

# EDITORIALS

## Furse's Fresh Flashes

### CREDIT IS DUE

Plattsmouth lost out on its bid for the Offutt Air Base housing project. News that another site had been selected was quite a let down for the Chamber of Commerce and businessmen here who had put in many anxious moments awaiting a decision.

However, our efforts were not entirely in vain. A closer relationship with base personnel was established as well as the clearing up of some misunderstandings that had been a thorn in associations for a number of years among top military chiefs.

The Journal would like to give credit where it is due in the hours of untiring effort put into this project by three local men who left no stone unturned in securing data and information necessary to engineers in charge of the project. Searl Davis, Carl Schneider and Richard Peck did a tremendous job in compiling a brochure outlining in detail the advantages to be found in this location, in meetings and contacts with officials. Although they lost, their bid was a commendable effort.

Local citizens owe them a debt of gratitude, and with the same community spirit displayed in future planning, we're bound to hit the jack-pot one of these days.

### KIDS NEED SWIMMING POOL

Plattsmouth needs a swimming pool to serve the young people of this area.

We know, and expect, to hear from all sides that taxes are high enough now. No one knows better than this writer that limits can be reached in property owner's ability to pay—but the cost of a project of this nature and the benefits to be derived more than offset all the arguments against such a program.

It can be done here easily and without adding any burden to the present tax load. Rex Young, our enterprising auctioneer, in speaking with this writer recently brought up the subject and stated he would give to the city a plot of ground over an acre on South 10th street as a site for a pool.

With some added contributions, donations of some labor and equipment, selling advance family season tickets, and a small bond issue that could be paid off over a period of five or six years with less than a one mill additional levy, Plattsmouth could come up with a pool that would be a distinct asset to our city and community.

We think it is a project that should get some action from our community-minded organizations right now. Plattsmouth could have a pool in 1957.

### DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

On July 4th, and during a long holiday weekend, millions of Americans will observe the anniversary of the signing of our national Declaration of Independence. That occurred on July 4th, 1776.

In this Declaration members of the Continental Congress proclaimed the American colonies to be free, and independent. In the ensuing years we have

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A cloudy day, or a little sunshine, have as great an influence on many constitutions as the most real blessings or misfortune.

—Joseph Addison

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Entered at the Post Office at Plattsmouth, Nebraska as second class mail matter in accordance with the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Wish we could raise our taxes as easily as the legislature does.

A fellow in the office the other day was trying to sell us a book on etiquette that would tell us what to do when there seems to be too many knives, forks and spoons on the table. What we are looking for is a book that will tell us what to do when there seems to be too little food on the table.

Why bother about getting ahead when about all you can do is stay even, anyway.

Indians scalped only their enemies, the white man skins his friends.

History is repeating itself. We just read a report by an archeologist that Europe touched America millions of years ago.

American enterprise is the ability to make a toothless shoe a fashion instead of a calamity.

For every school teacher in this country, we are told, there are seven persons engaged in crime. And they say that doesn't pay, either.

added personal freedom to this independence. The two are not necessarily synonymous words, for a nation can be independent and nevertheless have a government which allows its inhabitants limited freedom.

The United States has now been a free country for one hundred eighty years, making it one of the oldest continuously established free governments in the world. In the old days, July 4th did not mean much, and the first Independence Day celebration was actually held on July 8th, in Philadelphia.

There are many who believe that July 2nd should be termed Independence Day, since that was the day the Continental Congress adopted a resolution by Richard Henry Lee, of Virginia, stating that "these united colonies are, and of a right, ought to be, free and independent states." These very words were incorporated into the Declaration of Independence two days later.

We would suggest all Americans obtain a copy of the famous Declaration, now so widely celebrated, and reread it carefully. That will constitute a sober observance of the Fourth this year—or the weekend of the Fourth—and prove inspirational to the reader.

