

EDITORIALS

THIS WAR WILL SAVE LIVES

One segment of the United States Government has entered a war that will find popular support among the people because it is designed to save both lives and money. The battleground will be the Nation's streets and highways and the goal will be conquest of the growing toll of human lives and property loss resulting from traffic accidents.

Last year (1953) a total of 38,300 men, women and children were killed in traffic mishaps, and the economic loss, including property damage, hospital and medical expense and other costs, was placed at 4 billion dollars. Most of it could have been prevented.

The President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety has taken the initiative in a war of prevention by setting aside December 15 as Safe Driving Day when drivers and pedestrians alike will be called upon to observe all written laws governing traffic and the unwritten laws of courtesy on the streets and highways.

Strict observance of Safe Driving Day by all drivers and pedestrians will without doubt cut the traffic toll for that day. If the toll can be reduced on one day of the year by strict observance and enforcement plus courtesies it can be held to a minimum on all other days of the year by the same methods.

The Journal is in hopes Cass County drivers will contribute to this special observance by driving safely not only on December 15, but on every day of the year — but above all, let's keep our county off the accident and death record on this one day. We do not need the national publicity.

Safe Driving Day could well be extended into a Safe Driving year.

SHOP NOW FOR CHRISTMAS

Every year about this time, housewives, and all those who must do Christmas shopping, are faced with the problem of buying innumerable presents for members of the family and friends, for the children, and for various acquaintances. Usually, the greater part of this Christmas shopping is concentrated in the final two weeks before Christmas, at which time there is what might be described as general bedlam in the larger stores in most of the cities.

Even in the smaller communities, the choice of goods is much better early in December than it is later in the month. Moreover, one gets better service, in addition to his better selection, and can, therefore, save time and trouble in shopping.

We would then suggest that Plattsmouth housewives do their Christmas shopping this week and next, and not wait until the last days before Christmas. We would also suggest that, where possible, shoppers buy at home — for the dollar you spend at home may eventually come back — to you.

We would also suggest that Christmas shoppers scan the pages of each issue of The Journal. Here you will find hundreds of ideal gifts to please every member of the family and at prices to fit your budget. You can shop the easy way through this newspaper — merchants with the gifts tell you about them in these pages where you can shop from your easy chair, avoid the crowds and pick-pockets.

Communists in Japan are eager to talk about former Jap islands now held by the U. S., though USSR possession of the Kuriles — some only ten miles off the Japanese coast — is not mentioned.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

See how the mass of men worry themselves into nameless graves, while here and there a great, unselfish soul forgets himself into immortality. — Emerson

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

They tell us "falsies" are still outselling Dior in Plattsmouth.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, informs us that she is in that in-between age — between eager and desperate.

A local girl told us she found a moth in her bathing suit — it probably looked nice on him.

TV isn't replacing radio half as fast as it is home work.

A wife's place is not necessarily in the kitchen, but it's nice to find her there once in a while.

When teachers held their annual fall meeting recently, one small local girl said she was getting a vacation from school because "the teachers had gone on an innocent toot."

You've really got insomnia if you can't sleep when it's time to get up.

Overheard on the dance floor: "Waltz a little faster dear, they're playing a rumba."

A Communist says he's having a tough time enlisting recruits around here. Says folks in the spring and polishing their cars; in the summer they take vacations, in the fall they attend the World Series and football games, and in the winter he can't get 'em away from their TV sets.

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO
North high of Omaha came to Plattsmouth and went home with a 31-18 win over the Blue Devils. Sterling Cole was high for the Devils with eight points, but was forced out of the game by a "charley horse." Wolever got one point, Gradville three, Reckard four and Livingston two. . . . New officers of the Masonic lodge were Warren Scharfenberg worshipful master; Edward Wehrbein, senior warden; C. Arthur Wetenkamp junior warden; Frank A. Cloidt treasurer and Leslie W. Niel secretary. . . . Pfc. Donald Mrasek was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during the invasion of Normandy.

20 YEARS AGO
More than a hundred former pupils joined with the high school student body to honor Miss Olive Gass, who was a teacher in the city schools 25 years and principal 10 years. . . . Trustees of the Farmers State Bank declared a 15 percent dividend on frozen assets which they have handled since reorganization of the bank a year ago. . . . Those from Plattsmouth attending a Rotary program in Council Bluffs were L. O. Minor, Dr. R. P. Westover, Dr. P. T. Heineman, Ray Misner, Fred Lugsch, Robert M. Walling, Dr. H. G. McClusky and Arthur Troop.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: LA LUCE URGES IKE TO INVITE SCALBA TO U. S. A., SECRETARY WEEKS NAMED NAM'S "MAN OF YEAR"; WEEKS EXPERT AT PRESSURING FELLOW BUREAUCRATS.

