

EDITORIALS

IT COULD HAPPEN HERE

Americans are a peculiar bunch of human beings.

Let some poor family suffer a loss by death or disaster, or a distant state fall victim to floods, tornadoes, or hurricanes...

BUT, when things are calm and serene, when the sun is shining and we see the world through rose-colored glasses...

What we are trying to get at is the present ignoring of our annual Red Cross drive for funds.

Surely, most of us have seen Red Cross at work. We've experienced its need and assistance in our own community...

Yet, Sanford Clements, of Elmwood, who last year generously consented to assume responsibility for general chairmanship of Cass County...

This is a shameful record. Surely there are individuals and organizations in Plattsmouth and other Cass County towns...

Who knows? Disaster may be knocking at our front door during this year of 1956 - it could be most embarrassing seeking Red Cross aid.

LOOK OUT 'UNHANDY MEN'

Just like about everything else in this analytical age, this "do-it-yourself" craze has come up with some statistics.

About 600,000 persons are injured each year "doing it themselves." Sticking out like a sore thumb is carpentry with victims numbering 115,000.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It lies in our power to love or hate. For will in us is over-ruled by fate. -Marlowe

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Many persons who went from rags to riches during World War II have suddenly realized they had a round trip ticket.

We can remember back when the government spent a million dollars they had something to show for it.

Paying bills promptly is a wonderful habit—we recommend it very highly to you.

We men owe a debt of gratitude to our wives. They know the worst about us, yet refuse to believe it.

The thing most women dread about their past is its length.

Which reminds us that the best 10 years of a woman's life is between 35 and 36.

The amount of sleep required for the average person is just five minutes more.

Certainly, Plattsmouth's traffic laws give a pedestrian the right-of-way, but it doesn't provide for flowers.

about some things. But those not so handy, like this writer for instance, better look through the classified columns of this newspaper and grab the phone to call for professional help.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

The paving program on South Sixth Street was nearing completion...

Mildred Knoflicek received a superior rating for her violin solo at Tarkio, Mo., in a tri-state music contest...

Lois Bestor, John Becker, and Dorothy Farmer... A formal opening of Mullen's Cash Market was planned...

30 YEARS AGO

Plans were being drawn up to make the Plattsmouth Golf Club "one of the very best in the state..."

Anton Bajeck was asked to play a xylophone solo over radio station KMA, Shenandoah... A surprise birthday party was given Miss Alice Lorenz...

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lorenz... American Legion commander Tom Walling reported Plattsmouth Legionnaires attended an initiation and smoker at Bellevue...

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

by DREW PEARSON

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

KEFAUVER IS QUERIED ON HIS VP RUNNINGMATE; EGYPT TROOP CONCENTRATION HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF WAR; FDR'S OLD SAILING SLOOP GOES BEGGING.

Washington — This week in New Jersey, the vice-presidential shoe was on the other foot for Estes Kefauver.

However, Secretary of the Navy Charles Thomas ruled that he didn't want FDR's sloop at the Naval Academy or anywhere else.

The sloop was then offered to the Smithsonian Institution. A sign at the entrance of the Smithsonian reads: "The historical collections of the Smithsonian illustrate the lives and times of American historical personages and the material circumstances of the periods during which they lived."

Following this, I happened to be at the Smithsonian, actually not to check on its space, but because my grandsons wanted to see all its relics.

Among the assortment of trophies I noted: eight Eskimo kayaks, about the same size as the Roosevelt sloop; fourteen dugout canoes; a lengthy model of the SS Mauretania, which is British; of the SS Statendam, which is Dutch; of the SS EM-press of Russia, which is Canadian.

He added that if Kefauver ran against him in the primaries and made him go to the expense and trouble of stumping the different states, then he would never take Kefauver for vice president.

