The Eisenhower Administration has decided to admit a group of Russian farmers to the United States for the purpose of visiting our agricultural areas. The Russians, beset with many agricultural problems, have already evidenced a keen desire to enter into an agricultural exchange program.

That program would include a visit to the U.S.S.R. by a number of American farmers. Likewise, a group of Russian farmers will be allowed to enter the United States, beginning their tour of agricultural regions in Iowa. The Russian visit was first suggested by an Iowa newspaper.

This decision has been widely attributed to President Eisenhower himself, who feels that nothing but good can come from a visit of Russian farmers to the United States. We agree with the President. In fact, we disagreed with an Administration decision not too long ago to bar from this country Russian students who wanted to participate in an exchange program.

We believe that the more Russians that come into the United States, the better the impression of our country will be among Russians. Those who learn the truth can at least go back and tell their friends, even if they will not be allowed to write freely about their trip.

No doubt the reason for Russian eagerness to visit the U.S. farm belt at this time is the plight of Russian agriculture. We have no apprehension that the visit to the United States by a group of Russian farmers will reveal any particular U. S. agricultural secrets. In fact, this country has no agricultural secrets only hard work, progressive farm practices, and individual freedom and initiative. If the Russians would match our system, they would have to include these freedoms and if they ever do that, we will have accomplished something very significant in the field of foreign relations.

古 古 古 CQUIRRELS AND PUTTING GREENS

Although President Dwight D. Eisenhower has denied having ordered deportation proceedings against White House lawn squirrels, the fact that the squirrels have been shipped away has stirred the opposition of a surprising number of Americans.

For some reason, many citizens feel that the squirrels on the White House lawn should be left there. The tempest started when it was revealed that the squirrels were playing hob with the putting greens used by President Eisenhower. Somebody in the White House got the idea that the squirrels should be removed, and trapping boxes were put out, squirrel families broken up, and many squirrels shipped to the country.

Such a small thing, if it is a small thing, would not arouse the ire of anyone, White House officials thought. However, the reverse soon become apparent. It was recalled that President Truman had appointed a five-year-old boy to become official squirrel-feeder, and it is also remembered that the Roosevelts had encouraged the squirrels.

The issue came up at the White House when Bernard Baruch visited President Eisenhower recently and he asked about the squirrels. The President replied that the first he had heard about the operation to remove the squirrels was when he read it in the papers. Nevertheless, squirrel families were being broken up and squir rels removed - a far cry from the days when President Roosevelt was in office, when vitamins were put out on the White House lawn to improve the squirrels' coats.

It is strange but true that anything affecting animals can often have repercussons which are entirely unexpected.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Never, no never, did nature say one thing and wisdom say another. - Edmund Burke

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EDITORIALS Furse's Fresh Flashes

A quick look through the bra ads has us about convinced that honesty is not the bust policy.

Local kid says he likes his new stepfather fine. Says the stepfather takes him swimming every day, turns him loose in the middle of the lake and lets him swim back. Only tough part about it, he says, is getting out of the sack.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, leaves nothing to a man's imagination and everything to his self

It's easier to get ulcers from what's eating you than from what you eat.

* * * It has taken 100 years of baseball to learn all those names to call an umpire.

A lot of old fools hereabout are feeling young again--which is a sure sign of

This ought to be a good year for Yankee maidens - see where the frost got most of the Georgia peaches.

We are not planning a garden this spring. The only ones to suffer, however, will be our neighbor's chickens.

* * * A small boy here says greatest trouble with parents is that you get them when they are so old it's pretty hard to change their habits.

