

EDITORIALS

ABOUT NEWSPAPER FILLERS

Many times we are "kidded" about the little two and three line fillers we use at the bottom of columns occasionally to fill up what we newspaper men call a "hole." We liked a story we found in one of our trade papers recently about these fillers after we heard about one we used recently that went something like this, "Pencils are made six-sided rather than round so they won't roll away."
This fellow wrote in and applied for a job writing these lines when he reached an age for semi-retirement. He felt he could meet the standard as indicated by the example we had placed in The Journal. His samples sent in went like this: Most American newspapers are printed in English, as the majority of the citizens read and speak this language, or, Traffic lights are placed at most intersections for the purpose of preventing collisions and the red light means stop and the green light means go.

From his efforts, we believe he's the man for the job.

Which reminds us of the dilly we had in an issue or two ago of this newspaper when part of a court record headline got mixed with a social item making it appear our dear lady friends were in county court. If it's not too late, we would like to extend our apologies and assure their neighbors that these ladies are honest and law abiding citizens.

The Journal has reached an all-time high in circulation coverage of Cass County. Monday distribution of The Journal was just slightly under 3600 copies. That is a 900 per cent increase in readers since this writer acquired ownership 10 years ago. It is more than double peak circulation figures during its high point under previous ownerships. Still we've got some merchants who believe they can offer potential Cass County customers a three-tenths of a cent trade stamp or a thousand throw-away hand bills and take the place of Journal newspaper advertising that is reaching more than 15,000 of their customers every issue. That isn't true in some instances, though, but it is becoming increasingly more difficult for this newspaper to turn down out-of-town merchants clamoring for space in these columns at a rate considerably in excess of that charged on the local level.

See what we mean about newspaper fillers? Just a few moments ago we had this whole column to fill, not an idea in mind other than what we are going to wind up with. But as you go along we think about "Clean Up—Paint Up—Fix Up Week" starting here tomorrow. Chamber of Commerce is offering prizes for best jobs done and city trucks will haul away your trash and rubbish free. You can read instructions on another page of today's paper. We hope Plattsmouth residents will do even a better job in 1956 than the good work they have done in previous years.

Still it doesn't rain and prospects for a good farm year in Cass County are in doubt. Farmers are worried and so are other residents of the county all of whom are dependent on the production and price of livestock and grains. But even with today's dismal outlook, a report on our desk states that last year Cass farmers marketed \$4,128,900 in grain and \$6,402,970 in livestock.

A ten and one-half million dollar cash agricultural crop is no small potatoes any way you look at it. It may not make the wheels of our local economy sing—but at least it is enough to keep 'em humming a little.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

How much folly there is in human affairs!
—Parsins

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, says all she has to worry about now is whether there is a man in her future. If there is, then her worries will be whether there is any future in her man.

Maybe the Mormons were right. Most men need two women, a secretary to put everything down and a wife to pick everything up.

This time of year we learn that we owe most of our success to Uncle Sam.

Considering what a lot of wives have to put up with, I can't understand why my wife gets so upset about me.

What most of us want is what John D. Rockefeller has already got.

A local widow tells us that rich widowers ought to get married or be shot.

Today's motor cars are supposed to be the last word in luxury and smoothness, but we still notice a lot of jerks in them.

There are seven ways to be happy—stay out of debt and you won't need the other six.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

High school coach Fred Rotherth retired after 13 years as head of the athletic department. . . . John Bajek was showing improvement from an injury he received. . . . A. Katheriser was elected president of the Community Building Club. . . . Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Warner, underwent an appendectomy. . . . Mrs. J. M. Roberts presented a music recital at her home. Participating were pianists Billy Knorr, Steven Davis, John Tiekotter, Corbin Davis and Catherine Conis. . . . Francis Libershall and Aulton Roland were initiated into the Nebraska University company of Pershing Rifles.