Reason for Prime Minister Eden's personal query to President Eisenhower wanting to know exactly how far the

Spring's Fevered



Capitol News

By Melvin Paul Statehouse Correspondent The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN—Campaigning for Nebraska's May 15 primary election is underway.

There is more than usual interest in politics this year, observers said, especially in the Legislature. The number of candidates who filed and who are set for campaigning is high.

In the last presidential year, 1952, there were 465 filings of all kinds for the primary. This year's total is far past the 500 mark, a record.

There is keen interest, too, in races for district judge, especially in Omaha, where there are 18 candidates for nine positions.

Seven seek the 21st district state Legislature post held by Sen. Ernest Hubka of Beatrice, who did not run again.

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OUT of OLD NEBRASKA

Morrill County, in the panhandle, is one of the state's newest, but recorded history in the area goes back well before the organization of Nebraska Territory.

The first white men of record to set foot in Morrill County were the fur traders under Robert Stuart, who in December, 1812 camped briefly between the present towns of Bayard and Bridgeport on their way east from Astoria.

The population in 1910 was 4,584. By 1920 it had jumped to 9,151 and by 1930 to 9,950. Since 1930, there has been a decline, and in 1950 the county returned a total of 8,263.

The Democrats, who had to fill vacancies on the ballot on the last day before the filing deadline, have their sights set on the second and third district Congressional races.

In the second district are Mabel Gillespie of Omaha, Philip Allen of Omaha, J. Emmet McArdle of Elkhorn, Clayton Shrout of Omaha and Joseph V. Benesch of Omaha.

Rep. R. D. Harrison of Norfolk, incumbent Republican in the third district, has three opponents on the GOP ticket - Lester Anderson of Aurora, E. A. Carlson of Holdville, and Merle Haynes of South Sioux City.

Democrats seeking the third district post are Jesse F. Tepner of Creighton, Ernest Luther of Hooper and Lawrence Brock of Wakefield.

Gdynia-American line, now communist.

Note—another space-consuming exhibit in the Smithsonian was dedicated to Samuel Langley, its secretary between 1887-1906. The exhibit featured: Academic robe, two hoods, two academic caps, two pictures of Langley, four rumford medals, Juror's badge of the Paris exhibition of 1900; medal of les exercises physiques et sports of Paris exposition of 1900; Jansen prize medal of French academy; Jansen medal of astronomical society of France; commemorative medal of Montepessulani University, Italy; commemorative medal of Omaha Exposition of 1898; Henry Draper gold medal; commemorative medal of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904.

Road Group

The Highway 92 Association is going to give the 1957 Legislature a request to add 56 miles of road to the state highway network.

The group voted to hire a lobbyist, to work on that request. The mileage would be from Arthur, where the highway now ends, to Broadwater, where it would connect with Highway 26.

Some observers said this might set a trend for the next session of the Legislature to cope with.

Parking Matter

Action of interest to visitors to Nebraska's Capitol has been taken by a group of state employees.

The group incorporated a non-stock association which will lease some lots, tear down two old houses on the property, mark off the property into "stalls," and rent them by the month.

The property is near the Statehouse where parking space is at a premium.

About 47 cars will be accommodated. This should free some space for out-of-town visitors.

Hospital Costs Up

Nebraska hospital costs, like everything else, have gone up in recent years. But it probably costs less on the average to be hospitalized in Nebraska than most other states.

In 1950, figures show, the average cost per patient per day in Nebraska hospitals was \$11.72. Last year the amount was \$17.20.

The national average was \$22.50 last year. Only eight states have averages lower than in Nebraska.

Generally, hospitals in Lincoln, Scottsbluff and Hastings, are in the same cost category, with Omaha the highest. But officials said bigger hospitals are faced with higher operating costs because they provide patients with more service and staff assistance.

The Nebraska cost was computed on the basis of figures from 123 of the state's hospitals.

Hot Lunch Program

There are about 54,000 Nebraska school children participating in the state's hot lunch program. The program is operating in 379 schools.

