EDITORIALS Furse's Fresh Flashes

THE TAX HOURS

If you are the average working man, you are putting in about two and a half hours a day for the U.S. Government. That's the average time required by the typical American to earn the money he must pay in taxes.

In other words, if you start work at nine o'clock, you're working until about a half hour before noon for Uncle Sam. That's what the Kentucky Tax Research Association found in a recent compilation.

The Association also worked up figures showing what the average man uses the money earned from the rest of his day for.

Next in importance, in the time required to earn it, is food. The average working man spends an hour and thirtyseven minutes of his working day to earn food for himself and his family. After that, in time required to provide it, is the problem of housing, and the average man spends an hour and twenty-four minutes each day for the shelter, rent or payment. he is making on his living quarters.

Oddly enough, transportation is the next biggest item, requiring forty-two minutes of the average man's working day, followed by clothing, which requires thirty-six minutes. Medical and personal care require only twenty-three minutes of the working day, in earnings, and reading and recreation represent twenty minutes of the average working days, in cost.

* * * LCOHOLISM

Alcoholism is becoming a growing menace in all parts of the world, but it has gained the headlines most recently in France. There, Premier Mendes-France is attempting to cut down on the manufacture and sale of hard liquor in an effort to decrease the very considerable loss to the economy resulting from alcoholism.

It has been estimated that alcoholism costs France as much as \$1,500,000.000 a year, in days lost from work alone. The French, for centuries addicted to wine, are presumably taking to hard liquors in somewhat the same fashion.

Alcoholism is a most deceptive disease, but definitely a disease, and modern-day psychiatrists tell us that it usually requires a number of years to mold an alcoholic. Once an individual succumbs to the disease, he is usually unable to pull free from its clutches without outside help. In every town and city there are those - many of them in high society - who refuse to admit it. They pose a problem, for they are unable to adequately control their behavior according to accepted standards, and the many problems they cause society are not confined to outsiders but affect members of their families most of all. Considering the fact that there are many millions of people in the United States who do not partake of any alcoholic beverage, many millions who use it only once in a while, and many more millions, perhaps, the majority, who use it in sensible moderation, it is little short of amazing how heavy drinking is emphasized in the theatre and movie industries. The same problem exists in France, in this regard, as in the United States, and the entertainment industries perhaps bear the greatest responsibility of all in this problem. Though it is most difficult to do, we urge all youngsters to disregard the sly propaganda of the day, to make up their own minds about the smartness of alcohol, and other habit-forming traits. We also suggest that sponsors of TV shows and directors of movies that are guilty of selling excessive habits to the public be remembered when the American consumer is deciding on a purchase of a product or an admission ticket.

Collective bargaining is a father discussing clothes with his teenage daughter.

A bachelor is a fellow who would rather wash out a pair of socks than a panfull of dishes.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says good legs are very necessary to baseball players and to girls who are trying to get to first base.

Heaven protects the working girl

But Heaven, we fear, is shirking; For who protects, we'd like to know, The fellow she is working

* * * The reason most women do not look good in slacks is because the distance is

too great between the hip pockets.

In trying to balance our budget, Congressmen don't know whether to use more tax or more axe.

* * * If our present weather continues, you kids who get a pair of skis for Christmas can lend them to your mother to insert in the sleeves of laundered shirts before result, photostatic copies were made of all important working

We never sing in church anymore. We missed one Sunday and several people tary of Health, Education and wanted to know if the organ had been welfare, also discovered that

Down Memory Lane

fixed.

20 YEARS AGO Five cars overturned north of the Murray corner when the road was cov- fully, because he went through business are all private enterered by a very thick fog. No one was in- months of campaigning, and prise. They are in cons.ant jured in the series of accidents, and all then several weeks of watching competition within and between cars were uprighted and sent on their ing in the Waldorf's Norse Grill in Newyork the other day with it business, owned and operand Judge A. H. Duxbury called on army Dave Jones of the Cleveland ated by one man or his family. engineers in Omaha to see about having Browns, he was approached by Second is the partnership in some river improvement work done on the Charley Taft. section of river near Plattsmouth . . . The Blue Devils opened the basketball season with a 16-0 win over Ashland, Cotner longs to the reform Republiscoring seven, Hendrix six, Case two and Forbes 1 . . . The large cedar tree on the south terrace of the courthouse was decorated with colored lights in the holiday spirit.



