

EDITORIALS

What Are You Reading?

In a recent speech, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover declared that an aroused public opinion is needed to combat "muck merchants," who peddle obscenity to children, as well as adults.

Speaking at the closing session of the recent American Legion Convention in Atlantic City, Mr. Hoover launched an all-out attack on off-color photographs and publications, after calling for more united family life to curb delinquency. He echoed the sentiments of a Maryland law enforcement official who stated that the "tripe" available as reading matter on newsstands today is responsible for the record-high number of rape, molesting and assault cases in his particular area.

Both officials agree that the peddler of obscene pictures and writing trash have so flooded the market within the last few years that to find a newsrack without samples of it is the rare exception. And, "to the mentally weak individual, this type of reading merely serves to whet his appetite for sexual excitement all the more."

"Stiffer legal penalties, particularly in local and state courts, are needed to replace the frequent 'wrist slap' given those convicted of this vile trade," Hoover said. "Not until longer sentences and heavier fines remove the financial advantages of this traffic will the producers, distributors and dealers of filth be driven out of this sickening business."

Mr. Hoover pointed out that "a single smut dealer can produce for a small initial cost obscene photographs or publications which can then be copied by thousands. Unlike the narcotic cigarette, which is reduced to ashes after degrading one unfortunate victim, the obscene photo, film or book can be transmitted on an almost endless round of moral destruction."

Continuing, he said: "The activities of the muck merchants are national in scope and are closely organized. These moral degenerates draw no line or age distinction when it comes to customers. Your child can easily become one of their victims. An aroused public is necessary — one that will not countenance the placing of this trash on public display."

Agreeing with all that the F. B. I. director has said, we would ask the reader what are you reading? And, probably even more important, what are your children reading?

Fires Are Costly

Insurance and fire officials are reminding Americans that 1957 seems practically certain to be the first year in which losses will pass the billion-dollar mark. Fire losses for the first eight months of this year were \$706,333,000, or 6.3 per cent above the \$661,085,000 reported in the like period of 1956. These figures of the National Board of Fire Underwriters include allowances for fires and uninsured losses.

Fire losses for all 1956 set a new high of \$989,290,000. Even if losses in the last four months of this year merely equal the 1956 level, the billion-dollar mark will be topped. While a large proportion of the increase in losses can be attributed to in-

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3 Basic Rules Will Help Avoid 'Picker Accidents'

Most corn picker accidents happen because someone does not obey one or more of the three basic rules for safe operation.

The three basic rules according to E. H. Lutes, Extension safety specialist at the University of Nebraska, are:

1. Shut off power to the picker before you leave the tractor seat. The little time you save by attempting to clean or adjust a picker while it is running will not pay for an accident.
2. Wear close-fitting clothes that will not catch on moving parts. If you wear gloves, don't wear the double thumb variety.
3. Keep all guards and shields in place, especially over the power take-off shaft of the tractor and the elevator at the storage site.

If you follow these three basic rules, says Lutes, you will have a good chance of getting through the corn harvest without an accident.

Secretary of State Dulles recently said at his news conference that if the Soviet Union accepted Western proposals for aerial and ground inspection, international disarmament would be "almost inevitable."

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Howard's Homespun

The state of human beings can be understood when one realizes that the average man will be surprised if somebody does him a favor.

The city slicker has the idea that the farmer ought to grow cheap food for him whether the farmer makes a decent living out of the crop or not.

Indecision is costly, but hasty action sometimes costs more.

An executive is one who cannot work unless he has assistants.

Minorities have a tendency to blame the majority for their own mistakes.

Reformers are always willing to "do good" at somebody else's expense.

Be very careful about making promises; some of them can be collected in court.

Criticism springs from two sources — intelligent disapproval and emotional reactions.

One fault with some members of the younger generation is that they dislike real work.

The person who has no appreciation of the beautiful in life has not been properly educated.

Never overlook the fact that a free press and a free radio can be used to distribute propaganda.

flated costs, the number of fires is larger than in previous years. In 1942, for example, there were 650,333 fires, of which 311,280 were classed as building fires. In 1956, there were 865,561 fires, of which building fires accounted for 408,952.

The five leading causes of fires, according to the Fire Underwriters, during the last ten years, were in order of claims: Matches and smoking, 26.36 per cent; misuse of electricity, 14.69; lightning, 9.85; petroleum and its products, 6.99, and stoves, furnaces, boilers and pipes, 6.76.

