALS** Furse's Fresh Flashes

It's pretty hard these days to tell whether the person you're walking behind is a man who needs a haircut, or a woman who just got one.

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Most right handed women become lefthanded as soon as they get a diamond.

\* \* \* A Kansas editor thinks what this country needs is more automobiles for the kids to drive to school and more gymnasiums for them to exercise in.

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Most any married man can tell you why weather men use women's names when they refer to those big winds such as hurricanes.

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There are two things right now that you can't depend on --- the signal given by a woman driver in the car ahead and promises of politicians.

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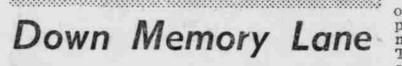
Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says she wouldn't care a rap about going pheasant hunting, but she would go for a tramp in the woods.

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If all the candidates for office in this litical contributions on governcountry were laid end to end, they would ment premises. still point in all directions.

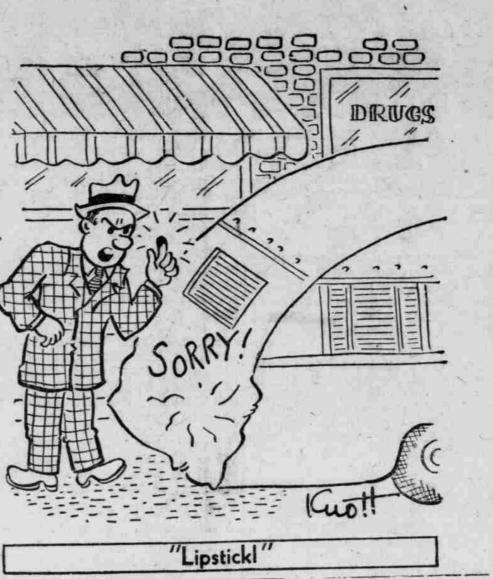
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A local man under the weather put in an emergency call to his doctor, said his wife had one of those books, "What To Do Until the Doctor Arrives," and he was afraid she was going to do it.



### 20 YEARS AGO

some of Cass county's pioneer residents .... Democratic candidates touring the county "The actual cost of processing Jackson Chase, Omaha Repub- elect them as Nebraska now does. tion or losing in competition included Fred Carsten of Avoca, for state an appointment in Texas is sub- lican and former Douglas Coun- The Nebraska State Association senator; George Nickles of Murray, for stantial and must be paid for ty District Court judge for the of Assessors has endorsed this representative; Bernard G. Wurl for out of party funds. Our only Second District Congress seat. move. clerk; Lillian G. White for register; Hom- tions, and we do not feel that we held by Congressman Roman er Sylvester for sheriff; J. L. Stamp for are asking too much in suggest- Hruska, Omaha Republican, who treasurer; Harry K. Dwyer for attorney; ing a contribution from you in is running for the Senate. W. H. Puls for assessor; E. B. Chapman and Fred H. Gorder, commissioners; and R. D. Fitch for surveyor.



letter. The Hatch Act prohibits any official from soliciting po-

Porter got around the lettor of the law by using the U.S. Mails, not soliciting on the premises. The Nebraska Press Association The wording of his letter, however, as published below, seems to come awfully close to the ! Hatch Act. Written on station-ery of the "Republican Party of Texas" and dated Sept. 28, 1954, 2 election day had all but ar- would mean they would all have rived. the letter follows:

"As you are probably aware, | On the congressional level Neour state headquarters, which braska Republicans appeared ent rigid requirements for asprocesses all of the appoint- confident that Nebraska would sessment of real estate. Reason: ments to federal positions in do its share to comply with This is called the "heart" of the Texas, must be supported by President Eisenhower's request tax reform proposals. If home-contributions. In addition to for a Republican Senate and owners are to get any kind of that, we have to raise funds for | Congress.

But the Democrats felt they constitution must be changed. our Congressional and Legislative candidates. It is vital that had a better than even chance Proposal 5: Would allow the Vandais overturned all the tomb- we give President Eisenhower a of taking at least one congres- appointment of county assesstones in Young cemetery south of town. Republican controlled Congress, sional seat away from the Re- sors. Reason: To get better tax Roads to Quality The cemeetry is the last resting place of and we have an excellent chance publicans. They hoped James assessing at local level, many Netraska poultrymen are faced make adjustments to the law to elect some Congressmen in Hart, Omaha lawyer and pro- states have found it is better with the choice of up-grading without great hardship. The law fessor, would be able to defeat to appoint assessors rather than the quality of their egg produc-

were also placing some hope in

Frank Morrison, McCook lawer,

George Abel, Sr., of Lincoln ap-

First District Congress race.

apitol News

By Melvin Paul

Statehouse Correspondent

the scapegoat for all this. With PAGE FOUR

him defeated in the U.S. Senate primary, the angry voters have subsided and aren't looking for any more scalps. This is said to be true in several legislative races also where the incumbents, with a few enceptions, seem to be weathering the storm.

