

# EDITORIALS

## Furse's Fresh Flashes

### THE 1956 SEASONS

It may be hard to believe, as Winter tightens its grip, that the days are already getting longer, and the sun shines on the United States a little longer each day.

This is because the Winter Solstice occurred in late December, 1955, when the sun entered Capricornus.

Spring this year will come with the Vernal Equinox, on March 20th, at 10:21 a.m., when the sun enters Aries. It is hard to believe that Spring is only about two months away, but that is when Spring begins this year.

The Summer Solstice occurs on June 21st, at 5:24 a.m., when the sun enters Cancer, and Summer will last until the Autumnal Equinox on September 22nd, at 8:36 p.m., when the sun enters Libra.

Thereafter, Autumn will continue until the Winter Solstice, which occurs on December 21st at four o'clock in the afternoon, when the sun once again enters Capricornus.

For those who watch morning and evening stars, Mercury is favorably situated to be seen as an evening star in January, as is Venus, which will be an evening star longer than Mercury, or until about June 22nd. Thereafter, Venus will be a morning star for the rest of the year.

Morning stars to be seen now include Mars, which will be a morning star until September, when it will become an evening star for the rest of the year. Jupiter will be a morning star until February 16th, and Saturn will be a morning star until May 20th. From that date until November 27th, Saturn will be an evening star.

### CONGRESS AND FARM RELIEF

We hope that members of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, will unite in writing a program providing farm relief as soon as possible.

While we agree with President Eisenhower's contention that there should be no partisan politics involved in the creation of vital farm relief legislation, we also believe that the Eisenhower Administration could and should have acted sooner to avoid the present state of farm adversity.

Regardless of whether one agrees with this conclusion or not, it is now obvious that they were not the solution to the farmer's problems. It is to his credit that he calls for drastic action, and we do not attribute his call only to the fact that this is an election year.

We agree with many Democrats who say they have been calling for farm relief for several years. Despite all this, the fact is the farmer needs relief.

The obligation of all American congressmen, whether they be Republicans or Democrats, or whether they have been right or wrong about the farm problem in recent years, is to write legislation to better farm conditions. Such legislation should be passed by Congress by mid-March, designed to take effect immediately. A number of good proposals have been made and we hope both Democrats and Republicans will compromise enough of their indifferences to arrive at a bill which can, and will be, passed by Congress and then signed by President Eisenhower.

This obligation to the American people—for it is they who will be ultimately concerned with farm prosperity—also is an obligation of all Americans. It should be put above any petty party advantages which might be gained out of the present regrettable situation.

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Woman seems to differ from man in mental disposition, chiefly in her greater tenderness and less selfishness. —Charles Darwin

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## Pockets Full of Dreams



at his picture in that column."

### Meat Trust

It hasn't been advertised, but Wyoming's trust-busting Sen. Joe O'Mahoney is investigating charges that the big chain stores are gaining a stranglehold on the meat industry.

It used to be that the five big packers dominated the stockyards and controlled meat prices. Finally, 50 years ago the Justice Department moved in with an anti-trust suit against Swift and Company. Congress also passed the Kendrick-Kenyon bill in 1921, which broke up the packers' control over the meat industry.

This law doesn't affect the chain stores, however, which are moving in where the packers are barred by law. O'Mahoney has learned that the big chain stores operate their own distributing plants, packing plants, feed lots and even their own cattle ranches.

Safeway, for example, has at least 11 meat-distributing warehouses, 33 general warehouses, and 19 miscellaneous warehouses, according to O'Mahoney's information.

The Wyoming senator will air his findings before the Senate anti-monopoly subcommittee.

### Dots and Dashes

Adlai Stevenson has dumped his political confidant of the past four years, the man he hand-picked to run the Democratic party in 1952—former Chairman Steve Mitchell.

The headstrong Mitchell struck out on his own and announced his candidacy for Governor of Illinois. However, Stevenson has privately turned thumbs down on his former friend.

Democratic regulars will back Robert Paschen. New York's Gov. Averell Harriman appealed to ex-President Truman to help revive the collapsing Harriman-for-President boom. Truman sent back polite word that he would rather not get mixed up in the pre-convention fight.

The Defense Department is going ahead with plans to supply the new West German army with atomic weapons. Secretary of Defense Wilson would like to furnish the Germans—and our other European allies—with atomic missiles if Congress can be persuaded to remove the legal barriers.

### BOY KILLED, BABY SAFE

Shadown, Ark.—Although L. C. Coffee, 16, was killed when he was hit by a truck, an infant he was carrying in his arms escaped without a scratch. The impact, however, jarred the baby from his arms.

