

EDITORIALS

Your Best Investment

During the past week statements were sent residents of the flood area in Plattsmouth covering their contribution to the flood control program that is getting under way here.

Might we suggest that prompt payment of these statements can be the best investment we have ever made. Starting of this project is a culmination of nearly eight years of work and study on the part of local residents in cooperation with Soil Conservation officials and Federal engineers. It will provide protection for the city from rains of up to 29 inches falling in a period of six hours — something that has never happened in this community — and, we hope, never will.

Easements and purchases of some sites have already been made. Construction of the first dam is underway, being held up temporarily awaiting arrival of an easement from University of Nebraska land to the south of the city. This is expected any day — when received, full scale operations will be underway.

Won't you mail your check in today?

What About Farm Subsidy

A subsidy is a subsidy, whether it is paid to the operators of steamships, air lines or farms.

Consequently, it is passing strange that many Americans fear a Government payment to farmers will destroy their character and self-reliance, but have no qualms about the character and self-reliance of those who run the steamship lines, the air lines and other businesses which receive financial favors from the Federal Government.

Farmers, in connection with the money they receive as a result of Federal legislation, should not overlook the fact that this is a subsidy, regardless of the manner in which it is paid. Manufacturers who sell their goods on a protected market, due to the tariff, receive a similar subsidy.

As far as we have observed, no prominent business man has expressed any fear, in public at least, that the tariff subsidy destroys the character and self-reliance of manufacturers. Since the tariff subsidy has been operating for many decades without arousing the consternation of those who look out for the character of other people, it seems logical to suggest that a subsidy to farmers might also operate successfully without impairing the moral fiber of agriculturists.

It is even open to argument that a subsidy to farmers, paid out as an act of equity to offset the subsidy to manufacturers, might serve to improve the character and self-reliance of the farmers. There is nothing like a little more income to bolster the independence that is an evidence of a rising amount of self-reliance.

Watch For Pedestrians

Every driver of a motor vehicle has a tender regard for the rights of the pedestrian when he happens to be the pedestrian. On such occasions, they are in a position to understand that approximately 65 per cent of all persons injured or killed in automobile accidents are pedestrians.

After a narrow escape from being killed by some careless driver, they are then willing to believe that a pedestrian is entitled to safety and that, whether he is in the right or wrong, the driver should protect him.

We hope that every driver of a motor vehicle in Cass County who reads this, will make up his or her mind to drive carefully.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A brother's suffering claims a brother's pity. — Addison.

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

A local housewife says a fishing pole is nothing but a stick with a worm at both ends.

Among the folks who have our sympathy are those who order from the seed catalogues and expect crops that look like the pictures.

The idea that the farmers must feed the world regardless of profits, has been given a sad jolt lately — by the farmers themselves.

You are an old timer if you can remember when every member of the family had breakfast at the same time.

Just read where a baby born in Mexico has three lungs. Which makes us wonder if the floor walking time is increased by one-half.

See where doctors now find that lung cancer can be traced to the air as well as cigarettes. This makes us feel a lot better as it would be easier for us to give up breathing than smoking.

Received a poem from a little old lady the other day entitled, "I Wonder If You Miss Me?" All we can say is that if he does, he ought never to be trusted with firearms again.