WASHINGTON — Ambassador Clare Booth Luce is urging Ike to invite Italy's Prime Minister Scelba to visit the U. S. A. Mrs. Luce believes such a trip would vastly increase Scelba's prestige, help his battle against the Reds, and that it would be disastrous if Marshal Tito came to the White House this spring while Scelba was forced to sit at home. . . . Ike's reaction is: "No more visitors." . . . He is so tired entertaining foreign visitors that last week he asked Secretary Dulles to discourage any more State visits until next summer. . . . But cheer up — the Shaw of Iran and his Queen are already on their way. . . . British diplomats have reported that the Chinese Reds may be willing to release the 15 Americans involved in the phony spy charges, as part of a deal. The Reds have hinted they would free all the Americans if the U. S. A. will turn over all Chinese assets frozen in the United States belonging to Chinese living on the mainland.

Flat-tops and flat budget — Despite Field Marshal Montgomery's blast against flat-tops, the new defense budget will authorize another supercarrier for the Navy. These new flat-tops are so big they can't sail through the Panama Canal but must steam all the way around South America to get from one ocean to the other. Furthermore, the Air Force warns that three Russian jets, equipped with radar, can spot every carrier in the Mediterranean within two hours. Despite this and budget-balancing, the admirals love their flat-tops — and will get a new one. . . . The Russians intend to make one more sensational move to frighten the West Germans into forgetting about an alliance with the West. American intelligence has learned that

Most Wanted Gift



The Soviets soon will announce not only that a big army is to be raised in East Germany — but that it will be equipped with atomic weapons. Moscow is hoping the mere thought of atomic bombs close to West Germany will so terrorize Chancellor Adenauer's government that it will refuse to rearm. Secretary of Commerce Weeks is pulling wires to abolish, or at least supervise, "the small business administration." One of the frankest disciples of big business, weeks wants small business put under his domination, has been privately coaxing other cabinet officers and Congressional leaders to support him. Weeks' staff has also conferred unofficially with the House Banking and Currency Committee staff about abolishing the small business administration altogether.

NAM MAN OF YEAR
Last week, the National Association of Manufacturers singled out Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks as "Nam's Man of the Year."

If you have studied what Mr. Weeks has done backstage in Washington, you can understand why. Among other things, he practiced the John Foster Dulles technique of trying to settle inter-cabinet feuds while other cabinet members were away.

While Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey was in Rio De Janeiro, Secretary Dulles managed to sew up his plan for a huge new Marshall Plan for Asia — which Humphrey had opposed. And while Attorney General Brownell also was in Rio, and Assistant Attorney General Stanley Barnes was in California, Secretary Weeks tried to pull some fast work on the Justice Department.

What he tried to do was change the Sherman Antitrust Act to apply to labor unions. This is something the Supreme Court has ruled against, but which Weeks has repeatedly worked for. Time after time he has used his influence to get the Antitrust laws revised so as to include labor unions. His cabinet colleague, Secretary of Labor

ous juicy campaign contributions from McCarthy's Texas oil supporters — \$3,000 from H. L. Hunt, \$2,500 from Corbin J. Robinson of Houston, plus \$1,500 from various California oilmen, including Patrick A. Doheny. Senate colleagues don't understand why Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa plumped for McCarthy as a result of which the Des Moines Register, which has always supported him in the past, rapped him over the knuckles.

OUT OF OLD NEBRASKA

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Thomas Oliver Cromwell Harrison, the 13th man to serve as chief justice of the Nebraska territorial or state supreme court, was a member of the court from 1894 to 1900, serving as chief justice from 1898 to the end of his term.

Judge Harrison was born in New Burlington, Ohio, May 22, 1849. His father combined the Methodist ministry with a furniture manufacturing business.

After attending the common schools in southern Ohio, Harrison graduated from a course at the normal school at Lebanon, Mr. Harrison read law. He came out to Nebraska in 1872, settling in Grand Island. He taught school for a short time, then began the practice of law.

In 1883, he represented Hall and Hamilton counties in the state senate, and in 1887 Governor John M. Thayer appointed him the judge of the district court in the 11th district. He was elected at the expiration of his appointive term and re-elected in 1891. He resigned in 1894 to take his seat on the supreme court to which he had been elected in 1893.

Judge Harrison's nomination by the Republican state convention in 1893 came about after a hard struggle between those who favored the renomination of Judge Samuel Maxwell and those who opposed him. Judge Harrison's nomination represented a victory for the "regular" Republican organization in the struggle.

