

# EDITORIALS

## Furse's Fresh Flashes

### FARM PROBLEM SOLUTION

The one sure-shot, equitable, support-price solution to the present plight of today's farmers has been largely overlooked by Congress. It is the suggestion that Congress provide for 100 per cent price supports for Government—which is helping many farmer, and lesser supports for larger and larger numbers of acres.

In other words, for the small farmer who plants only five acres of a certain crop, he would receive one hundred per cent parity price support from the Government, if he followed the Government's acreage allotment program. On his next five acres—taking five as an example—he might receive ninety per cent parity price support, and so on.

In this way, the total planting of a certain crop would easily be controlled, since supports for the larger farmer would not make it profitable for him to over-produce or for him to take advantage of the Agriculture Department's price support operations to the tune of fifty or one hundred thousands dollars, as many big farmers have done in recent years.

This program, however, would allow the little farmer to maintain himself, and his family, and stay in operation. Whereas, the little farmer would not suffer the loss of his livelihood, the large farmer might have to diversify, or might even have to put a few hundred acres into the Soil Bank program.

We have no objection to the Soil Bank program, but we think it should be coupled with a sliding scale of parity price supports, as outlined above. Only in this way can the small farmer be assured of equitable treatment, and of a livelihood, and certainly this is not too much for the small farmer—the backbone of our rural communities—to expect from his government.

### ALBEN BARKLEY

The death of Senator Alben Barkley, former Vice President and, at the time of his death, Democratic Senator from Kentucky, is a distinct loss to the nation.

Barkley was a Democrat through and through. There is no doubt but that he raised the temperature of many a Republican in his time, but he did so in a way which was not as offensive as it was effective, and there is no denying the fact that he was one of the most popular senators, and Vice Presidents, in our country's recent history, among both Democrats and Republicans.

Anyone who read Barkley's memoirs, which appeared in a national magazine a year or two ago, can recall many amusing incidents the former Veep related. His gift for story-telling and bringing out the ridiculous, or the ludicrous, in political horse-play, was outstanding.

Perhaps the bitterest blow Barkley suffered was that delivered in 1952, at the Democratic National Convention. When former President Harry Truman announced he was retiring, Barkley cast his eyes upon the Presidency, and—in the end—was given the brush-off by organized labor, the leaders of which rated him too old.

This blow, coming after Barkley had fought many of labor's battles in Congress, met the Veep when he began his whoop-it-up campaign in Chicago, marching down the streets of Chicago, and so on. The Vice President was deeply hurt and could

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism; but depth in philosophy bringeth man's minds about to religion. —Bacon

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If a man takes off his hat in an elevator, it means he has manners—and hair.

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The difference between inlaws and outlaws is the inlaws promise to pay it back.

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A local family tells us they would be perfectly happy if they could get a cook to stay long enough to spoil the broth.

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Our banker informs us a college education sets a young man back about four years. We would like to include the "old man" in this picture, too.

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A railroad company release says every whistle of a locomotive means something. So does every honk of a horn, but you can't print it.

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Nature is grand until the weeds begin to grow.

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If you listen carefully you can hear the lake region calling about this time of year.

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A local housewife feeds every tramp who knocks at her door. She says its the only time around her house she sees a man eat his meal without finding fault with the food.

not understand why Labor's leaders turned thumbs-down on him.

Had Barkley received the nomination, he probably would not have defeated President Eisenhower, although he was a very effective politician and no one can say with certainty that this would have been the case.

Barkley's death ends one of the outstanding political careers in our country and removes one more of the New Deal champions, who were active in support of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the Thirties. His loss is certain to handicap the Democratic Party in this election year and his death will be regretted by every fair-minded American, since it must be admitted that Senator Barkley was one of the most respected, honored and beloved leaders in Washington.

## Down Memory Lane

### 20 YEARS AGO

Dr. G. H. Gilmore called a meeting for the organization of a Cass County historical society . . . Miss Jean Hull and Elmer Phillips were married in Plattsmouth . . . Miss Lillian Garrett was elected vice-president of the Nebraska State Art Association . . . Mrs. R. A. Bates departed for a visit in Aurora and Joliet, Ill. . . Janet and Ruth Westover furnished entertainment at the Rotary Club meeting . . . A party was given for Marilyn Kieck on the occasion of her sixth birthday . . . Mrs. Ralph Wiles and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury attended a grand chapter of the Eastern Star meeting in Lincoln . . . A miscellaneous shower was given for Miss Helen Koubek.