"So you want to sell me a garbage disposal unit? Son, I raise 'em!'

files and stored in the emergen-Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secre-SIDELIGHTS BERNIE CAMP

Information Director Nebraska Farm Bureau

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which two or more families own

goods and services are marketed | THE PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, SEMI-WEEKLY IC TAL at prevailing prices. These basic Monday, December 20, 1954 PAGE FOUR

requirements are known as the Rochdale Principles because they guided the formation of first modern cooperative the among the weavers of Rochdale, England, a little more than one hundred years ago. Cooperatives are a way of doing business and nothing more

if they are to remain successful over a long period of time. Again and again proof of this fact has been provided by cooperatives which have waned or failed because they tied themselves to a political perschality or espoused social pro-grams that were not compatible with democracy.

Cooperatives have been ac-cused by ill-informed and vicious individuals and groups of being matter of fact, the cooperawe business which adheres to he five Rochdale principles cannot become communistic or socialistic because such a business must remain above political and social factionalism. In countries turning to 'communism, cooperatives have been absorbed by the government, but in that case they are no longer cooperatives because they have been incorporated into a political system and are no longer open or voluntary in membership. Some uninformed critics argue that they are still called "cooperatives," overlooking the fact that for purposes of operation the communists also set up "corporations" to perform business functions. Does that condemn all corporations as communistie?

Save Your Life For Christmas; **Drive Safely**

CHICAGO - Watch how you drive - if you want to be alive in '55!

That's the advice of the National Safety Council, which points out that it's only seven more days until December 24th - the most dangerous day of the year in traffic.

"Christmas is a very special day of joy," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council, "but because of accidents-and especially traffic accidents - it becomes a day of tragedy in en tirely too many American homes uals combine their savings to The greatest tragedy of all i finance a business operation and | that so many of these accidents could be prevented!



SANTA'S VISIT Santa is a jolly man He comes around each year The children, they do love him, He brings a lot of cheer.

He carries a pack upon his back Filled with many toys, He really has a lot of them, For all good girls and boys.

So listen as I tell you, Be good the year through-And I am sure that Santa Will remember you.

You may not get all that's on the list You make out for him on Christmas Eve, For he has to see he has toys enough, For everyone, to please.

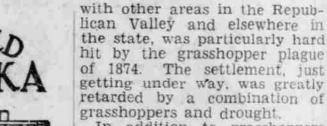
If he should skip someone I'm sure, it would make him sad. But then I bet it would be. Because, you were a wee bit bad.

So try your best to be real good, As good as good can be. Then I'm sure he will remember you, You, just wait and see!

Hang your stockings by the chimney So when Santa, he comes through, He will see that they are empty And will fill them up for you.

All the toys he will put, 'neath the tree, And with a smile on his face Right up the chimney he will go, Then his Reindeers will take him, Through the white and drifted snow.

-Mrs. Roy Cavender



high-heel shoes weren't the best fashion for air raids. The rough cement floors of the presidential hideout scraped up her heels, gave her trcuble with her feet. FRIENDLY RIVALS Genial George Bender, newly elected senator from Ohio, tells friends: "I was the only sena-

cy headquarters.

tor who had to win three times. States has become character-I had to win the unofficial