Down Memory Lane

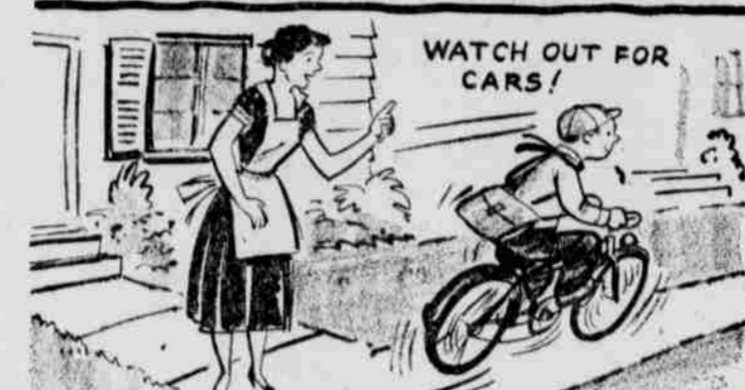
20 YEARS AGO

Miss Eleanor Swatek was honor guest at a shower given in her honor by her aunt, Mrs. Joseph Jelinek, Jr. at Omaha. A large number of gifts were presented to the bride to be. Plattsmouth guests at the event were Mrs. Joseph Wooster, Mrs. R. A. Bates, Miss Elizabeth Hirz, Miss Emma Hirz, Miss Frances Hadraba, Miss Betty Kalina, Mrs. W. A. Swatek, Misses Mary and Wilma Swatek — This city and section of Cass county was visited by the first snowfall of the season and left the ground well covered with snow for a short time — City council voted to stop parking of trucks on 6th street from (Vine) Ave. A to (Pearl) First avenue — C. F. Harris, county commissioner, who recently purchased the J. W. Pittman residence at Murray, has disposed of it to William W. Coble of Omaha, who bought it for his daughter, Mrs. Will Minford and he will move to Murray to make his home — Twin daughters were born at Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reeder of this city — John Hobscheidt of southeast of Murray, was at the St. Catherine's hospital at Omaha receiving treatment for a badly mangled hand that he sustained while working with a corn picker. He received treatment at Murray from Dr. R. W. Tyson before being taken on to the hospital — There was a very great demand in Plattsmouth for furnished apartments.

30 YEARS AGO

A delegation of some fifty people from Louisville, Plattsmouth and surrounding territory were here before the board of county commissioners to urge the graveling of the "Louisville" road from Plattsmouth to Louisville. The delegation included C. C. Wescott as the spokesman, Mayor C. A. Johnson, former Mayor John P. Sattler, James M. Robertson, R. A. Bates, publisher of the Journal, Editor Lee J. Mayfield of the Louisville Courier, Elmer Sundstrom, president of the Louisville chamber of commerce, Fred H. Brammer, assistant superintendent of the Ash Grove Cement plant, Searl S. Davis, also representing the Ash Grove Co., appeared before the board. The cost of this first part of a county wide gravel program was estimated at \$15,000 — Fred Hull, injured when his bicycle ran into a car at 6th and Main street, was at the Immanuel hospital in Omaha where the leg was being stretched to restore it to normal condition.

Mother's Worries Never End



Capitol News

CAPITOL NEWS
By MELVIN PAUL
State Correspondent

The Nebraska Press Association LINCOLN—There are indications high school students will find it more difficult to enter college than before—and stay there.

Scholastic requirements have been bolstered at the University of Nebraska and the four state teachers colleges at Wayne, Chadron, Kearney and Peru.

Higher scholastic standards and a 33 per cent hike in tuition caused a drop in the pupil total at the University. There were more students in all the teachers colleges except Peru, and officials said higher scholastic requirement figured in holding back the increase.

Students are going on probation quicker at all the colleges and the University.

At the University, Chancellor Clifford Hardin said 170 more students were dropped for failing to meet scholastic requirements than for the same semester a year earlier.

The trend is up at the teachers colleges, too.

Actually, the scene for the change in policy-tuition and scholastics-wise was set in the last session of the Legislature. It was in the session that the amount of tax funds to be allocated to the institutions of higher learning came in for some heavy debate and criticism.

Without exception, school officials said costs of operating were up and enrollments were expected to climb, further squeezing facilities and faculty at the institutions.

There was strong sentiment for tuition hikes on the part of many legislators who were intimidated by the threat if it was not forthcoming there would be even less property tax money distributed to the school.

The end result was that the University's Board of Regents and the State Normal Board, governing group for the teachers colleges took steps to hike the entrance fee.

The Legislators frowned on the teachers colleges having such a high percentage of out-of-state students being educated in the Nebraska teachers colleges at virtually no change in tuition.