Whether it be a cat or a dog, or a problem of squirrels, the American people sometimes get their backs up over ani- tary of the Navy, Charles Thommal affairs. President Eisenhower is too as, as a gift to the U. S. Naval ing "top secret" on General nappular to worky about votes on most Academy at Annapolis. MacArthur's 10-year-old war popular to worry about votes on most | Academy at Annapolis. issues, but on this issue, he and his White House staff should hasten to make amends shipmen," Jimmy said, "Not only feating Japan, the Labor Dewith the American people — who have a in their training, but perhaps peculiar affinity for Mr. Bushytail of 1600 | sentimentally as having once Pennyslvania Avenue and they want him left alone.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Miss Mary Alice Ault of Plattsmouth won the county written spelling contest but Charles Stutt of Avoca defeated her to become county oral champion. . . Lloyd Ranney, an instructor in Weeping Green of Rhode Island, about publicity, suddenly shut up like Water school system, resigned and moved his "newest love," Mrs. Carter a clam. These dates, it was to a farm near Alvo. . . Plattsmouth's library would celebrate its 50 anniversary Green, who looks as if he would Reason on Nov. 1, 1936, a series of articles in the surpass all-time records for age Journal noted. . . Miss Florence West of in the Senate, still walks three | wage-cutters actually started Eagle was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at miles to work every morning, but under Harry Truman and bethe University of Nebraska. . "The Maxto quit wrestling—once his favto quit wrestling—once his favwell House," an airplane being built by orite exercise. . . Another great credit for what began as early three enterprising Elmwood young men walker is Justice William O.

. . Tom Kriskey was chosen football captain for 1935 and Jack Forbes basketball in Georgetown, walked up the captain by members of the Platt Platts- C and O canal, 17 miles in exmouth teams.

wagon and auto bridge across the Platte river north of Plattsmouth, arrived on the scene. . . A-lady hobo arrived by railroad car rods at Plattsmouth and sought a free meal and gathered a small amount of alms . . . The machine shop was set to clash with the blacksmith shop in baseball at BREX at Plattsmouth as the freight car department also geared for action. . Friends surprised Fond and Kenneth Trively on their 14th birthday. . . Badges or merit were presented Edward Patterson, Joe Buttery, George Perry and Lloyd Frady for their excellent work in Scouting, during a Boy Scout In- idea behind the Press' April 1 vestiture at Plattsmouth. . . The name of edition was the ninth birthday

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND By DREW PEARSON

appoint a supreme court justice.

(Copyright, 1955, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS: NAVY TURNS DOWN GIFT OF FDR'S OLD SAILING SLOOP; ECONOMY-IKEITES SAY SLOOP MINDED WOULD COST \$600 TO REPAIR; LABOR DEPARTMENT INVOKES TOP SECRECY ON WAGE-LAW VI-

OLATIONS. Washington — When Armand Hammer, the collector of Black Angus and King 600, Dainton surmised that a hog ry, 10, had rheumatic fever, leav-Farouk's Egyptian trophies, acquired Campobello, old homestead of Franklin D. became entangled in the wiring. Roosevelt, he also acquired some of the late President's prized possessions.

Campobello is the summer home in Nova Scotia where FDR's mother took her family for years and where the late Presi- their school got a shock when present structure in several redent was stricken with polio after he dived into cold Canadian water following an ex- ings will again be overcrowded hausting set of tennis.

One of the late President's most prized has just been built and addi- adjoining Papillion's baseball possessions at Campobello was a sloop tions made to two others, says field was approved at \$500 per come groups and corporations which he sailed through Nova Scotia waters as a young man. This was how he | Curtis has \$5,034.38 collected horse show arena, says the Pa- or the other is inevitable, they first acquired the nautical experience in their drive for a swimming pillion Times.

Unbeatable Combination



When Hammer bought the Tube. Campobello estate from Elliott Roosevelt (who incidentally sold it over the heads of other mem-Congressman James Roosevelt. And Congressman Roosevelt a right to know about. offered the sloop to the Secre-

"It occurs to me that the sloop might be of value to the midbeen used by a former assistant Secretary of the Navy

ed and which he helped to build | getting the world, turned the gift down. Davis-Bacon Act. This requires

-MERRY-GO-ROUND-

was nearing completion with tryouts near. Douglas, who walks about 15 to 20 miles every Sunday, Last week he started at 34th street makes 20 miles a day, it's really

which he later used as assistant | Congratulations to the Youngs-Secretary of the Navy. Roosevelt town Vindicator for cracking cherished the sloop and kept it open the peculiar Bethlehem long after his illness, plus the Steel deal by which \$6,000,000 press of presidential duties, of employees pension money made it impossible for him to was used in a maneuver to acquire Youngstown Steel and

-Shush! It's Secret!-The Defense Department isn't bers of the family) Hammer gave invokes top-level secrecy on the sloop to FDR's eldest son, dust-covered information the public and the taxpayers have While Defense officials were

suddenly and belatedly stamppapers after he claimed he hadn't wanted Russian help in department was doing the same thing with another set of papers.

