

# EDITORIALS

## ZONING LAW A MUST

Plattsmouth city officials have been kicking zoning and building code laws around for nearly two years past. While dormant for a time, the past two weeks has brought this action to the fore and it is coming up for considerable discussion among residents of the city.

A committee, appointed by Mayor Woster and kept in activation by Mayor Meisinger, studied codes of other cities for months before making recommendation for a similar action here. The city was combed street by street in an effort to make restrictions as lenient as possible, but at the same time protect the interests of home owners and business properties.

At the present time city dads have been and are still giving zoning laws for Plattsmouth a thorough screening. In its present form, this newspaper can see no reason why a code should not be enacted. Laws restricting helter-skelter construction that is a detriment to present property owners and thwarts any attempt to induce construction companies to undertake any kind of housing project in the area, is a must if Plattsmouth is to continue to grow.

To be sure it is impossible to come up with a code that will be 100 per cent pleasing to everyone, but with the "Grandfather Clause" which prevents new zoning laws from applying to existing conditions, it seems to us that no present resident of the community can be seriously troubled.

As for building codes, which is another matter, we are of the firm opinion they should not be so strict as to prevent a home owner or a business place from doing their own work so long as they meet standard regulations. We think most of our residents will agree to that—no one wants an inferior job in their own home if there is danger of fire or contamination.

We're certain that what ever our councilmen agree upon, all will be in the best interests of Plattsmouth residents.

## CHAMBER COMING TO LIFE

With 139 members signed up as this is written, with more than 30 new members and prospects for at least that many more, Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce is showing a new lease on life under the management of Dale Bowman and his able assistant Shirley Ashbaugh.

Frankly, with the enthusiasm and interest behind this organization at the present time, we look for 1956 to be Plattsmouth's greatest year. Ernie Schultz, new president, has removed his coat, rolled up his sleeves and has outlined a program that should instill pride in the hearts of local people following a couple of years of rough going for the local Chamber. Greatest pleaser of all, however, is the fine reception given membership solicitors. It again shows that Plattsmouth business people can take some knocks and still come up fighting. That's what built this city and it is that same attitude that will keep Plattsmouth ahead of the pack as one of Nebraska's better communities long after many of us are resting in eternal peace.

A President, a Manager and a Board of Directors, can't do the job alone, however. It takes the wholehearted cooperation of everyone and a one-for-all attitude and pride in one's home town to do the many things necessary to make your town the finest in the land.

We do hope that minority who have been dragging their feet and going along

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

*A fool may be known by six things: Anger without cause; speech without profit; change without progress; putting trust in a stranger, and mistaking foes for friends.*

—Arabian Proverb

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## Furse's Fresh Flashes

If a woman resents you taking her by the arm to help her up the steps, you know she's passed her 50th birthday.

The most difficult part in writing this column is thinking of something to say.

Doc told us to drink a glass of orange juice after a hot bath for our cold, but after a tub full of hot water, we couldn't hold the orange juice.

We know of a bank that has two alarm buttons. One you push when bank bandits are approaching, the other is for bank examiners.

We doubt the new styles for women's summer wear will last too long—they look so sensible.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says one thing wrong with modern engagements is that girls spend more time worrying whether their diamond is real, instead of their love.

This is the time of year when the whole truth is made public. Some kids are quite successful in concealing the middle name their parents gave them until around graduation time.

There is no doubt about it—we're going to wind up being a wallflower unless we can find some way of removing our pot.

on a free ride will relent, dig down in their pocket for a few bucks, lend their brawn and brain in a city wide effort to keep Plattsmouth going places.

It is time to get off the merry-go-round.

## Down Memory Lane

### 20 YEARS AGO

Cass county commissioners E. B. Chapman and J. A. Pitz were in Peoria, Ill., watching a demonstration of a crawler type tractor . . . Dr. P. T. Heineman of Plattsmouth was called to Louisville and started home in the middle of a blizzard and could go no farther than the farm of David Rutherford, where he stayed the night . . . Paul Vandervoort of Plattsmouth was named Cass county assistant director . . . In spite of the frigid weather, the Morris Grocery at Union was filling its refrigerator with ice, reported the Journal correspondent . . . A number of thermometers in Weeping Water showed 32 degrees below zero . . . The Cass county board of commissioners voted to give \$2,000 to the Cass County Fair.

### 30 YEARS AGO

The Nebraska state sheriff visited Plattsmouth and recovered several pairs of shoes, a large number of ladies' vests and other underwear concealed at a Plattsmouth home by an ex-convict . . . Dr. E. G. Lovey announced he was ready to settle in Plattsmouth to practice in the suite of offices formerly used by Dr. P. J. Flynn . . . Maldon D. Brown, Plattsmouth jeweler, who had been walking home from work, was pleased when his stolen car turned up in Omaha . . . Despite rain and sleet at Plattsmouth, the stork flew in with babies for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Puls and Mr. and Mrs. William Bashus . . . William Balfour, 80-year-old Nehawka man, won a Radio Station WOW fiddling contest over 48 entries.