Constitutional Amendments Not much attention has been paid to the constitutional amendment proposals on the November ballot. But some are the most important in years, especially those which will clear away roadblocks to any real tax referm.

Here briefly is a rundown of the proposals as they will ap-pear on the ballot:

Proposal 1: Would change the rovision that salaries of execulive state officers can't be changed oftener than every eight years. Reason: Because in these times of inflation salaries haven't been realtistic for top officials and some good ones have been lost.

Proposal 2: Would change the makeup of the State Eoard of Education Lands and Funds to an appointive board. Reason: Would put men on the board who would make it their main duty. Present board consists of governor and other busy elected officials. Note Various school organizations have fought this, fearing what an appointive board would do to school lands. Proposal 3: Would change the provision that members of executive boards must live in Lin-LINCOLN-The politicians put coln. Reason: This has blocked to live in Lincoln.

Proposal 4: Would relax presrelief, the "straitjacket" in the

that Gov. Robert Crosby has been | THE PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, SEMI-WEEKLY JOURNAL Monday, November 1, 1954



Check the correct word:

- 1. Russia (is) (is not) building a spare railroad which parallels the famed Trans-Siberia line.
- 2. The Philadelphia A's (will) (will not) move to Kansas City.
- Need for improved roads is greatest in (city) (inter-city) areas, according to the A.A.A.
- The most recent hurricane was nicknamed (Hazel) (Gloria).
- Hail is (usually) (seldom) accompanied by thunder and lightning.
- Louisiana is the (Pelican) (Magnolia) state.
- 7. If it's noon in New York, it's (5 p. m.) (5 a. m.) in London.
- Sir Winston Churchill will be (75) (80) in November.
- There (are) (are not) railroads in Alaska. 10. Business heart of Pittsburgh is the (Golden) (Keystone) triangle.

Check your answers, scoring yourself 10 points for each correct choice. A sore of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior, and 90-100, very superior.

#### Decoded Intelligram

7-5 p. m. 8-80. 9-Are. 10-Golden. 1-Is. 2-Will not. 3-Cities. 4-Hazel. 5-Usually. 6-Pelican

hatchery operators, poultry processors and others interested Legislative -should develop for presentation to the 1955 session of the Legislature an egg quality law SIDELIGHTS. fair to producer, processor and consumer-all groups having an interest in improvement. by BERNIE CAMP Such a law should provide Information Director that the minimum standard will Nebraska Farm Bureau gradually increase over a period Federation of two or three years. Producers thus will have warning that egg quality must improve and can

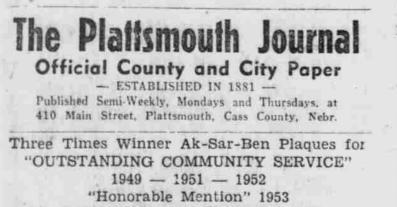
of Representatives after admitting he made up a fantastic story of his alleged heroic exploits as an O. S. S. agent. Mr. Stringfellow wowed audiences for some time with stories about how he and some thirty-seven other O. S. S. agents were dropped into Germany to capture a German nuclear scientist.

He reported that he captured Otto Hahn, a famous German physicist, and sent him back to Allied territory. He eliminated corroboration by the other members of the O.S.S. band by reporting that they were captured or killed by the Germans. He, himself, he related, had escaped a concentration camp where the Germans were torturing the Americans.

During the recent campaign for reelection rumors began to circulate in Utah that Stringfellow could not back up his story. The Army Times debunked his story and a wire service reported the Army Times' charge. The question whether the story was true or not reached all the way to the White House, where White House officials would not comment. When confronted with many doubts, Stringfellow had asked President Dwight Eisenhower to unlock secret O. S. S. files, so that his story could be verified.

The case also reflects the desire of the red-blooded Americans to have performed heroic services for their country when its existance was threatened in the war of 1941-45. This desire is very commendable. but much sympathy has been expressed for Representative Stringfellow, who has now confessed his mischief. But a desire to have been a hero should not be allowed to play havoc with the facts, although it frequently does, not only in Utah, but in all the other states.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY Submit, and thou conquerest; serve, and thou'lt command. -Ovid



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\* \* \* YEARS AGO

lisher of the Plattsmouth Journal since There is, however, a restriction 1934 when her husband died, sold the against soliciting such contribunewspaper to Lester A. Walker. Walker is ployment. Officeholders are also publisher of the Fremont Guide and Tribune . . . "Lindy" Wolever shook loose contributions themselves. down the sidelines for 31 yards and a touchdown to lead the Platters to a 32-6 win over Wahoo. Other TDs were on a pass from Joe Gradoville to Livingston: Gradoville on the ground; Gradoville on the ground; Gradoville in the air on a pass te Bud Eaton . . . Miss Katherine Rosine Meisinger and Henry Hobscheidt were married in St. John's Catholic church.