30 YEARS AGO

The Plattsmouth High School Orchestra placed second in the state music contest at Lincoln. Catherine McCluskey received third prize for her flute solo. . . . Clyde Ptak was showing improvement from an extended illness. . . . A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bruce. . . . Jack Hatt won the pole vault event at a four-state track meet held at Peru State Teachers College. . . . Adolph and John Cechal returned here from Florida for a visit with their mother, Mrs. Frank Cechal. . . . A surprise party was given for Mrs. Laura Frankfather on the occasion of her eighty-eighth birthday. . . . Funeral services were held for John Henry Miller, long-time county resident.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND
by DREW PEARSON
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DREW PEARSON SAYS:
CONGRESSMAN A YRES HAD FRIEND WHO SUPPLIED HIM BABY BOOKLETS; THAT WAS HOW JOHN MARAGON, THE INFLUENCE PEDDLER, WAS ABLE TO GET A NEW JOB; RUSSIA IS FAR AHEAD OF U.S.A. IN SUBMARINES.

Washington — Some people have lifted their eyebrows over the fact that I recently helped get a job for John Maragon, the Kansas City bootblack and influence peddler whom I earlier helped send to jail. They recall that it was partly over Maragon and his friend, Gen. Harry Vaughan, that President Truman called me some choice epithets; so some readers wonder whether I've gone soft of late.

It's true that Maragon's trip to Potsdam with the president, his demotion of Gen. Wm. L. Lee, his dabbling in black-market diamonds at Potsdam, his gifts of black-market perfume to various cabinet ladies were first exposed in this column. He retaliated by calling me a liar, and later was convicted of perjury.

However, John Maragon was a little frog way over his head in a big pond. He was nowhere near as bad as some of the really big influence peddlers, both then and now. And having served his time, it seems to me he deserves a break. The job he has as day laborer in the house folding room isn't going to hurt the taxpayers, and all reports are that he's more than earning his modest pay.

How to Get Free Literature
Some interesting things have been taking place in the house folding room where John Maragon, the ex-influence peddler, is now employed. They occurred before he got his job, and involve the man he is supposed to have replaced—Ralph Scalzo. Actually Scalzo lost his job on Jan. 30, two months before Maragon was hired. Nevertheless, GOP Congressman William Ayres of Akron made headlines by charging



"Higgins the bank is very much interested in how you manage all this on \$32.50 a week."

ing that Scalzo was fired to make room for Maragon. Here are the interesting facts, however, as to why Scalzo was fired:

The House folding room is a place where congressmen get speeches folded and mailed out to voters free. They can also get booklets on baby care, and various government documents mailed to the home folks either at cost or—up to a certain limit—free.

House Doorkeeper Luke Hicks has now obtained sworn affidavits to the effect that extra documents, beyond the congressman's quota, were delivered to the office of Congressman Ayres under the direction of Scalzo, the man Ayres didn't want fired.

"On several occasions," states an affidavit by Otis Small, a laborer in the folding room, "I was ordered by Ralph Scalzo to deliver to Congressman Ayres 300 'How Our Laws Are Made.'" "The secretary in the congressman's office told me to put them down by one of the desks in the office. There was no order taken by me and none signed by the secretary."

Another folding-room laborer, William H. Brooker, reports that last summer Scalzo told him to deliver about 100 copies of the \$2 agriculture yearbooks to Ayres, plus about 40 or 50 maps, about 500 copies of "How Our Laws Are Made," and three cases of a booklet on infant care. Congressman Ayres was entitled to 40 free copies of "How Our Laws Are Made." Beyond that he was supposed to pay 15 cents each. A congressman is allowed 400 copies of the agriculture yearbook and 50 maps. The allotment for baby care booklets is much more generous—500 per month.

This was the reason Scalzo was fired. It was not to make room for John Maragon.

Diplomatic Pouch
The U. S. has quietly banned the shipment of luxury cars to Indo-China. The reason: Rich natives were driving around in big Cadillacs while the poor were still starving. This was so bad for the people's morale that American advisers recommended halting automobile imports to Indo-China, except strictly for relief and rehabilitation work. . . . Dictator Franco of Spain has offered his good offices to help the west settle its troubles with the Arab world. The offer was delivered personally to President Eisenhower by Spanish Foreign Minister Don Alberto Artago, who pointed out that Spain has close ties with the Arab leaders, particularly since he granted independence to Spanish Morocco. . . . The Navy has reliable intelligence that Russia now has the world's largest underwater Navy—over 400 submarines. Russia is also building new submarines at the rate of 85 a year. Yet the admirals are so busy feuding with the Air Force over air power that they have neglected our anti-submarine defenses. Sub chasers and other anti-sub weapons are still far down the Navy's priority list.

