

EDITORIALS

AUGUST
The month of August is upon us, and after it has run its course, the year will be two-thirds over.

Perhaps the most dramatic date of our time, for which August is remembered, came on August 14th, 1945, when it was announced by President Truman that the Japanese had surrendered. This announcement ended World War II and meant the return home of most of twelve million Americans who had taken up arms in the fight against the Axis powers. Perhaps it was the biggest story of the era, unless the announcement of the German surrender, which was made May 8th, surpasses it in drama and significance.

Another important day for which August is remembered is that of August 3rd. On that day in 1492, Christopher Columbus sailed from Palos, Spain, on his first voyage westward in search of a new route to China in the Far East.

Colon, who was later to be known as Christopher Columbus, reached the islands off the coast of the American continent in October, and while Columbus did not actually discover America, since several Europeans had preceded him to this continent, he actually opened up the trade routes and the colonization of North America.

On August 14th, 1900, an Army of 8,000 American, British, French, German and Japanese troops captured Peking, the Chinese capital. This sounds interesting in 1956, when it would probably take several hundred times that number of troops to do the job. This, however, was the time of the Boxers, who were committing outrages against foreign representatives in Peking.

On June 11, of 1900, the Chancellor of the Japanese legation in Peking and the German Ambassador were murdered in the streets. These outrages, plus others, induced the Western powers to send troops to the Far East, and the joint army, 8,000 strong, set out for Peking on August 4th, from Taku.

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DEATH PENALTY AND HEROIN

Congress recently approved legislation which will allow juries to recommend death sentences for those who sell or give heroin to youngsters under eighteen years of age. The death penalty could also be applied to those who distribute the drug to such youngsters.

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, was in the other day complaining of not feeling well, said she was aching in the joints. We advised Fanny to stay out of joints.

Some pedestrians, a motorist tells us, walk as if they own the streets. We can go him one better, we know a lot of motorists that drive as though they own the streets.

The real proof of restraint is having the same ailment the other fellow is telling you about and not mention it.

A local kid we talked to said he was sure "glad this was Friday" as his mother had already spanked him five times during the week.

Let us hope when the world peace pattern is finally cut, there will be no scraps left.

Home gardening work is mainly hoe, hoe, hoe. But, it's still no laughing matter.

A gossip talks about others; a bore talks about himself, but a brilliant fellow talks about you.

Did you ever notice that blunt people make the most pointed remarks?

needed step in the right direction. We have little sympathy for narcotics peddlers, in the first place, and none at all for those who sell narcotics to youngsters.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Bette Bulin was chosen Miss Plattsmouth of 1936 and would later represent the city in the Miss Nebraska contest at the state fair . . . Judge C. L. Graves was visiting in Lincoln with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graves . . . R. Foster Patterson, member of the faculty at Tarkio College in Missouri and former Plattsmouth High School principal, was visiting in Plattsmouth . . . Mrs. H. F. Gansmer of Myard departed for the west coast where she planned to spend the winter . . . A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sykora . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Soennichsen and daughter, Phyllis, and Miss Mary Rosencrans departed for a vacation in northern Minnesota . . . Over 650 people attended a chicken dinner at the "20 Club." They were members of the Holy Rosary Church . . . Opening day for local schools was set at September 8.

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30 YEARS AGO

Mail carriers Paul Vandervoort and James Holly were officially named "city carriers." The promotion brought a \$400 annual salary increase . . . Raymond J. Larson attended the state tennis tournament at Hastings . . . The Plattsmouth baseball team was invited to be a participant in a southwest Iowa tournament at Council Bluffs . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slavicek departed for Rochester where Mr. Slavicek planned to have medical treatment at the Mayo Clinic . . . Mrs. Anna Zitka was given a surprise birthday party . . . The Plattsmouth home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Spangler was featured in a Sunday edition of the Omaha Bee News . . . Louis Taylor was reported to be improving from an operation he underwent in an Omaha hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. David Simpson returned to their home in Los Angeles after visiting

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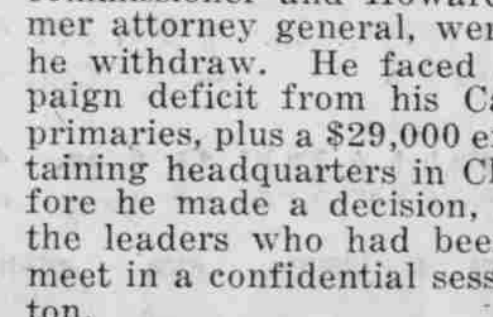
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"Just think! Last week we were couped up in town with nothing to do but play bridge, watch TV, go to parties, and"

that Kefauver withdraw.

"So am I," said Joe De Silva, sparkplug of the retail clerks in southern California, "and Adlai Stevenson is not good for the country."

"We have a great man, a great leader," said Gerald Flynn of Racine, Wis. "It's an honor to go down fighting for him. When Kefauver went down fighting under the TV cameras in Chicago in 1952 that was when the Democratic party lost an election."