### 30 YEARS AGO

John C. Brittain returned from a trek in the woods with a half-pound truffle . . . A new eight-room house with three lots was advertised for sale at \$5,000 . . . The Rt. Rev. Francis A. Beckmann, bishop of Lincoln, paid a pastoral visit to the St. John's and Holy Rosary Churches . . . The first game of the Sarpy-Cass Baseball League was postponed because of heavy rainfalls . . . Plattsmouth jurors selected for the May term at district court were C. L. Carlson, Matt Sulser, W. H. Rainey, T. E. Farmer, J. H. Cotner and M. B. Allen.

## The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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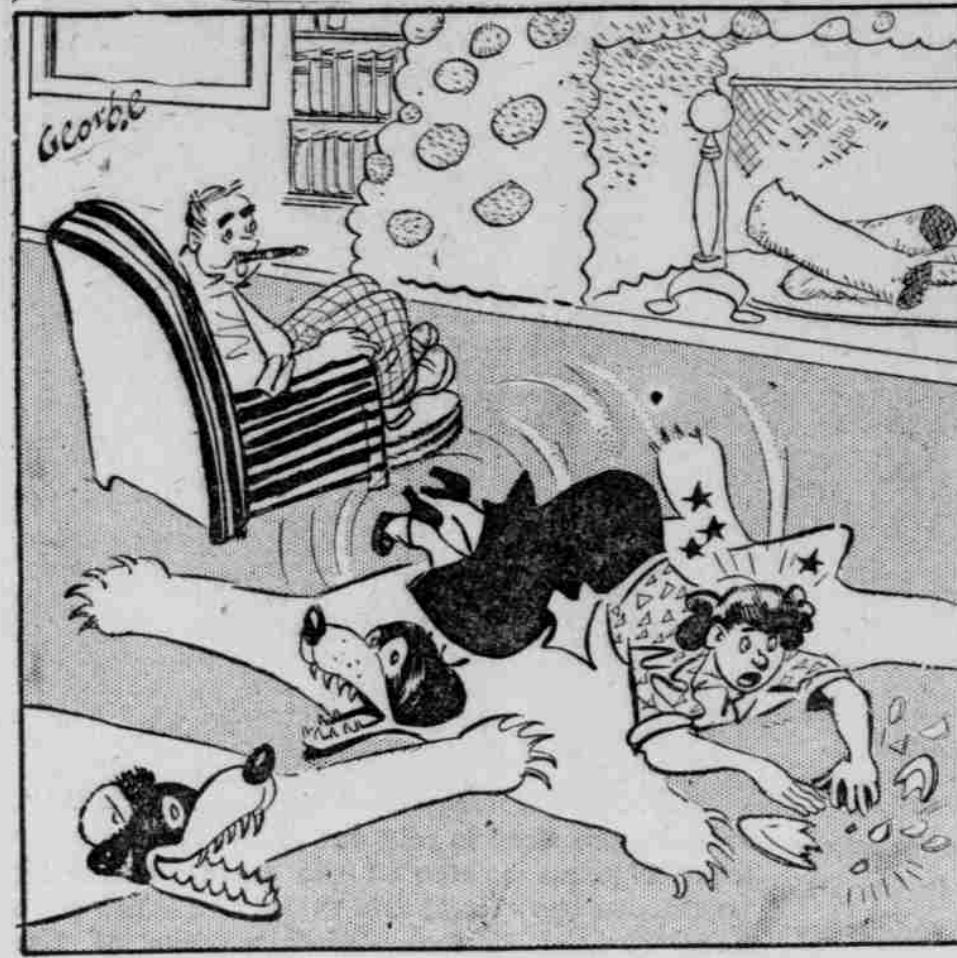
DREW PEARSON SAYS: IKE'S JANUARY DINNER GOT \$5,000 FROM H. B. KECK OF SUPERIOR OIL WHO ALSO OFFERED \$2,500 TO SENATOR CASE; SENATOR GEORGE DID NOT MAKE PUBLIC THE KECK CHECK TO IKE'S DINNER; JOE MCCARTHY'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER PROFITED FROM CHEESE DEAL.

