

EDITORIALS

WE APOLOGIZE

Anytime a newspaperman tries to pat someone on the back, he can expect to be bopped in the teeth—and a good share of the time he deserves it due to carelessness.

We had that experience recently and have no excuse but the fact that we just didn't dig deep enough, nor did we use the few brains the good Lord saw fit to give us.

So here and now, we would like to add James Sedlak's name to the list of men who have contributed so much to the beauty of Oak Hill Cemetery.

Our apologies Jim—someday you can get even by slipping over in another section and bopping us in the face with a spade.

BUYING COFFINS AND MAKING FRIENDS

A recent news story included a tip on making friends. It revealed that Mrs. Emma Hawkins, of Honey Grove, Texas, had made a lot of friends after buying her coffin, twenty years ago.

At that time, she says, the Lord told her to be prepared. She was sick much of the time in those days and feared she might soon die. She reports that she obtained a baking powder can and every time she had some change, or a dollar, she put it in the can.

After what Mrs. Hawkins calls a long time, the baking powder can contained \$65 and she bought herself a gray upholstered coffin, with white satin lining. She put a dress and some mothballs inside.

That was some twenty years ago. And at that time Mrs. Hawkins was 64. Today she is 84, and relates how the purchase of the coffin, which news passed rapidly through her community, brought her many visits and future friendships. She says people are still coming to see her, and they all ask whether she has tried the coffin for size.

The newspaper which reported Mrs. Hawkins' experience reports she hasn't tried it out for size.

BUSINESS BOOM CONTINUES

First quarter economic statistics show that the country is headed toward an all-time business boom—if the trend is not reversed before the end of 1955.

The business spurt which began with the Christmas buying surge of 1954 is continuing and, at the end of March, it had developed into an actual business boom.

Moreover, there are many economists who see no letdown in sight, and they certainly have imposing figures to back up their argument. Records topped in the first quarter of this year include those in such key industries as the automobile industry, steel industry, construction and retail sales. Other industries which have not fared as well as these have, nevertheless, shown definite signs of improvement.

Figures released recently show that in the first quarter of this year, personal incomes amounted to an annual rate of over \$290,000,000,000. That represents a new record and is \$7,500,000,000 above the corresponding period of 1954. Consumer spending increased even faster than income, leading some observers to believe that the boom will not continue to accelerate through the rest of the year.

The majority opinion seems to be that booming business will continue through at least the first six months of the year and that good business will continue throughout the last half of 1955. As with the weather, nothing is certain in the field of economics, but the outlook can be called good at this time, with first quarter figures just in and analyzed.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When a judge departs from the letter of the law he becomes a law-breaker. —Francis Bacon

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

The automobile hasn't completely replaced the horse—you haven't yet seen a bronze statue of a man sitting under a steering wheel.

Conscience is that thing that hurts when everything else feels so good.

If you can't be thankful for what you receive, be thankful for what you escape.

There were probably just as many reckless drivers in the country 50 years ago, but they were driving something that had more sense than they did.

A reader wants to know what is a millennium? All we know about it is that it's something like a centennial, only it has more legs.

When a recipe called for a teaspoon of water, a local bride asked if it should be level or heaping?

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says if her boy friends don't quit being so aggressive she's going to stop using powder that goes on with a puff and use the kind that goes off with a bang.

A little old lady entered a local home the other day and told a little boy, "You don't know me, but I'm your grandmother—on your father's side." The kid answered right back with, "I can tell you right now, you're on the wrong side."

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

William Baird installed Dr. H. G. McClusky as president of the Plattsmouth Rotary Club; Frank A. Cloidt, vice-president; Ray Misner, secretary; Frank M. Bestor treasurer and George Jaeger, and L. S. Devoe, directors. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Meisinger of Plattsmouth. Plattsmouth's city council approved liquor licenses for Fred H. Sharpnack and Henry J. Donat for the two retail package liquor licenses allowed in the city. Daisy Field was the picnic spot south of Weeping Water. Coffee was selling for 31 cents per pound. Eleanor Minor, Jean Knorr, Mary Kathryn Wiles, Harriett Goos, Frances Cloidt, and Marjorie Ann Ridball attended the annual conference sponsored by the Presbyterian church at Camp Brewster.

