



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

ANSWER TO EVERY PROBLEM?

"Highway Department plans call eventually building a Highway 73-75 by-pass west around Plattsmouth."

Wonder how many of our readers here in Plattsmouth read this paragraph in a story released by State Engineer Res Monday. This only proves that what many residents have talked about the past years, is going to come to pass.

It is unfortunate that Plattsmouth is situated in such a way that this highway fails to meet standard specifications. It is unfortunate that some people will likely get hurt if the highway is moved—and, in spite of all efforts someday it will be.

That date can be prolonged by a little planning and cooperation on the part of we local people. A move that should be made at once is an effort to eliminate some of the congestion on Sixth Street between First and A Avenues.

LOT OF CREDIT DUE

Another King Korn Carnival has come and gone. A new Queen and a new King have been crowned. The folks, including the kids, have had a lot of fun.

However, there are a few people who haven't or won't forget it for a few weeks yet. Among them is Dale Bowman and his fellow workers who put on a great show for Plattsmouth this year.

This newspaper thinks Plattsmouth had quite a show this year—one of our best. And we like to see credit placed where credit is due.

We know a lot of other home-town folks who feel the same way.

SAFETY FEATURES ON CARS

It is good to see that automobile manufacturers (most of them at least) have at last begun to take safety seriously.

The latest models—some of the first 1956 models, that is—reflect a trend toward safety which will, beyond a doubt, save many lives in the coming year.

Some of the new safety features are: door locks that stay locked under the impact of a crash. This will prevent passengers, and the drivers, from being injured as a result of being thrown through an open door after the collision.

Another commendable safety feature is the soft dashboard, which was introduced by a few models in earlier years but which is widely accepted this year.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing.

—John Erskine

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Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says Heaven protects the working girl. What we would like to know, though, who protects the fellow she is working?

Kid in school here was asked by his teacher to spell Mississippi. After thinking awhile he asked if she meant the battleship or the river?

It takes hundreds of nuts to hold an automobile together, but it only takes one of them to scatter it all over the highway.

Fellow was charged in court here with beating his wife with an oak leaf. Trouble was he got the oak leaf out of the dining room table.

How are you getting on with your New Year resolutions?

We know a Plattsmouth man that prizes the truth highly—it's because he uses it so seldom.

There are two ways to acquire old furniture—at a sale or raise a large family.

These installment travel plans are wonderful. They allow you to spend two weeks on vacation and three years in debt.

belts will save as many lives as any other safety improvement and they are being offered widely this year.

All in all, then, the 1956 cars are probably the safest offered the motoring public in years. It is about time, as everyone now knows, for we Americans were killing each other and ourselves at the rate of about a hundred a day—believe it or not.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO Miss Irene Sheehan of Manley and Jon Zoz were married at St. Patrick's Catholic church. . . Rev. V. C. Wright was assigned to the First Methodist church in Plattsmouth. . . J. H. Buck of Murdock secured portions of Nash and Chrysler cars and was ready to make an automobile from them. . . Greenwood, Iowa, stomped Plattsmouth 19-0 in a season football opener. . . The Union Woman's Club held a meeting at the home of Mrs. R. E. Foster. . . The Cass county sheriff and members of the police department were called to Wintersteen hill to settle a family argument. . . Surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. John Wynn, Sr., held a reunion in Plattsmouth.

30 YEARS AGO Herb Klauschie of Plattsmouth was trying out with the Omaha baseball team of the Western league. . . Mrs. Frank Gobelman was hostess to a bridge party honoring Miss Madeline Milheim of Fort Scott, Kan. . . Mrs. R. H. Patton was elected president of the Columbian school P.T.A. in Plattsmouth, Mrs. E. L. Gooding, vice-president, and Mrs. Harry Beal, secretary-treasurer. . . Verner Lundberg of the Lundberg garage at Nehawka sold the latest model of the Universal automobile to Fred Gwilliams the genial and efficient drayman. . . Henry Ford predicted that for 100 years the United States would have prosperity, reported The Journal editor.



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TROUBLE MAY DEVELOP INSIDE CABINET OVER IKE'S FRIENDLY POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA; IKE HAD LONG HISTORY OF MINOR AILMENTS; 3 POTENT AILMENTS; 3 POTENT CALIFORNIANS PLAN TO BOX NIXON FROM PRESIDENCY.

Washington—Here are some of the things likely to happen inside the cabinet while President Eisenhower is convalescing:

1. There are bound to be some important differences over Russia. Secretary Dulles has made sour faces privately over Ike's attempt to get along with the Russians. Vice-President Nixon has sided with Dulles, and even made a speech which knocked down some of the "summit" good will. Nixon made his political reputation as a Russian baiter and will continue that way inside the cabinet.

