

EDITORIALS

Furse's Fresh Flashes

LET'S SAVE LIVES

Now that the summer vacation season is upon us, it may not be amiss for us to repeat the old warning that careful driving is what the nation needs if it is to reduce the horrible cost of speed on our highways.

One hundred, or more, Americans die every day in payment of the price for modern, high-speed transportation. It is strange that the public is so apathetic to this loss of life, and that the injured are hardly noticed by the people generally. If some strange, unknown disease took a hundred victims a day in the United States, there would be a hysterical reign of terror throughout the nation.

Cass County, like every other community, furnishes its quota of victims to the automobile-highway toll every year. With the best of intentions, we continue to permit drunken drivers to operate cars and get off relatively free when apprehended. We like to think that we can violate traffic regulations without having to pay the penalty. It is time, however, that we got rid of this foolish notion.

Rigid enforcement of every traffic regulation, with stiff fines imposed for minor violations, would do much to make the average automobile driver more safety-conscious. Let's support the work of our traffic officers and give them the satisfaction of knowing that we are behind them when they arrest careless and reckless drivers.

ON GUIDING CHILDREN

An expert recently explained that parents should set a thoughtful example, to their children as far as their own mistakes are concerned. In other words, admit your mistakes to your children and do not play the role of the perfect human being.

The idea behind this advice is that you are not perfect and that, therefore, you are going to make mistakes. Therefore, when you step out of your car door into a manhole, or slam the window sash down on your fingers, your child will soon enough get the idea that you didn't plan it that way.

Remember that your child is also learning, and he or she is also making many mistakes daily. Therefore, a thoughtful attitude on your part and a frank admission to your children that you also make mistakes, but are trying to do better, will bring about a paralleling attitude among them.

In other words, they will make mistakes and strive to do better themselves, and, more than that, both of you can laugh at each other's mistakes—as long as the person laughing at you doesn't laugh too much.

MODERN ART

At this juncture in our march toward civilized progress, we would like to take a few shots at what is generally called "modern art." The editor poses as no expert on modern art, or even ancient art.

However, he does credit himself with average intelligence and that is all needed to recognize the fact that the modern art vogue is mainly a racket designed to

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

We should be gentle with those who err, not in will, but in judgment. —Sophocles

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The only words a husband can say which can interest his wife are those he says to another woman.

An optimist is a fellow who will go room hunting with a saxophone under his arm.

Just read a historical note that says women used cosmetics in the Middle Ages. That isn't a historical note—they still do.

A teen-age boy may have his mother's eyes and disposition, but it's a sure bet he's got his dad's car keys.

This do-it-yourself business has been making great strides all over the country. You might try using a little of it at the elections next November.

Women can keep secrets just as well as men, a study discloses. Only thing, it takes more of them to do it.

Most men never bring the boss home to dinner because she's already there.

A basement is a place where as soon as you go down into the phone rings.

separate suckers from an over-abundance of green, folding paper.

We must admit that by writing such blasphemy we run the risk of being accosted in a dimly-lit hallway by a half-crazed art lover. In spite of this possibility, we are going on record as saying that most modern art is usually hokum.

It is surprising how gullible the public sometimes is, and this fact is demonstrated very effectively by the peddlers of modern art. Real art, great paintings which prove restful or exhibit great talent, are treasures to be enjoyed for a lifetime. Portraits of loved ones are likewise valuable in many cases.

But the current version of modern art has no place in society, achieves no purpose, is not restful, or beautiful, and is strictly for the psychos. If you have made a blunder and have purchased such a monstrosity, paste a piece of beaverboard on the back of it and use it for a dart target. Or, break it over the head of the "painter" who sold it to you the next time he calls.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Grasshoppers missed this section of the country during a huge migration, but hit many sections of Iowa. Alvo farmer F. G. Kellogg reported to Sheriff Homer Sylvester he had been "fleece" of \$40 by a trio of gypsies. Plattsmouth was in the midst of a heat wave with temperatures hovering around the 105 degree mark. Attending an educational conference in Lincoln were County Superintendent Alpha Peterson, Marie E. Kaufmann and Mrs. Pearl Mann. Janis Schmidtman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidtman, fractured a bone in her spinal column when she fell from her scooter. Lois Van Kirk and Harlan Gorder were married in North Platte. Miss Hazel Dovey returned here from Ohio, where she planned to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Dovey, and friends.

30 YEARS AGO

A. R. Johnson filed for the office of Cass County Sheriff. Rose May Belohlavy and Frank V. Hranac were married in Colorado Springs, Colo. Lynn Minor, superintendent of the Plattsmouth Water Company, sprained his wrist as the result of a fall. The Methodist Sunday School held a picnic at the Amos Iske farm near La Platte. Lillian Newhams and Arthur Taylor were married in the First Baptist parsonage in Lincoln. Arthur Blunt was named conductor of the grand aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, during a state convention in Lincoln. A garden tea was given in honor of Miss Kathryn Wadick at the home of Mrs. A. L. Tidd. Miss Wadick was to be married to Robert M. Walling. The Golden Rod Study Club met at the home of Mrs. C. L. Wiles for a combined business and social session.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND by DREW PEARSON

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DREW PEARSON SAYS: IKE'S DOCTOR TRIED TO SUPPRESS HEALTH NEWS BEFORE PRESIDENT'S LATEST ILLNESS; GENERAL SNYDER DEMANDED FACTS ABOUT WHITE HOUSE EMERGENCY INHALATOR BE CENSORED; HE WAS AFRAID OF HELPING DEMOCRATS.