30 YEARS AGO

Miss Doris Winscott of Plattsmouth and Ervan Myers of Omaha were married at the Christian Church parsonage. The Platte river rose three feet in an hour. Judge James T. Begley was named head of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Searl Davis. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schaus. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nietzel returned from South Bend, Ind., where they attended commencement exercises for the class of which their son, John Milton Nietzel, was a member. Fireworks display for the Fourth of July arrived at Plattsmouth. Camp Quivera, Boy Scout camp at Louisville, showed 65 percent increase in attendance and was filled to capacity. Miss Ella Gerbeling and Ralph F. Colbert were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Gerbeling, east of Washburn. Some women are so foolish they should have been men, noted The Journal editor.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND by DREW PEARSON

(Copyright, 1955, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS: ROCK-EFFELLER FORTUNE "THREATENED" IN PENNY-ANTE GAME; RUSSELL LONG BATTLES FELLOW DEMOCRATS ON HELL'S CANYON; OPERATION ALERT TIMED AS PEACE-TALK BUILD-UP.

Washington — Nelson Rockefeller, whose family is one of the wealthiest in America, was playing penny-ante poker on the President's special plane enroute to San Francisco. In the game with him were Congressman Miller, Democrat of Oakland, Cal., Mailliard, Republican of San Francisco, Younger of Ohio, and Scudder of California, also Republicans.

When the trip was over, Rockefeller was down seven dollars to his Congressional friends.

Remarked Harold Stassen, also with the Presidential party: "I am going to watch the stock market tomorrow morning. Nelson will probably have to dump a lot of stocks on the market to pay for his losses."

Russell Long, Democrat of Louisiana, did his best to defeat his fellow Democrats during bitter closed-door meeting of the Senate public works committee when it voted last week on the one remaining big undeveloped power site in the United States, Hell's Canyon.

With all other easily developed power

Ticklers By George



"This stereopticon set is priceless. Here's one of President McKinley making a speech!"

sites already built, Hell's Canyon on the Snake River is of crucial importance to Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The Eisenhower Administration has favored its development by the Idaho Power Company. The Democrats, with the exception of Russell Long have favored development by the government, on the ground that rivers and works of nature belong to the people not private power companies.

Russell Long, whose father, the late kingfish of Louisiana, battled against the power companies, has strangely voted with the power companies. When the Dixon-Yates project was up for debate last summer, Long assailed his colleagues by casting his vote against the Democrats and with the power lobby.

When the secret meeting of the Senate interior committee opened last week, Long at first sat silent. Six Republicans bitterly denounced government operation of Hell's Canyon—including Millikin of Colorado, Watkins of Utah, Dworshak of Idaho, Barrett of Wyoming. The only Republican who did not take a definite stand was Kuchel of California. Though he spoke on the subject, he did not definitely commit himself.

All the Democrats present urged that Hell's Canyon be developed by the Government, except Long. He sat grim and silent. Finally with Senator Murray of Montana absent in Geneva attending the international labor conference, acting Chairman Anderson of New Mexico pulled out a letter from Murray asking that the vote be postponed until his return. Anderson meant that a vote that day would mean a victory for the Idaho Power company.

It was at this point that Senator Long finally jumped in to oppose his fellow Democrats. Knowing that the Republicans had a one-vote margin, counting his, Long urged that the vote be taken immediately, that they not wait for Senator Murray to return.

Senator Dworshak, Republican of Idaho, did likewise. However, they were overruled. Final vote on the last remaining big dam site was postponed for about a week.

Inside the Pentagon Here is the inside reason why operation alert was scheduled to test civil defense against the wisdom of trying to avoid a horrible new war by talks around the conference table. The exercise was originally scheduled to take place last year as part of "operation candor." Secretary of Health Oveta Culp Hobby prepared to "rough it" during the B-bomb evacuation test by going without her nylon stockings. However, she wore a pair of immaculate white gloves. The first atomic aircraft engine will be completed in ten months. It won't be ready to install in a plane that early, but it will be ready for ground tests. America's first atomic-powered submarine, the Nautilus, will soon cross the Atlantic entirely under water. It won't surface once, its speed—over 25 miles an hour. For a long time the military have wanted to run their own spy work instead of pooling it all under Allen Dulles and Central Intelligence. Now the National Security Council has ordered Central Intelligence to transfer some of its intelligence functions to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In fact, the Joint Chiefs have already assigned five super-secret officers to direct the new intelligence work.

