

# EDITORIALS

## Writing Worthless Checks

County Attorney Begley's action last week concerning the cashing and issuing of bad checks will not only be tough on careless merchants accepting the bogus paper at random, but should make those in the habit of issuing a no-good check to tide them over a few days give a little more thought to the seriousness of their offense.

Occasionally a business place is caught through no fault of their own with a bad check. But, too often, it is through personal greediness, reluctance to say "no," or just lack of good business judgment that they end up with a worthless piece of paper. First thought is to rush to the county attorney to make the check artist "cough up."

This newspaper must go along with Attorney Begley — the taxpayers should not be asked to make a collection agency out of the office of county attorney. This office is for prosecution of local offenses to society and from the edict issued last week, indications are the office will be used only for the purpose in the future.

It should be a warning to chronic insufficient fund check issuers that their worthless paper may get a few dollars in the pocket momentarily, but the consequences just won't be worth the risk. It will also make those who have been accepting paper a little more cautious when they know a complaint must be filed and warrant issued to bring their man before the bar of justice — plus costs paid in advance.

This, we think, is as it should be.

## Why Firms Seek Small Towns

A national weekly newspaper recently reported on the trend of big business to move its new plants into smaller towns. The report was highly enlightening.

One firm which had operated in a large metropolitan area for half a century has recently erected plants in two small communities and the company head reports that the concern is delighted with the results.

In the first place, he said, the business had been virtually unknown in the large city and workers were not in touch with the needs of people in smaller towns who used the product manufactured. In the small towns, where the two new plants were opened, citizens were eager to have the plants locate in their community and helped raise money for the building, on a loan basis, and took a great interest in the business enterprise. They were happy, contented, good workers and had the interest of the business at heart.

Labor relations in such a plant, and in a community which appreciates the location of such a plant are the best.

These are the reasons, in brief, why so many big corporations are building plants in the nation's smaller communities. This is good for the nation and produces good management-labor relations, and for that reason the trend will probably accelerate in the coming years.

### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

There are some faults so nearly allied to excellence that we can scarcely weed out the vice without eradicating the virtue.

—Goldsmith.

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## Furse's Fresh Flashes

Looking over some of the house trailers on the roads these days convinces us we are now coming into the years of the rolling slum.

One thing we regret is that we can't make money as easy as we can spend it.

A local landlady tells us that a newly married couple renting her apartment were throwing crockery at each other the first week. We would like to point out that it isn't every couple that settles down to married life so quickly.

We found a nickle in our hash the other day. The wife put it there because we had been complaining about the lack of change in our meals.

Nowaday children are called bright when they make remarks that used to call for a spanking.

One nice thing about buying rock'n-roll records is that when they wear out you can't tell the difference.

One reason a local couple fight all the time is that he has a dogged will and she has kittenish ways.

If you want to be a success start at the bottom and wake up.

## Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

This section of Nebraska was held in a tight embrace by intense cold and deep and heavy snow that had many of the roads blocked, of 49 students expected in Plattsmouth for eight grade examinations, only 16 were able to get in for the exams at the office of the county superintendent.

Employees of the Plattsmouth district of the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Co., staged a dinner party honoring L. S. McKissick, retiring sales manager and welcoming Warren Scharenberg, the new sales manager of the district. W. A. Bennett was toastmaster of the dinner. — Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis that they were snow bound in the vicinity of Williams, Arizona. — The home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sullivan was made happy by the arrival of a baby daughter. — Louisville is taking steps to secure state aid and co-operation in making the bridge over the Platte river a toll free structure.

30 YEARS AGO

Niels C. Nelson of Weeping Water filed suit in the district court against Ole Olson operating the Olson Quarry company. The plaintiff charges that the blasting in the quarry causes much annoyance and damage to the property of the plaintiff. — Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Jean and family have departed for San Juan, Texas, where they are to locate. This is in the Rio Grande Valley. — Judge James T. Begley was elected as president of the Chamber of Commerce and Frank M. Bestor vice-president, membership for the year was fixed on a goal of 250 members. — Cass Chapter of the Order of DeMolay held election of officers, Hubert Johnson, master councillor; Ralph Wehrbein, senior councillor; Edward Patterson, junior councillor; Carl B. Graves, scribe; Fred Howland, treasurer.