Quite recently the Labor Department announced that it had But the Navy, which FDR lov- blacklisted 20 contractors from government contracts up to be the most powerful in because they had violated the Secretary of the Navy Thomas | Government contractors to pay didn't even bother to reply per- prevailing wages in the area sonally. He sent word through where they're working, and his aide that the sloop would Secretary of Labor Mitchell cost \$600 to repair and the made a braggadocio announceeconomy-minded Eisenhower ment that Eisenhower was pro-Administration couldn't afford tecting labor by cracking down on 20 contractors who cut wages.

However, when this column Colleagues are twitting the wanted the dates when the Senate's oldest bachelor, 87- crackdowns started, the Labor year-old Theodore Francis Department, hitherto seeking Glass, widow of the late Sen- stated, were super-duper-ultra

Reason for the secrecy was on the floor LB 400 can be pullsimple. The crack-downs against | ed out of the hip pocket. as the administration of the late Maurice Tobin, Secretary of Labor under Truman.

-Politics vs. Common Sense-Caught in the same predicament as the Defense Depart-.In wartime, if the infantry papers, the Labor Department went to unusual lengths to hush traveling. . . . Senator and Mrs. up the dates when the black-30 YEARS AGO

First consignment of steel for a new couple who look as if they really ors actually started. Fulbright of Arkansas are one listing of government contract-

enjoy dancing together. . . . At first John Leslie, Labor

I See By The Papers

By Bill Murdock

"Rarely in the realm of small ? city journalism is there a time when an abstract idea is the purpose of an entire edition," says the Bellevue Press. The Judge James T. Begley of the second ju- of the Strategic Air Command dicial district, was one of those on the list from which Governor McMullen would just across the way.

Also reports the Press, which found room for some other news, District Judge John Dierks called a grand jury in Sarpy county on a petition bearing 86 names asking for it. Purposenot clearly specified yet.

Grass fires were bothering the Humboldt fire department which made three runs last week on grass and trash flames, says the Standard.

Michael Schmal, a member of the Fairbury police force for nine years, resigned and took a job with the board of public works at a lower salary, says the Jour- Kay Reier to Rochester, Minn., the bill this money must first

burned to death at the Paul Mrs, Reier has had two major a year.) Next it will replace spec-Dainton farm two miles north- operations; Mr. Reier broke his ial state levies (another \$10 milwest of Broken Bow, says the back when he fell from a hay- lion a year). Custer County Chief. Suffer- stack; 11-year-old son Johnny ing total damage of about \$3 .- had an appendectomy and Jer- counties on the basis of what one jumped into the feedway and ing him with a heart ailment. knocking heat lamps into the bedding, catching the hoghouse \$255,000 bond issue to construct on fire.

nounced that Blair school build- Chief. though a new school building the Pilot-Tribune.

pool, says the Enterprise. Construction of the pool will start this year.

"Most every week we are asked to give front page space to some project which the sponsors feel is a "worthy project," says the Wymore Arbor-State. "We realize that whether it's 4-H kids selling cookies, some club holding a bake sale, or one of the numerous suppers to support one thing or another, that those who are giving their time and efforts to the cause feel it is a worthy project.

"However, a newspaper has but one thing to sell, and that is publicity . . . If you charge, we charge."

Sumner friends and neighbors raised \$900 to send 14-year-old million a year. Under terms of for medical treatment, says the be used to replace the tax on Dawson County Herald. Here's property that supports state Eight sows and 30 to 40 pigs why the family needed help: government (about \$15 million

Arnold voters turned down a a new grade school building though the state fire marshall Blair business men visiting depressed his thumbs on the Supt. Glenn A. Lundstrom an- spects, says the Custer County with the combination than with

acre by the Chamber of Com- won't like the income tax provismerce for a riding club and ions. If they see that one bill

said that the dates were public information. After all, no war secrets were involved. Proceedings against a builder, he indicated, are like a court prosecution or an immigration hearing Mr. Leslie, however, was naive. He was applying common sense, not politics, to his job. Very quickly his superiors reversed him. Stuart Rothman, Labor solicitor, and one of the

ell, emphatically said "No!" "I don't consider these dates public information," he said in reply to a request from this col-

top men under Secretary Mitch-

"Why?" "It would be unfair to the parties involved.' "How would that be? We already have the names of the contractors and the dates when they were blacklisted. You published that yourself. All we want is the date when the wage violation cccurred.

