

EDITORIALS

BENSON: 'WEAK ARGUMENT'

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson has touched off a new ruckus. In a somewhat surprising statement, Mr. Benson has attempted to blame wage increases for the plight of the farmer.

Mr. Benson is concerned because food marketing costs continue to go up. He is concerned over the shrinking proportion of the retail food dollar the farmer gets. He is concerned over wage rates in food marketing, which have doubled in the last ten years.

He also says he is concerned over transportation and other marketing costs, which have risen about two-thirds. He points out that the farmer gets hit because of all these increases, and cannot cut his costs, or pass his increased costs on to someone else.

Mr. Benson is rightly concerned with all these things, although he cannot reverse the shrinking proportion of the retail food dollar which the farmer receives, or change the wage rate pattern, or eliminate the transportation and marketing costs rises which have occurred in recent years. Mr. Benson will have to go at his problem from the other direction. He will have to do something for the farmer and not attempt to do something to the others, who have taken an advantage of the farmer's situation.

What the farmer needs is immediate Government support, and because others have received increased wages, and because marketing, transportation and other costs have gone up, this is the very reason the farmer must be kept in line with the times. The price of just about everything has gone up.

It does no good to blame all of these trends, which have been evident for many years, or to talk about reversing them, or hoping that something can be done about them, or pointing out that they are illogical and unfair. What is unfair is that the farmers of our country are being squeezed between increasing costs and lowering prices. The only way he can be helped is to get some money into his pockets.

KNOWLAND ON CAMPAIGN

Minority Leader William Knowland, of the Senate, has taken another shot at the Eisenhower wing of the Republican party. The Californian has warned the President that the Taft wing of the party should have more representation in the coming campaign, and in the administration, than it now has.

He also warned the President and the G.O.P. progressives, that victory is not in the bag for 1956. He says that nothing should be taken for granted and infers that the election might be close.

And, at about the same time, it was reported that Vice President Nixon could have the President's blessing, if he wanted it. Knowland spoke out in favor of a member of the Taft wing, or the conservative wing, of the party, for the second spot on the 1956 G.O.P. ticket.

This development leads to several conclusions. First, the differences within the G.O.P. appear to be irreconcilable. If Mr. Eisenhower is to have close cooperation and coordination from the Senate, it is doubtful if that will come while Senator Knowland is the leader of the G.O.P. in the upper legislative body.

This does not mean that Knowland doesn't have the backing of a considerable group on Capitol Hill. It is quite possible, and happens quite often, that congressional sentiment and executive sentiment, within the same party, are poles apart on many important issues.

If the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket is nominated again, and elected again, the question is going to be whether Knowland is retained as leader of the G.O.P. in the Senate.

Furse's Fresh Flashes

A man that can be a hero to his wife's relations can face the rest of the world fearlessly.

Non-smear lipstick companies have a big sales job ahead of them, if the tinted cigarette butts in our ash tray are any criterion.

If you have nothing else to argue about some evening, just casually ask your wife who this Marilyn Monroe is?

Best wise-crack of the week: Eisenhower is running for a second term because he doesn't dare move back to that Gettysburg farm as long as Benson is Secretary of Agriculture.

Thumb-prints is one item that can be found on about every menu in this country.

Nebraska will get a transcontinental highway some of these days, but the way some guys drive they'll never live to see it.

A local man bought a ferocious tiger the other day. His wife died recently and he said he was lonely.

We suspect that the man who "just loves winter" is about satisfied right now.

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Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Byron Golding, Plattsouth merchant, looked through the window of a liquor store, saw a robber's fingers close around a roll of 16 dollar bills, while proprietors back was turned, rushed in, robbers dropped money, forgot liquor purchase and fled. . . Robert Bestor left for Superior where he was taking a job with a hardware company. . . A Plattsouth farmer, making a deal to board race horses for two strangers, got into a poker game with them, held two aces which caused one "friend" to bet \$2,240 on it and borrowed \$600 he was short from the farmer to back the bet; farmer hand wasn't good enough and his friend lost and so did farmer who read of the same trick pulled on a farmer in South Dakota as \$600 still missing.

30 YEARS AGO

Glen Perry was elected head of the Mt. Zion Commandery at Plattsmouth. . . Trial of a young man from Murray, charged with shooting a section foreman near the Missouri Pacific station at Murray over remarks the foreman was supposed to have said, began. . . Conrad Meisinger, born in 1840 in Germany, died at Plattsmouth. . . Greenwood defeated Sprague-Martel 12 to 5 in Class J and Murdock lost to Cortland 16-14 in Class S of the State basketball tournament. . . Robert Mann gave a reading at a Plattsmouth P.T.A. program at Central school. . . Sterling Hatt of Plattsmouth was selected as a member of the third all-state basketball team by Gregg McBride of the World-Herald.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: OUR TROUBLES WITH GREECE AND ENGLAND COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED; ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND CYPRUS; SENATE FACES BITTER CIVIL-RIGHTS BATTLE.