Washington — On Thursday, June 7, the day before President Eisenhower was taken ill, an incident occurred which bears on the question of whether those around him had been keeping from the public



the true facts about Ike's health—perhaps from Ike himself.

In brief, Maj. Gen. Howard Snyder, the President's personal doctor, demanded that this column suppress news that the White House had been given an emergency oxygen inhalator to be carried in Ike's car or his plane.

The incident, taken by itself, was not important. When linked with other deceptive statements by Dr. Snyder such as suppression of any word about letititis, during the "head to toe" medical report, it indicates that the men around Ike are doing what Democrats around Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt did when these two Presidents were ill.

An emergency inhalator is the equivalent of a portable oxygen tent. This was the emergency treatment given the President when he became ill in Denver.

When I learned that the emergency oxygen inhalator company had supplied an inhalator to the White House, I asked Jack Anderson, my junior partner, to check the details further. He talked to Donald Demarest, a salesman for the company, and confirmed that the company had given an inhalator valued at \$117.50 to the President on the encouragement of Dr. Paul D. White, the Boston heart specialist.

Snyder Demarest Later Demarest telephoned to say that General Snyder wanted Anderson to call him. Anderson promptly called.

General Snyder, who spoke in the tone of one accustomed to giving orders, said he didn't want any publicity about the emergency oxygen inhalator. "Where did you get this information?" he also demanded.

Anderson said he was sorry but he could not reveal his news source. He also explained that he could not make the decision as to whether the story would



A century ago, the return of spring meant for the river towns of Nebraska territory the return of the steamboat. Prior to the coming of the railroad, the steamboat was the principal agency of communication possessed by Nebraska's pioneer communities. The river was closed each winter, but after the ice had broken up, and travel once again became reasonably safe, the steamboats began to make their way up the river, bringing with them precious cargoes of supplies as well as mail and new settlers. It is little wonder that the whistle of the first steamboat was an eagerly-awaited event and further, that the arrival of the first steamboat in spring was the occasion for a community-wide celebration.

Nebraska History for December, 1954, contains an article by Dr. William J. Peterson, well known steamboat authority, on the steamboat trade of the Missouri river. Dr. Peterson makes it very clear that the steamboat was an important cause of the growth of Nebraska's river cities. The steamboat is important, not only in historical perspective, but was recognized as an important instrument of progress by the pioneers who used it. Dr. Peterson for example, quotes the Nebraska Advertiser for September 3, 1857, to the effect that no trade in the United States, and possibly in the world employed as many steamboats as the Missouri River. Forty-six steamboats—measuring 29,300 tons and valued at \$1,297,000.00 were running on the Missouri River that year, and a dozen new boats were under construction. Further—the editor pointed

out, officers and crews on Missouri River steamboats received higher wages than were paid steam boatmen on other streams.

One reason for the high wages, of course, was the fact that the Missouri River was a dangerous stream to navigate. The channel shifted so frequently that pilots would find it entirely different on successive trips. Then was the ever-present danger of snags. Many a Missouri steamboat went to a watery grave as the result of being caught on a snag.

Brownville was one of the towns which profited greatly from the steamboat trade and Brownville, of course, was a relatively more important town in Nebraska during the steamboat era than it has been since.

On July 28, 1856, the Nebraska Advertiser, Brownville's paper, noted that the steamboat "Edinburg" left the largest goods of the season at the Brownville wharf. One firm, Hohlitzell and Co., had received its second supply of the season, and the freight bill had amounted to over one thousand dollars. By July 1, 1857, fully 130 steamboats had docked at the Brownville wharf, usually landing both passengers and freight at almost every arrival.

both it and perhaps the president himself are being denied the true facts about the health of the most important government leader in the world.

Washington Pipeline
Senators gave French Foreign Minister Pineau a cold reception when he accepted Senator George's invitation to lunch with them. Many Senators didn't even shake hands when they walked into the room. While Pineau was speaking, several muttered under their breath that he was a Communist sympathizer and shouldn't have been allowed to visit in the first place. The crowning blow was that Pineau wasn't served a single glass of wine.

Secretary of the Army Brucker and Secretary of the Air Force Quarles have patched up at least on top. The two had been hostile until both discovered they had served in the famed Rainbow Division of World War I. Brucker promptly invited the Air Force Secretary to lunch, and the two secretaries are now behaving like long lost buddies, not bitter enemies.

Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey and Budget Director Brundage have warned senators privately that no matter how much extra money they vote for the Air Force, the administration will not spend it. Humphrey intends to balance the budget even if he has to impound the money Congress votes for a bigger air force.

