

# EDITORIALS

## THE EIGHTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

The Eighty-Fourth Congress is now underway and every voter greets the Eighty-Fourth Congress in the nation's history with certain expectations of perhaps with misgivings. There are several issues sure to come to the fore in the Eighty-Fourth Congress, and the relationship between the Republican President and the Democratic-controlled legislative branch is sure to bring about interesting developments.

One of the things which we think certain to result in the next two years — the Eighty-Fourth Congress will run through 1956 — a balanced budget, or one very nearly balanced.

There has been much talk, some from official administration circles, that the budget cannot be balanced, even for fiscal 1956 — the year beginning July 1st. However, we believe that the Administration will make a major effort to balance the budget before the 1956 Presidential election.

A major possibility is legislative appropriations exceeding requests from the Executive branch in the defense field. We will go so far as to say that if the budget isn't balanced in the next two years, the Democratic Congress will be at least as much to blame as the White House.

The conflict over balancing the budget will center around defense, where the Democrats are inclined to spend more than some Administration officials, and on foreign aid—in which field the Democrats traditionally are more liberal in appropriating funds. The Democrats might also restore ninety per cent parity price support, and this might also increase Government expenses somewhat.

On these issues, then, defense, foreign aid, farm and perhaps one or two others, the question of a balanced budget will turn. Much has been written on the necessity for a balanced budget, and we will go into this problem in detail again here.

However, suffice it to say that, by the end of this year, the U. S. taxpayer will be shelling out approximately \$7,000,000,000 in interest on the national debt alone each year. This is a staggering sum of money, which represents more than the entire budget in the 1930's. We will not say that the budget can be balanced in this session of Congress, but we will say that the budget should be balanced in the near future, and if the President can accomplish this feat by the 1956 Presidential election, it will give him a strong campaign plank in 1956.

## CELEBRATING HOLIDAY SEASON

So much has been written on traffic accidents that we hesitate to say anything about the subject — lest we sound trite and repetitious. However, it is worth calling the attention of the reader to the fact that the recent holiday season took a record toll of lives on U. S. highways.

In other words, hundreds of Americans celebrated the recent holiday by killing themselves in head-on smashes on the highways, in running off the roads and crashing into obstructions, and in running over unsuspecting pedestrians. Others were involved in accidents which were traceable to intoxicating beverages, and still others were highway victims for various reasons. This occurred only a few days after the President's national Highway Safety Day, when highway deaths were cut down, but not eliminated — even for a day. We are now talking about highway deaths, and not injuries resulting from highway accidents. In the matter of deaths alone, more than five hundred Americans are erased from this earth every week in the United States. The rate during the holiday season was higher than that.

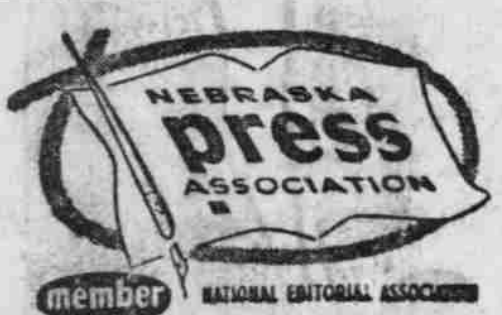
## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Every man shall receive his own reward, according to his own labor. — 1 Corinthians 3, 8

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## Furse's Fresh Flashes

Except at bargain sales one should never be unnecessarily rude to a lady.

A Plattsmouth housewife, pestered with door-to-door salesmen, has placed this sign over her door: "We shoot every third salesman—the second just left."

This installment vacation trip plan will allow you to spend three weeks in California and 49 weeks in debt.

A local kid says a cannibal is a guy who likes his fellowmen—with gravy.

Those fellows who write movie scripts never run out of material until they get to the girl in the advertisements.

We don't hate anyone, but if we ever begin we already have the guy picked out.

One thing we can be thankful for is that we don't get as much government as we pay for.

Best description we have for the "Dior Look" is that it resembles the appearance of the average man's pocket book.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, has a controversial figure—you can't tell how much of it comes from a store.

There is no one answer, although it is clear that the main answer is greater safety, and carefulness on the highways. But also needed is a new highway construction program, something like that which is to be proposed by the President. One of the crying needs today is for greatly expanded highway facilities, safer highways, more overpasses, better marking and new safety enforcement regulations. No one improvement is the answer to the number of highway deaths now occurring on our highways.