## The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by DREW PEARSON

(Copyright, 1955, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.) DREW PEARSON SAYS:

U.S. LOST TO ENGLAND RE RED CHINA BLOCKADE; EDEN CONCLUDED IKE WOULDN'T RUN AGAIN; NATURAL GAS LOBBY MAY BE INVESTIGATED.

Washington — News breaks so fast during a big international conference that sometimes the most important news doesn't leak out until later.

In the case of the Eden-Eisenhower parley, it was carefully fussed up in the official communique, but the big news was that the British won their battle to ease the trade blockade against Red China.

President Eisenhower himself got into the argument on this and made a strong pitch against Eden, but lost. Ike even brought in Secretary of Defense Charlie Wilson and Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to bolster his argument; while John Foster Dulles brought in a 35-page report on Chinese trade, written by Assistant Secretary of State Robertson.

However, Eden was adamant. In the end he threatened to lift the trade blockade alone. Eden argued that trade with Red China was essential for certain parts of the British Commonwealth, particularly Ceylon and Malaya. Their chief product, rubber, he said, was no longer a strategic war material. Furthermore the dan-

## Ticklers

By George



"I want to read up on loopholes in the law."

ger of Communism existed in those areas unless they could ease trade barriers.

Faced with this showdown, Eisenhower yielded — though with the face-saving provision that the Red blockade would be reviewed by the 15 participating nations in Paris. This, however, will be just a formality.

Note—Eisenhower got a concession from Eden that Britain would stand with the United States to bar Red China from admission to the United Nations this year. Nothing was said about the year following—namely, 1957, after the elections.

Prime Minister Eden and his British advisers left Washington with the opinion that Eisenhower would not seek a second term . . . No one asked the President any questions directly, but the British formed their opinion as a result of the way in which Eisenhower let John Foster Dulles carry the negotiation ball during the three-day meeting.

The president seemed to tire noticeably and was glad when the sessions were over . . . Biggest failure in the Eden-Eisenhower talks was regarding the Near East. Neither side could agree on any bold strategy to avert war between Egypt and Israel . . . There was also no definite agreement on a concrete program to combat Russia's growing economic challenge in Asia and Africa . . . The Eden and Eisenhower sessions were decidedly worthwhile from the point of general friendship, but not as far as concrete results were concerned.

Lobby-Go-Around

The battle over natural gas probably broke all recent records for lobbying in the nation's capital. The scars will be felt for a long time to come — especially among the Democrats — Gas lobbyists adopted all sorts of techniques, especially that of hiring lawyers close to certain senators. When lawyer friends of Senator Tom Hennings of Missouri approached him, he replied: "I'll be glad to read your brief and I hope you collect a big fee from your clients. But I'm going to vote against the gas bill." — Hennings not only voted, but delivered one of the most effective speeches of the debate against the gas bill showing the huge profits netted by the gas-oil companies. He showed that the net income of the 30 top companies rose from \$800,000,000 in 1946 to \$2,155,000,000 in 1953. Hennings also urged an investigation of the manner in which the oil-gas companies were subsidizing certain campaign funds and senators who voted for the gas bill. This probe, if it materializes, should be one of the most sensational in the history of Congress. It was whispered around GOP cloakrooms that GOP campaign chest would be "in" several million dollars if the gas bill passed — The gas lobby made a mistake when it tackled courageous Senator Francis Case, South Dakota Republican and offered him a \$2,500 campaign contribution. He promptly denounced the subtle bribe.

Gas-Go-Round

While other Presidential candidates remained semi-silent on the natural gas debate, Senator Estes Kefauver didn't. Kefauver had accepted a series of speaking engagements in California before the date was set to vote on the gas bill. Despite the hectic series of speeches, he canceled all California engagements on Monday to fly back to Washington to cast his vote against the gas bill — Adlai Stevenson at first followed Lyndon Johnson's advice to say nothing about the gas bill but got into the act last week with a statement through his friend Senator Humphrey of Minnesota that he was against the bill — Governor Harriman of New York was privately against the bill, but kept quiet — North Carolinians are mystified as to what happened to their so-called

"Liberal Democrat" Senator Kerr Scott. Though Governor Hodges of North Carolina was against the bill, as was the Public Service Commission of North Carolina, Senator Scott seemed stage-struck by as gas-glamor boys.

Lecture to Dixiecrats

Louisiana's dapper Senator Allen Ellender gave fellow Dixiecrats a short lecture on politics at a recent private luncheon given by new Mexico's Senator Clint Anderson.

Ellender was shaking his head over the recent election results in Louisiana where the loyal Democrats overwhelmed Dixiecrat-Republican forces which had previously bolted to Eisenhower.

Turning to Senator Price Daniel, a Texas Dixiecrat, Ellender reminded: "Let me tell you that what happened in my state can happen in your state."

Then he swung around to South Carolina's Senator Strom Thurmond, 1948 Dixiecrat candidate for President.

"And that goes for you, too, in South Carolina," Ellender

## Capitol News

By Melvin Paul  
Statehouse Correspondent  
The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN — The question of whether Nebraska needs a Legislature whose members are elected on a political basis, is in the limelight this week.