## I See By The Papers . . .

By Bill Murdock

Eleven applications were on file with the Sarpy county clerk for the job of district commissioner vacated by First District commissioner H. F. Lindberg with a year to go, says the Pappillon Times.

Webster County Sheriff George Stokes has a puzzler to work. At the noon hour \$80 was taken from the county judge's private box; \$14 belonging to the county and a \$100 check, says the Red Cloud Commercial Advertiser.

John Gebble, Jr., opined in the Bellevue Press that one reason the World-Herald might have cut short its writeup on Bellevue in its story on the twin counties may have been that some of the locals fear the Omaha city council might decide to annex the town unless its grows to 10,000 population soon.

Triplet calves were born in a field on the Robert Riddle farm near Colon. A rarity, points out the Wahoo Newspaper.

## Capitol News

By Melvin Paul  
Statehouse Correspondent  
The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN—The demand for teachers in Nebraska will probably be just as strong this year as in 1955.

That's the belief of the Nebraska State Education Association. It said although college enrollment is up, potential teachers will not be available for the 1956-57 school year.

"And," said the association, "even with the amount of school district reorganization accomplished in Nebraska, the number of teachers made available by the action will be considerably less than the demand caused by the increased enrollment of the larger towns of the state."

The association said with teachers in short supply in Nebraska, competition from surrounding states adds to the difficulty.

Nebraska's average annual salary for classroom teachers is \$3,123, far below the average for surrounding states.

The association said a "more equitable method of financing the schools, and an increase of the wealth devoted to education to at least 2.5 per cent probably would provide funds for a general up-grading of teachers' salaries throughout the state."

According to the State Department of Education, only 2.185 per cent of the present taxable wealth in Nebraska was devoted to education in 1954-55. That is the state-wide figure. The amount from district to district is sharply different.

The present instability in the teaching profession, the association said, probably costs the American people more than it would to provide adequate salaries and good working conditions for them.

### Burney to Run

A veteran member of the legislature and its present speaker, Sen. Dwight Burney, Hartington, will be in the race for lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket.

Burney picked up his filing papers last week at the Secretary of State's office. The 64-year-old farmer and livestock raiser has, since the death last year of Lt. Gov. Charles J. Warner, performed functions of the office.

In a statement to newsmen, Burney said: "I feel justified in filing for the office, because of my experience. After six sessions in the Legislature, I feel that I have a reasonable knowledge of state government."

"Especially because of the last session, when I was speaker, I have had considerable experience presiding over the Legislature, which is the biggest job the lieutenant governor has."

The first Republican to file for the office was Carl Swanson, Omaha, a former state treasurer.

### Lawyers To Ballot

Members of the legal profession in Nebraska are going to ballot on whether they want to be included under provisions of the Social Security Act.

Originally passed in 1935, the act was for industrial and commercial workers with the progress excluded.

In 1950, the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association went on record against legislation to include self-employed lawyers. In 1953 resolutions were introduced to overrule the previous action but no final action was taken pending an opinion survey. The poll showed a substantial majority favored inclusions on a voluntary basis and a resolution was adopted so stating.

School teachers of Nebraska recently voted overwhelmingly in favor of retirement under the social security system.

### Death Toll Down

Nebraska safety officials have their fingers crossed for the 12 months of 1956.

They hope for another reduction in traffic deaths. Col. C. J. Sanders, chief of the State Safety Patrol, said fatalities were down 3.6 per cent in Nebraska last year, compared with 1954.

"This reduction, however small," he said, "means that Nebraska was one of the nine states that did not experience an increase in traffic deaths last year."

Twenty-four counties went through 1955 without a fatality: Arthur, Banner, Blaine, Brown, Chase, Dakota, Frontier, Garden, Gosper, Grant, Greeley, Hayes, Hooker, Keya Paha, Knox, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Pawnee, Thomas, Valley, Webster, Wheeler and York. Counties reporting 10 or more deaths were Douglas, Lancaster, Dodge, Buffalo, Dixon, Dawson, Merrick and Saunders.

### Diers Files

The former chairman of the Board of Control, which governs



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

### WASHINGTON, Jan. 19

President Eisenhower, now that he has resumed the duties of being President again, is being put under increasing pressure to head his party's ticket again this year.

While there has been a large number of influential Republicans dedicated to another race by Eisenhower all along, individuals in this group are now making it clear to Ike that he is the party's only hope—as far as giving the Republicans a favored chance to repeat their 1952 presidential victory.