Charley, brother of the late and share in the profits from Senator Taft, has not always the business. Third is the oldbeen strong for Bender. He beline corporation in which hundreds or thousands of individof Hamilton county, cans which is Cincinnati. But coming up to Bender's table he said share in its profits. The fourth "Bob, the election in Hamilbusiness is the cooperative corton county was as clean as any poration in which individuals in the country. or families served by the busi-Vigorous as the Bender-Burke campaign was, it ended on a gain the advantages possible happy note when defeated Sen. with mass buying or selling. Burke, Democrat, called Tom. The cooperative is least under-Bender on the phone to con-gratulate him and say he wanted to turn over his files on West Point appointments. The two rivals talked briefly cast by its enemies. As a mat- Christmas could be a happy and pleasantly. "It's just too bad," said Ben- nesses in the other three classider, "That both of us couldn't fications use cooperative prin- the Council is stepping up its have won. WASHINGTON PIPELINE Correction: The Public Ac- buying of hardware, drugs, gro- operating with the Council in counts Subcommittee of the ceries and other supplies. Mu- this effort to hold yuletide ac-Government operations tual insurance companies, credit cidents to a minimum are 163 House subcommittee which planned a unions, some building and loan other national organizations, study of European merchant associations, the Associated city and state officials, civic Stockade, near the site of the marine costs did not take its Press and hundreds of other leaders and local safety counplanned trip to Europe as prebusinesses operate with cooper- | cils. viously reported in this column. ative principles, even though | Staff members state that the they are not emphasized. committee has received a report from the general accounting office that European shipbuilding costs are estimated at too low a figure, because of which the U.S. Government is democratically controlled. Each add up to tragedy. paying U. S. shipping concerns member has one vote. Second, too high a subsidy, and the House Subcommittee had plan-Anyone can belong to a cooperaned to send seven members tive. Third, savings are reabroad to study the matter: Bender of Ohio, Osmers of N. Calif., Hillel- membership is voluntary. Fifth, darkness. J., McDonough, WASHINGTON - Civil defense has son, Mo., Republicans; with publicly withdrew However, what old military at the Gridiron The man who Marshall, the man who eral probably has the longest recollection of Gridiron dinners is Eugene Meyer, publisher of the whom McCarthy charged with Washington Post and Times-Herald. He recalls a Gridiron speech by Secretary of State anv the history of man. an was invited to answer Root ALL RIGHT, SANDY GET for the Democrats. He arrived one hour late with rumpled dress. Despite this; he outrooted Root. His speech brought down the house

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It is better that some should be unhappy than that none should be happy, which would be the case in a general state of equality.

-Samuel Johnson

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10 YEARS AGO * *

Boys Town's basketball team defeated the Blue Devils, 34-18, Reckard being high man for Plattsmouth with 10 points . . . Additional help was employed by the post office during the Christmas season, Dale Reckard and Gerald McClintock working as carriers . . . Cass county was credited for \$15,200 on the War Bond drive when Consumers Public Power district invested \$880,000 in bonds. The amount was credited to the various counties in Nebraska.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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Copyright, 1954, By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS: NEW BOMB SHELTER FOR IKE; PRES-ENT WHITE HOUSE SHELTER IN-ADEQUATE; OHIO SENATE RI-VALS BURY THE HATCHET.

now decided the President's air raid shel- | Karsten, Mo., Mollohan, W. Va., ter, built for FDR during World War II, and Fountain, N. C. Though the is not completely safe. It is no secret to the subsidy study, the trip has anyone that this is buried on the White been called off ... Senator Wat-House grounds; so it's feared that a direct kins of Utah got the second H-Bomb hit would scoop the vaultlike biggest hand Club dinner. shelter right out of the earth.

As a result, President Eisenhower has been assigned a secret, out-of-town cave, where he will be whisked, along with his top aides and cabinet officers, in case of an air raid. This gigantic, bombproof cave | Elihu Root in 1908 which made is equipped with tons of supplies and ra a big hit. William Jennings Brytions, special electronics and radio gear, air filters and water purifiers - everything necessary to run the nation from an shirt, not in formal evening emergency headquarters.

The President's exodus from Washington, of course, depends on adequate warning. The Air Force hopes our radar screen in Northern Canada will give Washington four hours' notice of an enemy attack. If the warning is too short, Ike will have to take his chances in the White House Queen Frederika of Greece came shelter.

This is a small, compact, subterranean some years ago and asked him shelter, encased in four feet of solid concrete, reinforced with steel. It is equipped with its own heating system, power plant, direct, since it is improper for communications network and water sup-ply — all independent of the city overhead.

WHO PROMOTED VAN FLEET?

Gen. George Marshall, who was given a long overdue testimonial dinner the other day, tells friends privately how to see him secretly in London to do something to save Greece Marshall told her she was very naughty to approach him

"It's time for Americans to realize that these traffic accident victims die in vain. They ness combine their savings to die because the victim, or some one, was careless.