Washington Pipeline Mayor L. C. Clark of Tulsa says he's sticking with his natural-gas friends and that this column had him wrong about switching to the other mayors who favor federal regulation of natural-gas transmission. Sorry for the error. William Kern has been appointed to the Federal Trade Commission, replacing veteran Commissioner Jim Mead, Democrat. The law requires that the post go to a Dem-

ocrate. But—Kern was recommended and sponsored for the job by Douglas Whitlock, former assistant to the Republican National Chairman. The Air Force's retired Gen. George Stratemyer, hero of the McCarthys, recently praised the anti-semitic writings of Dr. John Beatty, professor of English at Southern Methodist University. Dr. Beatty's writings have already been repudiated by the University. The western diplomatic colony is hopping mad at Marshal Tito for suddenly trebling and quadrupling Yugoslav rents. This has turned Belgrade into probably the most expensive city in the world and has so infuriated some countries that they are threatening to close down their embassies.

LETTER BOX

The Journal welcomes letters from readers for this column or for subject. Four names must be signed to all articles intended for publication, however, by request, it can be omitted from the letter appearing in print. (Contents do not necessarily express the opinion of the Journal.)

Table of names and addresses for the letter box, including Wm. P. Coakley, June Sal., Mil., 225.95; Jo Ann Cole, June Sal., 150.00; Lucille Horn Gaines, June Sal., 266.66; Gant Publishing Co., Sup., 20.00; Ernest C. Gilles, 1 day Sal., 8.85; Edna Herring, June Sal., 207.70; Anna K. Hiner, June Sal., 185.00; Valeria Holman, June Sal., 175.00; Hudson Elec. & Heating Co., plumbing, jail, 48.84; Glenn L. Johnson, June Sal., Mil., 420.02; Klopp Printing Co., Sup., 7.12; Maxine Koch, June Sal., 150.00; Thelma Kruger, June Sal., 225.00; Chas. Land, June Sal., Pstg., Mil., 331.45; Harold Lebens, 2 days Sal., Acting Co. Jdg., 21.20; C. E. Ledgway, June Sal., Pstg., 293.29; Heien W. Ledgway, June Sal., 200.00; Lincoln Tel. & Tel. Co., Serv. to Co. offices, 152.28; Alice Jayne McShane, June Sal., 333.33; Valara Meisinger, June Sal., 160.00; Mobile Communication Co., radio repr., 25.61; Sadie E. Nicholson, June Sal., 150.00; Co. Treasurer, OASI, 3.00; W. F. Nolte, June Sal., 166.67; R. E. Norris, June Sal., 166.67; R. E. Norris, mileage, 52.50; Clara Olson, June Sal., Pstg., 335.33; Richard C. Peck, June Sal., Vet. officer, 125.00; Richard C. Peck, June Sal., Atty., 233.33; Mary Petersen, June Sal., 175.00; Plattsmouth Journal, Pub. Sch. Re-Org. notice, 2.60; Plattsmouth Journal, Pub. Sch. Re-Org. notice, 7.93; Plattsmouth Journal, minutes, 6-7 & 13-55, Equal 8, 9 & 13, 15.05; Plattsmouth Journal, Pub. Sch. Re-Org. notice, 4.42; Jacqueline Reno, June Sal., 160.00; Shrader Rhoden, June Sal., Mil., 322.90; Estella L. Rutherford, June Sal., 185.00; Lois E. Schraeder, June Sal., 175.00; Wm. Schmidtman, Sup., 46.08; Gwen S. Scoles, June Sal., 200.00; Thomas S. Solomon, June Sal., Mil., 444.76; Standard Blue Print Co., Sup., 17.75; Stephen School Supply Co., Sup., 5.28; Stephen School Supply Co., Sup., 450.00; Jean K. Thimgan, June Sal., 160.00; West Publishing Co., Sup., 25.00; E. T. Wilkins & Associates, pickup Serv. 1954 & 55, 1830.00; M. H. Worthan, June Sal., Mil., 231.62; County Treasurer, 2nd Qr. matching OASI, 765.59; Assistance Administration; Clodt Service, June Stg. gas, etc. Co. car, 23.66; Co. Treasurer, 2nd Qr. matching OASI, 62.70; Beverly J. Hirz, June Sal., 85.00; Lincoln Tel. & Tel. Co., Serv. welfare, 16.35; Lucille Meisinger, June Sal., 230.00; Coretta R. Pfann, June Sal., 295.00; Schreiner Pharmacy, Sup. Norma E. Scott, June Sal., 230.00; Alice Weyrich, June Sal., 210.00; Poor Relief; Dr. R. R. Andersen, medical, 9.50; Dr. B. H. Baer, medical, 5.00; Dr. J. W. Brendel, medical, 16.50; Dr. R. F. Brendel, medical, 7.87; Mrs. H. W. Christensen, O. C. Pymt., 26.20; Mrs. Ernest Ebeler, O. C. Pymt., 67.10; Mrs. Lois Ehlers, O. C. Pymt., 24.30; Dr. Chester Farrell, Exam., 20.00; Feldhausen Drug, medical, 13.85; Gibson Groc., Prov., 20.00; Grandview Nursing Home, O. C. Pymt., 35.00; Grandview Nursing Home, June B & R, man, 75.00; Greene Drug, medical, 5.53; Martin D. Haykins, Exam. Hinky-Dinky Stores, Prov., 70.00; Martha Hoover, O. C. Pymt., 18.80; Dr. W. C. Kenner, medical, 22.00; Dr. L. N. Kunkel, medical, 23.05; Dr. O. E. Liston, medical, 30.00; L. W. Moore, O. C. Pymt., 171.40; Oakley Market & Lockers, Prov., 19.00; Mrs. Eanos Plunkett, O. C. Pymt., 62.70; Ruback's, Prov., 15.00; Sawfay Stores, Inc., Prov., 18.00; Schreiner Pharmacy, medical, 6.25; University of Omaha, medical, 2.45; Wallick Drug Store, medical, 4.95; Federal Matching; Nebr. Dept. of Rds. & Irrigation, Advance, Proj. 8511 (2), \$3278.00; Bridge; Hwy Equip. & Supply Co., Mds., 28.34; Midwest Lmbr. Br. & Sully Co., Mds., 158.24; Midwest Lmbr. Br. & Supply Co., Mds., 9.62