Washington—Now that the venerable and revered Senator George of Georgia has announced his intention to retire from the Senate and become Eisenhower's Ambassador to NATO, an important, hitherto undisclosed incident involving Senator George and the White House can be revealed.

Senator George recently wound up the chairmanship of a special committee to investigate the \$2,500 offered to Sen. Francis Case (R., S.D.) during the natural gas battle on behalf of Howard B. Keck of Superior Oil.

During the investigation, the committee unearthed another check for twice that money from the same H. B. Keck, this one given to the Eisenhower dinner

## Ticklers By George



"Why can't you hunt rabbits instead of bears?"

right in the middle of the Senate's gas debate. Unlike Senator Case, who returned the \$2,500, the \$5,000 from Keck was not returned by the Republican National Committee nor by the White House.

Considerable pressure was brought on Senator George's committee by the White House not to make this contribution public. Some committee members felt that since the gift to Case came from exactly the same H. B. Keck and Superior Oil, the larger gift to the Eisenhower dinner should be disclosed in order to indicate the general pattern of the Gas Lobby.

### Why Ike Vetoed

There was also some Senate resentment that President Eisenhower in his veto message should impugn the morality of the Senate at the same time that his own money-raisers had received twice as much as Senator Case rejected, right in the middle of the gas debate.

It was feared that the Senate Committee might make public the Keck check that materially influenced the President's decision to veto the Gas Bill.

In the end, however, Senator George did not make the \$5,000 contribution to the Eisenhower dinner public. He and the committee decided they should stick close to the question of the \$2,500 offered by Keck to Senator Case and not go into the Keck gift to more important people.

Keck's check for \$5,000, dated Jan. 10, 1956, was on the City National Bank of Houston. It was check number 951 and was signed "H. B. Keck" from his office on the "7th Floor, Edison Building, Los Angeles, Calif." This address was printed on one end of the check.

It will be interesting to see whether the new lobbying committee, headed by Senator McClellan of Arkansas, which is supposed to probe all phases of lobbying, will now make public the Keck check.

### Debt to Quaker Oats

It looks as if the Ike Administration had about paid up its debt to Quaker Oats. At any rate the debt should be paid up after this week.

Quaker Oats executives were big campaign contributors to Eisenhower in 1952. Afterward, R. Douglas Stuart, chairman of Quaker Oats, was for a time U. S. Ambassador to Canada, while Don Lourie, president of Quaker Oats, served for a time as deputy under secretary of state. Milton Eisenhower, in turn, was a director of Quaker Oats.

On top of this, Vice President Nixon last week paid off another campaign debt by presenting a medal for distinguished dog heroism to "Snooks," a seven-year-old mongrel picked as the dog hero of the year.

The medal was called the "Ken-L-Ration Medal," and was of course, the public relations branchchild of the Quaker Oats Company. Ken-L-Ration is a Quaker Oats product.

### Campaign Funds

Campaign contributions still carry weight in the backstage operations of the U. S. Government, even though the furor over the proffered \$2,500 to Senator Case has simmered down.

Senator McClellan of Arkansas didn't bother to dig into it, but North American Airlines not only retained Murray Chotiner, campaign manager and closest political adviser of Vice President Nixon, but also contributed to the GOP campaign.

When Chotiner was before McClellan's subcommittee, he got such kid-glove treatment that he was not asked a single solitary question about the large campaign funds he had raised; and when he said he had gone to the White House on two occasions, no senator even took the trouble to ask him who were the clients on behalf of whom he wanted to exert a little White House influence.

If the senators had taken off

their kid gloves and dug into this case, however, they would have found that both Stanley Weiss, head of North American Airlines, and R. R. Hart contributed to Republican National or State Committees.

### Campaign Managers

Campaign managers also have a way of influencing what a senator does or says.

Take the case of Joe McCarthy, one of the most vocal members of the world's greatest debating body. Joe is inclined to hold forth on all sorts of subjects, and at one time started to declaim on the subject of the cheese scandal.

Cheese comes from Wisconsin, and Joe has been urging not 90 per cent, but 100 per cent parity to help Wisconsin Dairy farmers. It was only natural, therefore, for him to raise again about the \$2,000,000 windfall profit that the cheese processors made out of Ezra Benson at the expense of the farmer and the taxpayer.