### Down Memory Lane

#### 20 YEARS AGO

A miscellaneous shower was given for newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mendenhall at the home of Mrs. Tom Mendenhall . . . Mrs. Henry Starkjohn was taken to an Omaha hospital for treatment . . . County Attorney and Mrs. W. G. Kieck and children left for a vacation in Yellowstone Park . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Spacht and family were here from New Rochelle, N. Y., for a visit at the home of George A. Kaffenberger . . . H. L. Gayner was named commander of the Hugh J. Kearns Post of the American Legion . . . John Benton and Dick Livingston were visiting their uncle and aunt in Minatare. . . Sheriff Homer Sylvester and Deputy Sheriff Cass Sylvester returned two runaway boys to their home in Council Bluffs. . . Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Mayes departed for a vacation in Seattle, Wash.

#### 30 YEARS AGO

Elmer Meisinger entered his name on the ballot for Cass County Sheriff . . . Tom Svoboda reported "millions" of bees swarming about his house . . . A large Fourth of July celebration was planned for Plattsmouth featuring parades, ball games and fireworks displays . . . The KO Club staged a dance on their platform on West Locust Street . . . Cedar Creek defeated Eagle in a baseball game, 17 to 1. Herbert Swanson of Plattsmouth pitched for Cedar Creek . . . A golf picnic was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George E. DeWolf who were planning to move to Creston, Iowa . . . The Philathea class of the Methodist Church met under the leadership of Miss Jessie Robertson and Mrs. W. L. Heinrich.

## The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:  
TV SETS CAN GIVE OFF HARMFUL RADIATION; CHARLEY WILSON PUTS FOOT IN MOUTH AGAIN; REPUBLICAN SENATORS SUFFER AT HOME BY SUPPORTING IKE'S FOREIGN POLICY.

Washington — It wasn't mentioned in the Atomic Energy Commission's report on radiation, but common TV sets may



"He's the best worm digger-upper I've followed all season."

give off harmful radiation. This has been acknowledged, but not advertised, inside the television industry.

Black-and-white picture tubes produce a "soft" X-Ray radiation through the face plate. "Soft" rays are the worst kind, because they are absorbed by the body. However, they dissipate readily and are not dangerous except at close range. Experts claim that three feet is a safe distance to watch TV without risk of harmful radiation.

The larger the TV set, of course, the greater the danger. Radio Corporation of America has issued a handbook for TV repairmen, warning: "X-Ray radiation is produced by the 21-inch tube when it is operated at its normal ulti value. The radiation is through the faceplate and is sufficient to require the adoption of safety measures in TV receivers. Shielding such as that provided by a 1/4 inch thickness of safety glass in front of the faceplate should prove adequate to provide protection against personal injury from prolonged exposure at close range.

"When this tube is being serviced outside the TV receiver cabinet," the RCA handbook warns, "it should never be operated without requiring adequate X-Ray shielding in front of the faceplate."

Large-screen projection tubes, such as used in theatres to show TV fights, can give off dangerous amounts of radiation. The audience is usually protected, however, by lead plates or other barriers.

A large dose of X-Ray radiation, absorbed by the body over a long period, can produce such harmful effects as cataracts on the eyes, malignant tumors, and even leukemia. Ordinary commercial TV receivers aren't likely to cause any of these dreaded results, though they may add to the body's X-Ray intake.

Main danger to the average TV viewer would come from a set in need of repair. As a precaution, children should also be kept from sitting too close to the TV set.

Note—at many TV plants, employees carry Geiger-type meters to measure the radiation and warn them of over exposure.

"Bird Dog" Wilson Secretary of Defense Wilson whose ability to say the wrong thing at the wrong time is well known, attended a ceremony on Capitol Hill the other day, honoring Congressman Dewey Short Missouri Republican.

At one point, Wilson started naming his predecessors as secretary of defense. He mentioned Secretary James Forrestal and Secretary George Marshall, then couldn't remember the rest.

"Oh well," he said. "They were Democrats anyhow."