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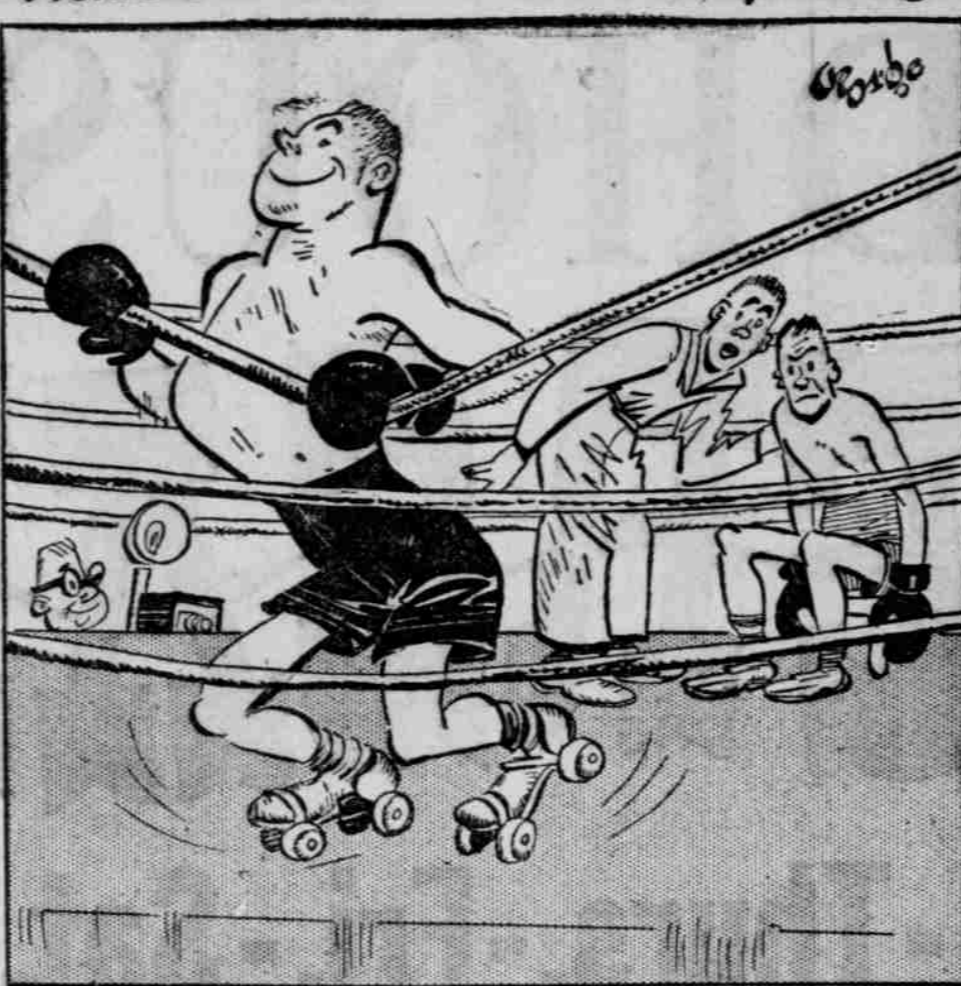
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## Ticklers

By George



"They say his footwork is terrific!"

One thing the treasury has been investigating is whether or not the \$163,215 the teamsters paid to Beck for his house was a gift or income. Beck sold the house to the teamsters with the provision that he continue to live in it. On top of that he also sold his furniture to the union for a reported \$90,000.

At the recent Senate hearing it was indicated that a Seattle contractor was also paid out of union funds for repairs on Beck's house. This would put the union in the position of paying for repairs on the house, then buying the house it had partly paid for.

The teamster czar, who had been anti-Eisenhower in 1952, caused amazement in labor ranks when he suddenly came out for Eisenhower in 1956. Some of his colleagues remarked: "Beck's pulling an Adam Clayton Powell"—a reference to the Negro Congressman from Harlem who came out for Eisenhower after he got into tax trouble last summer.