Washington—Smooth-running foreign affairs are somewhat like a smooth-running factory. They happen because an efficient manager is at the helm. They don't happen just by accident. Likewise, strike-torn factories and snarled-up foreign affairs usually happen when an inefficient management is steering things.

Take for example what's happening in and around the island of Cyprus, which has caused more loss of friends and prestige for the U.S.A. than any other piece of real estate of similar acreage any place in the world.

The man in charge of our foreign affairs while Secretary Dulles is away—and he's away a lot—is one of the nicest guys in Washington, Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr. He is also frank and honest.

"I don't know a thing about Cyprus," he told a friend last week. "I've got to bone up on it."

Yet young Hoover is the man who informs President Eisenhower. He is the only State Department official who sees

'Ticklers' By George



"I'm afraid Two-gun is starting young to have girl trouble!"

him. This is like the blind leading the blind.

Last week at his press conference, President Eisenhower said he had spent long hours at night working on the problem of peace in the Near East. The night before, he had been to the Playhouse Theater to attend the opening of Richard III. At the same opening he met the British Ambassador, Sir Roger Makins.

That same day, the British Foreign Office had been issuing scathing statements about U.S. interference in Cyprus, while the British press had been featuring even more scathing headlines—as the result of a call by the U.S. Ambassador in Athens, Cavendish Cannon, on the Greek Foreign Office.

The chief trouble was that when Ambassador Cannon called on the Greek Foreign Office, the State Department in Washington had failed to notify the British government what he was doing. This is a routine matter in foreign affairs. When you have two good friends—the British and the Greeks—you don't call on one regarding highly important business pertaining to both without telling the other what you're doing. This is automatic.

However, this routine was neglected by Acting Secretary of State Hoover. He or those around him didn't realize its importance. He also failed to inform President Eisenhower so Eisenhower could pass a friendly word to the British Ambassador when he saw him at the theatre.

The Ambassador got in touch with the State Department next day and finally smoothed the ruffled feelings of the British, but only after British headlines and editorials had made a temporary dent in Anglo-American friendship.

These are little things. When taken separately, they don't seem important; when allowed to pile up, they can cause trouble in a Near East which is already on tenterhooks.

Another little thing: Ike declined to give a state dinner for the visiting President of Italy on the grounds of health. But one day before President Gronchi arrived, the President attended a dinner for John Foster Dulles. Five days later he gave a big political dinner himself for GOP bigwigs, and shortly after that he went to a movie opening. Meanwhile, the President of Italy was still in the U. S.

Smouldering Civil Rights There's a lot smouldering behind Senate scenes in regard to civil rights. Senators are outwardly polite and cordial, but private moves are hatching that may erupt into serious fireworks.

For one thing, the old, unwritten coalition between Southern Democrats and the Republicans has been severely strained, perhaps permanently disrupted.

By this coalition, Northern Republicans voted with the South against civil rights. The southern senators in turn voted with the Republicans on conservative economic issues.

But the southern manifesto against the Supreme Court has put the Republicans on the spot. It has aroused so much resentment among northern voters that Republicans who would normally back the south on civil rights in the past, today won't dare do so.

Take the case of Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois, a Northern Republican who normally would go along with his southern friends. Today this would be political suicide. The reverberations from the Negro population of Chicago would unseat him.

The whole uneasy issue is due to come to a head shortly when Sen. Tom Hennings, Missouri Democrat, moves for Judiciary Committee approval of four civil-rights bills, including an anti-lynch bill and a bill to pro-

hibit Negroes' voting rights with severe penalties for local officials who interfere with those rights.

Unbottling Bills

Ordinarily these bills would be bottled up in the judiciary by the new Dixiecrat chairman, Senator Eastland of Mississippi. Eastland's tactics are to block the civil-rights bills until the end of the Senate session, then let his southern colleagues filibuster them to death.

Hennings, however, has other ideas. And with the Republicans on the spot, he can probably carry out those ideas. He figures he has eight votes—or a majority of the 15-man judiciary committee. The votes are: Hennings, Mo.; Kefauver, Tenn.; O'Mahoney, Wyo.; Neely, W. Va.; all Democrats; and Wiley, Wis.; Langer, N. D.; Butler, Md., and Dirksen, Ill., Republicans.

Ordinarily Butler and Dirksen might not vote for civil rights but this time, it's different. The election year plus the southern manifesto have put them on the spot. Butler would lose most of Baltimore if he didn't vote for civil rights.

