

EDITORIALS

Furse's Fresh Flashes

MOLOTOV ON BIG FOUR MEET

The first official reaction from the Soviet Union, resulting from the Allied proposal for a Big Four meeting this summer, was highly significant. Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov told western officials that the Soviet Union was willing to meet in several places, suggesting Vienna.

Western diplomats were willing to meet in any of several countries. The question had been whether the Russian Premier would be willing to come to either Switzerland or Austria to meet with Allied leaders, something Joseph Stalin and Georgi Malenkov were almost never willing to do.

Stalin came the closest to being that accommodating when he met with Allied leaders at Yalta. But even at Yalta he was in Russian-controlled territory. Russian leaders have been notorious for their reluctance to travel beyond Russian-controlled territory. Many observers have put that down to traditional suspicion and distrust that is characteristic of the Slavs.

Now, however, Premier Bulganin is willing to leave Russia and Russian-controlled territory, to meet with Western officials. There is significance in this and there is hope that this attitude might be a sign that Bulganin will be more reasonable, more trustworthy, than his forerunners.

Western diplomats noted that Molotov—in revealing the official USSR position—was friendly, frank, and not nearly as reserved as usual. This from the cold-blooded deception artist, Molotov, might mean little. But certainly the willingness of the number one leader in Russia today to come to a neutral country to meet with Allied leaders is a hopeful sign. We believe that this is an indication that progress is possible at the prospective Big Four meeting this summer.

EDEN'S GOVERNMENT LOWERS TAXES

Sir Anthony Eden, Prime Minister of Great Britain, has come up with a twist which he hopes will win him the elections in Great Britain May 26th.

His government has announced that the basic tax rate will be reduced from forty-five percent to forty-two and a half percent of taxable income, making the tax \$1.12 to the pound (\$2.80). At the time of the announcement, Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler revealed that increased allowances in tax-free income would also be granted.

The tax-free allowance was increased from a low \$56 to \$392 for a single person and increased by about \$100 for a married couple. Exemptions for children were also increased.

The tax cuts made possible in Great Britain are obviously due to better business and prosperity brought about by the Conservative Government. This better business and prosperity is partly a result of the checking of nationalization of industry and efficiency. While the tax cuts are certainly being made with political thoughts in mind, they are nevertheless justified and we may see the same thing in the United States in 1956, an election year in this country.

BREAKFAST AND REDUCING

It has become fashionable—especially among the fairer sex—to include in one's plan for losing weight the omission of breakfast. Yet recent knowledge proves that skipping breakfast is an improper way to diet which seldom makes for effective weight reduction.

We will add a word of advice to members of the fair sex and that is non-professional advice. Over-emphasis on the slim figure is resulting in the drying up of several million American females. It is getting to the point where the local belle which has a figure resembling one of the ten-inch boards off the back fence is envied by other ladies in her community.

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One job we could really go for is to be a test pilot in a rocking chair factory.

A local woman says all husbands are alike—they just have different faces so you can tell them apart.

Bathing beauties are about ready to appear again which should improve the morale at the beaches.

One thing that would help children write more quickly would be to make blackboards out of wet cement.

We don't have much trouble making ends meet, but we would like to have them overlap once in a while.

A ditch digger is the only fellow we know that can make money by going in the hole.

One thing about being dumb is that you don't lay awake all night worrying over things you never heard of.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says she likes quiet things—like the sound of folding twenty-dollar bills.

Bad thing about living a double life is that you get through it twice as quick.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Mrs. R. W. Clements was elected regent of the D.A.R., Fontenelle chapter. Miss Helen DuBois and Carl E. Egenberger of Plattsmouth were married at Council Bluffs, Ia. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward VanLandingham of Plattsmouth and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCain of Plattsmouth, four days apart. The mothers were sisters. Miss Lois Troop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Troop, was graduated from the Nehawka high school with highest honors in the class and was awarded the regents scholarship at the University of Nebraska. "Wedding of the Painted Doll" was a feature of the program put on by her pupils in honor of Miss Florence Shogren at Fairview schoolhouse. Highest award given at a Boy Scout court of honor at Plattsmouth among Scouts from Auburn, Peru, Nebraska City, Nehawka and Louisville, went to Burnell H. Adams of Nehawka, a silver palm which gave him a total of 36 merit badges, 16 of them after he became an Eagle Scout.