Morse No Trader
Two staunch democratic liberals, Senators Morse and Murray, had a heated, off-the-record row over the Downstream Benefits Bill which benefits the private utilities. "There is nothing you could have done to undermine me more than to vote out a bill that's No. 1 on the list of the private utilities," Wayne Morse bluntly told his old friend, Jim Murray of Montana. "You ought to be the senator from Montana and vote you convictions, not the convictions of other people."

Senator Morse, who is fighting a tough re-election battle in Oregon, had canceled an engagement to introduce Senator Kefauver in Oregon, and rushed back to Washington when he heard that Murray had voted for the Downstream Benefits Bill. Under this bill, the Federal Government, if locating a dam below a private utility dam would pay the utility for the cost of storing up water and steadying the flow of the stream above.

District Rally

Miss Lois Erskine, district president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship attended the District Rally at Trinity Methodist church last Sunday evening. Her parents, and Fay attended the service at the church when Dr. Scholz, superintendent of the Berlin District of Northeast German Conference of Methodist Church. His work involves relationships with Methodists from both sides of the Iron Curtain in Berlin. He spoke English very well and will attend the Methodist General Conference in Minneapolis.

The Dorcas Society of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church will not meet next Wednesday afternoon due to Rev. Hackman's out of town plans. The meeting will be postponed to the second Wednesday of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams were in Elk Point, So. Dak. last Friday afternoon returning home Sunday evening. They visited their daughter and family, the Mr. and Mrs. Jay Busker, son and daughter at a hot city.

The Trinity Lutheran Aid members will meet next Thursday at Mrs. Carl Oberle's home.

Mrs. Melvin Finke and son Marlin of Lincoln called at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacobmeier recently. Her son Marlin remained at the grandparents home for the week.

County Court
Fast Drivers
Continue to
Face Charges

The number of speeding violation cases in Cass County Court continues to mount as 10 more were recorded during the past three days. They include:

- Lowell Eich of Geneva, \$10 fine, \$4 costs.
- Hugh Bower, \$10 fine, \$4 costs.
- Glen D. Rosenboom of Lyons, \$15 fine, \$4 costs.
- Richard Sommers of Omaha, \$15 fine, \$4 costs.
- Sharon Dittoe of Beatrice, \$10 fine, \$4 costs.
- Keith P. Livers of Ashland, \$15 fine, \$4 costs.
- George L. Stroka of Omaha, \$15 fine, \$4 costs.
- Walter Lemon of Omaha, \$10 fine, \$4 costs.
- Jack R. Sprague of Lincoln, \$10 fine, \$4 costs.
- Winford Shaw of Omaha, forfeit of \$24 bond.

New Car Owners List
Will Be In Journal

Beginning with this issue the Plattsmouth Journal the proud owners of new cars will be listed periodically.
They are:
Ivar Bomberg, Plymouth, Bryant's Garage.
Mrs. Flora Phillips, Studebaker, Wylse's Garage.
Walter Gleason, Ford; Plattsmouth Motors.

Last year 80,000 Americans died of cancer because proper treatment was begun too late. A regular health examination is the best cancer insurance, says the American Cancer Society.

Morse contends that federal damsites are the property of the United States anyway and that private utilities should not be compensated for the privilege of generating water power from federal streams.
Though the bill has been gathering dust in Senator Murray's interior committee for over a year, suddenly, while Morse was in Oregon and while O'Mahoney of Wyoming and Jackson of Washington were also absent, Murray voted the bill out of his committee. All the republicans voted for it, plus Democrats Clinton Anderson of New Mexico and Murray. Richard Neuberger, Morse's colleague from Oregon, was the only senator who opposed.

