

A NOTE ON FISHING

Now that fishing weather is getting better and better, we will take this occasion to point out to fishermen that they are now permitted by society to practice the sport without doing damage to their reputations.

That statement recalled that, many years ago, fishing was thought to be strictly for the peasants. The statement says that fishing once was frowned upon "by the upper crust and the so-called elite."

In some countries, fishing was a misdemeanor and those who were caught fishing were put in the same classification as mischief-makers. The only respectable fishing was done by small boys and the rest of it was done by hoboes, village cut-ups and misfits.

The uptown by-bred society gentleman did not mingle with the sport at all, for he feared social ostracism from the cookie-pushing strata of society. All of which goes to prove that today's fishing and all its pleasures, which bring no reproach from society, are a sign of progress.

In fact, in today's fast pace of living, fishing fulfills a role—breaking the tension in everyday life—which is vital to millions of Americans. And now that we have fully justified that in our minds, we will end this rather quickly and head for the water.

CONGRESSIONAL PAY RAISE IN EFFECT

President Eisenhower's signing of the recently-passed bill to increase the pay of Congressmen and Senators by \$7,500 makes U. S. lawmakers eligible for pensions up to \$16,875 a year. In addition, the pay raise gives Congressmen and Senators higher incomes than over forty of the Governors in the United States.

A recent survey showed that the salaries of Governors in the States ranged from \$9,000 to \$50,000, with the average being well below the new scale for Congressmen and Senators, \$22,500.

By raising their pay, the raise having taken effect as of March 1st, Senators and Congressmen automatically raised the level of their pensions. Very few Congressmen and Senators will ever draw \$16,875 a year — the pension maximum — since to draw this amount they would have to serve thirty years under the new pay scale.

Pension payments to Congressmen are figured on the average annual salary during the member's time in office, and the limit is seventy-five per cent of full pay. Under the old salaries, Congressmen could only draw \$11,250 in pensions.

We believe in pensions for Congressmen and we find no fault with the pension plan, although we do think the recent Congressional pay raise was unwise in that it boosted Congressional salaries by too large a margin. While Congress is now debating a five or six per cent increase for the armed services, members have on their conscience the fact that they have just voted themselves a fifty percent pay increase. This also applies to the pay increase being prepared for Civil Service workers and Post Office workers. The percentage of the Congressional pay increase is not in line.

1955 CANCER CRUSADE

As our readers are aware, the 1955 Cancer Crusade for funds with which to fight this dread disease opened on April 1st.

That cancer is one of the worst forms of killers in man's fight against disease is a pretty generally accepted truth. Of

THOUGHT FOR TODAY
Progress needs the brakeman, but the brakeman should not spend all his time putting on the brakes. —Elbert Hubbard

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Man can sometimes get a pearl out of an oyster, but Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says it takes a gal like herself to get a diamond out of an old crab.

A local wife says she puts a grain of sugar into everything she tells her husband and takes a grain of salt with everything he says to her.

The way taxes are today, more and more couples are marrying for love.

Gardening is simply a matter of your enthusiasm holding up until your back gets used to it.

Not too long ago it was only a fool and his money that was soon parted. Now around April 15, it happens to everybody.

We hate to repeat gossip but we don't know what else to do with it.

A Plattsmouth driver swears he didn't hit that man at Fifth and Main the other day. Says he stopped to let him go across the street as the sign states and the guy fainted.

one of the major diseases, perhaps more Americans fear death from cancer than from any other.

Recent figures of the American Cancer Society show that one in every four Americans will eventually develop cancer. Therefore, it is a terrifying disease in itself and terrifying in its rate of growth and spread in the United States.

Recent progress, financed by individual contributions, in the fight against pneumonia, polio and other diseases, has been most promising. The fight against cancer, however, has not shown as much progress and, therefore, contributions are still badly needed.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO
A hail of empty glass bottles showered down on W. A. Wells of Roca, brother-in-law of Arnold Lillie of Plattsmouth, when he parked his car near an apartment house in Lincoln. Bottle thrower was fined \$10. . . Joe F. Knecht of South Bend bought an oil filling station at Weeping Water. . . First to sixth graders of Plattsmouth were to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Sattler in an Easter egg hunt at their home. . . Ray Kriskey fell into the river and was on crutches after hurting his foot getting out. . . re-pavement of Sixth street was put on the "first need" list of projects by the county-wide committee meeting at Weeping Water to decide what work could be provided for relief projects. . . A poem in tribute of Miss Olive Jones, for nearly 50 years counselor of book lovers at the Plattsmouth library, was published by the Journal.

