

EDITORIALS

Prime Minister MacMillan

The Right Honorable Harold MacMillan should prove to be a true friend of the United States in his new role of Prime Minister of Great Britain. MacMillan is a staunch British nationalist and a member of the Right Wing of the British Conservative Party.

MacMillan's task is a most difficult one in the months and years ahead—if his government lasts that long. If he can bring stability to the British economy and restore the prestige Britain has lost abroad, he will have worked a minor miracle.

Mr. MacMillan is sixty-two years old and gets the job as Prime Minister over the popular Majority Leader of the House of Commons, R. A. Butler. It was a bitter pill for Butler to swallow, something like the pill Lord Halifax had to swallow when Winston Churchill was named Prime Minister in the dark days of 1940. However, Butler is only fifty-four and has plenty of time to become Prime Minister at a later date, in a later government.

MacMillan stood by the former Prime Minister, Anthony Eden, in his trying days during the invasion of Egypt. Unlike Butler, he supported the attack on Egypt from first to last, and it is thought that because of this, he will be a unifying force in the Conservative Party.

It is particularly tragic that Eden resigned after such typical Communist fraud as a recent suggestion that Eden and French Premier Guy Mollet be tried as war criminals. His resignation will be interpreted in Communist countries as lending credence to these charges, and others painting the Western powers as aggressive imperialist countries.

However, MacMillan can do nothing about the results and must make the best of the situation he faces. Mr. MacMillan immediately announced he would not call a general election, predicting that when there was one, the Conservatives would win. His first task is to restore the British economy and to see if he can get the canal reopened and British prestige abroad restored.

It is probably good that Mr. MacMillan, the elder of the two candidates, gets his chance today. Perhaps, Mr. Butler will not do badly by allowing Mr. MacMillan the questionable job of trying to straighten out the current mess in which the British Government finds itself enmeshed. Mr. Butler should have his chance at a later date.

The Farm Problem

The number one problem faced by the United States concerns the farms of this country. Although a recent report by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson is encouraging, the farm situation remains acute.

Benson reports that farm income in 1956 was five per cent up over 1955 income, and that exports will set a record. Moreover, he admits the price squeeze is continuing and that production costs are going up but, if farm prices continue to go up this year, farmers will feel some relief. He believes we are headed toward a better era for the farmer.

This is encouraging news, although we are not yet convinced. We hope that

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Whoever would not die to preserve his honor would be infamous. —Blaise Pascal

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Hard work may not kill people but, let us be honest, we are getting a little tired of it.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little court twister, says there are six ages in a woman's life: infant, girl, young woman, young woman, young woman and young woman.

Heard one Plattsmouth resident remarking the reason snow hadn't been cleared on the street fronting his residence was because city employees were saving their strength for digging up the street next summer.

And this friend of ours telling how for years she didn't know how her husband spent his evenings until one night she got home early and there he was.

Plattsmouth's Pavement Plato came through with this observation: "Love may be blind, but the average mother-in-law is an eye-opener."

Sad but true—hanging in the kitchen of one Plattsmouth home is the slogan: "The views of the husband of this house are not necessarily those of the management."

Benson's forecast proves accurate.

The farmer has been suffering a price squeeze for some five years and if he is not bailed out, so to speak, then serious economic repercussions are sure to be felt in the United States. Those who argue that the farmers' income and spending power comprise only a small percentage of the total U. S. economy, are theoretically correct, but they do not take into consideration the fact that no one segment of the population can be starved economically for a period of five or six years, and many of them put out of business, without a snow-ball-effect developing.