**Beck's Real Estate Record**  
George Meany is a labor leader who believes labor leaders must not profit from the movement they represent. In his files as he meets Beck is a list of the teamster boss's fantastic real-estate deals.

Here are the details:  
Feb. 27, 1956—Beck sold two Seattle lots to the Joint Council Building Association, a teamster affiliate, for \$135,000. The deeds show he bought the lots Feb. 10, 1951, from Vincent Miller and John F. Miller for \$1 each.

The lots are now used for private parking next to the teamsters headquarters. The union expects to erect a building on them.

In brief, Beck made a profit of over \$100,000 by selling property to his own union. What some of his members would like to know is why the union didn't make the profit, not Beck.

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## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Office of County Commissioners  
Cass County, Plattsmouth, Nebraska  
January 22, 1957

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present H. L. Bornemeier, R. E. Norris and W. F. Nolte, Commissioners, and Chas. Land, County Clerk.

Minutes of the last session approved and the following business was transacted in regular form:

Motion was made by W. F. Nolte and seconded by H. L. Bornemeier to accept the Bid of the Plattsmouth Journal on County printing, designating the Plattsmouth Journal the County Official Paper for the year 1957. Motion carried.

The Cass County Extension Service filed their Annual Report with the Clerk.

Resolution was passed directing the County Treasurer to release and discharge all liens for O.A.A. against lots 522, 523 and 589 in the Village of Louisville and Lot 6 Block 33 in the Village of Elmwood, Cass County, Nebraska.

Resolution was passed directing the County Assessor and County Treasurer to remove from the tax roll Lot 1 in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 36 T. 10, N. R. 9E, Cass County, Nebraska as the taxes assessed against the above described property were placed on the tax roll through inadvertence and error.

Claims as listed on the following Funds were allowed by the Board:

GENERAL:	
John Beckman, Jan. Sal.	\$ 230.00
James F. Begley, Jan. Sal.	233.33
L. A. Behrends, Jan. Sal.	316.66
L. A. Behrends, Mil. Pstg.	45.12
Mary J. Behrends, Jan. Sal.	190.00
H. L. Bornemeier, Jan. Sal.	166.66
H. L. Bornemeier, Mileage	18.30
H & G Brokerage Co., Mide.	3.80
Raymond J. Case, Jan. Sal. Judge	398.20
Raymond J. Case, Jan. Sal. Serv. Officer	125.00
Cass Co. Extension Service Dec. Salaries, Exp.	317.38
Cass Co. Sheriff's Office Dist. & Co. Court Costs	25.60
Clerk of Dist Ct., Court Costs	36.90
Wm. P. Coakley, Jan. Sal.	300.00
Wm. P. Coakley, Mil.	14.65
Lois E. Coakley, Jan. Sal.	180.00
The J. P. Cooke Co., Supp.	2.58
Co. Judge, Court Costs	29.00

garding the battle staged by Communist secretary Nikita Khrushchev to stay in power against the onslaught of old guard Stalinists.

Georgi Malenkov, brother-in-law of Khrushchev, who inherited Stalin's cloak immediately after he died, appears to be staging a comeback. Khrushchev's tolerant policies toward Poland, the west, and at first toward Hungary, had played into Malenkov's hands.

The man who came to Khrushchev's rescue was none other than Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai, who rushed to Moscow because Khrushchev pleaded that he needed his personal support.

Chou, despite all his fiery talk about world Communist solidarity, actually is reported to favor Khrushchev's milder policies of less Communist control from Moscow. And rather than see the Stalin crowd come back, he went to bat for Khrushchev.

This undercover struggle for power in the Kremlin is the reason why both Tito and Gomulka have started to play down their differences with the Kremlin. Diplomatic observers report that neither man has changed his mind about wanting complete freedom from Moscow, but they are soft-pedaling their views in order to help Khrushchev.

Grand climax to his battle for power will take place at the meeting of the supreme soviet next month.