The executive committee of the Nebraska Democratic party broached the subject at a meeting here last week.

It went on record for a larger, partisan Legislature instead of the present setup, where the 43 senators are elected on a non-political basis.

The committee suggested the Legislature range from 50-70 members.

William W. Spear, Fremont, Republican Party chairman, said he favors a partisan unicameral.

Spear said he did not know the feelings of the Republican State Central Committee, but added that early in 1954 it had approved the idea of a partisan Legislature, either bi-cameral or unicameral.

Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature was adopted at a general election in 1934. It became effective in 1937.

Spear said there are two possible methods of calling an election to amend the Constitution to provide for a partisan legislative body.

This could be done by a vote of senators themselves in 1957,

or by petitions calling for an election on the question.

Spear conceded an election by either method would be "difficult" to arrange.

State Democratic Chairman Lawrence Brock, Wakefield, said the most fundamental instrument for maintaining and exercising principles of freedom in a Democracy is the two-party system.

Brock said the logical place for the two-party system to flourish is in the legislative branch of government. He said if the Legislature is a representative body it should portray the "political coloration" of the voting districts that choose members.

## Levy Needs Cited

A committee of state senators is studying information on the institutional building levy, gathering from a meeting in Lincoln last week.

The senators comprise the Legislative Council committee studying the problem of whether the levy should be continued. The levy is \$1.10 for each \$1,000 worth of tangible property.

Proceeds go to the Board of Control, University of Nebraska, state teachers colleges and the military department.

The State Board of Education has proposed that the Milford Trade School be added to the list and given about \$990,000 over a 10-year period. The school's physical plant is badly in need of repair. It has never shared in the levy.

Maj. Gen. Guy N. Henninger, state adjutant, says the military department could complete its building program if the levy, originally enacted for 10 years, were continued for another five.

Henninger said remaining structures would cost \$3,970,610, of which the federal government would be expected to pay \$1,838,250.

The Board of Control told the committee it would like to add \$4,423,500 worth of buildings to the physical plant at the state's 17 institutions.

Proposed expenditures for the period include \$505,000 at the Norfolk State Hospital; \$1,005,000 at the Lincoln State Hospital; \$427,000 at the Hastings State Hospital; \$285,000 at the Beatrice State Home; \$490,000 at the Kearney Boys Training School; \$445,000 at the Orthopedic Hospital in Lincoln; \$664,000 at the Men's Reformatory in Lincoln; \$109,500 at the Grand Island Soldiers and Sailors Home, and \$151,000 at the State Penitentiary.

The levy is due to expire next year.

## Hospital Funds Up

If President Eisenhower's recommendations for funds for the Hill-Burton hospital construction program become law, Nebraska will get \$36,017 more money for the 1957 fiscal year.

The fiscal year begins July 1, 1956. The figure proposed by Mr. Eisenhower for Nebraska would be \$1,120,319, compared with \$1,084,302 for the 1956 fiscal year.

Verne Pangborn, director of hospitals for the State Health Department, said the 1957 proposal would include \$787,961 for general hospital construction, an increase of some \$3,000.

The 1957 recommendation would include \$332,358 for special facilities, a \$32,358 increase from the 1956 total.

## Parole System Working

Gov. Victor Anderson has high praise for Nebraska's new approach to the problem of paroling inmates from the penitentiary and reformatory.

The governor said the system is "working well" but should be reviewed periodically to see if it can be improved.

## Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

Check the correct word:

- 1—Actress Grace Kelly is engaged to the Prince of (Monaco) (Monte Carlo).
- 2—They plan to marry shortly after (Easter) (Thanksgiving).
- 3—When she marries, she will (retain) (lose) her United States citizenship.
- 4—It will be (first) (fourth) marriage for the actress.
- 5—It will be the (fourth) (first) marriage for the prince.
- 6—A major earthquake recently occurred in (Canada) (Mexico).
- 7—The President has assumed a (full) (partial) work load in wake of his heart attack.
- 8—Princess Margaret escort at present is usually a (lord) (commoner).
- 9—Pope Pius XII recently made statements significant to Catholics on (liturgical music) (childbirth) (both).
- 10—Danger to Americans during rioting in (Cyprus) (Jordan) called forth a stiff protest from our State Department.

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—Monaco 2—Easter 3—Retain 4—First 5—First 6—Mexico  
7—Full 8—Lord 9—Both 10—Jordan

It might even be a good idea, the governor said, if the Legislature studied the system and those in other states to see if Nebraska's can be made better.

Now, the governor said, authorities at the penitentiary and reformatory are present when the State Pardon Board, of which he is chairman, decides which inmates should get a hearing before the board.

That is new procedure. Also new is a "pre-release" program at the penitentiary. Under the program, inmates get instruction on how to behave when they are released and the problems they are likely to encounter.

And, after the board decides who will get a hearing, Dr. James Reinhardt, University of Nebraska professor of criminology, interviews each inmate and presents a report to the board.

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