2. There will be little change of tax cuts this year. Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey, though anxious for tax cuts, is determined to balance the budget. His



word will be law. 3. More defense cuts. Again George Humphrey is likely to have his way about cutting the defense budget further. Despite the fact that Pantagon generals are up in arms and Senate Democrats threaten to vote the money anyway, the Treasury Secretary will probably win out in his demand for less spending.

He once told his Joint Chiefs of Staff that he didn't want any problem brought to him until there was a unanimous opinion, and he has followed the same general system with other agencies—namely, letting them make the decisions. This was one reason why he never really understood the implications of the Dixon-Yates deal.

Ordinarily, the man who would emerge as the heir apparent to Eisenhower during his weeks of convalescence would be the young vice-president scheduled to fill his shoes in case of death. But political prognosticators who have already picked Nixon as the Republican nominee for 1956 forget one thing. Nixon won't be able to carry his own state of California at the GOP convention in San Francisco.

For the boy wonder who shot to fame on the issue of the pumpkins and Communists-in-government made some powerful enemies during his quick climb to the top. Three of these happen to be the governor of his state, Goodwin Knight, who will control the California delegation in '56; the Republican leader of the Senate, Bill Knowland, who will help him control it; and the Chief Justice of the United States, Earl Warren, who, while out of politics, has a way of making his views known back in his home state.

These three have no reason to love Nixon. Knowland and Warren in particular remember all too vividly how, during the Chicago convention in 1952, Knowland was approached by Senator Taft with the proposal that he be vice-president on the Taft ticket in return for switching California's huge bloc of delegates to Taft. Few young Senators have been taken up to a more tempting mountain. If he had accepted, he would be President of the United States today. For Taft would have been elected and Taft is now dead.

But Knowland didn't accept. He stood fast behind his old friend, the Governor of California. Meanwhile, young Nixon, who had been vociferous in his public avowals of loyalty to Warren, was busy behind the scenes trying to scuttle him. And on the belief that he could deliver the California delegation, Nixon got the coveted No. 2 spot on the Eisenhower ticket.

In the end, he didn't deliver. He couldn't. But he got the spot.

Home loan banks are directed to tighten credit lid.

EDUCATION The Federal Office of Education has estimated that 39,557,000 students will be enrolled in the schools of the nation this fall. This figure, representing attendance in colleges as well as in public and private schools, marks a 1,657,000-pupil increase in one year.

Let's examine the fallacy of this conclusion. The biggest share of property taxes do come from property. But it should not be blithely assumed that farm ownership guarantees an income to pay the taxes on land. Farm property in Nebraska is from 60 to 65 per cent of the total valuation of the state tangible property holdings. This means that from 60 to 65 per cent of the revenue for the state general fund comes from farm property. On the other hand, farm income in Nebraska is \$400 million in a good year. This is twenty per cent of the two billion dollars of income to Nebraskans from all sources. If farm income is used as a basis for justifying property taxes, as the council representative implies, farmers should be paying only one-third as much taxes as they are paying. In a year of crop failures such as the present, the farmer share would be much less than 20 per cent of the net income.

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atated Roy Acuff and Minnie Pearl at the Fair there. So would Tom Johnson Fair secretary, who didn't pay the group and issued free tickets later.

Should a deceased Burlington railroad, of say 15 years ago, have returned to visit Wymore last week, says the Wymore Arboretum, he would have thought everybody was crazy. They had filled the railroad water tanks with corn as storage bins.

Blair oil men held a luncheon at a cafe, there to discuss plans for "Oil Progress Week" said the Pilot-Tribune. Rufus Olson suggested a slogan—"Let's Get Well Oiled During Oil Progress Week—We Mean your car."

by Wallace F. Green, Supervisor Nebraska Parks Commission

With duck season starting next weekend, there will be many an argument in the duck blinds through-out the state.

The main topic of controversy will be about the kind of duck taken, after the hunters decided who shot it.

Of the many kinds of ducks hunted in Nebraska, only a few are really identified. Even the experienced duck hunter gets some that are a puzzle, to say the least.

The drake mallard, with his green head, black and white body and purple and white marked wing is easy. Of course many novice hunters even confuse him with the shoveller, so called because of its large bill.

Hunters with a few years of duck hunting under their belts can usually identify most of the drake ducks that pass through Nebraska during the fall flights. But, when it comes to identifying the hens, it's a different story. Usually very drab in coloration, the hen ducks can be difficult to identify because of their sameness in appearance.