Out-of-state tuition was hiked by the Normal Board and the result was a sharp drop in non-resident students.

There was considerable sentiment in the Legislature also that qualifications for getting into the tax supported institutions of higher learning and staying there, should be tightened.

Reasoning was that the squeeze is on the property tax owner to provide more and more taxes for state government to operate—because of the service demanded by the public. Therefore, was the reasoning, money supplied by taxpayers should not be wasted on students who had neither the inclination or ability to handle college work.

The cracking down on Scholastic entrance requirements by the colleges could, and most likely will be felt at the high school level and below in the form of more intensive training by the persons who educate Nebraska youth.

Classroom and faculty problems are becoming huge at the institutions and unless the public wants to shell out large sums to foot the cost of handling the increase in students, the schools have only one alternative—start weeding out those scholastically unable to handle the work.

Liquor Problem
There is more than routine

concern in the statehouse over the increase in violations of the liquor laws by minors and license holders.

Edward Nickolite, enforcement chief for the State Liquor Commission, says there has been a "tremendous" increase in violations.

Fines imposed in liquor violation cases go to the school districts of the state—or about \$20,000 worth per year.

A crackdown on the minor has been fairly successful, Nickolite said, regarding drinking bouts in public places. But the big problem has been adults who get the liquor for the under-age youths.

Parties by minors have gone "underground," Nickolite says. They are now held in private homes, sometimes at the home of the procurer. These are extremely difficult to cope with.

To meet the change in conditions, state liquor inspectors have stepped up cooperative procedures with local enforcement officers.

In The Service

ATLANTA GENERAL DEPOT, Forest Park Ga.—CWO-2 Paul Dieter, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dieter, Plattsmouth, Nebr., has reported to the Atlanta General Depot where he is assigned as Assistant Engineer Supply Officer.

CWO Dieter is a graduate of Plattsmouth High School and the 42nd Infantry Division Administration School.

Entering military service in 1944, he served in Europe during World War I. His latest assignment was in Korea, where he served 16 months.

CWO Dieter's military decorations include the bronze star, combat infantry badge, ETO-ribbon with three campaign stars and American defense ribbon.

He and his wife, the former Anna Reiter of Austria, live at 23 Lambert Circle, Ellenwood, Ga., during his tour at the Atlanta Depot.

The United States has made plain to Russia that it will not open all of its bases to Soviet aerial inspection until the peoples of Asia's Red nations in Russian military plans are spelled out.

Colonel of Russian Intelligence, Rudolph Ivanovich Abel, 55, was charged with being the highest Soviet spy ever caught in this country.

Waern of Sweden is clocked in 3.59.7 for mile.

ASHLAND

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Mr. and Mrs. Malvin Wiles spent Thursday with Mrs. Wiles grandmother, Mrs. George Wiles Sr. in Weeping Water.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Leybold and Marlin David of Lincoln were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stander.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, John Earl, Tommy and Elaine and Mrs. W. A. Jones were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones and Guy, near Gretna.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Parrott spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Wescott and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wescott near Raymond.

Enroute home we visited at the Bernard Robinson and Earl Cox homes near Gola, Va. in the Blue Ridge mountains, Mrs. Robinson was formerly Miss Helen Cox.

We visited cousins in Chicago Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Farmer, formerly of Plattsmouth, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campan, Vineta and Dale.

Chris Kolb looked after the chores at the Armstrong farm during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mansfield called on Dr. and Mrs. Metheny and Mrs. Willa Weldon at the Metheny home in Lincoln Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buell and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fidler attended Home Coming at Doane College in Crete Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wiles, Donna and Freddie of Nehawka were Sunday supper and evening guests at the Dewey Moore home.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Smith, Gordon and Diana of Memphis were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rau, Russell and Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kuppe went to Syracuse Sunday and visited their daughter, Mrs. Henry Probst, Mr. Probst and Steven.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Bower and family had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bower. Mr. and Mrs. Elh Graudreault and Mr. and Mrs. Malvin Wiles called on Mrs. Gene Grimm and infant daughter Michele at the Lincoln General Hospital Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Wiles, Gene Grimm and children had supper that evening with Mr. and Mrs. Graudreault.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stander and family were guests for dinner Sunday at the Irvin Gergen home near Dunbar.