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Table of names and amounts for the Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Semi-Weekly Journal page four, including Stohlmann Lmbr. & Hdwe. Mds., 10.50; County Road Dist. No. 1, 358.40; Armco Drainage & Metal Products, Culverts, 90; Leonard Bell, 1 1/2 days Sal., 185.00; Wendell Bell, Dozing, 915.00; Ray L. Campbell, June Sal., 250.00; K. E. Dokter, Haul rock, Hellsch rd 2 1/2 m N., 490.00; Eaton Metal Products, Corp., Culverts, 472.80; Eaton Metal Products, Corp., Culverts, 347.04; Eaton Metal Products, Corp., Culvert, Bands, 178.10; Eaton Metal Products, Corp., Culvert, Bands, 57.76; Lincoln Tel. & Tel. Co., Serv. Mach. shop, 11.95; Nebr. Tractor & Equip. Co., Repr. Gal. 116, 184.58; Sities Farm Eq. & Trk. Co., Reprs., 171.28; W. A. Swatek Hdwe., Mds., 18.30; The Thomas Co., Power-lube, 116.75; Clyde O. Thumann, June Sal., 275.00; Wm. M. Vest, June Sal., 250.00; Wm. M. Vest, Grader, space rental, 5.00; County Road, Dist. No. 2, The Balbach Co., Apr., 10.94; Demurr. Mds., 26.58; Hwy. Equip. & Supply, 176.54; Hwy. Equip. & Supply, Co., Reprs., 240.00; Sanford Homan, June Sal., 236.40; Lincoln Equip. Co., 62.55; Lincoln Equip. Co., Reprs., 316.33; John Little, June Sal., 251.25; Thomas O. Mead, 20 days Sal., 161.00; Win. M. Mead, June Sal., 261.25; Omaha Public Power, Dist., W. W. Patrol, 1.00; Omaha Public Power, Dist., Manly Patrol, 1.00; Omaha Public Power, Dist., Louisville Patrol, 1.00; James W. Sheehan, June Sal., 250.00; John E. Sheehan, June Sal., 250.00; Wm. A. Sheehan, Jr., June Sal., 282.50; Stohlmann Lmbr. & Hdwe. Mds., 77.93; Stone Products Co., Rock, 29.55; County Road, Dist. No. 3, 4.00; H. D. Ash, Rent, 251.00; H. E. Barkhurst, June Sal., 250.00; Fred Basse, June Sal., 250.00; Ed's Repair Shop, Reprs Farmers Union Coop., Oil Assn., Gas oil, grease, 538.78; Hwy. Equip. & Supply, Co., Mds., 14.08; Hwy. Equip. Supply Co., Repr. Gal 116, 239.24; Keckler Oil Co., Oil, cable, 11.00; Alvin Lashley, June Sal., 280.42; Lincoln Equip. Co., Mds., 236.71; Lincoln Equip. Co., 6. pmts, No. 60 Cat, 2096.28; Miller Oil Co., Gas oil, etc., 54.79; Omaha Public Power, Dist., Eagle patrol, 1.00; Wallace Richert, June Sal., 250.00; V. E. Simpson, June Sal., 250.00; Standard Oil Co., Gas, oil, tire repr., 72.58; Roland Tinnean, June Sal., 250.25; Thomas & Gerhart, Inc. Gravel, intersection, 2 m N Eagle, 32.00; Thomas & Gerhart, Inc. Gravel, btw Sec. 17 & 18-10-9, 432.00; Thomas & Gerhart, Inc. Gravel, btw Sec. 20 & 21-10-9, 480.00; Thomas & Gerhart, Inc. Gravel, btw Sec. 3 & 9-10-9, 416.00; Frank L. Turner, June Sal., 250.00; Mail Route; Stone Products Co., Rock, 1162.55; Stone Products Co., The Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 5, 1955. Attest: CHAS. LAND, County Clerk, No. 2883—June 27, 1955.