"That is not public informa-

"In just what way would it be unfair?"

"I have nothing more to say The information is not public. Note-Amazing part of this head-in-sand policy is that Rothman didn't seem to know that Labor-Union executives who lodged the protests with the Labor Department have kept the dates when the wage violations occurred. They were all pre-Eisenhower,

Capitol News

By Melvin Paul Statehouse Correspondent the only place which suddenly The Nebraska Press Association

> LINCOLN - Battle lines were forming this week in the Nebraska Legislature for the great debate that comes about every session — whether to broaden the tax base.

> The only difference this time is that there is a slim chance the Legislature may adopt either a sales tax or a combination sales and income tax. The first big step came when

the Revenue Committee sent to the floor of the Legislature a combination sales and income tax bill LB 510 Debate is not expected to

start until after the senators return from a four day Easter recess. But already there was a "now or never" tension on the part of both the advocates and the opponents of broadening the tax base.

The way the Revenue Committee took action meant that the Legislature may get two shots at the question. That is because the committee held in reserve LB 400, a measure calling for a 2 per cent sales tax

So if LB 510 runs into trouble

Bill's Contents If ever a bill was tailor made to appeal to as many different interests as possible, LB 510 is

Only an adamant foe of any effort to broaden the tax base ing to rush equipment and aid ATOMIC TEST could fail to find something he liked in it. The only catch may be that features that appeal actly five hours and 40 minutes ment regarding the MacArthur to one group may alienate others more. That was the chance sponsors took in writing the combination measures.

> LB 510 in its original form of about 5 per cent of what he nays in federal income taxes. He may take this flat 5 per cent rate or he may fill out a long form which will bring him essentially to the same figure.

Reason for the long form option is that the bill would have pended on a federal law alone. Next a 2 per cent retail sales

tax on all items costing more than 21 cents was added to the bill. This was simply combining the contents of LB 400 into LB 510. Exempted in this version are beer, liquor, cigarets, and seed and fertilizer used in farm production But then the committee went to work. It exempted several

items such as tickets to amusements and athletic events, local telephone and telegraph service, and materials such as sugar used in processing food products. But the major item exempted by committee amendment was food (except meals at public eating places). This item cut \$7 million from the expected revenue but it might be the straw that breaks the camel

back of the opponents. All told the combination bill is expected to bring in about \$37

The third slice will go to the valuation would bring. Finally any money left will go to the schools.

The Chances If either bill passes, it probably will be by the slimmest of margins. Some groups such as labor unions may be happier a straight sales tax. The exemption of food should make the Purchase of five acres of land | bill more palatable to them also. On the other hand, high in-

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Department press spokesman, | THE PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, SEMI-WEEKLY JOURNAL Thursday, April 7, 1955 PAGE TWO



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON, April 7,-The* Washington continue to indi- Russia will not give the Chinese cate a Chinese Communist attack on the Matsu Islands in the near future. The reports could be wrong, but the Chinese have "come through" on past occasions when such reports, and their own announcements, heralded action.

As this is written, the great area. Canada clarified her position in the last few days by ported. announcing she would not get is a better than fifty-fifty involved in military operations over the offshore islands. Canada's position was that they belonged to the mainland Chinese government.

Both British and French lead- volved alone, without the aid of ers are increasing the pressure allies. Such is the pressing naon President Eisenhower to an- ture of talks and diplomatic cornounce a definite policy on the possibility of a defense of the islands by the United States. So far, U. S. policy is unclear, we might or we might not fight back if the Reds attack them. Secretary of State Duiles has Realty Transfers said we would fight back if they | Wilored Mayers & Doris to Wilare attacked as part of an as- lard J. and Marvel Wipf WD 3sult against Formosa. But he has 19-55 L. 1 & 2 B. 130 Weeping also said we were not committed Water. \$6,200 to defend them.

attack on them impends, Senate 25-55 L. 11 and n 1/3 L. 11 B. 57 Democrats are expressing dis- Weeping Water. \$500 satisfaction with the uncertain- Thomas S. Solomon Sheriff to ty of our foreign policy. And Floyd and Mary Colbert ShD 5the nationalist wing of the Re- 19-55 Pt. L. 12 B. 161 Plattspublican party is expressing dis- mouth \$5.00. satisfaction that we don't get Thomas S Solomon Sheriff to tough over the islands. This G. Floyd and Mary Colbert ShD 3-O. P. group is eager to fight over 19-54 Pt. L. 13 B. 151 Plattsthe islands which the British, mouth, \$3.00. French and Canadians think should go to Red China.