It is reported that many of these associates have registered with the President, and that he is coming around to their viewpoint that a situation is developing where it would be his duty to run again. His close advisors who have a high stake in his decision, will seek to make sure it becomes a case of duty.

As was reported in this column last year, after Ike's heart attack, chances are better than 50-50 that the President will run. The Republican Party has no other strong candidate. Every other G. O. P. contender would be the underdog against Adlai Stevenson.

The next few weeks may test the President's physical condition to such an extent that he will know whether he can continue in office for another four years—even giving up some of the load he carried the first three years he occupied the White House. That may be one reason the President decided to

17 state institutions, William Diers, has tossed his hat in the ring for the Legislature.

Diers, whose legal residence is Gresham, filed in the 24th district, comprised of York and Seward counties. His brother, Sen. H. K. Diers, will not seek reelection.

Asked if he had any legislative reforms in mind for the Board, Diers said: "Not at this time." He said he has at the present time, "only one plank—economy."

Diers served four terms in the Legislature and had a record eight years on the Board.

### School Land Cut

A mixup in rent on state-owned school land in Keith and Lincoln counties should be cleared up in time for rent reductions to take place on July 1.

That's the hope of the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds which administers the land.

Tom Coffey, Alma, board chairman, said a mixup dating back to 1953 before the present board was created and before Robert Hiatt was secretary, left rentals too high in the two counties.

Recently the board cut the value in the two counties and 13 others. Now it appears Keith and Lincoln counties will get an even greater reduction.

Lower rent is expected to become effective in other counties in the state by Jan. 1, 1957.

return from Key West and get down to business, full time business, earlier this month.

Original plans were for the Chief Executive to rest in Florida or Gettysburg until about March. Now that the President is actually at the helm again, his decision on running or retiring this year may be forthcoming at any moment. The best guess is that it will be a matter of weeks, or at most, one or two months before his answer is announced.

There are still many who believe the President will not run. But Mr. Eisenhower has always been a man to heed the call of duty, and if he is convinced that he alone can win for the Republicans, and that it is in the country's interest for the G. O. P. to stay in office, this will be a tremendous incentive for him to give it a try.

The President's suggestion—in his recent State of the Union speech—that tax cuts are not now in order, at least until the budget is safely balanced, surprised a lot of people who thought tax cuts for 1956 were already assured. The debate now in progress on Capitol Hill concerns two issues.

First, will Congress vote tax cuts regardless of the President's advice that the country balance its books before lowering levies?

Second, does the President's recommendation hurt his chances for reelection this year, if he decides to be a chief candidate again?

In answer to the first question, there is still significant sentiment in Congress to lower taxes, even if only in the form of higher individual exemptions. But the President's view on the issue is highly influential, since he can always veto a bill not in line with his thinking.

The best guess now is that tax cuts are less than a fifty-fifty possibility, mainly because of the President's veto power. Some sort of tax reduction bill still has an excellent chance to emerge from one or both houses.

On the second question, whether Eisenhower hurt himself politically by not calling for reductions, the reaction is mixed. However, a majority seems to think the President will not suffer as a result. In spite of the fact that most voters desire tax relief, there seems to be a general feeling that the President's suggested course of action is the wise, non-political approach to the problem.

### LEAVES \$1,827,350 IN CASH

Fresno, Calif.—When Mrs. Cora Nidever, 85-year-old widow, died recently, she left an estate in excess of \$2,000,000, including \$1,827,350 in cash.

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## WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Nocturnal Mammal

- 1 4,5 Depicted nocturnal mammal
- 12 Literary scraps
- 13 Ship
- 14 Exist
- 15 — cars are joined together
- 16 Deity
- 17 Operated
- 19 Toward
- 20 Unites
- 21 Live
- 22 Within (comb. form)
- 24 Redact
- 25 College official
- 27 Oceanic
- 28 Television (ab.)
- 29 Tin (symbol)
- 30 Eye (Scot.)
- 31 Butterfly
- 32 Mariner's tale
- 34 German king
- 37 Gaelic
- 38 Close
- 39 Lower register (ab.)
- 40 Chooses
- 46 Preposition
- 47 Ignited
- 49 It is found in the — valley
- 50 Winklike part
- 51 Eggs
- 52 White poplar
- 53 Speck
- 54 Moist
- 55 Birds' homes
- 56 Mineral rock

### Here's the Answer



- 32 It is —
- 33 Come
- 35 Sartor
- 36 Decorated
- 41 Enthusiastic ardor
- 42 Projection
- 43 Female sheep (pl.)
- 44 Ancient stone ax
- 45 Very (Fr.)
- 48 Make lace edging
- 50 Stir