Part of the reason for the drop in automobile sales in 1956, and the direct cause of farm machinery slump, is the price squeeze which has been experienced by the farmer. If Mr. Benson's forecast is correct, and the farmer is to come out of his economic pit, then the nation may well move on toward reinvigorated prosperity. But seeing is believing, and we will have to see this before we will believe it.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO
Movement to provide children of the city in need of shoes with good serviceable shoes is finding a ready response from among the residents of the community to the appeal of the Community building club's activities. Thirty pairs of shoes were turned in, repaired and distributed through the schools to the children attending school. This was a Legion sponsored move and proved a great aid in the hard times of the thirties. The club was in operation until in the early forties.—The county old age assistance director, Paul Vandervoort, has paid out to the 349 old age assistance applicants, \$5,500.52 for the month of December, while \$634.37 was paid out to dependant children in the month of December.—Miss Isabel O'Malley, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Shea, was married at Moline, Ill., to Russell F. Denney of Moline, the bride was a graduate of the class of 1929 of the Plattsmouth high school.

30 YEARS AGO
The office of Clerk of the District Court Golda Noble Beal was one of the busy places of the court house at the new year check of the records disclosed. There were 18 criminal cases filed and disposed of during the years, 19 damage suits, foreclosures to the number of 15, while divorces numbered 13.—At the court house E. P. Stewart retired from the office of Sheriff, Miss Mia U. Gering as treasurer and Mrs. Edna Shannon as register of deeds.—Henry Lamphere has opened "Chick's Cafe" in the Woodman building at 6th and Pearl streets.—Mr. and Mrs. John Hallstrom received the pleasant news that they were grandparents, a daughter having arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom at Avoca.

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The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

DREW PEARSON SAYS: IKE HOPES TO MAKE HISTORY AS MAN OF PEACE; HE FACES NEW TERM WITH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICS, CONGRESS, AND PRESS; HE HOPES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EISENHOWER LUCK.
Washington—There are some changes in Dwight D. Eisenhower as he begins his second term as President of the United States. He's learned a lot in four years. He's learned, among other things, not to be afraid of Congress. He's become a master politician. He's no longer afraid of the press, can play a press conference with the skill that a musician fingers a keyboard. And he likes the job—which at first he didn't like at all.



Finally, he's determined to make a name for himself in history—as a man of peace. Also, he wants to develop new political leaders, rejuvenate the Republican Party.

But in some other respects, Ike hasn't changed. Men don't change radically after they reach the age of 60, and the President is now 66.

He hasn't lost the personal touch, despite the pressing burden of the presidency. He likes people; likes to phone his friends direct without going through a secretary; likes to scribble long-hand notes, still likes to be called Ike by his friends. He may interrupt the most important business session to do something personal; would much rather meet the champion truck-driver of the year than a group of congressmen.

Still Dislikes Decisions
In other respects, also, the President hasn't changed. He still loses his temper quickly. He is still too trusting of friends and executives, still delegates too much to men around him without checking their operations. And he still likes decisions made for him.

His instruction to the Joint Chiefs of staff at the Quantico Marine Corps Base in the summer of 1953 that he wanted unanimous recommendations from them, still stands. He does not want to have to decide between the Army, Navy and Air Force. And when he, as commander-in-chief, has been called upon to make the decisions which a commander-in-chief must make as to whether the United States should intervene in Indochina and whether we should take a stand at Quemoy and Matsu, he has hesitated and delayed.

The President has come a long way from that famous evening at the F Street Club when he shocked Republican intimates by saying that, in wartime, business should be taxed proportionate to the sacrifice of the boy who gives up his life.
Today he feels completely at home with business advisers, who so criticized his views at the F Street Club. He feels much more comfortable with them than with labor advisers. No labor advisers are close to him today.

Eisenhower Luck
More than anything else during these next four years, the president hopes he may bring about an era of peace. He is aware that big things have been stirring behind the iron curtain, and while he does not entirely know how we can take advantage of this ferment, he does have a certain reliance on his ability to be on the job at the right time.

The man on the street might call it Eisenhower luck. Historians might call it being a man of destiny. But just as Eisenhower was the right age when Pearl Harbor broke, just as the weather was right on the day of the Normandy invasion, and just as fate chose to let Stalin die while Ike was in the White House, so the President feels that he may be the man who came along at the right time to bring peace to the world.