Later, Murray approached Morse with a long-rolling proposition—namely, to let the Downstream Benefits Bill get out of committee, and in return, the Hells Canyon Bill, which is extremely important to Morse, would also be reported out of committee. Morse, however, said no.

"Wayne Morse never trades his vote," he sent word to Senator Murray. "Hells Canyon is important to me, but not important enough to destroy my independence in the Senate."

Note—Senator O'Mahoney will now move to reconsider the Downstream Benefits Bill, which would bring it up for another vote when Morse and other Democrats are present.

Legion Poppy Day Help Those Who Are the Victims of Wars

"When you put on a poppy on Poppy Day to honor the war dead, you will be helping children who are the innocent victims of war," said Mrs. Helen Woolcott, child welfare chairman of Hugh J. Kearns Unit of the Amrican Legion Auxiliary, as the Auxiliary prepared for the annual observance of Poppy Day here May 5.

Poppy Day contributions help finance the child welfare work which the Auxiliary is carrying out constantly for the benefit of needy children of veterans. Mrs. Woolcott explained. Because of veterans' children needing help she expressed hope that Poppy Day contributions would be generous this year. "Since the Poppy Day program is carried out entirely by volunteer workers, all the money contributed by the poppy wearers, above what we pay disabled veterans to make the little flowers, goes to the Auxiliary's child welfare and rehabilitation funds," Mrs. Woolcott continued. "Most of it stays right here in Plattsmouth and is expended to meet the needs of local veterans and their families. Poppy money is kept separate from other Auxiliary funds, its use restricted to work for disabled veterans and children."

Circus Headed for Plattsmouth: Will Play Here on May 27 Only

The Second Largest Circus in the United States is scheduled for a one day only engagement at Plattsmouth Sales Barn grounds on Sunday, May 27th.

Arthur W. "Art" Miller, general representative for Al G. Kelley and Miller Brothers Circus, called at the Plattsmouth Journal office today to report he had completed the preliminary arrangements for the visit of this famous Wild Animal Show, which is making its 36th annual tour.

The advertising cars, comprising six motored units, with a crew of 28 advertising and publicity men will arrive soon notifying the coming event, by placing bright, colorful posters within the city and surrounding communities.

This will mark the first appearance of a big circus here in six years and undoubtedly the very first one to bring such outstanding and unusual animals such as: giraffes, hippopotamus and rhinoceros.

In addition a herd of 21 elephants, besides more than 200 animals including: lions, tigers, pumas, and leopards, numerous species of monkeys, apes, and baboons; black, grizzly, Himalayan, and polar bears; hyenas, baby gorillas, kangaroos, man-drills, gnu, emu, llamas, seals, sea-horse, wart hogs, india water buffalo, zebu, bison, persian white sacred deer, zebras, camels, tapirs, dromedary; an aviary of tropical birds, dens of tropical reptiles; also 127 head of horses, ponies, kylo, yak and donkeys.

Al G. Kelly and Miller Bros. is now exceeded only in size by the famed Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey show.

4-H Pig Club Is Formed in Mynard Area

By Tom Gregg
4-H Reporter
On April 23 Clarence Schmadecke met with a group of boys from the Mynard area and organized a 4-H Pig Club.

The leader is Harold Gregg and the officers were elected as follows: Leonard Hild, president; Denzie Meisinger, vice president; Charles Stoehr, secretary and Tom Gregg, news reporter.
The next meeting will be held at the home of the president, Leonard Hild on May 14.

Defendant Is Freed In \$75 Thousand Suit Over Fight in Avoca

A district court jury deliberated about one hour and a half to return a verdict in favor of the defendant in a damages suit Friday.
The plaintiff, James Elliott of Avoca, was suing William Brandt, Jr., also of Avoca, for \$75,000 for injuries he claimed to have received during a fight between the two in September, 1953.
Elliott charged he had not provoked the fight and the injuries he received from it were painful and disabling.
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The dwelling is well located, modern, in good condition and available for immediate possession on final settlement.
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Mrs. Mary Gardiner — At the Dwelling in Louisville
or
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