## Down Memory Lane

**20 YEARS AGO**  
H. M. Lillie was installed as noble grand of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 7, at Plattsmouth with C. S. Sutton vice grand; C. R. Olson, secretary; C. D. Palmer, treasurer. . . Farmer Co-operative creamery re-elected H. F. Nolting, Ed Spangler, and W. F. Nolte in a meeting at Mynard. . . Miss Marion Virginia Copenhaver was married to Glenn Earl McCord at Harlingen, Tex. . . Nebraska City floored the Plattsmouth squad of Hula, Hendrix, Walden, Cotner, Case, Forbes, Woster and Seitz 30 to 10 in basketball. . . Emil J. Weyrich was elected president of the Business Men's Ad Club in Plattsmouth.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
W. P. Cook disposed of his barber shop in Alvo and was reported returning to Plattsmouth. . . only 12 couples were married by Cass County Judge Beeson in 1924. . . The Coatman Hardware company was advising patrons to get their harness oiled and ready for spring. . . George Conis and Miss Pipina Papanicolaou were married. . . Henry Horn was elected president of the Farmers Mutual Insurance company of Cass county in a meeting of stockholders at the Taylor schoolhouse. . . Carl Albright of Nebraska City was found dead and badly burned a few miles north of Plattsmouth with mystery surrounding the incident. . . Joe Bridge was killed in an accident at Decatur, Ill. . . men's work shoes were going for \$4.35 a pair.

## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:  
POLITICS COMES BACK TO SCANDAL-PURGED INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU; COMMISSIONER ANDREWS' OFFICE SHUSHES CASE AGAINST REPUBLICAN LEADER, REOPENS CASE AGAINST DEMOCRATIC LEADER.  
Washington. — Some interesting things are going on inside the Internal Revenue Bureau which may merit another Congressional probe of how the nation's taxes are collected.

The closing days of the Truman administration were highlighted by serious tax scandals—first revealed in this column—which led to the resignation of Commissioner George Schoeneman and Counselor Charles Oliphant; plus the prosecution of an earlier commissioner and assistant — Joe Nunan and Dan Bolich.

These tax scandals supplied Republican campaigners with some of their potent political ammunition, and it was presumed that when they took over internal revenue, it would be run with old Dutch Cleanser spotlessness.

However, politics seems to have crept back into the tax-collecting agency.

This column has already reported how Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews, after entertaining Senator McCarthy in his home in Richmond, Va., and introducing him to a local audience as one of "our greatest living Americans," assigned a

## Long Wait for the Next Course



run-of-the-mine agent to the job of scrutinizing McCarthy's tax returns. McCarthy has had to pay extra taxes to the State of Wisconsin. The Senate investigating committee also found him using money received to fight communism to speculate on the soybean market. But Commissioner Andrews has taken no public action.

On top of this, here is the latest political development inside the agency which is supposed to collect taxes impartially.

**Nation's No. 1 Heel**  
When T. Coleman Andrews took over tax collecting, one of the hottest fraud cases he inherited involved a top Republican leader in West Virginia, R. J. Funkhouser, manufacturer of O'Sullivan Heels, sometimes referred to as "America's No. 1 Heel." John Dunlap, career agent whom President Truman appointed Commissioner to clean up internal revenue, not only was preparing a fraud case against Funkhouser, but was checking transfers of funds to South America because of rumors Funkhouser planned to leave the U.S.A.

Today, however, the tax case against O'Sullivan Heel Manufacturer has been virtually put on the shelf. The agent who was handling it was called off and promoted. While he was off the case, Commissioner Andrews' office settled fraud cases against three of Funkhouser's top executives implicated in making kickbacks to him.

Meanwhile, another tax case

against a neighboring political leader, E. Brooke Lee, previously settled, was reopened. Lee, one of the leading Democrats of Maryland, Funkhouser is one of the leading Republicans of West Virginia.

In Lee's case, H. O. Bryant, review officer of the internal revenue criminal section, had previously ruled that no fraud was involved, and a civil adjustment was made. Lee had been charged with taking an undeclared straight income tax of paying the years 1947, '48 and '49.

Bryant ruled in 1952 that "there remained no question of fraud or concealed income," and the case was considered closed. Now it has been reopened, and the Justice Department is pushing for a criminal indictment.

**Padded Expenses**  
In contrast, here are some of the facts in the case of GOP Leader Funkhouser which has now been put on the shelf.

Tax agents found that for 11 years Funkhouser required one of his executives, Henry Jennings, to pad his expense account \$300 a month, and then pay that amount over to him. During this period, Funkhouser got \$39,600 as a nice little secret windfall.

In order to pay Funkhouser his kickback without running in the red himself, Jennings charged up fictitious mileage at seven cents a mile for trips he had never taken.

When internal revenue agents

## I See By The Papers . . .

By Bill Murdock

At Humboldt, Mrs. Ward Merritt completed 23 years of perfect attendance at Sunday school and church at the end of 1954. Her husband completed five years with perfect attendance, says the Standard.