Suddenly, however, Joe shut up. Absolutely nothing has been heard from him for months about the cheese scandal.

This could be the reason why McCarthy's campaign manager for re-election in 1952 was Steve Miller, president of the Central Cheese Co., of Marshfield, Wis.

That company received \$24,285 from Secretary Benson on the cheese deal that McCarthy originally WAS, SO excited about.

## LETTER BOX

The Journal welcomes letters from readers for this column on any subject. Your name must be signed to all articles intended for publication, however, by request, it can be omitted from the letter appearing in print. (Contents do not necessarily express the opinions of this newspaper.)

### Dear Editor:

I write in regard to the item which Jerry Sharpnack wrote about the postal education period which I conducted at the local high school, and which item was given front page coverage in the April 5, 1956 issue of the Journal.

Recently, I sent one of the clippings to the Chairman of the Educational Committee of the National Association of Postmasters of the U. S. (N.A.P.U.S.). He was asking for items and ideas with clippings for his educational program. He in turn advised by mail that he had been very pleased with the program and the coverage of the item I sent and wrote about. Today I received a letter from the Editor of the N.A.P.U.S. Magazine, the "Gazette", saying he had received the clipping from Mr. Trevithick, at Salt Lake City, Utah, and if I would send the original photo used for the clipping, he would use them in some early issue of the "Gazette." As you know I have that original photo, as you were so kind as to send it to me upon my request.

Then too, I wish to quote further from the letter from Mr. Arthur V. Smith, the Editor: "Jerry Sharpnack did a fine job with the story. Often such articles are too much involved with technical matter." I felt you would be happy to know of this "tour", so to speak, of your story. I am quite happy to know it wasn't a vain venture for me and that it was very successful from the Journal's standpoint. I wish to again thank all at the Journal for your efficient and courteous assistance in this venture.

Very sincerely yours,  
Verl Brunkow  
Acting Postmaster  
Murdock, Nebraska

Pain is not an early symptom of cancer, which often strikes without warning. Doctors can detect early unsuspected cancers in the course of a regular health examination, the best cancer insurance, the American Cancer Society says.

## Mrs. McReynolds Dies in Hospital At Omaha Saturday

NEHAWKA (Special) — Mrs. Alvin McReynolds passed away Saturday in an Omaha hospital after an illness of three weeks.

She was a resident of Nehawka all her life and was born here October 7, 1883, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Behrens.

She was married in 1916. Mrs. McReynolds was confirmed in the Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband, a brother, Joe, of Avoca and sister, Mrs. Minnie Neumeister, of Avoca.

Funeral services will be 2 p. m. tomorrow at Nehawka Methodist Church. The Rev. Fred Gardner will officiate.

Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Nehawka.

The family asks those who wish may contribute to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Association rather than give flowers.

## Main Street

By Vern Waterman

### Hear Dem Bells?

John Schreiner is finally cracking under the strain of the big Rexall One Cent Sale. The other evening Jimmy Frady was demonstrating the various alarms on some of the clocks offered for sale by the drug store. He was letting the prospective customer, John Janacek, hear the alarm on a clock that must have been designed by Ed Ernst. It had a peculiar ringing sound, and John kept answering the telephone and couldn't figure out why there was no answer.

### Grand Opening

Fred Feldhausen, local pharmacist, recently submitted to surgery at St. Catherine's Hospital in Omaha. He is making very good progress and has now returned to his home. Many of his friends have been pinch hitting for him in the prescription room. Numbered among them have been drug salesman and pharmacists, Lyons and Thompson.

### New Rod

Norm Ruback will soon be sporting a new Olds hardtop. He finally decided to pop and has a new one on order. He'd better not leave any shrimp in the trunk of this one.

### Proudly She'll Fly

Installation has begun on the new flag pole for the post office. The other morning the footing was dug on the lawn. Three foot across and about eight deep. Much speculation was made by patrons of the postoffice as to the kind of project that was going on. Searl Davis walked up, took a look and decided they were digging a well.

### No More Matches

Merle Long appears to have sewed up the lighter offered by Schreiners to the man on their team who throws the most strikes. He has connected with 141 to date and has a very comfortable lead on the runner up, Carl Chrisviter. There are only a few games to go and unless Carl can get a sharper focus on the pocket than Merle, the thin man, will be lighting his Old Golds with a new Zippo, tax free.