Mrs. Sam Long and Mrs. Clude Jones called at the Henry Bond home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris, Jackie and Nancy of Omaha and Mrs. W. A. Jones visited at the Clinton Jones home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Dvorak and family of Omaha were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Erickson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Armstrong returned home Friday from a 12 day trip to the east coast where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Harold E. Shaw, and sons Ivan and Lloyd at London Bridge, Va. Shaw's mother, Mrs. Maggie Shaw of Jonesboro, Ark. was also a guest there. Mrs. Shaw returned to her Arkansas home a few days after we accompanied our daughter on several sight seeing trips.

An agreement was recently signed in Malaya ending British rule in the Federal States and admitting them to the Commonwealth as an independent nation.

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Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

- Check the correct word:
- 1—Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia all touch upon (Gulf of Aqaba) (Red Sea).
 - 2—House minority leader is (Joseph W. Martin) (Stiles Bridges).
 - 3—Luxembourg (does) (does not) figure in the European common market and pool of atomic resources.
 - 4—India is the world's (most populous) (oldest) free democracy.
 - 5—"Sail on, O Union strong and great!" is a line by (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow) (Robert Frost).
 - 6—Winner of a 1957 Academy Award was (Katherine Hepburn) (Ingrid Bergman).
 - 7—In football, a "safety" scores (one) (two) points.
 - 8—Hen's eggs are used in the preparation of (Asian flu) (polio) vaccine.
 - 9—The aurora borealis is commonly called the (northern lights) (dawn).
 - 10—Hellenic refers to (Spain) (Greece).
- Count 10 for each correct choice. A score of 6-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, good; 90-100, excellent.

Decoded Intelligram

1—Aqaba, 2—Martin, 3—Fro, 4—Populous, 5—Longfellow, 6—Katherine, 7—Frost, 8—Polio, 9—Northern lights, 10—Greece.

THE DRIVER'S SEAT



There are 3,394,500 miles of roads and streets in the United States, and motorists trying to find where they want to go on this fantastic network are expected to use more than 140 million road maps this year.

Commercial map makers, oil companies, turnpike authorities, tourist groups, chambers of commerce and automobile clubs print maps, some of which are crude, colorless approximations of what motorists can expect ahead. Other maps are accurate, colorful and helpful.

But since the first highway map was published in 1910, maps have slowly built up a reputation for themselves as the most difficult things in the world to fold. Most motorists who try to get a map refolded find soon enough that they might as well be trying to fold a highly tensioned bed spring.

Some map makers have eliminated the folds by the simple expedient of making the maps smaller. But, because motorists expect to travel long distances quickly, small maps are not satisfactory.

However, several marked improvements in maps seem to be in the making. One company is making a roll map that does not have to be folded instead, you crank it. The big drawback with this one, which is mounted on the dash panel, is that you must buy it. With free maps around, it is unlikely that roll maps will sell in large quantities.

One map-making group is said to be considering the idea of marking roads with black lines if they are not safe for night driving. Considering that it is considerably safer to drive on roads that have their hazards marked with reflective signs that can be seen at night, good lights illuminating dangerous spots, or such simple devices as white lines to emphasize the shoulder of the road or the centerline, such marking of maps makes sense.

One national magazine recently suggested that billboard-size maps be located along major highways. With a place in front of them for cars to park, such

maps would make motoring a little easier. "Map Ahead" signs would be located a few hundred yards ahead to the billboard-map parking place, so motorists could slow down and pull off the road to find out where they are and where they want to go.

It seems that even the all-important roadmap is in for some changes.

Better Breakfasts Better Scholars

In a typical classroom, on a typical school day, only one child out of five in the group has had a good breakfast to start the day right. Some had had no breakfast at all. Others had had too little. These were some of the conclusions drawn when the Ohio Experiment Station studied the breakfast patterns of school children. Records were kept of the food eaten for three successive days by 341 children, 9 to 12 years old. Results from this study revealed that the large majority were short at the morning meal. The foods needed for growth and activity. The "Breakfast Patterns" and Effects of Poor Breakfast Habits" from the study are reported in this summary by the United States Department of Agriculture.

"Only four of the children went with no breakfast, the records showed, but only 20 had breakfast that rated good by modern standards. A fourth of these children breakfasted on bread, cereal, milk, and sometimes fruit. But nutritionists recommend at least a fourth, or, better, a third of the day's food needs at breakfast. Studies have shown that unless food essentials are evenly distributed this way, children don't make up what they missed at breakfast."

"Teachers have been especially aware of the effects of skipping or skipping breakfast or too little breakfast is likely to be poor at his lessons. Poor breakfast habits carried over from childhood may be a handicap to adults. Industry studies have traced accidents and slow-up in work to little or no breakfast."

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