Rev. Ward Merritt is the pastor. Lexington completed 32 blocks of paving in the city during 1954 and paid for it, says the Dawson County Herald. By financing their own paving bonds the city saved thousands of dollars, says the newspaper.

First baby born in Saunders county died, says Wahoo News-paper. He was a four pound, six ounce son of Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Hanson of Ashland, born Monday, Jan. 3, but died after he was placed in an incubator because of his smallness, and given oxygen.

Also in Saunders county, the newspaper attempted to quiet rumors that diphtheria was prevalent in the area. County and city health physician, Dr. Ivan M. French, said there was nothing to get excited about, that no cases had been reported in the county, but advised Schick tests to determine the level of community immunity.

At York the state testing unit found 23 active TB cases in York county after a recent visit. Forty-three percent of the eligible population over 12 years) took the tests.

And the York school board gave the go-ahead sign to a graph in the Ashland Gazette showed also the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Colbert, 1 1/2 miles west of Memphis burned all the top floor despite efforts of Ashland volunteer firemen manning the rural truck, and 18 additional mercury vapor lights were planned for downtown Ashland.

Elementary enrollment in Ashland schools went up from 250 in 1943 to about 370 by 1954.

Forty-one inches of rain fell at Wymore during 1954 reports the Arbor State. In 1953, they had only 25.96 inches. . . in that neck of the woods, was pointed out with a photo.

began checking Funkhouser's tax returns, they got statements from three of his executives regarding secret payments to him. Two had padded their expenses in order to kick back. A third had been paying him in the guise of a fictitious loan.

One of the three, Henry Jennings, told Funkhouser that he had given the tax agents a statement and was promptly fired.

Reached at his box factory near Charles Town, West Virginia, Jennings admitted padding his expense accounts for Funkhouser to the tune of \$300 a month and sending him the money by personal check. He estimated the total amount he had paid Funkhouser to be around \$35,000, though internal revenue figures it at \$39,600.

Jennings has now purchased a box factory from Hal Vosa, a Funkhouser functionary, for \$68,000; also has a contract from Funkhouser to make boxes for him. As a result, he was loath to talk, Funkhouser would retaliate by taking away his contract. However, when confronted with the facts, Jennings admitted they were correct.

Despite this, the tax case prepared against Funkhouser under Commissioner John Dunlap, career man, has now been virtually put on the shelf by Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews, political appointee.

Note—The Justice Department is now reported checking on every big Democratic campaign contributor. E. Brooke Lee, whose tax case has been reopened, raised \$15,000 for the Stevenson campaign and its deficit; also contributed heavily to the recent Curley Byrd campaign for governor. His great grandfather, who built Blair House, occupied by Harry Truman as a temporary White House, operated Andrew Jackson's newspaper mouthpiece, The Washington Globe. The Lee-Blair families have been active in Democratic politics in Maryland ever since.

**New Lad in Congress**  
About a year ago Oregon's Independent-Democratic Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon confided to his friend, John McCormack, now the majority leader of the House of Representatives: "I'm from a normally Republican state, but there's one Democrat who can win out there in the next election."

"His name is Richard Neuberger. He's thinking about running for the Senate, and if he runs, he'll win, mark my words."

Clairvoyant Morse, a former Republican, was only half right. Thanks, partly to his own campaigning, not one, but two democrats were elected from Oregon. The other, besides Senator Neuberger, is Edith Green, first woman in history to be elected to congress from Oregon.

In at least one respect, Congresswoman Green came to Washington in pioneer style. She arrived several days before the family furniture. However, she quickly solved the problem of wrangling a cot for 12-year-old son Dick, plus a card table for eating purposes and two chairs from the porter in her apartment house.

"My apartment looked barer than Mother Hubbard's cupboard," says the Oregon Democrat.

Her husband, a Portland businessman, meantime, purchased a davenport from a D. C. furniture store, which served as a bed for Mr. and Mrs. Green, plus an extra seat when the card table was backed up to it at mealtimes.

"You might say that we opened our Congressional career with a card table, cot and davenport," says Mrs. Green, who is a former school teacher. "That, and a can opener."



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hayes County, in southwest Nebraska, was once an important part of the great buffalo range, and as such it was a favorite hunting ground for various tribes of Indians and was frequented by a number of notable frontier characters, such as Buffalo Bill and Dr. W. F. Carver.

