

EDITORIALS

The Federal Payroll

Some idea of the vastness of the Federal payroll is obtained when one studies the figures compiled by a special House subcommittee conducting a three-year investigation of Federal manpower.

For one thing, the subcommittee has learned that the Federal Government employs about 2,400,000 persons. The salaries of these persons amount to almost one billion dollars a month.

In calling for reductions in civilian employment, President Eisenhower and other prominent Americans have voiced the opinion that some reductions could be made without impairing the government's efficiency and the national security. In looking over the number of employees in the various departments, it seems obvious that the place to effect reductions is in the Defense Department.

This is true because the Defense Department employs about fifty per cent of all the civilian workers employed by the Federal Government and because it also maintains more than 2,750,000 men and women in the armed services. The Defense Department's payroll totals about \$10,000,000,000 a year, or about five-sixths of the entire Federal payroll. Therefore, if cuts are to be made, and if they can be made among the civilian employees in the armed services, and maybe some reduction in the non-combat special arms of the services, a sizable reduction in the Federal payroll might be achieved.

We have mentioned on other occasions that if the international scene ever quiets down, the Defense Department will soon be under heavy pressure to effect economies. When one realizes that of the \$7.8 billion dollar budget proposed by President Eisenhower, for fiscal 1958, beginning July 1, more than forty billion dollars of this amount goes to the Defense Department and its programs, the opportunity for economies in this department seems apparent.

Mother's Day 1957

Mother's Day dates from just a few years back — 1907, or fifty years ago. Yet it has already become nationally accepted and generally observed in this and other countries.

Miss Anna M. Jarvis of Philadelphia persuaded one of the churches in that city to honor mothers and asked that sons and daughters wear white carnations in honor of their mothers. This was done and soon the custom spread to all parts of the United States.

Today we wear either white or red flowers on this special day depending on whether our mother is still alive. And there is little doubt that the observance of Mother's Day led, later to establishment of Father's Day, which is held in June.

It is proper and well to observe Mother's Day and a tradition of giving presents to mothers on the second Sunday in May has become established in recent years. But observance of the day has done much good through the years. Organizations dedicated to the goal of reducing the loss of life in childbirth long used the day to stimulate thought and generate support for that cause.

In 1914 Congress officially recognized Mother's Day and President Woodrow Wilson first called upon U. S. officials to display the flag in honor of the day.

A mother is a common possession of all. Observance of the day knows no distinctions, no limits and no special classes.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Youth, what man's age is like to be, doth show;
We may our ends by our beginnings know.
—Denham.

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

It's getting so in this country everything is compulsory that is not forbidden.

A local worker says his weekly pay check was doubled last week — the boss folded it when he put in the envelope.

Jealousy and envy effects nations as well as men and women.

Everytime a Congressman gets angry about something he starts an investigation. We taxpayers just keep on suffering heart attacks and apoplexy.

Now we read that the planet we live on has a tail — does that mean we are the fleas?

Got into a place in Omaha the other day with what we thought was sawdust on the floor until the bartender told us it was yesterday's furniture.

A local husband says his wife has not only kept her girlish figure, but she's doubled it.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, now a nurse's aid, had to blindfold her patients when she takes their pulse to get a proper count.

And the fact that observance of the day has grown so rapidly in this country and abroad is proof that sons and daughters, or all of us, think it only right to pay respect and do honor to the love and care and bother that once was — and usually still is — spent on us by those we remember this second Sunday in 1957.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Governor Cochran signed LB 189, the unemployment measure passed by the legislature to match the federal unemployment legislation — Mynard Community club presented a fine program at the Community Building. Singing was led by Mrs. Sherman Cole with Mrs. Elbert Wiles at the piano. Others taking part in the program were: Mrs. Guy Wiles, Jacqueline Wetenkamp, Marion Wiles, George Mumm, Albert Wheeler, Mike Kaffenberger, Mrs. George Mumm, Herman Meisinger, Mary Heien Dill, Reuel Sack, Mrs. Albert Wheeler, Mrs. Herman Meisinger, Wilma Potts, Mrs. Mike Kaffenberger, Mrs. Jack Stamp, Miss Helen Johnson, Mrs. Charles Barnard, Mrs. Henry Nolting gave a piano accordion solo — Junior-Senior banquet was held at the Legion building with the Wild West theme in the decorations, Shirley Seiver, junior president presided. Raymond Wooster extended the welcome to the guests of the evening. Joe York of the freshman class responded for his group. Ronald Rebal spoke for the sophomores and Dale Bowman made the senior response. Milo Price spoke for faculty and J. A. Capwell for the Board of Education — Ralph O. Timm has been confined to his home in the west part of the city for several days but is now able to resume his usual activities.