"If everyone would assume personal responsibility for himstood of the free enterprise bus- | self and others, whether walking inesses because there has been or driving, many of these acciso much misinformation broad- dents could be prevented and ter of fact, many of the busi- holiday for many more people. As the holidays grow nearer, ciples to secure for themselves annual Christmas, safety camprice advantages in wholesale | paign, Mr. Dearborn said. Co-

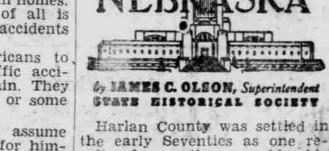
Heavier travel and the festive 1871, and Alma was selected as spirit of the holiday season pre- county seat. Alma has retained Cooperatives are simply the sent special Christmas hazards, the honor to this day, but all ultimate development of de- the Council said. These, plus the through the Seventies the citimocracy in business. They op- normal winter hazards of bad zens had to fight off attempts erate on a simple and basic set | weather, slippery roads and by other communities to wrest of principles. First, they are more hours of darkness often the seat of government from its

they have an open membership. hazards, the Council suggests: 1. Start automobile trips early and take it easy. Be extremely turned to the patrons. Fourth, cautious in bad weather and

2. Don't compete in traffic. icans for McCarthy. But when Let the other driver have the McCarthy blasted Ike, Van Fleet | right-of-way and you take the right way

3. Don't pass without a sure comrades noted was that Van margin of safety. And don't Fleet said nothing about Mc- | change lanes unless you are sure Carthy's charge against Gen- no one is coming up behind you. 4. Stay alert. Don't let distracpromoted him, gave him his tions take your mind off the

big opportunity in Greece and road even for an instant. 5. Don't drive if you have been "A conspiracy so immonse and drinking - and refuse to ride tipsy pedestrians and drinking an infamy so black as to dwarf with drinking drivers. If you previous such venture in don't drink, watch out for the the Christmas-New Year holi-



sult of a rather considerable colonization activity in the Republican Valley. Alma and Republican City were established in 1871-the former by railroad laborers from Cheyenne and the latter by a group led by Dr. John McPherson, of Brownville. Prior to that, a group under General Victor Vifquain, the first Nebraskan to win a Congressional Medal of Honor, had established themselves, in 1870, at Melrose present town of Orleans.

The county was organized in

original location. The most ar-To compensate for the extra dent contender was Republican City

Many of the early settlers had come into the county-and inmaterialize until the Burlington tion in 1950 was 7,189. built its line through the valley in 1878-1882. Prior to that, the

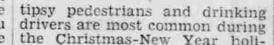
settlers had to make the long overland trip to the Union Pacific, or after 1873, to the Bur-

Harlan County, in common

drivers are most common during

fellow who does. Remember that | days,

lington at Lowell.





DADBURNIT, JABBER, HAVE YOU NOTHING

In addition to grasshoppers and drought, the Republican Valley has been hit by floods Perhaps the most disastrous in history was the big flood of June, 1935 which turned the valley into a place of desolation Ninety-six people lost their lives, and losses in property amounted to \$10.000,000.

As a result of this flood, agitation for some means of controlling the Republican River was started. This agitation did not finally bear fruit until after World War II, when the Harlan County Dam was constructed as part of the Pick-Sloan Plan for the development of the Missouri River Basin. The construction of the dam and the reservoir necessitated the moving of Republican City from its old site to a new site near the dam.

The construction of the Harlan County Reservoir has probably been the greatest event in the history of the county and it bodes fair to make a tremendous impression on the county's gricultural economy

The first census in which Harlan County returned a population was in 1880 when 6,086 persons were recorded as living in the county. The population deed into the whole Republican jumped to 8,158 in 1890 and in-Valley-in the hope that the creased slowly to 9,578 in 1910. railroad would soon be built in Since then there has been a the area. This hope did not steady decline, and the popula-

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acted anyway, and later sent Chief problem is that the White House | Gen. James Van Fleet to reorshelter will accommodate only 20 to 25 ganize the then demoralized Greek army persons. No list has yet been drawn up as Van Fleet had been the victim

to who in the White House would go with of an army red-tape snafu. Just the President and who would have to take | as someone went wrong and their chances with the outside populace. promoted Peress, someone also went wrong and got Van Fleet Civil Defense has held several pracconfused with another Van tice "Dry Runs" to determine how long Fleet, considered too unstable it would take to evacuate the President and his cabinet to their secret hideaway, together with 3,000 other top officials to right Van Fleet to Greece. where he did a fine job, later scattered relocation centers.

During one rehearsal, it was discovered | went to Korea. mouth. By carrier in Plattsmouth, 20 cents for that a master file containing essential tired from Korea by Eisenhowdata was still back in Washington. As a ler, joined the ten million Amer-