Ike Should Watch
What the President needs to watch most during the next four years are certain backstage deals that could damage his place in history. To illustrate, his Attorney General is now discussing a deal to let Pan American Airways and the Grace Steamship Company out of an anti-trust suit regarding their joint airplane company, Panagra.

What makes this look bad is that Peter Grace, chairman of Grace Line, Inc., serves on one of Ike's advisory committees for Latin America; also hired one of Ike's White House aides, Charlie Willis, as his assistant.

Recently Peter Grace has been talking to Attorney General Brownell, not about Latin America, but about the anti-trust suit. He has served an ultimatum that Grace Line will not sell a single



From time to time Mr. Ralph Emerson Woods sent a number of stories of different kinds dealing with his remembrances about early Nebraska. Here are two of them concerning Pawnee Indians in the Platte Valley in Buffalo County.

"Mrs. Nettie Bayley Walker, is authority for this story.—It seems the Indians had quite often passed the Bayley farm situated between Gibbon and Shelton and Mrs. Walker's mother had taken pity on the tribes people that had become beggars, now that their buffalo were gone and had been passing out quite a few handouts, loaves of bread etc. The Indians probably passed the word along and they appeared at the Bayley home almost daily. After a check up on the family larder which was dwindling, Mrs. Bayley concluded to discontinue her charity as

far as Indians were concerned. One forenoon as she was hanging some clothing on a line, two large buck Indians appeared and asked for food. Pretending that she was deaf, she pointed at her ears and shook her head. The Indians left, and entering the house, Mrs. Bayley peeked through a window curtain. The two Indians were out by the gate, pointing at their ears, shaking their heads and then almost doubling up with laughing—they were wise!"

The other one is from the same area. "This one by the late Charles Fieldgrove of Shelton.—At 18 years he was very large and strong. His father, Henry (Hank) Fieldgrove had grown a large number of water-melons on some sod ground and they had hauled a great stack of them up by the windmill platform. A small group of Pawnee Indians (several families) were passing with horse and travois when they spied the melons of which they were especially fond—and, so they all came into the yard and pointed at the melons and their mouths. Now Hank, who as I remember was tall (probably got that way by laughing so much) told the Indians and pointing to Charles 'You rascal him—get melon—no throw—no melon' Expecting a real tussle, Charles stripped to the waist and in no time at all had thrown the first opponent over his shoulder. Five more followed and then no takers. The Indians were crest fallen. However Fieldgrove was a kindhearted man and gave the Indians all the melons they could carry away to their delight and gratitude."

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Eagle Family Visited By Illinois Kin

Mrs. John Fischer
Phone 7304

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ballance and daughter of Norfolk, Ill., are visiting their daughter and sister, the Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Rodaway and family. Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Ballance are also visiting in Eagle with Mr. Ballance's sisters, the visiting parents, he having been recently discharged from the Navy at Pensacola, Fla. The latter couple hope to locate in Nebraska.

The polio clinic for administering shots is sponsored by the community club and will be held at Eagle schoolhouse, Tuesday, Jan. 22, 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. Children 40 cents, 20 years and up, \$1.40. Next series of shots will be Feb. 19.

Julie Henriksen, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Henriksen of Lincoln, spent a few days at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Henriksen last week.

Mrs. Eddie Francke, 76, passed away at the St. Elizabeth Hospital on Monday, after entering the hospital during the previous week. Her health has been falling for several years.

Funeral services were held at Roper and Sons Mortuary at Lincoln on Thursday afternoon at 1:30.

Rev. Leland Leshar officiated with Albert Francke soloist and Margylice Macy organist.

Mrs. Francke's survivors are her husband, Edward William; daughters, Mrs. Marguerite Porter of Valparaiso, Mrs. Marie Sheridan of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. Ruth Sutton of McCook, and Mrs. Irene Schriener of Lincoln.

Three brothers, Henry Ketteluh and Otto Ketteluh of Walton, Mrs. Kate Oberle of Lincoln, and Mrs. Myrtle Ashlock of Wray, Colo., and eight grandchildren.