Egyptian Premier Nasser has agreed to visit Yugoslavia to talk with Marshal Tito about a new left-wing bloc of countries that will cooperate with Russia but refuse to take orders. India's Premier Nehru also has been secretly invited to attend this meeting as the Asian representative.

Political-Go-Round
Chairman Len Hall held a very important secret meeting with members of the White House staff shortly after Eisenhower was taken ill, to tell them flatly and categorically that both he and they must adopt a party line—namely that Ike will run again. They must never deviate from that line, he decreed.

The William Morris Agency has offered the oratorical, Bible-quoting governor of Tennessee, Frank Clements, a television career—if he ever decides to quit politics.

Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce has given up her ambition to be the first lady vice president of the United States. She's so convinced the nomination will go to Nixon that she won't even bother to attend the Republican Convention.

Senator Humphrey of Minnesota is busy as a bird-dog lining up support for Adlai Stevenson in Congress. He is even trying to win over the Southern Bloc's candidate, Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson. (This may earn him second place on the ticket.)

Neal Roach, who was fired as democratic convention director because he insisted on taking his secretary to Chicago, has now taken his secretary, Frances Spivey, to Albany. He has joined Governor Harriman's campaign staff.

Democratic Candidate Mike Di Salle has served notice on labor that he will crusade against racketeering in certain labor union—if elected governor of Ohio.

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:
The Nebraska Heart Fund would like to express its full appreciation to the Journal for its fine news coverage of the local Heart Fund campaign. We wish to pay tribute to the excellent leadership of the campaign chairman, Dr. L. S. Pucelik.

We are indebted to all the campaign workers, to all the mass media, and particularly to local residents for their generous contributions. Total collections for Plattsmouth, including donations and memorial gifts sent directly to us, are now \$527.00. This money will be invested in the Nebraska Heart Association's programs of Research, Public-Professional Education, and Community Service. The aim, of course, is conquest of heart and blood vessel diseases, which cause 54 per cent of Nebraska's deaths.

Thank you again for the support of your newspaper and your citizenry, which has helped the Nebraska Heart Fund to collect \$167,000, approximately \$22,000 over the goal.

Sincerely yours,
Robert B. Crosby
State Chairman

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By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON, June 28—President Eisenhower will run again and most of the talk about chances that he won't either stems from wishful thinking of unrealistic thinking. In the first place, many of the candidates in the Democratic party—including Adlai Stevenson—have had operations in recent years.

The President—had he had another heart attack—would probably stepped down. But it isn't, which is usually cleared up by an operation, is another matter. There is no logical reason why a successful operation in this field should cause him to retire.

It is true, though, that the operation Ike underwent was a serious and a very painful one. The painful aspects refer to the days after the actual operation in which Ike had to live with a tube inserted into his nose, being fed externally and under a constant strain.

That he came through this ordeal without complications is an indication that he was in good shape when stricken.

Were the President to step down now, the Republicans would be seriously handicapped, for no other Republican is presently able to swing the election odds over to the G. O. P. column, against Adlai Stevenson, other than Ike. And there would not be time for a buildup, of the kind needed to win a presidential election.

So, President Eisenhower—if he would not leave the Republican party in a greatly weakened position—must stick with his decision to run. There is no indication he will do anything else.

Meanwhile, Stevenson seems to have the Democratic nomination in the bag. It is hard to see how anyone can stop him from gaining the nomination on the second or third ballot. Averell Harriman's forces hope to block a quick Stevenson nomination and are organizing all over the country, officially now, to accomplish that end.

However, Estes Kefauver seems to have seen the writing on the wall and is effecting a rapprochement with Stevenson—which is significant, Kefauver, who will have some votes at Chicago even though his prestige is lowered, is now in a bargaining position with Stevenson and Harriman.

He might not forget that at the last convention, when Harriman could have put Kefauver over the top, simply by throwing the New York delegation his way, and creating a bandwagon movement that would have run the Kefauver votes up quickly, Harriman turned his head the other way.

This time perhaps Kefauver is the only man who could stop Stevenson, enabling Harriman to maintain a chance, even though it might be only a brief stop. Kefauver may not stand in Adlai's way to help Averell unless the booty is right. This opens up the possibility of a

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Asiatic Wild Dog

- HORIZONTAL
1 Depicted wild dog
6 It is a native of —
11 Assistants
13 Flight of steps
14 Honey-maker
15 Norwegian
17 Cartograph
18 Teases
20 Hideous monster
23 Weapons
27 Touches lightly
28 Type of fuel
29 Pastry
30 Symbol for samarium
31 On time (ab.)
32 Pewter coin of Thailand
33 Gunlock catch
36 On the chattered side
37 Gaelic
38 Titles of courtesy
39 Continued stories
45 Pen point
48 Stanza
49 Knock
52 Puffed up
54 Handled
56 It hunts the — in packs
57 It also hunts — large animals
- VERTICAL
1 Flatfish
2 Hasten
3 Poem
4 French article
5 Sea eagle

Here's the Answer
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