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## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: TEXAS RE-PUBLICANS FLIRT WITH HATCH ACT; FEDERAL JOB-HOLDERS TOLD HOW MUCH TO GIVE; CON-GRESSMN. BLATNICK CAN CLAIM SOME CREDIT FOR TRIESTE SET-TLEMENT.

WASHINGON - Jack Porter, the charming and energetic Texan who first plumped for Eisenhower, has sent out an amazing letter demanding money from federal job-holders in his state. The letter comes close to the border line drawn by the Hatch Act against "macing" - fording contributions from officeholders.

Porter is a wealthy Houston oil man and Republican National Committeeman who went to see Eisenhower in Paris in the spling of 1952 and brought back word that Ike would be against the Supreme Court on Tidelands Oil. Despite the fact headlines, one of the unofficial that the Supreme Court had ruled against Texas, Louisiana and California, General lem was Democratic Congress-Eisenhower wrote Jack Porter a letter man John Blatnik of Minnesota, taking the opposite stand. This was one an American of Yugoslav dereason why Texas went overwhelmingly scent. for Ike two years ago and why so much Texas money has poured into the GOP behind German lines into Yugocampaign chest.

Today Porter is writing letters to every the Yugoslav underground federal officeholder in the Lone Star state against the Nazis.

source of revenue is contribu- This would capture the seat now the amount of .....

Texas

striction in the so-called Hatch Act or any other Federal regulation against making contributions to a political party in Mrs. R. A. Bates, owner and pub- federal officeholder's name. prohibited from soliciting such

> "I will appreciate it if you will give us a prompt reply, as only a few weeks are left before election day. Please make checks near. payable to: Harris T. Gregg, treasurer, 4019 Montrose Boulevard, Houston 6, Texas.

"Thanking you, and with bes wishes, I am

'Sincerely, "H. J. Porter"

News Through "Straws"

There's been a lot of prompting among the staff of the Minden, in the curious two Experts say one of the reasons Atomic Energy Commission as to month term race. how they should pronounce the name of their chairman, Adm. Lewis Strauss. The Kuhn Loeb banking partner, who now runs, Miller of Kimball from the of elected officials such as the the AEC in such a highhanded Fourth seemed to face little dif- governors. This would tighten be as in "Straws."

The other day, Mary Smyth, signed from the AEC because he of Chase. could not take Admiral Strauss's domination, was sitting at din- State Ticket ner beside New York Times correspondent Arthur Krock, chief even surer ground in the races it got for the current two year the freshman English program. apologist for Admiral Strauss. "How do you feel?" She asked the furor caused by tax equali-Krock.

"T feel fine," was the reply. "Are you sure?" pressed Mrs. Smith

"Yes, why do you ask?" "Because I heard you were

"What made you think that." "I heard you had been taking all your nourishment through 'Straws'

#### **Congressman Diplomat**

Though it didn't get into the diplomats who helped to smooth

Three times during the war. Major Blatnik was parachuted slavia where he worked with

Last year Congressman Blat-

Proposal 6: Would allow ex-There are two routes proemption of household goods from ducers may take to up quanty. taxation. Reason. It takes about | One route is through organiza-90 per cent of the assessor's tion in which a substantial ma-Democratic leaders said there time to count pots and pans, jority of the egg producers agree "Contrary to widespread mis-interpretation, there is no re-Green, Omaha lawyer, might be only 3 per cent of tax revenue. of cooperative marketing. Such able to defeat Hruska in that The idea is to allow assessors an organization would set up be the same sort of law poultryrace for the unexpired term of to spend more time on the real standards of acceptability and the late Sen. Hugh Butler. They revenue producers. find quality outlets for cooper-

Proposal 7: Would place a re- ators. striction in the constitution that Second, the poultry industry winning over Phil Weaver, Falls if the Legislature passes a sales can ask the Legislature to pass City automobile dealer, in the or income tax, the revenue must an egg quality law, providing replace the property tax that | the establishment of certain The best Democratic hopes lay supports state government minimum grades below which in a revolt by the farmers (about 10 per cent for the averthere will be no legal egg maragainst the Eisenhower admin- age tax bill). This is the most ket. Such action is justifiable istration farm policies. But there controversial of the amendon the basis of being in the didn't seem to be many outward ments. Reason for: This would public interest. signs of this as election day drew | make sure that any new kinds of taxes would be replacements would be preferable, but many Congressman Carl Curtis of and not "just another tax." Reapoultry industry leaders feel