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Ten-Word INTELLIGRAM

Check the correct word:

- 1—The U.S. refugee relief program is slated for (expansion) (curtailment).
- 2—A disastrous brush fire swept a suburban residential area near (San Francisco) (Los Angeles) recently.
- 3—The Army has announced a sweeping reorganization of its (combat) (service) divisions, to take place in '57.
- 4—The President has named (Winthrop W. Aldrich) (John Hay Whitney) as U.S. ambassador to Great Britain.
- 5—A "mad bomber" has been operating for 15 years in (Chicago) (New York).
- 6—Highway death toll over the long Christmas weekend topped (500) (700).
- 7—It (was not) (was) the highest in history for the Yule season.
- 8—Our new ambassador to Italy will be (Clare Boothe Luce) (James D. Zellerbach).
- 9—Integration in (schools) (on buses) has been top news from the South recently.
- 10—A group of lions is correctly termed a (herd) (pride).

Count 10 for each correct choice. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior; 90-100, excellent.

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1—Expansion, 2—Los Angeles, 3—Combat, 4—Whitney, 5—New York, 6—700, 7—Was, 8—Zellerbach, 9—Buses, 10—Pride, 11—New

Siekman and a grandson, Raymond Siekman, preceded her in death.

Palbearers were Vern Hoffman, Dwight Earl, Sherman Henriksen, Merle Meyer, Melvin Meyer and John Rhoode. Burial at Eagle.

The Methodist family night supper and fellowship hour, will be on Sunday evening, Feb. 3. A special entertainment from Lincoln is planned.

Mrs. A. H. Siekman has been ill with the flu for several days. The Evening Eagles Extension Club members met at Mrs. Ernest Dietze's home on Tuesday evening, Jan. 16.

Mrs. Maud Howard Root and Keith Muenchau conducted the lesson on "Decorative Stitches". The names were drawn for secret sisters.

The club members plan to assist with the polio drive this month. Mrs. Doyle Gump became a new member of the club.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Keith Trumble's home.

Relatives have heard from Mrs. Bertha Caddy, that she is home from the hospital after having suffered a stroke a few weeks ago at Indianapolis, Ind. She was at her daughters home. The latter and her daughter, Carole, had undergone surgeries. However, all are at home, now and recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. Charles Bogenrief returned home from the hospital having undergone surgery on last Friday morning at Syracuse, and is recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Novak and sons of near Crete, spent Thursday at home of Mrs. Novak's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips.

Mrs. Herbert Oberle attended and rejoined the "Country Kates" Extension Club at Mrs. Carl Lemke's home on Tuesday afternoon.

The O. E. S. Kensington met at the home of Mrs. O. E. Underwood, on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. William Prussing of Lincoln was the out-of-town visitor. She is a sister of the hostess.

Mrs. O. E. Underwood received word from her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Reece Wickham of Long Beach, Calif., that she

had arrived in Fort Wayne, Ind., via plane and her granddaughter, 4 years old had succumbed to a malignant illness after being hospitalized three weeks prior to surgery.

The Indiana folks had visited the parents during the holidays and Pamela had taken ill enroute home. Her 4th birthday was Jan. 1. She leaves besides her parents and grandparents, a brother, nearly 3 years old.

Week Remains For Aliens To Report Address

Robert C. Wilson, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service said today aliens in Iowa and Nebraska have only one more week in which to comply with the federal law requiring that aliens report their address to the government during January of each year.

The Immigration official urged all aliens who have not yet complied to go as soon as possible to the nearest post office or immigration service office to file the report.

Parents or guardians must file the report for alien children under 14 years of age, or custodial care.

Wilson said the address report is required each year from all aliens except those in diplomatic status, foreign representatives assigned to the United Nations, and Mexican national contract laborers.

He pointed out willful failure to comply carries penalties including a fine and deportation.

Suppose each adult and child in America contributed \$5.91 to a special fund. The total, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, would come to about 975 million dollars—the amount it costs to run the farm support system in the year ended June 30th. The money has been spent to assure what the government considers a fair price to farmers on crops and products in which surpluses have developed.