Senator Eastland has some tricks up his sleeve. He is trying to win O'Mahoney by promising him the chairmanship of the anti-monopoly committee, which according to seniority, goes to Kefauver. He will also pressure Kefauver by threatening to cut off money for his juvenile delinquency committee. However, neither is likely to succeed.

The civil-rights bills probably will get out of committee to the Senate floor where they'll touch off one of the bitterest battles of the Congressional session. If they are reported out early enough, it will be very difficult for a filibuster to kill them.

UNION

Mrs. L. C. Todd Phone 2441

Tuesday morning Herman L. Swanson of Atchison, Kan., who previously had lived in Union and was agent for Missouri Pacific Railroad, visited a few hours in the Frank Anderson home and with his other friends. He attended the funeral services of Chester Del Austin at Baptist church in the afternoon.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson and sons, David and Paul and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Meisinger of Plattsmouth visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson.

Community Club

The Community Club met at the school house last Monday evening. Tom Wolpe sang a solo accompanied by his brother, Edwin. After a short business session, speakers from Plattsmouth, Nebraska City and Nehawka schools gave talks on their schools. Refreshments were served in the lunch room by Mrs. Sarah Rich, Mrs. Rieck and Mrs. Betty Harrah.

Union Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Hobscheid on Tuesday afternoon, March 6. Miss Iva Mougey led singing of the song for the month. Devotions were led by Mrs. George Stine using Easter as her theme. Newly elected officers are president, Mrs. Leora Riecke, vice-president, Mrs. Myrtle Christensen; secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Todd; treasurer, Mrs. Rose Ann Foster. Delegates and alternates elected to attend the state convention are, Leora Riecke and Ruth Todd, delegates, Dorothy Todd and Myrtle Christensen, alternates. M. Kathryn Harrah, leader of the meeting introduced Mrs. George Bishoff of Nebraska City who gave a report of her travel in Europe last summer. At refreshment time, the hostess

ALVO NOTES

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W.S.C.S. Elects

Alvo Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service met Wednesday, March 7, at the home of Mrs. Stella Dinges with president Helen Nickel in charge. The minutes were read by Ruth Timblin and the treasurer report by Mable Elliott. It was voted to send one delegate to the annual meeting. The delegate will be Helen Nickel. She will be accompanied by Vid A Miller, who is the district secretary. The motion was made and carried to elect half our officers each year. Elected for the coming year for a two-year term: spiritual life secretary, Alpha Bennett; youth secretary, Margaret Deemes; Christian social relations and local activities, Ima Kinney, status of women, Mattie Skinner; supply, Alice Yanak; treasurer, Anna Knapp.

To continue in their present office are, President Helen Nickel; vice-president Vida Miller; secretary, Ruth Timblin; secretary of missionary education, Audrey Stroemer; secretary of childrens work, Irene Kellogg; student secretary, Mable Elliott; literature secretary, Doris Kinney, and promotion secretary, Vera Sutton. The worship service was presented by Anna Knapp assisted by Vida Miller. Alice Yanak gave the lesson. The birthday cake was served by Mabel Elliott and Audrey Stroemer. Hostesses were Laura Dreamer, Lula Printz and Mrs. Fairfield.

Charlene Bradley came home from the hospital Saturday. Mrs. Charles Roelofs and daughter, Mrs. Don Elliott and two children left Monday night from Omaha on the train for El Cajon, Calif., to visit their son and brothers, Mr. and Mrs. James Roelofs and family Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Roelofs and children and Mr. and Mrs. McBee for a month. Mrs. Mabel Elliott left the same time for San Diego to visit her sister. She will be gone a couple of weeks or longer.

Bush Funeral

Word came to Alvo Saturday of the death of Mr. Marion Bush, brother-in-law of Mr. Arthur Skinner. He was the husband of Mabel Skinner. They live at Brighton Colo. Funeral will be Tuesday.

Mrs. Mabelle Elliott entertained the following at dinner Sunday honoring the birthday of her daughter, Mrs. Melvin Doran, Mr. Doran and children; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Halvorsen and little daughter from Eagle; Mrs. Wilson from Lincoln. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Piersol, Mrs. Elliotts sister from Walnut.

Clyde Jipp isn't getting along as well as his friends would like but he was a little better Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller from Lincoln, parents of Mrs. Deems were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Deems and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Reichman and children were Thursday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brunkow. Mr. Brunkow has been in bed the last two or three days with a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stewart attended the funeral of a cousin, Miss Katie Wessel, at Nehawka Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Heier and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lannie of Ashland came home from a vacation trip to Texas Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Heier visited Mrs. Heier's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Berry and Mrs. Johnson's brother.