Hayes County was also the scene of one of the most famous buffalo hunts ever to take place in Nebraska, that of the Grand Duke Alexis in January, 1872. The Grand Duke, on a good-will trip to the United States, was invited west by General Philip Sheridan to enjoy the best in sport that America could provide. The party went from Omaha to North Platte by special train, then with an elaborate retinue of carriages south to the hunting grounds. A special camp known as Camp Alexis, was established, and field headquarters for the party. The hunting was good, and the Grand Duke, according to press reports, was highly pleased with the entertainment. Camp Alexis is now a state recreation center.

The earliest white people in the area were ranchers who ranged their cattle over what is now Hayes County in the middle seventies. In the late seventies and early eighties, homesteaders began to come to the county. Hayes County has in its history a homesteader-cattleman war similar to the kind which occurred in other western counties. There was a basic conflict between the homesteader who wanted to fence in small



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 — Business officials continue to brighten their forecasts for the year 1955, and there is generally an upsurge of optimism in the business world today, even surpassing that of November and December. The most accepted version of prospects is that they are good for a period lasting well into 1956.

Although every earlier estimate for 1955 cautioned the public that this year, or even a spectacular one, forecasts currently being made agree that sales records should set an all-time high and that profits also be at a high.

Construction is expected to continue at a fast clip while consumer buying expands. By raises coming for the military service workers and for postal workers will all have an effect on buying power. In addition, labor is expected to win pay raises in a number of fields.

With unemployment not expected to rise above 1954 levels and with inventories in many fields lower than last year this time, the expectation is for a larger volume of manufacturers' orders. So far this year this has been true in the automotive trade.

This rosy business picture is one reason the stock market has steadily advanced in recent months. The advance has continued until it surprised even seasoned experts. It has advanced until some stocks are costing quite a lot in proportion to the dividends they pay.

Yet the market continues to rise. As long as business is good, and it will probably be good for couple of years or eighteen months, at least, these stocks may stay up at the high levels, but sooner or later some of them will probably settle down to more normal prices.

If the readjustment comes

tracts of land, and the cattleman who wanted the open range over which his herds could roam more or less at will. Hayes County was created by an act of legislature, February 19, 1877, out no organization was effected until the fall of 1884. One of the first acts of the new county government was to call a special election to choose officers and to decide whether or not to suspend the herd law. Most of the votes cast in the county were in favor of suspension.

The voters also were to decide upon a location of the seat of government. Three places were on the ballot, Hayes Center, Estelle, and LaForest. None received a majority, and another election was called. Hayes Center won the prize in this election and has retained it to this day.

In terms of population, Hayes County is one of the smaller counties of the State. It has always been a stock raising and agricultural county and has no community of size. Hayes Center, the county seat, is a town of 367 people. The first census by turn for the county, that of 1880, showed a total of 119 persons living in the county. By 1890 the population had jumped to 3,953. This was the high-water mark of the county's population growth. Since then there has been a general decline. The population in 1950 was 2,404.

suddenly there could be a rapid level-off in market prices and much profit-making. In all the bright business forecasts, this one word of caution seems to be lacking. Just because business appears headed for a good cycle that does not always mean it is the time to buy stocks.

The present, a time when stocks have been rising for years, and when buying has forced some issues to surprising levels, could or could not be a good time to invest in stocks, despite the prospect of a very good business year and the improbability of any serious depression.

The worst-kept secret in Washington at about this time is usually some executive committee testimony, with Capitol Hill cranking up again. But the worst-kept secret right now is the little budget — balancing drama that is surging back and forth between several high American officials.

The idea of at least one key man was to paint a black picture to the 84th Congress in the field of balanced budgets. Then, after the Democrats had raised a sizable crop of cane, the Administration would up and produce a balanced budget.

And the year would be — of course — AD 1956 — the year, by chance, of the presidential election. That would put the voters in the right frame of mind for voting the right way, according to this theory, which is getting a pretty good play in Washington circles at present.

The only trouble with this plan is the mere existence of a Democratic Congress. The Democrats might just spend enough money in the next two years to keep the budget unbalanced. Of course, President Eisenhower could use his veto, but on many bills he would think twice before sending them back, worse and he could also receive credit for killing them, but would not return to the White House.

While the French are more eager than ever to arrange a Big Four meeting in Paris, the British and American government have grown rather cool to the idea in the last six weeks.

Premier Mendes — France would like to have the Big Four meeting in Paris in May. But Mr. Eisenhower has his doubts whether he could get something credit for killing them, but would not return to the White House.

The question is asked what the Allies have to gain from the Reds, now that West Germany is apparently headed for rearmament.

**FLYING SAUCERS**  
President Eisenhower recently told a press conference that he had been assured by Air Force officials that flying saucers were not descending on the earth from outer space. This left the inference that the saucers were terrestrial, but he was not asked where they did originate.

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## WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**Pachyderm**

Here's the Answer

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