At the completion of his term, Judge Harrison returned to Grand Island and to the practice of law. He remained active in the law until about a week before his death, May 29, 1919.

The committee appointed by the supreme court to prepare a memorial for Judge Harrison wrote of him: "He was, during all of his judicial career, a patient, painstaking, and considerate to all members of the bar and especially to younger members. He was slow in reaching his conclusions and, while counsels have sometimes felt that his decisions were wrong, they should also admit that the hue and cry occupied by the Reds should be restored to Germany. They don't bring that subject up.

Home Insects To Be Watched Year 'Round

Year-round pests like clothes moths and carpet beetles never give the homemaker a chance to sit back and relax. Magdalene Pfister, extension home furnishings specialist at the University of Nebraska, says a careful, thorough cleaning, and the right spraying is needed to protect carpets and rugs from these pests all thru the year.

Frequent cleaning, especially with a vacuum cleaner, prevents dust, lint and hair from accumulating and offering extra food for these insects. It also may remove the insects themselves and their eggs. It's a good idea to rotate rugs and carpets occasionally because insects usually feed under heavy furniture where it is difficult to clean, rather than in the open where they are exposed to regular cleaning, light, and movement.

As for spraying, use a 5 percent DDT oil solution or 0.5 percent Chlordane or 0.5 percent Lindane every 12 to 18 months, the entomologists advise. You will need 1 1/2 to 2 quarts of spray for a 9 by 12 rug of average weight if you spray the whole rug. Give special attention to parts of the rug that will be under a piano, sofa, bookcase or other heavy furniture, or parts under radiators or around heat registers. Untreated pads under rugs — if they contain animal hair on both sides — will need spraying on both sides.

In spraying wall-to-wall carpeting, give special attention to the edges all the way around, the entomologists advise. If you have expensive broad-loom or oriental rugs and fear that inexperience in spraying may cause you to mar the appearance, it is advisable to call in a reliable pest-control or carpet-cleaning firm, experienced in this work.

Allan Sproul, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, called for the United States to seek development of a freer international trade.



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. — The latest German parliamentary elections show that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has lost some popular support because of his recent submission to French demands at Paris — concerning the Saar.

The Chancellor did not lose support to such a degree that his position is immediately threatened, but the vote in Hesse, particularly, could be an intimation of trouble ahead. Many Germans, including party leaders in Adenauer coalition with the Chancellor on the proposed Saar agreement.

That settlement, worked out in the Paris Conference six weeks ago, gives the French most of the economic riches of the Saar. Since Germans feel that the Saarland is part of Germany, it is obvious that German politicians have an issue to harp on here in parliamentary elections.

Adenauer yielded to French demands on the Saar only at the eleventh hour, when it was apparent that the conference designed to grant sovereignty to West Germany and pave the way for German rearmament would break down if he did not.

The election in Hesse reflected dissatisfaction over that surrender. The Social Democrats, now in Adenauer's coalition government, polled 42.6 percent of the popular vote. Two of the biggest Adenauer parties, the Christian Democrats and the Free Democrats, polled 24.1 and 20.5 percent respectively.

Meanwhile, as the world's statesmen wonder whether the Saar situation will become such an irritant that Germany and France must again live side by side as hostile neighbors, Russia is playing a hypocrite's role in the dispute over the coal-rich area.

The Reds, in a major propaganda effort, have been telling West Germans that the Saar belongs to Germany. It should not be taken away by France — the Communies say. This effort has succeeded, to a small degree, in stirring up discontent and in putting the Communists closer in line to the policies of the Social Democrats.

The insincerity of the Russian propaganda effort is to be seen when one takes a look at the map of East Germany. This Soviet-dominated part of the old Germany has had huge slices of territory shaved off the eastern borders. Poland has a huge part of the 1937 Germany. There is no more East Prussia.

Czechoslovakia now contains some of the area of the 1937 Germany, also, and the Communies are almost at the gates of Berlin in the East. If the Reds think France's conquest in the Saar is wrong, they should also admit that the huge area occupied by the Reds should be restored to Germany. They don't bring that subject up.

Unemployment, about which so much has been said in the few months ago, has now fallen from the publicity spotlight. If the figure stays between two and three million, government officials will not become alarmed. As pointed out by many labor experts recently, the nation has always had a certain number of unemployed in peace time.

The present unemployment total — about 2,700,000 — represents

sents an unemployment percentage of about four percent. The records show that the percentage has been higher than that many times in peace time. However, in the latest case, before 1954, the country was also in recession.

The unemployment total in December, 1954, is down considerably from earlier totals this year. Further decreases in the next six months would mark the end of the recession, and the end of unemployment as a major political issue.