Pink, Blue Shower

Mrs. Ralph Nickel of Lincoln and Mrs. Helen Nickel gave a pink and blue shower at the home of Mrs. Ralph Nickel Saturday night for Mrs. Billy Graham and Mrs. Lloyd Nickel. Those attending from Alvo were the girl's grandmother, Mrs. Sam Hardnock, aunts, Mrs. Hazel Nickel, Mrs. Helen Nickel, Mrs. Forrest Hardnock, a cousin, and from Elmwood Mrs. Orval Gerbling, Mrs. Graham's mother. Mrs. Graham left for her home in Missouri Sunday after spending a few days with her parents, the Gerblings.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bennett were guests at a birthday dinner for their son, Burdette, given by Mrs. Burdette Bennett and boys Sunday. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bennett were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hardnock.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Marco visited at a birthday cake, honoring Mrs. Minnie Comer and Mrs. Todd. The hostess then served refreshments which included the birthday cake, which had been baked by Mrs. Jane Reddy and decorated by Mrs. Fae Lindsey.

MURRAY

Mrs. Neva Read Correspondent

Mrs. Ed Redden was operated on at the St. Mary's hospital in Nebraska City last Friday morning. She seems to be getting along fine.

Callers at the Earl Lanaster home last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hoschar, Mr. and Mrs. Dick March, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Noell, DeWayne, Roger and Gene, Janice and Nancy Lancaster, Roger Hild, Butch Furse, Mrs. Neva Read and Ruthie, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Farris, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graham.

Mrs. Harry Bickett was called to De Moines, Iowa, last Friday on the illness of Mr. Bickett's sister. She passed away Friday evening. The funeral was held Monday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bickett, Mr. and Mrs. Don Resso, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wynn and Harry Bickett.

Mrs. Delmar Farris had surgery last Saturday morning at the St. Mary's hospital in Nebraska City.

Mrs. Earl Lancaster returned from St. Mary's hospital, Nebraska City, Saturday night. She entered the Clarkson hospital in Omaha on Tuesday afternoon and went to surgery Thursday afternoon. She is getting along as well as can be expected.

Robert Curtright, Jr., returned home last Sunday morning for a short leave from the Army. He will be home about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farris entertained the following for supper last Monday evening: Robert Curtright, Rosalie Farris and David Read.

Mrs. Bert Worthan was a weekend guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Worthan at Loveland, Colo. She reports they are all fine. Betty Jo is gaining weight and jumps rope almost continually. She was never able to do so before. Gomer is working at a factory. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Cockeral (formerly of Murray) called at the Worthan home last Friday evening. They have sold their business in Omaha and are planning to buy out there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Radke returned home last Saturday after a short trip to California. Mrs. Arthur Hansen returned home from the hospital in Omaha last Monday and seems to be improving.

Mrs. Virginia Spangler and Mrs. Raymond Lancaster were chosen by the Golden Rod and Sunnyside Clubs to compete in Mrs. Plattsmouth contest held in Plattsmouth Friday. The contest was won by Mrs. Spangler.

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INCOME TAX FACTS No. 2

Save Money with the Right Form

(This is one of a series of articles on federal income tax filing. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants and the Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants.)

The government provides two forms for individual income tax returns. If you choose the wrong one, you may automatically cut yourself off from many possible tax savings.

The easiest way to file is to use the size of a check, which anyone can fill out if he is able to write his name and address and a few other simple facts. You just send it in with your withholding slips and the government takes care of the rest.

If you owe more tax than was withheld you will get a bill for the difference. If more was withheld than you owe, you will get a refund check.

The tax rules permit you to use the card form if your gross income consisted only of wages, dividends or interest totaling less than \$5,000, and if you did not have more than \$100 of gross income apart from that listed on your W-2 withholding slips.

Stop, Look, Listen Before deciding to use the card Form 1040A, you should consider these facts:

- Your tax will be figured from a table which allows you a deduction of about 10% of your income instead of itemized deductions for contributions, taxes, interest paid, medical and dental expenses, etc.
- There is no provision in this form for filing as the "head of a household," as a "surviving spouse," or for claiming special credits for dividends and retirement income.

If you are sure that these two points would not cost you any tax savings, and your income is within the limits for filing a Form 1040A, you might as well use this simple card form.

If you decide to use the regular Form 1040, you still have the choice of itemizing your deductions or using a standard deduction which generally amounts to about 10% of your income.

- Own real estate.
- Had unusual medical expense.
- Had deductible child-care expense.
- Suffered losses from fire, storm, accident, or theft.

Next article: Don't Pay Tax on Wrong Income.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY
A great man will not trample upon a woman, nor speak to an emperor.
—Thomas Fuller

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