Annual Estimate

Sec. 17-707, R. S. N. 1943 BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska:

Section 1. Budget Fixed: The following shall be and is hereby declared to be the "Annual Estimate" of the probable amount of money necessary for all purposes to be raised in the City of Plattsmouth for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1956:

Table of Annual Estimate for the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, including 1. General: (a) Salaries of City Officials, \$ 3,310; (b) Comp. Ins., Misc. Ins. & Official Bond Premiums, 2,000; (c) Office Supplies, Printing & Election Expense, 900; (d) Miscellaneous — Including Maintenance & Repairs of City Hall and other property, and all other miscellaneous expenses, 4,760 \$11,000; 2. Police: (a) Salaries, 7,000; (b) Maintenance Police Car, 1,000; (c) Miscellaneous, 500 8,500; 3. Road: (a) Labor, 13,000; (b) Materials, Supplies & Repairs, 5,000 18,000; 4. Library: (a) Salaries, 3,500; (b) Books, Periodicals & Supplies, 860; (c) Misc., Inc. Maintenance & Repair of Bldg., 1,005 5,365; 5. Fire Hydrant Rental: (a) 106 Hydrants, 6,130; (b) Additional Hydrants, 500 6,630; 6. Bond & Interest: (a) Refunding Bonds & Interest, 13,637; (b) Intersection Bonds & Interest, 16,025; (c) District Paving Assessment Deficiencies, 8,000 37,662; 7. Paving Districts No. 63-81 Bonds & Interest, 5,313; 8. Paving Districts No. 82-99 Bonds & Interest, 8,489; 9. Cemetery: (a) Superintendent's Salary, 2,400; (b) Extra Labor, 6,000; (c) Supplies & Truck Expense, 3,000; (d) Office Expense & Misc., 2,600 14,000; 10. Fire Department: (a) Salaries & Nozzlemen Fees, 450; (b) Maintenance & Supplies, 1,750; (c) Occupation Tax Ins. Cos., 300 2,500; 11. Fire Equipment Fund, 800; 12. Park Fund: Maintenance & Repairs, 2,500; 13. Park Development, 800; 14. Lighting: (a) Overhead and Electroler Lighting, 4,000; (b) Traffic & Building Lighting & Maintenance, 600 4,600; 15. General Sewer: Maintenance & Repairs, 2,800; 16. Amusement: Band & Other Amusement, 1,000; 17. Gasoline Tax: Street Maintenance & Repairs, 4,000; 18. Business Tax: (a) Street Cleaning & Misc., 2,500; (b) Part Police Salaries, 1,500 4,000; 19. Dog Tax: Supplies & Enforcement, 200; 20. Sanitary Sewer Districts No. 5 to 10 Inc. Warrants & Interest, 9,000; 21. Sanitary Sewer District No. 11 Construction, 4,200; 22. Paving Districts Nos. 100 to 112 Inc. Warrants & Interest, 12,000; 23. Paving District No. 113 Construction, 2,688; 24. Water Main District No. 1 Warrants & Interest, 1,500; 25. Parking Meter: (a) Final Payment on Meters, 505; (b) Maintenance & Repairs, 995; (c) Police Salaries & Misc. City Expenses, 11,500 13,000; 26. Social Security, 2,800; TOTAL \$183,347; Section 2. Entire Revenue. The entire revenue for the previous fiscal year amounted to \$239,434.96. Section 3. This estimate passed and approved this 17th day of June, 1955. LEO R. MEISINGER, Mayor; Attest: ALBERT OLSON, City Clerk, No. 2877—June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 1955