It should be kept in mind that there will always be some unemployment and that unemployment percentages were as high as 17.2 in 1939 — the year war broke out in Europe. Economists, then, don't see anything alarming about the four percent figure the country now has especially since it has been growing smaller in recent months. If the trend is definitely reversed, and it appears so, then the political effects of this issue might be nil in 1958.

For Longer Wear, Try Some 'Blends'

If you're looking for a fabric that will wear longer, cost less and require less time for care, look for a "blend."

Helena Roke, extension clothing specialist at the University of Nebraska, says that more and more of the man-made fibers are being combined with natural fibers in various "blends." The combinations of the fibers produce fabrics with special characteristics.

Nylon and cotton have been combined to make a new dress weight denim that tucks and pleats as plably as jeans and yet loses none of the sturdiness of denim. A nylon and cotton denim used for children's overalls wears well because the nylon gives added resistance to abrasion.

Orlon and dyneel are combined to make a fabric which requires no ironing. Each textile fiber has its own special characteristic and can be used in blends or combinations to add those qualities to desirable ones of other fibers.

ORGANIZATION
SPRINGFIELD, ILL. — Tired of continuous nagging, henpecked husbands have organized to outlaw nagging. Legal papers were recently filed in the Henpecked Husbands Association, a not-for-profit corporation. Among the purposes of the incorporators is to "set an example to all married males that allow husbands to renege on themselves to the principles of liberty and free speech."

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

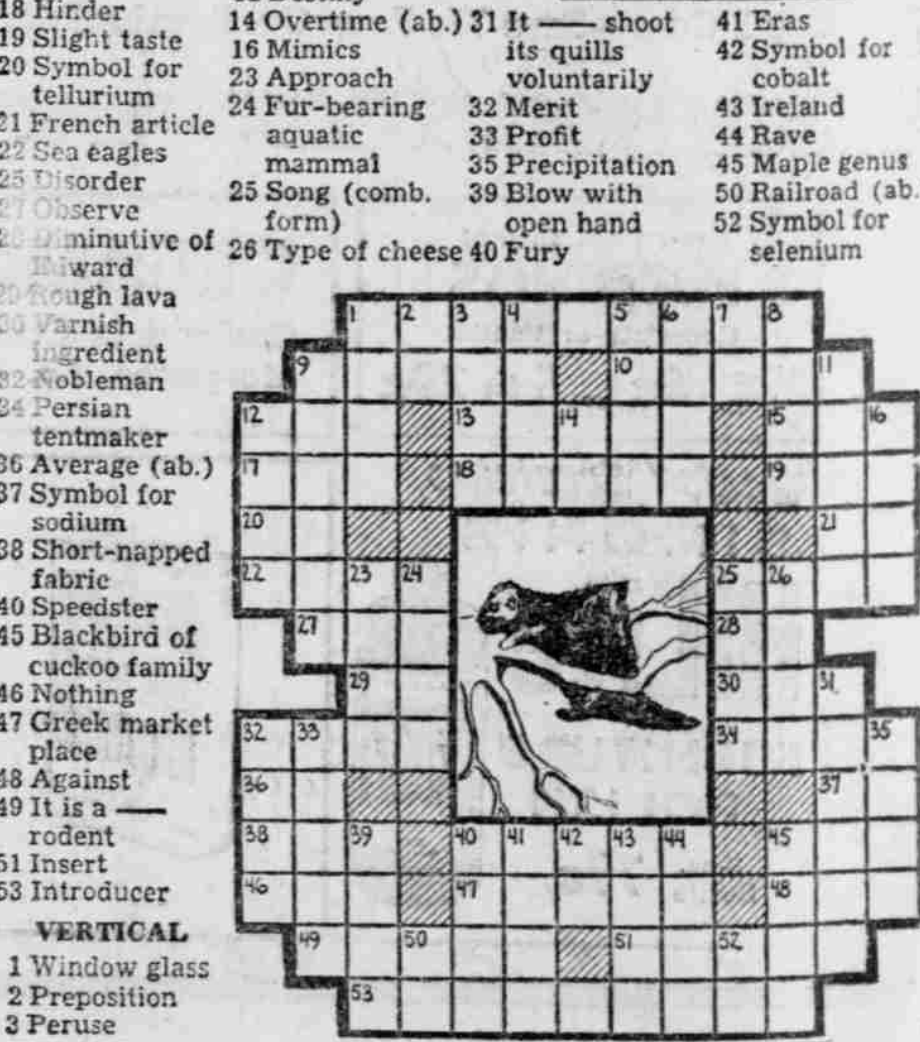
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