fully, having due regard for the presence of children in the streets, the location of schools and playgrounds, and the natural tendency of children to ignore danger of which they are not fully aware.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Dr. G. W. Rosenlof of the University of Nebraska was the class orator at commencement exercises for the class of 1937 at the high school auditorium. There were eighty two in the class. Dr. Rosenlof had as his subject, "The Challenge of the Future." Miss Katherine Luke was the class sponsor and Dale Bowman, class president. Members of the class comprised: Vlasta Adam, Teresa Altschaffl, Genevieve Bloom, Jean Brady, Lauretta Coffelt, Mildred Engelkemeier, Harriett Goos, Jacquelyn Grassman, Irene Haden, Maxine Hanni, Mary Ann Highfield, Alice Jane Hinz, Jeanette Hinz, Bernice Holoubek, Charlotte Jasper, Elva Johnson, Wau-nitta Johnson, Virginia Kaffenberger, Betty Kalina, Mildred Knoflicek, Helen Jane Kopp, Doris Leesley, Dorothy Lepert, Betty Ann McCarthy, Isabel McFarland, Mary Jane Mark, Evelyn Meisinger, Joan Moore, Elva Olson, Edna Mae Petersen, Rachel Robertson, Elala Mae Ruffner, Maymie Schwenker, Kathryn Scott, Lova Sell, Edith Senf, Velma Shrader, Della Solomon, Rose Mary Stander, Susie Stull, Mayone Sylvester, Vivian Terryberry, Marjorie Tidball, Helen Ulrich, Adeline Vinduska, Mary Kay Wiles, Florence Woster, Charles Bennett, Dale Bowman, John Brink, Bill Carey, John J. Clويد, Jack Durell, W. E. Evers, Wayne Falk, Clark Finney, Jack Forbes, John Gayer, Norris Hennings, George Hobscheidt, Alvin Johnson, Gerald Kehne, Don McCarroll, George Mark, Donald Mrasek, Frank Nelson, Elmer Newton, Robert Patton, Earl Pittman, Bill Rosencrans, Max Seltz, Frank Sheldon, Herbert Stander, Harold Stewart, Earle Taylor, Robert Vallery, Charles Warner, Richard Yelick — Jack Chadwick was injured in his work on the Missouri river when hit on the knee by a large heavy rope.

3. Democratic Congressmen have been considering the possibility of starting impeachment proceedings against Humphrey on the charge that he has one of the greatest conflicts of interest in government.

Congressman James Roosevelt of California revealed something of this over the week end when he described Humphrey as "a very potentially dangerous influence."

"I think if something isn't done about it, and the country isn't told about it," continued Roosevelt, "we may have a reputation of what we had under Andrew Mellon."

"In the form of a depression?" Roosevelt was asked.

"Exactly," was the reply.

HUMPHREY'S CONFLICTS

Asked for specific examples of Secretary Humphrey's errors, Roosevelt pointed out that Humphrey had refused to sell his stock in the Giant M. A. Hanna Co. Roosevelt then cited a nickname contract signed by Humphrey's son in Oregon just a few days before his father took the oath as secretary of the treasury, by which contract the government built a plant with the taxpayers' money, then turned it over absolutely free to the Hanna Company.

"They were guaranteed a profit. They took no risk, and yet a few days later this individual became secretary of the treasury," said the Congressman from California.

He also cited the Arabian-American Oil Company, owned in part by Standard Oil of New Jersey, which in turn is partly owned by Humphrey's firm.

"That company, Aramco, used to pay taxes in the United States," said Roosevelt. "Then it worked out a phony deal with the king of Saudi Arabia whereby instead of royalties to him, they pay taxes to him. And now whereas this company used to pay millions of dollars in taxes to the United States government, in recent years it hasn't paid a penny in taxes. The king of Saudi Arabia is getting it, and the taxpayer of the United States is being defrauded."

"Did Mr. Humphrey ok that arrangement?" Roosevelt was asked.

"Not only did he ok it, it was reviewed in the treasury department which he heads," replied Roosevelt.

HUMPHREY'S COMPETITOR

"Another case is that of his great competitor, Cyrus Eaton," continued Roosevelt. "Both he and Humphrey own properties up in Canada. But in that case, the treasury sued Cyrus Eaton's Company for \$2,000,000 in back taxes. And despite the protests from Canada that this was double taxation, the treasury insisted on pushing through the suit."

"It is interesting to note that the tax court of appeals threw it out — reversed Secretary Humphrey.

"This involved a direct competitor of his," concluded Roosevelt. "In other words, there's one law for the friends of the secretary of the treasury and a different law for his competitors."