Speaker Sam Rayburn, who is Mr. Democrat on Capitol Hill, and Carl Vinson, the Georgia Democrat who has considerable veto power over Wilson as chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said nothing. They didn't have to. The manner in which they looked at Wilson was enough.

Why Ike Loses GOP Votes Loyal Senator Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin is not the only Senate Republican being threatened with a purge because he's supporting Eisenhower's foreign aid program.

Equally loyal Senator George Bender of Ohio has been threatened with the same fate. Bender already has the GOP nomination. But Bender's fellow Republican, Senator John Bricker, is so furious with Bender for his support of the Eisenhower foreign policy that he appears about ready to give secret, perhaps even open, support to Ben-

## 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 Sir: I protest against a recent statement in your paper, "Mrs. Fred Rothert and her husband were former instructors in P. H. S."

I protest—there are hundreds of us (some of whom are now grandfathers) who remember this Fred Rothert as one of the best high-school coaches in the business.

There are those of us who would give the following testimonial to him, "If I've achieved any success in succeeding years, after giving credit first to my parents, there's a heap of credit left over for him!"

All of us who had the opportunity to play on any of his teams were instilled with the will to win, to play hard and according to the rules. I, for one, often remembered his training; often it has carried me over many a tough spot. I therefore protest—to us it is an injustice to state so simply, "a former instructor in P. H. S."

Yours in protest,  
Dusty Rhoades  
(former student, PHS, '34)  
Downey, Calif.

## Father, Baby Killed When Cars Collide

(Continued From Page One) oncoming Parrish car. Other witnesses told officers they failed to see any trailer or other vehicle the youth was passing. In his car rescue workers found a small puppy. The dog was pinned between McGuire and the door of his car. He was extricated alive.

Investigation has revealed the youth was driving an improperly registered car belonging to his parents. He was enroute to Missouri to visit a girl friend—against the wishes of his family.

Dr. J. B. Griffith of Denver, a passerby attended the injured and pronounced the father and son dead. Ironically the Parrish family was enroute to Denver to visit friends during their vacation.

Lee Ann Parrish was released from the hospital yesterday and was taken to the sheriff's office here where she recovered her broken dolls and clothing. She was unable to realize the effects of the tragedy.

Investigating officers said the crash scene was one of the most heartbreaking they ever saw. The bodies of two lay among children's toys, golf clubs and an ice cooler full of homemade lemonade.

Both demolished cars were towed to Nehawka and the two bodies were taken to Caldwell-Linder Funeral Home in Plattsmouth. Iowa authorities claimed the bodies yesterday.

Hobson Ambulance Service of Weeping Water and Clements Ambulance Service of Elmwood took the injured to the hospital.

Sheriff Solomon met with the county attorney this morning to brief him on details of the case.

## Family Gathering Held Last Sunday At Park in Elmwood

ELMWOOD (Special)—Mrs. Ray Preston arranged a family gathering in the form of a picnic which was held at the Elmwood Park Sunday.

She invited nieces of her mother, and other relatives who came with well filled baskets and enjoyed a picnic dinner and afternoon of visiting. Most of them remained for supper also.

Those who were present besides Mr. and Mrs. Ray Preston, and son, Duane, were: Mr. and Mrs. David Campbell of South Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Campbell of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Campbell of Bennet, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell and family of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. John Graham and family of Louisville, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Meisinger and family of Weeping Water and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Henegar and family of Weeping Water.

Some who were invited were unable to attend.

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## I'VE HEARD TELL

Seems Like . . .  
by  
BILL BURTON

Today we're launching a new column.

This space will be dedicated to brief, but interesting, tidbits of news, our observations and useful information which ordinarily wouldn't make a story by itself.

Every day scores of colorful news releases and interesting letters cross this desk. Many upon many telephone calls are received relating little bits of light hearted gossip or the details of a practical joke or some other humorous incident.

These we hope to wrap up in "I've Heard Tell."