There will be ducks that you cannot identify from illustrations unless the publication is quiet technical.

Probably the best method is to use a key. A key is a list of characteristics of the birds. As you read down the list, selecting the characteristics of the bird you have, the key will eliminate all choices except the choice identifying your duck. Of course, keys are designed to be used on ducks already taken and would not be of much use on ducks flying or out on the water.

One of the most important characteristics is the so-called speculum. This is a group of feathers on the trailing edge of the wing, located near the body on the top surface. In most ducks the speculum is the same for both drakes and hens. Each kind of duck has its own particularly colored speculum. Mallards for instance have a purple iridescence colored speculum bordered front and back with white bars.

If you would like to have a mimeograph copy of a key to Nebraska ducks, send your request to the information Division of the State Game Commission, Statehouse, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The key won't prevent those arguments but they may help you shorten the time they take.

Legislative SIDELIGHTS

A Reply??? This column last week called the Nebraska Citizens Council's use of per capita figures to prove that property tax is low in Nebraska a "delusion."

This reply is vulnerable because income figures are available. But why use income to compare property tax levies. While it is true that income is the best measure of ability to pay taxes, Nebraska's tax system takes no recognition of this fact in assessing property for taxation. Taxes in this state are based upon property ownership. The property tax must be paid regardless of whether or not the owner has income to pay it.

The council representative is further quoted as saying, "Agricultural land represents the highest proportion of the total wealth of the state, so it is to be expected that farm income represents the greater percentage of taxes."

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 — On October 27th, just about a month from now, the United States will again sit down, officially, with Russia, Britain and France, in Geneva. This is the meeting that is supposed to translate sweet words of recent months into concrete action.

The growing conviction in the United States is, however, that all the sweet talk and tooth-paste smiles do not add up to a solid chance that Germany can be unified in the near future. This ideal is and was the keystone of U. S. hopes for Germany, in the four-power talks.

Russia has met with both West and East German government leaders since the summer meeting in Geneva and now has diplomatic relations with both. And the USSR has made it clear that it expects things to continue that way for a long time to come. Russia is obviously well aware that if all 68,000,000 Germans in both parts of Germany vote on reunification, not only would the country's division end, but so would the Communist regime of East Germany. (There are only 18,000,000 people in East Germany; 50,000,000 in West Germany.)

So the United States must look to the forthcoming Geneva meeting for other results. What can they be? They could center on a reduction of arms, or on trade questions, or on several other issues. But German unification is apparently a long way off.

The official United States view, in Washington, is that Russia is now embarking on a long-term economic struggle with the United States. The economic approach is a return to the theme voiced by Lenin, that Communism will win out in an economic struggle with capitalism, inevitably.

The Russia tact suits U. S. diplomats and the President. If it is in the economic field that the Reds wish to challenge the United States, then the United States should be well prepared and a healthy competitor. The U. S. economy is what has made this nation the strongest on earth and there is no proof anywhere that Communism can match the strides having been made and now being made in the free enterprise system of the U. S. A.

Moreover, the decision in the Kremlin to return to collective rule and to return to an economic struggle, rather than a military one, is a direct result of the rearmament of the United States, and other anti-Communist nations. Ironically, U. S. rearmament came about as a result of the Communist blunder and (and attack) in Korea.

Former President (Dictator) Juan Peron struck out in Argentina after a corny and faked resignation offer failed to bring the populace back into line with

clarify Nebraska's tax problems so that property owners might understand "whereof he spoke." Nothing is more needed than a forthright presentation of facts about the Nebraska tax system, a presentation devoid of generalization and ambiguity.

The Nebraska Citizens Council could do Nebraska taxpayers a real service by telling the full and complete tax story.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Here's the Answer National Flag

- HORIZONTAL 1 Depicted is the national flag of — 8 This country produces much — 13 Raise — 14 Weight measure — 15 Salt — 16 Japanese seaport — 18 Cravat — 19 Rest — 20 More painful — 21 Tenth month (ab.) — 22 Half an em — 23 French article — 24 Repose — 27 State — 29 Not (prefix) — 30 Direction (ab.) — 31 Lutecium (ab.) — 32 Palm lily — 33 Cook — 35 Bang — 36 Comparative suffix — 39 Behold! — 40 War god — 42 Extra — 47 Damage — 48 Equipment — 49 Secreter — 50 Brazilian macaw — 51 Palate part — 53 Church bell — 55 Dentures — 56 The natives of this country are chiefly