### Late Shoppers Note

Beginning last week and continuing in the future, the retail stores in Plattsmouth are open until 9:00 p.m. on Fridays. This will mean you can buy anything from bathroom fixtures to a hair cut on a night other than Saturday.

### The Passing Scene

The two characters who came out of the local tavern stopped on the sidewalk and rocking back and forth took census of the evenings events. "How many did you drink?" asked one. "About 15 beers," his buddy replied. "Heck I spilled more than that," said the other man as he tottered on down the street.

## BIRTHS —

Son — To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Reckard of Nehawka, May 12 at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha. The baby has been named Jeffrey Dale and weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reckard of Plattsmouth and Mrs. Hilda E. Vibber of Wray, Colo.

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## Nehawka News:

## Fred Lindsey Awarded 4-H Club Trip Given by Sheldon's Store

By Mrs. F. O. Sand  
Tel. 2708

NEHAWKA (Special) — Fred Lindsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Lindsey of Union, received the Sheldon Store award which was a trip to 4-H Club week. Carolyn Miller is the alternate.

The committee met recently with Mrs. F. O. Sand. They were Mrs. John Groesser, home agent, Harry Knabe, Mrs. Jack Lindsey and Mrs. Sand.

Sheldon's store has given this trip for the past 11 years. It is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Marjorie Tucker and Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Mitchell. Those who have won the trips include Evelyn Margaret Wolph in 1946, and following that Robert Sand, Lela Edmonds, Shirley Bickett, Margaret Ann Knabe, Harold Scharp, Robert Orndorff, Phyllis Switzer, Gerald Switzer, Marilyn Whipple.

To be eligible the boy or girl must be from the Nehawka community, or attend the Nehawka School or be a club member in the Nehawka vicinity. He must be an active member the year the award is given, must have completed a project the year previous to the award, must have earned certificates of achievement for at least two years and in at least three projects. He must not have previously received a club week trip and he must have exhibited at the county and state fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.

The community is very grateful to the Sheldon store for the interest in 4-H club work and the parents and children appreciate this award.

## A Roundup of Nehawka News

NEHAWKA (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kime and Marlin, Mr. and Mrs. George Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McReynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dodson and Judy attended the wedding Saturday of Miss Karen Kalasek and Rolland Cooper at the Methodist Church at Plattsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Meyer and family were guests at the wedding Saturday of Miss Pauline Jensen and Mr. Dayle Johnson at the First Baptist Church in Lincoln. Jolene and Marlene Meyer were flower girls.

Sandra Spert was 12 years old Saturday. She had six of her friends in for a party. The afternoon was spent playing games. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McReynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kime and Marlin were guests Sunday afternoon of the John Behrens family of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Meyer and family were dinner guests Sunday of the James Savage family of Nebraska City.

## Swine Club Meets

The Nehawka Swine club met recently with Charles and Robert Cook. There were 12 members and six guests present. A new member is Sandra Spert. The lessons studied were vitamins, cereal grains and pasture for swine.

Mrs. Cook served refreshments. The next meeting will be with Richard and Ronnie Dickman on May 29. Teddy Brannon is the news reporter.

A dinner Sunday at the Ivan Hansen home observed the birthdays of Mr. Hansen and his sister, Miss Frances Hansen. Guests were John Hansen and daughter, Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hansen and Tommy of Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hansen and Donetta of Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Martin

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## Class Night Set

Class night will be observed by the seniors Wednesday evening at the auditorium. There will also be eighth grade graduation the same evening.

Rev. Raymond L. Alber of the Christian Church of Lincoln will be the speaker for the graduation exercises Thursday evening, May 17.

The school picnic is on Friday noon at the school. There will be games in the afternoon.

Kay Ward is valedictorian and Larry Whittington, salutatorian of the senior class.

## 'CANDY' PILLS FATAL

POTTSTOWN, Pa. — Patricia Dudley, 4, thought the bottle of red pills given to her a week before by an 8-year-old aunt, were candy pills. She swallowed half of the contents of the bottle and became violently ill. Taken to a hospital, she was treated and discharged. She became ill again and returned to the hospital, where she died.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has announced an expansion program that will cost more than \$2,000,000 in 1956.

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