30 YEARS AGO
Alvo, besides electing Charles Godbey, and Joseph Parsell to the city council and Harry Appleman and L. D. Muller to the board of education, also voted to play ball on Sunday. . . Officers of the Plattsmouth Golf club were expecting a record number of persons to play on the course. . . The Nehawka mill was destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin though C. D. St. John, proprietor, figured the machinery he was running may have ignited the dust. . . The world may soon be wearing electroplated rain coats predicted The Journal, reporting a new chemical discovery. . . William Baird of the Burlington shops in Plattsmouth, gave the Ad Club a nice talk on operations there. . . Cass county commissioners were on the verge of passing a resolution covering the securing of the King of Trails wagon and auto bridge on which the construction had just been started. The Sarpy county board had already passed a similar measure and if the Cass group did the same it would put the bridge under the operation of the state and two counties. . . The L. F. Langhorst Produce company of Elmwood established a branch in Plattsmouth.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND by DREW PEARSON

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: PAN AMERICAN UNION CELEBRATES ITS 65TH BIRTHDAY — WITH PEACE. SQUIRRELS NOW BOTHER GOP MORE THAN THEY BOTHER IKE'S PUTTING GREEN; HONOR SYSTEM ON LIQUOR TAXES DOESN'T WORK
Washington — With some parts of the world looking pretty bleak and the U. S. A. sitting on the edge of possible war around



Unique Volume

Formosa, there's one area close to home which the American people can feel happy about — our good neighbors in the Western Hemisphere.

It was just 65 years ago that the first Pan American Conference formed the Pan American Union. Since then, it has worked quietly with little fanfare to build up a new code of behavior among states.

Every so often the Pan American Union gets into the headlines when some crisis takes place, such as the threat of war between Costa Rica and Nicaragua. But most of the time its work is an unobtrusive but important labor in the vineyard of good neighborliness.

Most people don't realize it but the Pan American Union is the oldest of all international organizations, and the only one that operates on a true Democratic basis. It survived where the League of Nations failed. It has no votes that count more than other votes. It has no veto, no permanent seats for powerful nations. It operates completely Democratic basis and the vote of Haiti, which is 300 times smaller than the U. S. A., counts just as much as the vote of the U. S. A.

So, while most of the world has seen increasing wars, the western hemisphere owes its decreasing wars to the patient good neighborliness of the Pan American Union.

—NUTS FOR NEUBERGER—
Riding in a Capitol elevator the other day, two young men were discussing Washington's favorite recent topic of conversation — squirrels. Said one of them:

"You know, this squirrel thing has really caught on. It's done more harm to the Eisenhower Administration than anything else so far."

"Wouldn't you like to come in and sample some of our nuts?" said a young lady who was in the elevator and could hear the overheard conversation.

"People from all over Oregon have been sending Senator Neuberger nuts to help him feed the squirrels banished from the White House lawn," invited the young lady. "Come in and take a look at them."

By this time the young man began to realize that he had said the wrong thing. Blushing, he identified himself as Art Burgess, a member of the Republican policy committee staff. The young lady was Miss Helen Nickum, who works for Democratic Senator Neuberger of Oregon.

Guilty of the week's most questionable pun was the Brush, Colo., News-Tribune which ventured, "Baseball will be at full pitch."

The First Trust company of Lincoln purchased \$150,000 in revenue bonds from the City of Curtis for a low bid of 2.86 percent. Money goes to finish the new engine to be installed in the light plant and for a plant addition, says the Enterprise.

To say that Otto Schaffer and Sons of Nehawka, exhibitors of the Grand Champion bull, Schaffer Eileenmere 8th, which sold for \$900 as top seller at the Heart of Nebraska Aberdeen Angus association show and sale at Broken Bow, received a trophy, was a mis-statement, says

After I reported that Secretary of the Navy Thomas had turned down a gift of FDR's old sloop because it would cost too much to repair, I received a suggestion from Joe De Silva, head of the Retail Clerks Union of Los Angeles, that admirers of FDR might want to contribute to the repair of his sailing sloop on the 10th anniversary of his death.

De Silva started the ball rolling by sending his own check. The sloop is the one which Roosevelt used when he was Assistant Secretary of the Navy and before he became crippled with polio. His son, Congressman, James Roosevelt, offered it to the Naval Academy at Annapolis as a gift, thinking the midshipmen might use it on Chesapeake Bay as part of their training and that it might have some sentimental value to the Navy which reached its greatest strength under his father.

Secretary of the Navy Thomas, however, replied that it would cost \$600 to repair the sloop and the Eisenhower administration was trying to balance the budget. Commented Joe De Silva: "I see that my fellow Los Angeli- can, doesn't want to spend a few dollars repairing Roosevelt's old ship, though the Navy has plenty of dough to take Congressmen on junkets and admirals on free airplane trips."

"There was no man in the history of the United States who did more for the Navy than Franklin Roosevelt. He took it after Herbert Hoover had cut it to the bone and built it up to be the most powerful fighting force in the world."

"Please accept my check as a small contribution toward helping to repair this ship. And on the tenth anniversary of Roosevelt's death, a hundred thousand people who loved him will probably want to send in a dollar to help the poverty-stricken Eisenhower administration honor a great man."

