

EDITORIALS

Furse's Fresh Flashes

EISENHOWER AND THE VETO

President Eisenhower's veto of the controversial Fulbright Bill that was to eliminate government control of natural gas at the well heads, will certainly meet with approval of rank and file consumers in this area.

It could be possible that this bill had some merit, but if it did, few in Cass County failed to see it. It could mean nothing but eventually higher gas bills for the consumer, and with stocks of producers selling on stock exchanges in excess of \$1000.00 per share, we do not believe those companies are losing any money.

Together with the taint of "contribution" money hanging over a couple of senators and the Republican party, and opposition of consumers, it would have been political suicide for the present administration to take any other action than to kill the measure.

As a taxpayer we cringe at the thought of any more expensive congressional investigations, but we would be most happy at this time to have a looksee into books of individual legislators and major political machines and learn where contributions to their campaigns are coming from.

It is a little distressing sometimes when our boy takes a look at some retired political hack and asks, "Pop, where did he get all his money?"

PLANT YOUR SPRING GARDEN

This is the time of year to make plans for your Spring garden. If you are not very enthusiastic about it now, order a few seed catalogs and the pictures in them will arouse a fire of enthusiasm.

Of course, the plants won't grow to look like the pictures in the catalogs, but you can enjoy thinking that they will for several weeks, at least. The anticipation, then, is half the fun.

On the practical side, there are many vegetables—and flowers, if you prefer them—which can be planted with little trouble, beginning in March and which will yield great rewards. In some sections, the soil may be prepared for a garden in the month of February.

The best thing about a garden is not that you might save a little money. The exercise it provides, the fresh air and the relaxation from ordinary chores and tensions, often do more for the gardener than does his actual haul of vegetables.

We have only one word of advice for gardeners. Realizing that it will not be accepted by most of them, and that advice is usually wasted effort, we nevertheless offer this gem. We would suggest that any gardener—wondering how large a plot to prepare—prepare the smaller of the two sizes he contemplates weeding and working during the hot months of Summer.

Nothing can ruin an enthusiastic gardener faster than a spell of hot days, a good growth of weeds and the steady work which he is required to do—in the garden—during the hot, humid days of late Spring and Summer.

CHIPPER AT 108

William Allen (Uncle Billy) Lundy, of Crestview, Florida, is chipper and hale at the ripe old age of 108. He watches television without glasses, checks newspaper headlines to keep up with times. In addition, he hears reasonably well and uses no hearing aid.

All this is somewhat amazing, but the circumstances which makes Lundy somewhat of a celebrity is the fact that, about ninety years ago, he was carrying a rifle

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"His education forms the common mind; Just as a twig is bent, the tree's inclined."
—Pope

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Ticklers

By George



"I advise a complete change; do you know another doctor?"

have been quite friendly, and Hoover even helped raise money for the Truman library. Truman appointed Hoover to study European food problems after the war, and also appointed him as co-chairman of the Committee on Government Reorganization.

Truman shed some light on the start of Ike's peeve in the latest installment of his book in which he tells how he wrote Eisenhower a letter in early 1952 saying: "Partisan politics should stop at the boundaries of the United States. I'm extremely sorry that you have allowed a bunch of screwballs to come between us."

Later, when President-elect Eisenhower drove up to the White House to take President Truman to the Capitol for the inauguration, Ike did not get out of the car to come in and greet the outgoing President, as is customary. Truman never forgot this and still remarks on it. Ike's "Activity"

The indefatigable Mae Craig, correspondent of the Portland, Me., Express, who barges in where her male colleagues fear to tread, put her finger on the point which concerned a lot of people during the full-dress televised medical report on President Eisenhower's health.

"Dr. White," he said, "the President has not been bearing the full load of the Presidency, so how can you now base a decision on that, on the last few weeks?"

"During the last five weeks," replied Dr. White, "I would like to have Mr. Hagerty speak of that."
"Well, all I can refer you to is the schedule for the last five weeks," replied Hagerty, "and if they are not full working schedules of the President, I don't know what is, with the exception of dinners and social events."

However, the unfortunate fact is that like Sen. Lyndon Johnson, Democrat, who has gone back to Texas to rest his heart after the gas debate, Mr. Eisenhower's schedule has been nowhere near as vigorous as it was before his illness, and his pre-illness schedule was somewhat lighter than Truman's. The lists of the callers are on file in the White House, and all you have to do is look at them to see the difference.

So far, newsmen and political critics have shied away from making any comparison. However, there have been some mild but growing complaints from the diplomatic corps where 12 ambassadors were kept waiting for weeks without a chance to present their credentials, and still have not had that opportunity.