As in the case of all columns, there will be times when we will be cussed, berated, just plain ignored—and maybe even praised. But, we'll hold the fort.

Here goes:

There's a foursome of fellows in Plattsmouth who are taking a lighthearted ribbing these days. They recently returned from Sioux Lookout in North-east Ontario after a fishing trip.

But, unlike many other fishermen they came back empty handed. They said it was just too hot for the fish to bite.

The fishing party included Fred Lugsch, Clem Woster, Roy Moore and Ray Henning. The walleyes were biting well, they said, but none of the other game fish would even look at their plugs and lures.

Besides that the thermometer was up around 100 and it was just too hot out on the lake to do any fishing, they claim.

It was the first time they

## Two From This City At Colonists Meet In Bellevue Home

BELLEVEUE — The state board meeting of the Daughters of the American Colonists was held at the home of the state regent, Mrs. J. W. Roberts, in Bellevue.

Seventeen state officers and committee chairman attended the meeting. Those attending from Plattsmouth were Miss Jessie Robertson, member of the bylaws committee, and Mrs. Harvey Gerner, genealogical records chairman.

Reports were given by Miss Jennie Downs of Omaha, delegate to General Assembly in Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Sue Worrall, past state regent on changes in the by-laws.

Mrs. R. M. Jones, the only charter member in the state was a guest of honor.

Also present was Miss Jeanette Spealman of Lincoln, vice regent; Mrs. Dale Philpott, chapter regent of Martin Rutt, was absent as she and her husband are on vacation in Alaska.

Other chapter regents were Mrs. Edmonds of Hannah Dustin Chapter and Mrs. E. L. Rodwell of Nathaniel Holmes, Omaha.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

## Names of Teachers Are Given Today

LOUISVILLE (Special)—Superintendent Jack Campbell has announced the following new members of the Louisville school faculty:

Mr. Gaylen Dodge, guidance director and grade principal; Mrs. Christine Phillips, English and speech; Mr. Allen Fox, industrial arts and safety; Mr. John Schaumburg, music; Miss Geneva Baker, eighth grade; Mr. Wendell Graham, seventh grade; Mrs. Francis Schliefert, fourth grade.

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were "skunked" in 10 years of Ontario fishing, according to Fred.

Many say it's hard to tell whether the men's faces are red in reflect of their catches—or in reflection of the 100 degree sun bouncing off Lake No Fishce.

Fred says it was so hot in Ontario he was actually glad to get back to Plattsmouth. It was only in the 90's here.

But what he liked was to bask in the cool air of his cleaning plant. He's had three large new air conditioners installed and its among the coolest places in the city.

At least it's cooler than on a hot lake, he said.

Here's a problem facing Wahoo woman.

Her sweetheart purchased for her an engagement ring and announced intentions of buying the matching wedding band.

However, before he returned to get it, the store was burglarized and it was among the loot taken.

Now the wedding is about to take place, but there's no wedding ring. They can't get married without one.

The jeweler said he can get the matching ring—but not before the wedding. However, he'll loan them another one for the service.

Now, should the couple borrow a ring from the jeweler and wait for a replacement for the one which matches the set—or should they buy another band and keep it permanently rather than make a switch after the ceremony?

Local VFW Commander LeRoy Wilson gets a nice slap on the back from a Yakima, Wash., man who wrote back to the club telling members of his appreciation to the veterans club head.

Burel Kendall wrote his auto ran out of gas four miles out of Plattsmouth. He was picked up by the commander and brought back into the city for gas and then driven again to his car.

"He refused any pay for this very kind and helpful deed so I thanked him very much and went on my way. I thought you really should know what a wonderful commander you have," Mr. Kendall concluded.

Pete Halmes, one of the district captains in the drive for collecting enough money to try rainmaking, told us one the other day.

It seems the Cass County Weather Modification Committee received a check for 25 cents.

Enclosed was a message telling the committee the sender knew the assessment was only five cents an acre and he had but one acre.

"But, my land is many times as dry," he commented.

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