30 YEARS AGO

Raymond C. Cook was named as Master of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 AF & AM, Henry F. Nolting, senior warden, A. H. Duxbury, junior warden, Frank A. Cloidt, treasurer and Leslie W. Niel, secretary — Roy Olson of this city departed for Washington, D. C. where he has been transferred by the Fruit Growers Express Co., from the Plattsmouth BRES Shops. He is located at Alexandria, Va., location of the company headquarters — Plattsmouth will have a team in the Cass-Sarpy Baseball League. Joe McCarthy will be the manager, Sam Moyer as president and Herbert Swanson as secretary — Mrs. Florence Balsler Dalton of Edgar, Neb., presented a program over radio station KMMJ of Clay Center.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:
NICKERSON MEMO ON GUIDED MISSILES HAS NOW BEEN RETRIEVED; SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILSON HAD ORDERED SECRET MEMO CONFISCATED; IT INVOLVES BATTLE BETWEEN BIG CORPORATIONS OVER WHO DEVELOPS GUIDED MISSILE.

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Charley Wilson and I had a friendly argument some time ago about the famed Nickerson Memorandum on Guided Missiles, which he won.

The Pentagon had confiscated this secret memo when he showed it to a public relations official for guidance on what could be published without harming the National Security, and I suggested to Secretary Wilson that confiscation of such a document when a newspaperman was trying to cooperate with the Defense Department was contrary to three decades of established precedent. But he overruled me.

However, after some delay and con-

Ticklers

By George



"Doctor, Mrs. Smith is here. Er . . . she's brought her son and husband."

siderable effort, we have now secured another copy of the secret memo and will publish certain portions of it. Some parts will be withheld from publication for security reasons.

It will be obvious to the public as they read this document that its main burden pertains to a battle between big business — General Motors and Chrysler — over who shall build the guided missile. Also it's a battle between lobbyists. This is something the public has a right to know about.

Although Col. John Nickerson, a top officer at the Army's Ballistic Missile Base at Huntsville, Ala., has been ordered court-martialed for writing this secret memo, his name is not on it. I have never met Col. Nickerson and had no way of knowing when Jack Anderson of my staff took the memo to the Defense Department, that Nickerson was involved.

Radford — "Enemy of Army"

His memo involves Wilson's decision to concentrate guided-missile development in the Air Force, shutting down all work done by the Army. It also involves the most important potential weapon of modern warfare, the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, capable of reaching Moscow in 30 minutes carrying a Hydrogen bomb.

While the secret memo is long, it is highly important. The first installment, minus certain deletions, follows:

"Section I. Introduction

"On 26 November 1956, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson published a Memorandum for members of the Armed Forces policy council. Subject: Clarification of roles and missions to improve the effectiveness of operation of the Department of Defense."

"With respect to the IRBM (Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile) The background is as follows: The President's scientific advisory group, ODM, early in 1955 recommended that a 1500-mile ballistic missile be developed. The Army, Navy and Air Force expressed operational requirements for the missile and authority to develop it. Mr. Wilson referred the operational requirements to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for resolution.

"By fall of 1955 the JCS were still unable to agree. The Air Force and Navy agreed to each other's requirement but not to Army's. Admiral Radford, chairman of the JCS, forwarded the views of the chiefs to Mr. Wilson with his recommendations which coincided with those of the Air Force and Navy.

"Mr. Wilson's basic operating procedure apparently is to listen to the man responsible and follow his advice. For military decision he listens primarily to Admiral Radford. It appears that Admiral Radford is a rather bitter enemy of the U. S. Army and has made a long series of recommendations to Mr. Wilson which are hostile to legitimate Army interests.