The 12 were finally given a White House luncheon on Feb. 8 to quiet the diplomatic ruminations, but some of the envoys are still in doubt as to whether they are properly accredited to the United States.

Wilson Received Envoys
Their doubt results from the fact that under article 11, section 3 of the Constitution, it is stated that the President "shall receive ambassadors and other public ministers."

Hitherto, this was considered mandatory, and no envoy was duly accredited to the United States until he had actually and physically placed his credentials in the hand of the President. This practice is not only part of the constitution, but is according to longstanding international custom that an ambassador represents the king or president of a nation and, therefore, has access to the king or president.

Last fall, however, new ambassadors were asked to deposit their credentials with the State Department. This they did, figuring that after Ike's recovery they would have an opportunity to call on him.

However, as time passed, the ambassadors read that the Pres-

ident was able to hunt at Gettysburg, be photographed with his new tractor, ride in a pony carriage, and play bridge in Key West. So some of them looked up the precedents. They found that when Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke, the first thing he did, upon being able to get about in a wheel chair, was receive new ambassadors.

Three envoys who arrived during Wilson's illness had been given a chance to present their credentials to the still-ailing President in December, 1919, long before he was able to hold a cabinet meeting. His first cabinet meeting was held in April, 1920.

Russian Ambassador
When the unrecognized ambassadors recently inquired of the state department regarding the date they would be able to present their credentials, they were told that their formal accreditation was complete and that they would not see the President at all.

Some of these envoys are from the Middle East where Khrushchev and Bulganin have made a lot of hay lately.

Recently, when the Russian ambassador asked for and got immediately an interview with President Eisenhower to present a letter from Bulganin, the State Department decided to do something about the still-waiting envoys. Even such important neighbors as Argentina and Chile had not been able to have their ambassadors see the President at all.

So finally the ambassadors were given a formal luncheon at the White House. Those who attended were Ambassador Victor A. Khouri of Lebanon; Ambassador Ourot R. Souvannavong of Laos; Ambassador Mohammed Ali of Pakistan; Ambassador Hugues Le Gallais of Luxembourg; Ambassador Thor Thors of Iceland; Ambassador Carlos Romulo of the Philippines; Ambassador Francisco Urrutia-Holguin of Colombia; Ambassador U Win of Burma; Ambassador Adolfo A. Vichini of Argentina; Ambassador Maucclair Zephinin of Haiti; Ambassador Ali Amiri of Iran; Ambassador Mauro Rodriguez Altamirano of Chile.

HURRICANE FORECASTS

With history's most terrible hurricane season still fresh in mind, the greatest concentrated attack ever made on man's most pressing weather problem—how to forestall disaster with perfect hurricane forecasts—will be launched in Florida this May. Scores of scientists of several nations will cooperate in an effort to perfect a foolproof 24-hour hurricane forecast.

JOURNALisms

It was near unbelievable to see the growth Albuquerque had made in the two years since we had visited the city. Now the metropolis of New Mexico, the city sprawls over a great expanse of flat desert country and now boasts of several multi-story buildings. One new one that is especially attractive is the First National Bank several stories high and displaying a giant revolving neon sign, the cost of which was probably half that of the building.

Taking a new route, we drove south to Socorro, then west across miles of ranch and desert country stretching as far as the eyes could see to distant mountains some hundred miles away. Occasionally we saw a few head of cattle, but if any large herds were in existence, they were carefully hidden behind the mesquite. At one oasis where we stopped for lunch, we visited with a gentleman from Scottsdale, on his way home following a field trip as representative for what we understood to be a Masonic Fraternal insurance company—the first we knew such an organization existed. He was also a near neighbor to the Souders, former Nebraska City residents.

The drive up the winding mountain road into Show Low is a great spectacle. Ascending to nearly 5000 feet from the desert floor with an unobstructed view of millions of acres of the "wide open spaces" will take your breath away. South from Show Low, you wind through the great granite canyons of the Salt River where is to be seen a big share of Arizona's picturesque and majestic scenery. No where, even in the great Rockies, will you find the colorful and awe inspiring color and rock formations that greet a motorist as he cruises along highly improved three and four-lane highways to Globe and beyond.

Stopping overnight at Globe, we found luxurious accommodations at the El Ray Motel at a price of only \$6. Nestled neatly in the foothills of the Superstition Mountains, Globe is one of the nation's largest copper mining centers. A city of a little more than 15 thousand, natives boast that it is one of the most healthful climates in the world. It is a clean, friendly city and a morning sunrise here in a bowl surrounded by giant granite cliffs is something to behold.