NOTE — Anyone wanting to act on Mr. De Silva's suggestion can write Secretary of the Navy Charles Thomas, the Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

LIQUOR TAXES LAX — Tax Boss T. Coleman Andrews has been concentrating so hard on catching small tax violators that millions have slipped through his fingers from certain big corporations. For example, he has put the giant liquor industry on its toes.

Result: A drop in tax collections; Also a sharp increase in the number of tax stamps reported lost or mutilated.

It used to be that government gaugers supervised every stage of the distillery process and kept alcohol tax stamps under lock and key. The gaugers have now been pulled off the job, except for occasional cross-checks. Coleman's idea was to cut down on industry enforcement, so more tax agents could check on the small, individual taxpayers.

Now that the distilleries are on the honor system, however, they have been reporting more than double the number of tax stamps missing and mutilated. As a typical example, one Philadelphia rectifying plant lost or mutilated 11,074 revenue stamps during the first three months of 1954 — before the voluntary system started. But after the plant was given authority to regulate its own taxes, it reported 26,589 lost or mutilated stamps for the same three months of 1955 up to March 23 — A week short of the full quarter.

—MODERN BOOTLEGGING—
The sudden rise in disappearing tax stamps, of course, means the government is getting gyped out of millions in alcohol tax revenue. For the stamps don't disappear at all. The liquor industry is riddled with ex-bootleggers and hoodlums.

In some cases, they paste the "LOST" stamps in their own product and peddle the extra for the tax-farmer. They bootleg the stamps to moon-shiners who use them to pass off their home brew as government regulated liquor. This not only cuts down Uncle Sam's take, but fools customers into buying dangerous, sometimes lethal, moonshine whisky, thinking it is government-okayed.

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Legislative SIDELIGHTS..

By BERNIE CAMP
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Ever stop to think about the question of what is the basic industry of this modern United States?

Dr. Earl L. Butz, assistant secretary of agriculture of the U. S., says it's still agriculture.

This is the way he explains it. Many functions formerly done on the farm are now done in factories, giving employment to men and women in the city. In addition, specialized marketing agencies take care of the distribution process in moving farm commodities from the farm to the city consumer. Men and women engaged in the city factories and the distributive process all depend upon the farm and the farmer for their jobs.

Farmers no longer raise their own power or grow their own fuel for that power; and that change opened up employment for thousands of city dwellers in tractor plants and refineries. Dr. Butz points out that although there are 8.5 million people directly engaged in farming in the United States, there are 10 million workers engaged in food and fibre. Another 10 million workers are employed in the processing and distribution of the farm products and sale of farm machinery and equipment and the wide variety of supplies needed in the on-the-farm production.



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON — Through-out the last few hectic weeks, as debate over foreign policy in the Formosa Strait has raged, President Dwight D. Eisenhower has firmly stood his ground — on the decision not to reveal complete U. S. plans in the event of an attack on the Matsuo or Quemoy Islands.

It has taken starch to stand firm on this issue, for both Republicans and Democrats have been assailing Ike's policy and in addition many of the country's most formidable allies. Moreover, some of the world's powerful neutral nations have taken the flat positions that the United States is wrong in trying to deny the offshore islands to the mainland Chinese government.

At home criticism has increased. In addition to several Senators, who have joined the plea for a clarification of U. S. policy, there are many in the ranks of the military operations over these offshore islands, which have traditionally belonged to the mainland Chinese government.

On top of that, Mr. Eisenhower will bear the responsibility of getting into a clash with allies if he allows U. S. military forces to intervene. Even Canada has recently declared she could not participate in such an operation with the United States — and has taken the position that the islands should go to the Chinese Communists.

Because this responsibility weighs directly upon the shoulders of Mr. Eisenhower, the stakes are very high from a personal standpoint, for the Chief Executive.

Because of this, some Washington observers believe the President will do everything in his power to keep the United States out of a major military involvement — since he would have to bear the responsibility of such a fight.

On Capitol Hill the President is attacked and defended. Senators Wiley (R-Wis.) and George (D-Ga.) are major supporters. Senators Knowland (R-Wis.), McCarthy (R-Wis.), Lehman (D-N.Y.), Morse (D-Ore.), Kefauver (D-Tenn.) and others have lambasted the present foreign policy of the Administration as one which might lead to war.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Here's the Answer
Famous Edifice

- HORIZONTAL
1,5 Depicted famous cathedral
12 Performers
15 Shoshonean Indian
16 Style of architecture
18 Health resort
19 101 (Roman)
20 Abstract
21 Light (ab.)
23 Wicked
25 Wings
27 Vend seaport
28 Marsh grass
29 Preposition
30 Split pulse
31 By way of
32 Hypothetical structural unit
33 Germinated grain
34 Require
37 Century plant
38 Sea eagle
39 Chinese river
40 Physicians
46 Tellurium (symbol)
47 Eneuvate
49 Musical movement
50 Secreted
51 Enlist
53 Realm
54 Relax
55 Relax
VERTICAL
1 Relishes
2 Lively
3 Follower

Crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in