Steve Davis Agency, Insurance	47.90
Doris Eimers, Jan. Sal.	175.00
Federal Laboratories Inc., Supp.	56.18
Iona Fuller, Jan. Sal.	220.00
Lucille Horn Games, Jan. Sal. P. O. Box Rent	267.76
Ray J. Garry, Distributor, Name Plate	37.50
Hazel A. Gold, Jan. Sal.	150.00
Hammond & Stephens Co., Supp.	18.36
Egna Herring, Jan. Sal.	225.00
Anna K. Hiner, Jan. Sal.	185.00
Valeria A. Homan, Jan. Sal.	185.00
Journal-Star Printing Co., Supp.	9.18
Kiras T/W Co., Supp.	14.50
Cnas. Land, Jan. Sal.	316.66
C. E. Leugway, Jan. Sal. P. O. Box Rent	292.77
Helen W. Leugway, Jan. Sal.	200.00
Lincoln Tel. & Tel. Co., Serv. to Ct. Hse.	149.03
Alice Jayne McShane, Jan. Sal.	333.33
Valara Meisinger, Jan. Sal.	185.00
Sadie E. Nicholson, Jan. Sal.	175.00
Co. Treasurer, Extension's OASI	3.94
W. F. Nolte, Jan. Sal.	166.66
R. E. Norris, Mil.	46.44
R. E. Norris, Jan. Sal.	166.66
R. E. Norris, Mil.	26.52
Clara Olson, Jan. Sal.	\$33.33
Clara Olson, Mil.	4.80
Mary Petersen, Jan. Sal.	175.00
Plattsmouth Journal, Minutes of 1-8-57	11.30
Plattsmouth Journal, Tax receipts & other Supp.	801.65
Plattsmouth Journal, Pup. Cal. for Bus, Chev. Trk.	6.76
Plattsmouth Lmbr. Co., Mide for Jail roof repr.	29.32
Remington Rand, Serv. agreement	14.30
Remington Rand, Calculator	432.25
Shrader Rhoden, Jan. Sal.	250.00
Shrader Rhoden, Mil.	61.40
Estela L. Kutherdord, Jan. Sal.	218.60
Polly Saltmarsh, Jan. Sal.	175.00
Gwen S. Coles, Jan. Sal.	225.00
Thomas S. Solomon, Jan. Sal.	266.66
Thomas S. Solomon, Mil. & Pstg.	197.51
Stephenson Sch. Supp. Co., Supp.	12.61
W. A. Swatek Hdw. Mide. Underwood Corp., Serv. agreement	28.92
M. H. Worthan, Jan. Sal.	245.00
Assistance Administration: Cloist Service, Gas, oil, Welfare car	18.05
Lucille Dyer, Jan. Sal.	240.00
Lincoln Tel. & Tel. Co., Serv. to Welfare	20.15
Coretta R. Pfann, Jan. Sal. P. O. Box Rent	296.10
Schriener Pharmacy, Supp.	2.09
Norma E. Scott, Jan. Sal.	240.00
Alice Weyrich, Jan. Sal.	220.00
POOR RELIEF:	
Dr. R. R. Andersen, Medical	15.44
Bobs Market, Prov.	10.00
Dr. R. F. Brendel, Medical	31.87
Cass Drug, Medical	16.62
Mrs. H. W. Christensen, Overcailing pymt.	82.65
Clements & Co., Ambulance Service	20.00
Dr. R. W. Dietz, Medical	3.00
Mrs. Ernest Ebeler, O. C. pymt.	89.65
Mrs. Lois Ehlers, O. C. pymt.	13.75
Feldhausen Drug, Medical	47.10
Dr. R. C. Fenstermacher, Medical	3.00
Gibson Grocery, Prov.	20.00
Dr. J. P. Gilligan, Medical	10.50
Grandview Nursing Home	64.91
Greene Drug, Medical	2.96
Hinky Dinky Stores Co., Prov.	77.00
Hobson Funeral Home, Ambulance Service	7.00
Martha Hoover, O. C. Pymt.	23.95
Dr. L. N. Kunkel, Medical	28.85
Dr. O. E. Liston, Medical	85.80
L. W. Moore, O. C. pymt.	172.45
Oakley Market, Prov.	19.00
Platts. Lmbr. Co., Coal	16.50
Mrs. Eanos Plunkett, O. C. Pymt.	84.15
Reichert Grocery, Prov.	10.00
Rosenow Grocery, Prov.	40.00
Ruback's, Prov.	50.00
Schreiner Pharmacy, Medical	5.00
Soennichsen's, Prov.	40.00
Thygeson's, Medical	14.95
Trumble Grocery, Prov.	20.00
Dr. R. W. Tyson, Medical	5.70
Wallick Drug, Medical	5.00
Mrs. Fred Wilkens, Care of man	5.00
COUNTY ROAD, DIST. NO. 1	
Ray L. Campbell, Jan. Sal.	\$ 250.00
City Wide Rock & Exc. Co. Rock	1994.44
A. W. Huebner, Gas	91.43
Lincoln Tel. & Tel. Co., Serv. Mach. shed	12.00
Nebr. Tractor & Equip. Co., Mide.	158.48
Plattsmouth Lmbr. Co., Coal	26.10
Standard Oil Co., Oil, diesel	137.03
W. A. Swatek Hdw. Mide.	5.75
Clyde O. Thumann, Jan. Sal.	280.00
Wm. M. Vest, Jan. Sal.	250.00
Wm. M. Vest, Rent, grader space	5.00
Western Auto Stores, Mide.	3.43
COUNTY ROAD, DIST. NO. 2	
Balbach Co., Oxygen	6.50
H. E. Barkhurst, Jan. Sal.	250.00
Dens-Oil Lubricant Co., Oil, grease	103.94
Hwy. Equip. & Supply	