A beautiful morning drive of some two hours brings you out of the mountains to the great "Valley of the Sun" at "Five Points" where is located the large cities of Arizona, Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa, Chandler, Glendale and others, all so closely knit together, one seldom knows which corporate city he is visiting. A state that has increased its population more than 10 times in 10 years, greatest share of that increase has been in this area. Phoenix not long ago a desert town of little more than 20 thousand, now numbers near 400,000 in the metropolitan area. Its growth during the past two years has been fantastic and it is still booming. New industries are now bringing from Phoenicians the same complaints that have long emanated from Los Angeles—smog, together with haze, is fast becoming a blight in this area.

Two days early for the NEA convention, the Wallings and we stopped over for a couple days in Mesa, another city that has more than doubled in size since our last visit. Foolishly, we left

Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

Check the correct word:

- 1—Russia's recently announced five-year plan is her (first) (sixth).
- 2—Her cooperative farms are called to increase production by (30) (100) per cent.
- 3—Special emphasis is placed on (atomic energy) (hydroelectric) power projects.
- 4—A recent statement by Secretary (Dulles) (Benson), quoted in a magazine article, stirred up an international hsssel.
- 5—Detroit's newspapers (are not) (are) publishing once again.
- 6—The United States Budget for fiscal 1957 (is not) (is) estimated to balance.
- 7—Chances for congressional action on tax cuts in '56 are (good) (poor).
- 8—The fabulous (American Express) (Brink's) robbery has been solved.
- 9—(Some) (no) vegetation is believed to exist in Antarctica.
- 10—Man's first earth satellite will be launched from (California) (Florida) some time in '57.

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

Decoded Intelligram

1—Sixth, 2—100, 3—Atomic energy, 4—Dulles, 5—Are, 6—Is, 7—Poor, 8—Brink's, 9—No, 10—Florida.

without taking the addresses of the McFetridge's, or Grandma Hennings (formerly our next door neighbor) and many others. Bob and this writer spent several hours one day hitting tourist courts, building supply houses, and many other categories trying to locate some of these friends, to no avail. We suggest they run for dog catcher or something to make a little noise out that way, get better acquainted and keep Plattsmouth circulating in the sand dunes of Arizona.

One trip we took that was most interesting was to The Mystery Castle, or 'one man's great dream.' Located south of Phoenix on the Baseline Road, here is a monstrosity that has been played up in Life, "Strange as it Seems," Art Baker's "You Asked For It," and others. Hidden in the Valley of the Sun, seven miles southeast, is this strange and wonderful castle. Candlelit rooms, 13 fireplaces, and no plumbing, it was built by Boyce Luther Gulley, unbeknownst to even his own wife and daughter, who, since his death, have opened it as a tourist attraction.

Mr. Gulley, a Seattle shoe maker, became a victim of TB. He pulled up stakes and departed. Only 20 years later did his wife and daughter learn of his whereabouts—when he died, leaving this monument out of his dreams and shadows where he had found solace in the sands and rocks of the western desert.

Incorporated in the castle are features that have brought modern architects thousands of miles to study—picture windows, roll-away beds, and dozens of others a la Frank Lloyd Wright—plus antiques of early Spanish and mining days of untold value. There is the Indian tepee dog house for mascot, "Gentleman Jim Saint" and the "Pink Privy" for your comfort—if you can afford to take time out from this interesting tour. —RRF

BUSINESS FAILURES

During 1955—a year of rapid and widespread business expansion—the country experienced approximately 11,000 business failures.

Load Restrictions Coming for Roads

LINCOLN — State Engineer L. N. Resch has called attention this week to coming annual load restriction season which will start Feb. 25 and continue into May.

Resch advised those who must do seasonal heavy hauling should carry it out early enough to avoid the inconvenience brought on by the imposition of axle load restrictions.

Maintenance Engineer John McMeekin added that overweight permits will not be issued on bituminous-surfaced highways except for very short distances and only then when other routes are not available.

Those highways affected by load restrictions on February 25 are on U.S. 81, from junction of Nebraska 98 to junction of Nebraska 84; on Neb. 23, from Grant west to Colorado line.

Resch explained that the Nebraska Highway Department will be furnishing on request additional detailed information regarding the probable posting of any highway.

Americans Eat More Meat Than Weight

LINCOLN — Most Americans ate their weight in meat in 1955. Per capita consumption averaged 161 pounds. Since this was the average for all of us—tall, short, heavy, slim, children, teen-agers and adults—generally we ate more than our weight in meat.

This information, which originated with the National Live Stock and Meat Board, was passed along by W. W. Derrick, extension animal husbandman at the University of Nebraska.

JOBS PLENTIFUL

Dr. Winifred Helmes, Labor Department official, recently stated that "at no time in our history have job horizons been greater for women of this country." Critical shortages in teaching and the health professions, increasing opportunities for women in journalism and excellent opportunities for qualified women in accounting were cited as fields open for women applicants.