President Eisenhower finds & 13 B. 151 Plattsmouth. \$1.00. himself squarely on the spot as Richard and Shirley Winn to the sands run lower and lower Blodgett and Krajacic WD 1-11in the glass. By the time you 55 L. 12 B. 3 V. View. \$1.00 read this, he might have spoken out in frank language. Mean- Catherine to Harry E. G. Kasten while, the question of a Big Four and Amanda WD 3-14-55 NE1/2 conference has come rapidly to NE14 19-12-9. \$1.00.

Mr. Eisenhower thinks such a meeting might be a way to curb 6-54 Und 1/2 Int. L 4, 5, 6 B. 12 the increasing international ten- | Gownsend'd Add. Plattsmouth sion building up in the Formosa \$1.00. Strait. But he dosen't have in Louie Allgayer and Janice to mind including Red China in Louie Allgayer and Janice WD such a meeting. The Russians 3-21-55 N12NW14NW14 & SW1/4 do, although Marshall Bulganin NW 4 16-10-12, \$1.00. skirted that issue when he re- Murl R. and Ethel Muenchau cently announced that Russia to Robert E. and Mable Walker took a positive approach to Mr. WD 3-10-55 L. 11, 12, 13 B 28 Eisenhower's hints in favor of Eagle, \$1.00

Whether the brighter pros- Balfour WD 3-24-55 S1/2 SE1/4 32pect of a Big Four meeting and 10-13. \$1.00 its arrangement, will come in Senate helped prospects for such oma WD 3-15-55 L. 16 B. 3 Valley meeting immeasurably and View. \$1.00. Washington is now fast preparto a sovereign West Germany.

on the offshore islands. The brilliance that was seen by ob-Communists have long been servers in five nearby Western try from its major allies and on Air Force, Navy, and Marines What does the measure con- this issue they have done it. If took part in the test, with 66 of we will fight alone. Advocates ed attack mission on the attack was a graduated state income of such a course point out that area. tax based on the Iowa law. It we did most of the fighting in would tax the citizen at the rate Korea, even though we were sup- CAMPERS CARELESS posed to have allies.

hesitate to use tactical atomic more fires in national park areas clash occur. Usually Democrats year except 1952. Of the 304 advocate a more cautious policy fires in the park areas, 212 were end up with us fighting the fires were caused by lightning been unconstitutional if it de- Chinese for some time to come.

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tactical atomic weapons to use against us, and encourage such a clash-in which Russia would not be involved, and, therefore, not weakened.

It is a hotly debated and vital foreign policy question which is rapidly headed for a showdown. The tragedy is that there has debate in Washington continues behind a united foreign policy, not been nonpartisan support on U S. Policy in the Formosa one our allies would have sup-

chance that a clash over Matsu will occur, and if the United States gets involved in these islands only a few miles from the Chinese coast, she will get in-

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rence Chappell 3-17-55 Pt. L. 12 Elmer Refshauge and

Albert Young and Winifred June to Kenneth Trively WD 4-

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Velma Frances Youngquist to time to affect the developing Clarence H. Stohlman WD 3-18crisis off China's coast is a good 55 L. 695 & 696 Louisville, \$1.00. question. Ratification of the Blodgett and Krajacic to Paris Agreements by the French Glenn F. Kaffenberger and Del-

The largest atomic device test-But the United States is stand- ed in the 1955 nuclear series exing almost alone in its position ploded recently with a predawn striving to separate this coun- states. More than 100 planes we fight over the Matsu Islands, them coordinating in a simulat-

The Interior Department has An they say we should not reported that campers caused weapons on China, should a in 1954 than in any previous in a situation which might man-caused and ninety-two

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