WASHINGTON. — It isn't being talked about for quotation but some members

of the president's official family are heaving a big sigh of relief at the exit of the most powerful member of the cabinet, secretary of the treasury George Humphrey. There are three reasons for their sighs:

1. It was Humphrey with his unprecedented statement about the budget causing a depression that "will make your hair curl" who started all of Ike's present budget troubles. No President in recent years has had so much trouble so soon after a sweeping electoral victory as that stirred up by Humphrey over the budget.

2. Humphrey's tight-money policy has raised interest rates so high that the government has trouble floating its own bonds. Though hailed as a master financier, Humphrey has permitted the treasury to degenerate to a point where it is now offering government bonds at the highest rate in modern American history.

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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.)

Citizens of Plattsmouth: I know there are rumors that police are the fault of the accident in which 3 were killed, 4 injured on Saturday morning, May 26, around 2 a. m.

I, Estil Jenkins, was making my usual run and was traveling west on Main up high school hill, when at the first approach I was startled by headlights coming directly towards me over the knoll. I pulled the police car to the right, hitting the curb and they pulled their car to their right and sped away.

I went west to the first block, made a U turn and drove east. They turned left on 7th street and sped away. I went as far as Washington Ave. and saw their tail light making the curve at Kent Oil Station.

I saw there was no use to try and catch them so turned off the red light and drove on out Washington Ave. (Highway 73-75) to continue my run. Was making the bend at Kents and Masonic corner when my headlights flashed upon the tragedy.

I turned on the red lights for safety and rushed to the scene. I saw the bodies scattered on the ground. The first thing I did was try and contact Sheriff Tom Solomon but could not, so I immediately called Douglas Co. Sheriff, he telephoned Tom Solomon. Meanwhile resident people called him and he immediately came as well as doctor and ambulances were called by Dean French as he came upon the scene right behind me.

We rushed those alive to the hospital. Then notified the parents.

No one knows what happened. If I could have prevented this in any way, God knows I would have. I loved each and everyone of these young people. Watched them grow up with my son.

Signed, Officer Estil Jenkins City Police

A United Nations economic report said the Communist countries were steadily increasing their industrial production but with food supplies lagging.

Truman says the U. S. is "slipping" in world standing.

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Iske Farm Near Gretna Hit By Small Tornado

The vicinity of Gretna was target for one of the small tornadoes that have been spotting this part of Nebraska in the past few weeks.

The storm struck the Iske farm southeast of Gretna on May 16 and lifted the hangar off Ronald Iske's plane and scattered the boards and posts over the farm. Heavy posts that were four feet in the ground at the corners were twisted out. The Iskes' were eating dinner when Ronald saw the hanger lifted up and scattered. The plane was only slightly damaged.

The twister came from the east. It also struck the Marcus O. Schnack farm where it tore apart some irrigation pipes that were on the ground. One section was twisted about a tree.

Eagles' Regional President Makes Official Visit Here

Discarding a prepared speech, Herschel McWilliams Thursday night outlined briefly special projects and programs of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

McWilliams, regional president from Kansas City, Kans., impressed with the concise manner in which meetings are conducted at the Plattsmouth aerie, stressed such programs as the "Jobs For Over 40," the cancer campaign and others.

A past state president, John Smith, Beatrice also was in attendance at the meeting and made a short talk. Smith is a member of national FOE "Jobs For Over 40."

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CALENDAR

Monday, May 27

Cass County Salon 4418 & 40 meeting at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Harry Gobelman, Union, Nebr.

Tuesday, May 28

At 8 p. m. Knights Templar Work at the Masonic Hall.

Thursday, May 30

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery (Horning) will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the cemetery.

Friday, May 31

Mynard Community Club will meet at 8 p. m. Program and lunch. Everyone welcome.

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Chapter F, PEO will meet with Mrs. Paul Heineman at 2:30 p. m.

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