Minden seemed to have no ob- son against: Would place another stacles in his way to defeat Dem- straitjacket in constitution when eggs has reached a position ocrat Keith Neville of North a major cause of the tax troubles which requires drastic and im-Platte in the six year Senate has been that there were too mediate action, term race. Republican Mrs. many already. The legislative route is the

Proposal 8: Would allow setquick way to egg quality impeared likely to triumph over ting up a state tax commission provement. It is not a new type her opponent, William Meier of of appointive officials. Reason: of legislation because similar legislation has been developed Nebraska has had so much propfor the grade A dairy program. Two incumbent congressman, erty tax trouble has been luck Nebraska poultry industry Robert Harrison of Norfolk from of attention by seccessive state representatives - farm flock the Third District, and Dr. A. L. board of equalization, composed owners, commercial poultrymen, lor, Clifford Hardin, explained

increase

high type University staff.

2. Plans for a "short course"

3. Placing more emphasis on

5. A half-million dollars alone

NEARLY

MADE ME

is slated for maintenance of new

THIS ONE HAD THE

MOST STIRRING

The University of Nebraska is asking a 25 per cent increase in salaries to top flight faculty fund-supported by state property tax money. It wants an \$18,- in agriculture for boys who don't 830.299 general fund budget, or plan to go to college. The Republicans seemed on \$3.8 million above the \$15 million

for state officers. Despite all period. From tuition, fees, federal College of Agriculture and the zation last year, no Democrat funds, and its share of the build- University College of Medicine for the honor and the check. seemed a serious threat to the ing fund levies, the University at Omaha present GOP dominance of the would have well over \$37 million

to spend. Statehouse in Lincoln. Some political observers said The University's new chancel- buildings

MY, HUNK, THAT WESTERN USUALLY THE HERO LEAVES THE GIRL AND RIDES OFF MOVIE WAS REALLY INTO THE TWILIGHT ON HIS FAITHFUL HORSE! DIFFERENT! YEP.

tive group from the poultry industry to oversee fair and indiswith poultry producers in other areas who do produce quality criminate administration.

Unless the segments of the poultry industry are willing to work together, cooperatively or with a minimum standard law, it can be expected eventually that consumers will demand a law to protect quality. A consumer inspired law might not men themselves would want.

. A Bridger

A good egg quality law is in the general welfare and to the best interest of the poultry industry.



The cooperative industry route Dear Sirs:

I wish to thank you for the prize which I received from that the quality of Nebraska your paper

The essay of "What My Local Newspaper Means To My Community," was easy to write about such a fine paper.

Thank you also for the invitation to visit the Journal of

> Sincerely. Connie Land

Dear Sirs:

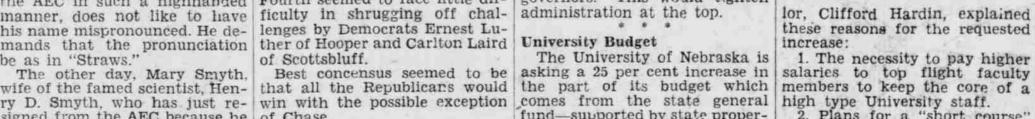
I wish to thank you and the staff and also the judges for picking my entry as second place. My entry took three hours to write and organize but these reasons for the requested was completely when I received the check 1. The necessity to pay higher Writing is one of the things that I love to do but most of my interests lie in music.

I want to tell you and the staff that I greatly appreciate the reading of the Plattsmouth Journal and have enjoyed it ever since I could read . Thank 4. Money for developing the tion to visit the Journal offices you very much for the invita-Thank you again very much Very Sincerely Yours,

Merilyn Koor c/o Allen Koor Louisville, Nebr

I FELT AWFUL SORRY

FOR THAT POOR HORSE!







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demanding more money - on the excuse | nik happened to be in Yugoslavthat it is costly to "process" a federal job. I ia at the time the United States Just what Porter means by "processing" and England pulled their tragic a job is not explained, but some officeholders have construed it to mean that if evacuate Trieste. Following that they don't contribute Porter will "process" | ultimatum, Tito mobilized troops them out of their jobs.

Furthermore, he names the exact slav public opinion reached a fever pitch. amount he wants them to donate. One postmistress who makes only \$150 a month | scene, immediately called on Tiwas told she would have to contribute to persuaded him to enter into \$175. U. S. attorneys, collectors of internal Then he flew by military plane revenue and other top officials are being to NATO headquarters in Paris told to kick in for as much as \$500. Getting Around Hatch Act

unusual demand say that it-definitely vio- groove as far as diplomatic talks lates the spirit of the Hatch Act, if not the

boner demanding - without advance notification - that Tito around Yugoslavia, and Yugo-

Blatnik, who was on the to report to Gen .Alfred Gruenther. His conferences helped to Lawyers who have examined Porter's get Yugoslavia back irto the