German Scientist
"The Army at Redstone Arsenal has the best ballistic missile team in the country and has succeeded in convincing Defense officials of this fact. The Army offered the services of this development team under the famous Dr. Von Braun to both the Navy and the Air Force and stated that a single missile would be developed which could satisfy both the land and sea-based requirements.

"This clearly meant that the Army operational requirements for such a missile were officially recognized. The Army established the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal near Huntsville, Alabama to execute the task.

"The assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Guided Mis-

siles, Dr. Eger Murphree, determined a few months ago that the Jupiter design was superior to the Thor, and was readying a recommendation to discontinue the Thor Missile.

"This action was discontinued when the Secretary of the Air Force requested a general settlement of Army Air Force differences. The request of the Secretary of the Air Force resulted in bringing the roles and Mission question before the JCS for the second time. A disagreement again occurred along the same lines as a year earlier.

Army Overruled

"Admiral Radford again presented his views virtually unchanged from the previous year to Mr. Wilson. This time, however, Mr. Wilson decided to back Radford. This resulted in the 26 November memorandum stating that the land-based intermediate range ballistic missile system will be the sole property of the U. S. Air Force.

"The recommendations of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Dr. Murphree; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development, Dr. Furnas; the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Brucker; and the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Taylor, were ignored.

"Section II. Policy Changes

Dissipate Effort
"The approval of the Army's operational requirement in November 1955 and its withdrawal in December 1956 is an unmistakable reversal of policy. The Jupiter program was set up on the highest national priority along with Thor and the two ICBM programs. \$35,000,000 of Army funds were obligated in fiscal year 1957 and \$150,000,000 (fiscal year) 1957 Army funds are being obligated at this time.

"It takes six or seven years to develop a large guided missile. It is obvious that major policy reversals will delay the availability date of the weapon and waste large amounts of money. The government must know what it wants before it starts such a program and must adhere steadfastly to the objective throughout the long period required to do the work."

BOYS STEAL BRIDGE

CANTEBURY, England. — Police discovered that 7 boys, 12 to 14 years old, lifted a small wooden bridge off the river banks, balanced it onto a canoe and eased it down the river. They wanted to use the structure, they said, as a landing dock farther down. They were put on probation, charged with stealing a bridge.

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.)

The Plattsmouth Journal:
I want to congratulate you on winning the top award for general excellence in the division to which both the Journal and the Quiz belong. I consider it a real honor to win first place in general excellence, far more so than to win one of the plaques or other awards given in other contests.

The Quiz has had its share of top place general excellence awards in the past but we were not in your class at all this past year and I think the judges made the only possible selection in naming the Journal for the top award.

In fact, when your newspaper is named number one by a group of professional judges like working newspapermen, you may be certain you deserve the honor.

Sincerely yours,
E. C. Leggett,
Quiz Industries, Ord.

Editor and Publisher:
Was pleased to see that your Plattsmouth Journal won first place in the state for general excellence in Nebraska cities over 2,000. This is certainly a noteworthy accomplishment, and one of which you can be proud.

As I have mentioned to you on other occasions you do get out a very readable and newsy publication and I am pleased to see this award accorded you.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,
Hart Jorgensen
Livestock Foundation of Omaha.

Journal:

Just a short note to thank you for publishing the Editorial and advertisement on career opportunities in journalism. Promotion such as this are very helpful—and needed.

I'm being conservative when I say there will be 10 job opportunities for every graduating J-School senior next month.

Thanks again and best regards.

Bill Hall, Director
University of Nebraska
School of Journalism

Two Ashland Men At Fort Lewis, Wash.

FORT LEWIS, Wash. (AHT NC)—Pvt. Ronald D. TeSelle, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence TeSelle, Ashland, Neb., is receiving basic training with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash.

TeSelle attended Ashland High School.

Pvt. Robert F. Wilson, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie F. Wilson, Ashland, Neb., is receiving his combat training with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Wilson was graduated from Ashland High School in 1954.