30 YEARS AGO

William F. Evers was installed as commander of the Knights Templar at Plattsmouth. Gasoline for flivvers was going at 20 cents a gallon in Alvo and 23 cents at Plattsmouth. 15 pounds of sugar was priced at a dollar at the People's Market in Plattsmouth. "What's the matter," griped The Journal Editor, "with the rental property in this town. The last week there have been strangers here to rent property and become citizens of the town. Out of all the property they visited they found only two fit to live in." Miss Marie L. Schmidt and Gustave H. Streich, both of Burdick, were married at the home of the bride's parents. Mahlan Richardson, well known fisherman living in the vicinity of the Missouri river just north of Pacific Junction caught two white catfish weighing 65 and 45 pounds. Cedar Creek's newly organized baseball team defeated the Bohemian Sluggers from Plattsmouth 2 to 1. Two civilians were seriously injured at Fort Crook when an airplane which they were riding crashed to the Jarvis Offutt landing field. The pilot said his engine "froze."

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by DREW PEARSON

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: TOURIST SEASON COMPLICATES BIG-FOUR MEETING; EDEN GETS JITTERY OVER ELECTION; ONE DEMOCRAT HOLDS UP SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND MINIMUM WAGES.

Washington — Secretary Dulles is having a terrible time trying to decide where to hold the Big-Four conference. The trouble is—American tourists.

As a result, Dulles has been unable to find any neutral city which can squeeze in the some 500 Russians, American, British and French delegates who would attend the meeting. He's ruled out Geneva because President Eisenhower regards it as a city where the West agreed to give up half of Indo-China to the Communists. He's also turned down Russia's proposal of Vienna; and the British suggestion of Lugana, Switzerland, because there aren't enough hotels.

It now looks like Ike would have to go to Stockholm to talk with Marshal Bulganin. But even this is not certain because the Swedish government says the conference would completely disrupt its tourist season

Ticklers By George



"Smith has been like that ever since he retired!"

though it might be able to persuade enough Swedes to give up their private homes to accommodate the Big-Four Delegates.

Democrat's Big Headache

Biggest headache of the Democrats isn't being advertised and won't be. He is a Congressman from North Carolina, quiet, courteous, courtly, who is sitting directly in the path of new schoolhouses for several million youngsters and the path of higher minimum wages for several million underpaid workers. Mr. Graham Barden, the gentleman in question, does this through two simple expedients.

Expedient No. 1

Is the time-honored rule of seniority which gives him the right to sit as chairman of the labor and education committee whether he is qualified to pass on its problems or not.

Expedient No. 2

Is Barden's system of holding hearings. He has been holding hearings and hearings and more hearings on school construction. His committee held hearings last year under the Republicans. Seven different national groups have studied and held hearings.

The Congress already knows all about school construction. Nevertheless, Congressman Barden continues to hold hearings. This does two things. First it delays the school-construction bill. Second it delays the minimum-wage bill.

Congressman Barden is bitterly opposed to both. He is too smart to say this publicly, but he is.

A former schoolteacher, Barden once fought for Federal aid to education and incurred the wrath of Cardinal Spellman for so doing. Today the issue of parochial schools is not involved. But school desegregation is involved and Barden doesn't like the Supreme Court's ruling for desegregation.

Republicans Laugh

Congressman Barden is also opposed to higher minimum wages because, first, a low minimum wage brings more factories from the north to the south; second, because he comes from a farm area which doesn't go for high wages.

Most significant fact about Barden's opposition is that the Republicans are quietly helping him—and getting a big laugh out of it. For their secret help to Barden puts all the blame on the Democrats, and may even alienate part of the labor support hitherto steadfastly behind the Democrats.

The Republicans could easily swing two votes over to the Democrats to outvote Barden, thus getting action on the education bill and clearing the way for the minimum-wage bill. But they won't do it.

Barden's labor and education committee of whom 15 are eager to push through school and minimum-wage bills. Only two Democrats, Barden and Landrum of Georgia, are opposed.

On the Republican side are 13 members, of whom many are anti-labor, such as Wint Smith of Kansas, Velde of Illinois, Hoffman of Michigan, and Gwynn of New York. But there are two good Eisenhower Republicans, Frelighuysen of New Jersey and Wainwright of New York, who could turn the entire committee around overnight.

But they don't. They vote with the reactionaries—and for a very good political reason. They want to put all the blame on the Democrats for not passing the two of the most important bills before Congress—school construction and minimum wages.

Just the other day, the Republicans caucused secretly and voted, under the leadership of Congressman Sam McConnell of Ohio, to stall for another two weeks. The stall means more school hearings.

Ike Says 90 Cents

Republicans officially have gone on record as being for a higher minimum wage and Eisenhower personally has fixed the figure at 90 cents instead of the current 85 cents. The Democrats favor a higher figure and Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois, Democrat, having finished his subcommittee hearings, is recommending a minimum wage of about \$1.05.