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By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON — The approach of the 1956 presidential election is being featured by serious ruptures in each party. Perhaps the Democratic party's split is the more colorful. It concerns segregation.

But the Republican Party is also torn asunder, on the farm question. There are members of the G.O.P., now serving in both the House and Senate, who fear that Republican confidence over victory could be sadly shattered if the Democrats heal their differences.

There may not be much chance of this, and yet it is certainly an enticing prospect for the Democrats. If they can heal their party wounds, and thereby gain a good chance to defeat President Eisenhower - something once thought impossible - it may not be expecting too much to expect a new patching up of the party.

The Republicans' trouble, in farm areas, is very real. Congress should have finished up a farm relief bill, and it should have been signed into law in February, if the Administration was to provide farm relief in time. But the Administration was not ready to accept high parity price supports.

Now it may be too late to reverse the farm situation, especially on a trail north from Sidney. This trail crossed the North Platte near the present town of Bridgeport and one of the important points on the trail was the Camp Clarke Bridge. The whole area has been immortalized in fiction in Miss Morrissa, the new novel by Nebraska's well known author, Mari Sandoz.

Within a few years, cattlemen began to come into the county and soon the area was almost completely taken over by the large ranch operators. Homesteaders began to arrive in the mid-eighties. They had a difficult time of it, trying to farm in the dry country of the Nebraska Panhandle and against the opposition of the powerful ranchers, but some of the hardiest of them held on until the advent of irrigation.

Morrill County was the scene of some of the state's early irrigation activities. The initial irrigation work was conducted by small stock companies formed by the farmers themselves. The building of the Burlington through the county at the turn of the century and the Union Pacific a few years later further improved conditions.

The Kinkaid act of 1904 stimulated a rather considerable wave of settlement, and by 1907, citizens of the area—then part of old Cheyenne County—petitioned for a separate county organization. The voters approved this arrangement in 1908 and in 1909 the county was established.

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There are Republicans who are saying that unless Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson resigns prior to the election he will cost Mr. Eisenhower hundreds of thousands of votes. If this is an accurate analysis, these lost votes could be decisive, since they might swing the electoral college vote of a number of states.

The rumor keeps floating around Washington that Benson will step down, and there have been indications that the White House Palace Guard has by-passed the Secretary on agricultural matters on several occasions in recent weeks.

On one occasion, feelers from the White House reached an important Democratic Representative steering the farm relief bill through its final conferee stages, and it was reported Benson was not in on the compromise proposal suggested by the White House.

To some observers that looked like the panic which has descended on important G.O.P. figures on Capitol Hill had at last been felt in the White House, and that it was finally realized that Benson was too much of a political liability to be given continued unqualified support.

The political situation at present, then offers each party a chance to strengthen its chances. The Democrats must heal the split and prevent an open rupture at their national convention in Chicago. Several major efforts in this direction are already underway. The Republicans are tied to a heavy handicap if quick relief isn't provided the farmer. Both problems are serious. Perhaps the Republicans' dilemma is less complicated. Time will tell.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with 'Insect' and 'Here's the Answer' sections. Includes clues like '55 Employ', '1,4 Depicted', '8 Its larvae hide', '12 Recent', '13 Unemployed', '14 Scent', '15 Past', '16 Grinding tooth', '18 Eggs', '19 District attorney (ab.)', '20 Connected', '22 Not (prefix)', '23 Volcano in Sicily', '25 Worthless (bib.)', '27 Fleat food', '28 Playing cards', '29 Trinity term (ab.)', '30 Copper coin (ab.)', '31 Illinium (symbol)', '32 Colloquial greeting', '33 Preserve', '35 Disputed', '38 Passage in the brain', '39 Opposed', '40 Artificial language', '41 Comforts', '47 Preposition', '49 Abstract being', '50 Phase', '51 Tooth on a wheel', '52 Bites', '54 Queen of Carthage'.