LIONS AT WEDDING

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Among the guests at the wedding of Miss Genny Lowry to George J. Keller, a college art instructor turned liontamer, were his two lions—Leo and Nosey. The wedding party was noticeably uneasy and only the bridegroom appeared to be at ease. The lions were in their cage, of course.

CARROT CHOKES BABY

DALLAS, Texas.—Little Tanya Farmer, 1 year old, choked to death on a piece of raw carrot. Her mother and grandmother watched helplessly.

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Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

Check the correct word:

- 1—The first atomic-powered submarine built in the United States was the (Nautilus) (Sea-wolf).
- 2—Charles Van Doren, TV quiz expert, married his (secretary) (high school sweetheart).
- 3—Convicted Army deserter Vito Sala claimed he (had amnesia) (was kidnapped).
- 4—The opening game of the 1957 baseball season was won by (Baltimore) (Washington) (St. Louis).
- 5—Dr. Hussein Khalidi, new premier of Jordan, is believed to be (pro-Soviet) (pro-West).
- 6—Sir Anthony Eden (was) (was not) operated on at Boston's Lahey Clinic recently.
- 7—President Eisenhower's federal budget was criticized by his brother (Milton) (Edgar) (Arthur).
- 8—Fishermen spend the most money each year for (licenses) (equipment).
- 9—French artist Henri Toulouse-Lautrec (was) (was not) a member of the "Fauve" school of painting.
- 10—In Roman times (France) (Spain) was known as "Gaul."

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

Decoded Intelligram

1—Nautilus 2—Secretary 3—Amnesia 4—Baltimore 5—West 6—Was 7—Edgar 8—Equipment 9—Was not 10—France

Legislative SIDELINES . . .

Honesty Best in Lobbying

This session there are three lobbyists for every member of the Nebraska Legislature. These lobbyists represent telephone, railroad, labor, agricultural, educational, governmental, liquor, automobile, medical, power, commercial, credit, banking, and almost every other activity in which man participates.

Employed to influence legislators, depending upon the position they represent, lobbyists use every strategy in efforts to succeed. Some spend thousands of dollars a session on dinners and entertainment for legislators. Some buy individual meals. Others buy no meals, do no entertaining. Some maintain full-time hotel suites, providing daily luncheon and bar facilities. Some "operate out of their hat," depending upon personal contact and character to speak for them. Parenthetically, it might be noted that the incidence of liquor use among legislators is not great. Probably half or more never use it.

Lobbying is a professional service. Most legislators will agree it is a necessary and useful service. Without lobbyists the job of legislators would be more complicated.

As in other businesses or professions, honesty and integrity are the best stock in trade for the lobbyist. Both the lobbyist and the legislator acknowledge that all lobbyists have a partisan position on legislation of mutual interest, but the lobbyist's partisanship must be honest. A lobbyist who consistently misrepresents facts is not likely to be long useful to his clients or respected by legislators.

Few legislators become so closely "tied" to a lobbyist or lobby that they can be labeled. Some do. On the whole, the members of the Legislature depend upon lobbyists as a readily available source for information on partisan issues.

In total, when the 1957 session is added up lobby representatives will probably admit in their reports to the Secretary of State

to spending a total of between \$125,000 and \$150,000 for their various partisan successes and failures. Some lobbyists will have spent as much as \$25,000 to \$30,000 during the session. Others will report expenditures of a few hundred dollars at most.

CPPD's Damages In Milford Area Will Top \$30,000 Mark

COLUMBUS, Neb.—Twister damage to Consumers Public Power Districts power lines and equipment in the Milford area will total more than \$30,000. That was the estimate Wednesday of CPPD officials here and in Lincoln who checked over damage reports from last Thursday night's big blow.

The officials reported that CPPD lost about 40 power poles, three huge transformers, voltage regulators, power line and other equipment. They said Consumers' crews, and special equipment spent more than 40 continuous hours on the job in Milford and surrounding areas hit by the storm. The big job was at the Milford sub-station which was twisted by the wind and lost all its equipment.

Milford, the hardest hit by the Thursday twister, was without power from shortly after 6 p. m. Thursday until about 6 o'clock Friday evening. CPPD had 80 men and 25 trucks and other special equipment on the Milford scene a few hours after the storm hit until Saturday afternoon.

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