Joe Alpersen, the Los Angeles stainless steel manufacturer, however, moved that Kefauver withdraw. Maryland leaders urged the same thing. So did Kefauver's friends in Virginia, as well as Tom Carroll, his California chairman.

Elloquent Pleas

One of the most eloquent pleas for Kefauver to stay in the race came from Col. William A. Roberts, Washington attorney who had the tough job of raising money for the Tennessee senator's deficit.

Another came from De Silva of the Retail Clerks Union who largely carried the ball for Kefauver in Southern California. "I'm going to talk just as if I was the candidate," he told Kefauver advisers in the closed-door session. "Now let's see what I've got to gain or lose."

"First the organization of the convention will be against me. They'll probably put my delegates off in a corner or behind a pole."

"Second, the ushers and doorkeepers will push my delegates around. You know how the Arvey boys told us where to go and when to come last time at Chicago."

"Third, Sam Rayburn will be working against me on the stage. He'll never recognize me," continued De Silva, still talking as if he were the candidate.

"Fourth, Senator Lyndon Johnson will be working against me backstage, while Rayburn works against me on the stage."

"Finally, the Harriman boom has slowed down to a bust."

"Where do Negroes stand?" "However," continued De Silva, now speaking for himself, not as if he were a candidate, "I still think Harriman and Kefauver ought to come out for a declaration of principle on civil rights. Let's call a spade a spade. Let the Negro people face the civil rights issue. We know the professional Negro politician don't want civil rights passed. They won't have an issue after that. So let 'em stand up and be counted-for or against a real declaration of principle. Let's separate the men from the boys. Let Adlai stand up and declare himself, too. Is he for or against real enforcement of civil rights? He hasn't stood up so far."

"A man is never defeated when he goes down fighting," concluded the fiery labor leader from Los Angeles, "and I came here to fight, not to bury Kefauver."

Despite this plea, a heavy majority of Kefauver advisers at the closed door session urged that he withdraw in favor of Stevenson for the sake of democratic harmony. He concurred in their advice.

Note - When Kefauver was urged to make a deal with Averell Harriman, he told his advisers: "I've got a lot of respect for a man who gets into the primaries and fights it out as Adlai did. I couldn't gang up to throw the nomination to someone who didn't get into the primaries and make the race according to American tradition."

Bad Advice On Nasser
For approximately 12 months, the State Department has been almost consistently wrong about Egypt's dictator, Colonel Nasser. This was largely because U. S. Ambassador Henry Byroade was sold on Nasser, said that he could be trusted as a real friend of the U. S. A.

It was also because of Herbert Hoover, Jr., former vice-president of the Union Oil Company of California, now under-secretary of state, was vigorously pro-Arab, wanted to pro-

Alvo News: Mrs. Art Klyver Wins 1st Prize At Card Party

By Mrs. Mabelle Winn
Tel. 420

ALVO (Special)—The Double Deck Pinochle Club met July 25 at the home of Mrs. Mabelle Williams with all but two members present.

Mrs. Art Klyver and Mrs. Mabelle Williams were guests. High score was won by Mrs. Klyver and low score by Mrs. Kitzel.

Door prize was won by Mrs. Grace Brunkow.

A lunch was served by Mrs. Williams.

The next party will be held August 29 at the home of Mrs. Hazel Mickel.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bennett were Sunday dinner guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bennett and family at Lincoln.

Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gais and daughter and Miss Margaret and Donna Jo Hoffman of Beaver Crossing were visitors at the Lee Stewart home. The Hoffman girls have been visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stewart called on Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cheever and grandchildren, Rickey and Terry Lynn, children of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Cheever of Lincoln, were Sunday afternoon callers of Ralph Winn and his mother.

Arthur Skinner, Herbert Um-land and Ralph Winn are moving a house this week for Norman Johnson from Bennett to near Waverly.

Mrs. Esther Clark is working at the switch board in Mrs. Nancy Snavey's place. Her sister in Lincoln had a stroke and she is helping care for her.

Visit at Klyvers

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lewis and son of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis and family of St. Louis, Mo., were Saturday evening callers at the Elmer Klyver.

Albert Brunkow who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Amanda Weeks, returned to Alvo Wednesday. Mrs. Kelley lives in South Dakota and has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Heier and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schuelke left Thursday for Cheyenne, Wyo., to attend the rodeo. They went in Mr. Heier's new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jipp and family and Mrs. Arthur Skinner drove to Conway, Iowa, to visit their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Skinner. They returned home Friday and reported it quite dry there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson, Mrs. Mall Kitzel and Mrs. Minnie Johnson visited in Plattsmouth Monday.

Highway Deaths Drop

July traffic accidents in Nebraska claimed the lives of 25 persons. This was a decrease under the 28 deaths in July of last year and is the lowest number of deaths for July since 1945. July's deaths brought the State's traffic toll to 164 as compared to 162 for the last year during the same period.

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