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Co., Mde.	3.63
Keckler Oil Co., Gas, Reprs.	61.84
Lincoln Equipment Co., Jan. rental on No. 12 grader	500.00
Lincoln Equipment Co., Jan. rental on No. 12 grader	424.44
Lincoln Equipment Co., Mde.	42.92
John Little, Jan. Sal.	250.00
Thomas O. Mead, 10 days Sal.	74.00
Wm. M. Mead, Jan. Sal. Tel.	261.35
Nebr. Tractor & Equip. Co., Mde.	415.37
Nebr. Tractor & Equip. Co., Febr. rental on TD18A	599.78
Omaha Public Power Dist. W. Water patrol	1.00
Omaha Public Power Dist., Louisville patrol	1.00
Omaha Public Power Dist., Manley patrol	1.00
James W. Sheehan, Jan. Sal.	250.00
Wm. A. Sheehan, Jan. Sal.	280.00
Standard Oil Co., Gas, diesel	108.18
COUNTY ROAD, DIST. NO. 3	
Fred Basse, Jan. Sal.	\$ 250.00
Harry Davis, Jan. Sal.	250.00
Eagle Lmbr. & Hdw. Mide.	34.60
Ed's Repair Shop, Supp.	67.10
Ed's Repair Shop, Reprs.	22.80
Alvin Lashley, Jan. Sal. Tel.	284.90
Laure Chevrolet Co., Reprs.	15.05
Lincoln Equip. Co., Reprs.	81.23
Lincoln Equip. Co., Mde.	107.55
Miller Oil Co., Gas, Oil diesel	131.47
Nebr. Tractor & Equip. Co., Mde.	9.93
Wallace Richert, Jan. Sal.	250.00
V. E. Simpson, Jan. Sal.	250.00
Standard Oil Co., Oil	43.52
Roland Timnean, Jan. Sal.	250.00
Vernon Viox, Jan. Sal.	240.00
MAIL ROUTE ROAD:	
K. E. Dokter, Load haul rock	\$1010.75
Sheldon Smith, Rock, Todd road	36.55

The Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 5th, 1957.  
Board of Commissioners  
ATTEST:  
Chas. Land  
County Clerk  
No. 3510—Jan. 28, 1957

**RECORD HIGHWAY TOLL**  
The 1956 traffic accident death toll in the United States was estimated by the National Safety Council at a record total of 40,200. The previous high of 39,969 was established in 1941. The 1956 figure, as announced, was based on actual reports for eleven months and an estimate for the twelfth month.

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Fri., Feb. 8, 1957  
SHOW—9 A.M. SALE—1 P.M.  
At SYRACUSE, NEBR.  
Selling 72 Lots—19 Bulls and 53 Females  
The bull offering consists of