But with the entire question staled in Barden's committee, it's doubtful that any legislation can be passed this year. Meanwhile labor delegations have been pouring into Washington, especially from the needle and textile trades, protesting that a

OUTDOOR NEBRASKA

by Wally Green.
Nebraska Game Commission
Carp is a fish that we either like or dislike; generally speaking, there is no happy medium when this species is considered. If we happen to be one of the better informed fishermen, we know that carp have their place in utilizing Nebraska fishing. If, like the majority of us, we have never had much contact with them, we look at carp as so much rubbish, to be thrown away when we happen to catch one.

But, if we should talk to a carp enthusiast, we will find many of our preconceived ideas of carp are wrong. One of the first things we would learn is that carp fishing can be a very fine sport and a challenge to our fishing abilities.

Light tackle is the key to getting the top premium of sport from carp fishing. Casting, fly and spinning rods can be used. Light weight line can take even the heaviest of carp; if you will let the rod play the fish and not "horse" them in.

Carp have been taken on worms, grubs, grasshoppers and pieces of fresh meat. The favorite bait of many carp fishermen is dough balls. Wheat flour or bread is mixed into a heavy thick paste with a little water, until it can be worked in small balls with your hands. Often a little honey or sugar is added.

To get the dough ball material to stick on the hook better mix in small pieces of cotton as you form the balls. Ground meat can also be mixed into the balls, but store them in a cool place to prevent the meat from spoiling.

Almost all of our Nebraska waters have carp in them. In many waters in the eastern part of the state, carp are the only fish that can live because of the silt. There are 14 lakes and ponds in which the Game Commission stocks only carp. These waters are unsuitable for any other kinds of fish.

After you catch a carp the first time, you are faced with the problem of how to prepare them. You have heard tales of how they are very bony—good to eat but too bony.

There is a simple trick called scoring that eliminates the small bones that cause this common complaint. These small bones lie cross-wise between the larger rib bones. After removing the entrails, take a sharp knife and make parallel cuts between the rib bones. These cuts are about 1/4 inch apart. When the fish is cooking, the hot fat will dissolve the small troublesome bones.

There are many ways of preparing carp besides the usual frying in a skillet. Some of the favorite are: baking, planking and canning. Smoked carp is rated among the exotic delicacies by proponents of this method. Pickled carp is also a favorite. Recipes for these methods of preparing carp can be obtained by writing: Info-Education Division, Nebraska Game Commission, Statehouse, Lincoln, Nebraska.

5 BROTHERS REUNITED

Denver, Colo. — The five Layton brothers, recently got together for the first time in 55 years at the home of their brother, Alonzo, 90, of Denver. The brothers, beside Alonzo, are Ora, 76, Wyoming sheepherder; True, 85, Welch (Okla.) farmer; John, 80, Miami (Fla.) real estate man, and Alva Layton, farmer of Bartles, Kansas.

A "FLOTEL"

TAVAS CITY, Mich. — Everyone is familiar with a hotel and a motel, but how about a floTEL? A Flint (Mich.) corporation has purchased a boat, Western States, and plans to turn it into a "floTEL," complete with 263 rooms, shops and a public sun deck for tourists. It will be named, the U. S. Overmiler.

GUDED MISSILE FLEET

The Navy's "development of a fleet of guided-missiles ships is progressing rapidly," according to Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson. He recently told a House Appropriations subcommittee that the fleet soon will have seven warcraft capable of firing guided missiles. In addition, the new weapons are being "introduced into several fleet carriers and cruisers," he said.

GOODNESS, PAW, WHAT'S WRONG?

JABBER WAS HIDING IN THE BARN LISTENING TO THE RADIO INSTEAD OF WORKING.

IMAGINE! MAKING ALL OF US STAY AFTER SCHOOL FOR NOT PASSING AN EXAM!

YES ALL BUT ONE--HIGGINS! (BRAINS)

AS THE TEACHER WOULD SAY "HE NOT ONLY ANSWERED ALL THE QUESTIONS, BUT GAVE A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE ENTIRE SUBJECT!"

A REAL BRAIN-HOVER--

THE BIG SHOW-OFF!

Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

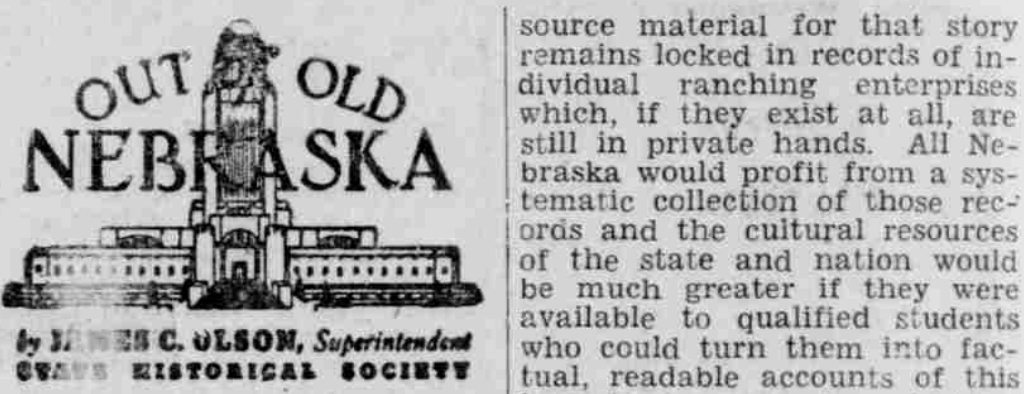
Check correct location of each vacation spot.

1. Carlsbad Caverns are in (Mexico) (New Mexico).
2. Crater Lake is in (Oregon) (Washington).
3. Mount Rainier is in (Washington) (Oregon).
4. Grand Canyon is in (Arizona) (Nevada).
5. Mount Rushmore is in (South Dakota) (North Dakota).
6. Shenandoah National Park is in (West Virginia) (Virginia).
7. Yosemite is in (California) (Arizona).
8. The Everglades are in (Florida) (Louisiana).
9. Hot Springs is in (Indiana) (Arkansas).
10. Great Smoky Mountains are in (North Carolina) (Tennessee) (both).

Count 10 for each correct choice. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior, and 90-100, very superior.

Decoded Intelligram

1—New Mexico, 2—Oregon, 3—Washington, 4—Arizona, 5—South Dakota, 6—Virginia, 7—California, 8—Florida, 9—Arkansas, 10—Both.



When the Nebraska State Historical Society holds its annual spring dinner in Grand Island, Saturday, May 14th, its members will hear an address on "The Literature of the Cattle Range" by J. Frank Dobie, well-known author and lecturer from Austin, Texas. The subject is one which should appeal to all who are interested in Nebraska history because the story of the cattle range is an important, exciting part of the story of Nebraska.

It would be difficult indeed to find a person better qualified to talk on the literature of the cattle range than Mr. Dobie. He has had an important part in creating that literature with such books as A Vaquero of the Brush Country, Coronado's Children, On the Open Range, The Longhorns, The Voice of the Coyote, and The Mustangs to his credit.

Many good books have been written on various aspects of the range cattle, but much of the story still remains to be told. That is particularly true of the Nebraska aspect of the range cattle story.

Nebraska was the center of the early range cattle industry on the northern plains. Ogallala at the northern end of the Texas trail was the point from which many northern ranches were stocked with Texas longhorns. The Platte Valley, the Upper Elkhorn Valley, the Republican Valley and later the Sandhills were all important cattle ranges.

Some of the general histories of the range cattle industry, such as that by Edward Everett Dale of the University of Oklahoma, touch briefly on the industry in Nebraska. Briefer accounts such as the articles by Dr. Norber Mahnkne of Oklahoma A. & M. College and Dr. William D. Aeschbacher of Kentucky State College, published in recent issues of NEBRASKA HISTORY, the quarterly journal of the Nebraska State Historical Society, treat specific aspects of the Nebraska range cattle industry.

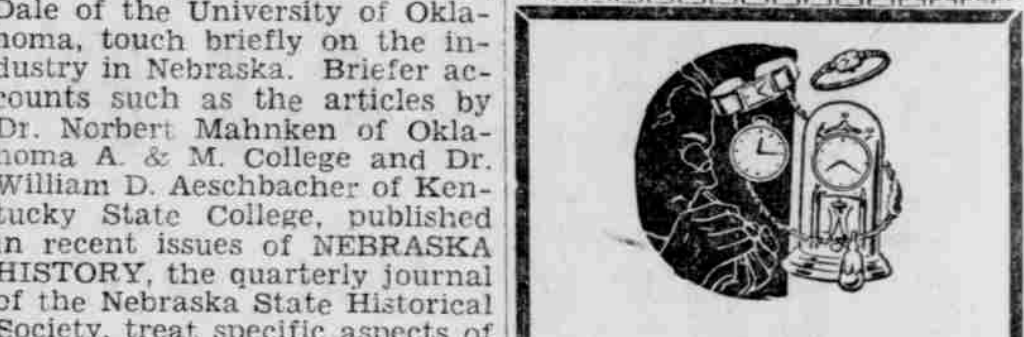
The whole story, however, remains to be told. Much of the

EMPLOYMENT

Civilian employment averaged 61,200,000 in 1954, the Census Bureau of the Commerce Department recently reported. This was 1,000,000 under the record high of 1953, but by the end of 1954, employment was back to the level of a year earlier. The total labor force—civilian and members of the armed forces—continued to expand and averaged 67,800,000 in 1954, about 500,000 greater than the 1953 average.

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