

# EDITORIALS

## Squeeze on the Navy

A squeeze on the U. S. Navy, in the way of appropriations which must be reconciled to a budget, is serious in several fields. In no field is it more serious than that of the carrier field, and a showdown in Congress on this question will come in the next few weeks or months.

Too many of the World War II class carriers are still being kept in service, necessarily, even though they are not ideally constructed for handling modern planes and, because of their age, maintenance and repairs consume much money and time.

The question which has been raised concerning carriers — and which clouds their future — is the question of whether they are outdated, and whether they are too vulnerable to air and submarine attack. They are certainly not as vulnerable to a hydrogen bomb as a landing field, which is immovable — even though the landing field may one day be repaired and put back into action. But they could be finished with one atomic torpedo. Guided missiles, however, cannot be zeroed in on carriers, for they can make about forty miles per hour, and by the time the missile arrives at the target spot, the carrier could well be twenty miles away.

The attitude taken by some Senators and Congressmen on Capitol Hill is that we should only build atomic-powered carriers. One is now being constructed. Unfortunately the Bureau of the Budget struck out the Navy's original request for \$120,000,000 to make the carrier being requested this year an atomic-powered ship. The Navy does not feel justified in eliminating construction of four or five other ships just to make the carrier atomic-powered, although it would obviously be desirable if this could be done.

In summary, the U. S. defense program is being squeezed tightly by budgetary requirements, and a grave question arises when it is realized that we are being forced to construct a non-atomic-powered carrier because there is not another \$120,000,000 available to make the new super-carrier an atomic-powered one.

## Down Memory Lane

**20 YEARS AGO**  
Forty Hours Devotions were held at the Holy Rosary church attended by large congregations and a great many visiting priests. Rev. Albin Bauer of St. Mary's church Nebraska City gave the final sermon. Visiting clergymen participating were Rev. A. N. Antochowski, Orchard Lake, Mich.; Rev. Vladislav Potocki, St. Mary, Neb.; Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius, St. John's Plattsmouth; Rev. Char-

les Bauer, St. Benedict's, Nebraska City; Rev. Walter Sherry, Julian; Rev. John Kean, Palmyra; Rev. James Hennessey, Manley; Rev. John Kozlik, Milligan; Joseph R. Sinkula, Holy Rosary — John Jacobs was operated on at the Kani hospital in Omaha. He was taken ill following the junior-senior banquet with appendicitis. He came out of the operation in excellent shape — Eighteen Cass county farmers enrolled in the state wide pastorage-for-forage in Cass county. A field of grain sorgo will be hogged off this fall. Farmers participating in the program are: Herman Scheweppe, Murdock; Richard Spangler, Plattsmouth; Harry Bricker Greenwood; H. A. Larson, Cedar Creek; John B. Kaffenberger, Plattsmouth; Walter O'Brien, Wabash; Wildon Switzer, Nehawka; William Wetenkamp, Plattsmouth; Fred Rehmeier, Weeping Water; F. D. Philpot, Nehawka and F. J. Hild, Plattsmouth — Many of the members of Home chapter 189 of the Eastern Star were in Omaha to attend the sessions of the grand chapter of Nebraska and to meet Mrs. Anna W. Smalley of Roundup Mont., grand worthy matron. Mrs. W. F. Evers, worthy matron of Home Chapter was one of the attendants of the grand worthy matron. Among the Plattsmouth members attending were: Mrs. Luke L. Wiles, Mrs. Wiley Sigler, Mrs. Frank A. Cloidt, Miss Clara Weyrich, Mrs. Ralph M. Wiles, Mrs. Fred Bourck, Mrs. Fred Worth, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Evers, Mr. and Mrs. John Janesek, the former worthy patron of Home Chapter, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Niel, Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Mrs. Margaret Brendel, Mrs. William Minford, Mrs. Will Seybolt, Mrs. E. S. Tutt of Murray, Miss Mary Petersen.

**30 YEARS AGO**  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hutchison near Rock Bluffs was scene of a gathering of members of the Warner family honoring Rev. G. W. Warner of Arkansas, who is now in his eightieth year. It was the first time in a quarter of a century that the three brothers, G. W., C. H. and Frank Warner had been together. Rev. Warner an ordained minister of the Christian church gave a short talk. He is also just completing work as linotype operator — Mrs. Glenn Valley and daughters, Helen, Marie and Gertrude were at Elmwood at the home of Mrs. Valley's sister, Mrs. V. V. Parish and family to enjoy a reunion of the Parish family — The annual "Roundup" of the alumni of University of Nebraska is being held at the University. The class of 1909 of the university is holding its 20th anniversary of graduation and Searl S. Davis of this city, a member of the class has been selected as orator of the "Roundup" — Plattsmouth is represented at the graduations at Wesleyan and Peru colleges. At Wesleyan, Miss Helen Wescott and Miss Mildred Crom, both of the PHS class of '25 are graduating. At Peru, Joe A. Krejci, '25 and Russell W. Wasley, '24 of the Plattsmouth high school are completing their work.

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## American Hybrid Corn Helps Create Record World Crop

Hybrid corn, a giant grass with a distinguished pedigree, in little more than 35 years has become the most popular variety of the ancient plant.

When the first commercial hybrid corn seeds were put on the market in 1922, only 10 bushels were available. Since then, hybrid corn has spread across the world, increasing corn production wherever it goes, the National Geographic Society says.

The succulent corn — on — the cob in the grocery store, the large yellow ears that fatten beef cattle, and the puffed white popcorn sold at carnivals are all hybrids.

**Strains Are Inbred**  
Hybrid corn is obtained by inbreeding selected strains to develop desirable qualities, then crossing the strains. Often two hybrids are inbred to create what is called — in the best sense of the phrase — a double cross.

Hybrid corn can produce on three acres as much as old varieties produced on four, and it is sturdy enough to be picked by machine. As most hybrids produce only one ear per stalk, machine picking is simplified.

Two runty inbred strains that bring forth five-inch ears will grow handsome large ears when crossed. Hybrids can be adapted to growing seasons and can be made resistant to diseases. Not surprisingly, 94 per cent of the record 3.8 billion bushels of corn harvested in the United

States in 1958 was hybrid, American Indians, who cultivated corn long before Europeans arrived, did not try to develop hybrids. Some tribes, notably the Hopi, attached an almost religious significance to keeping strains of corn pure.

Many American farmers accidentally or deliberately crossed corn, but it was not until the early 20th century that scientific crossing of corn began in earnest.

## Nebraska Retail Sales Increase

Nebraska's retail sales during March showed an 11 per cent increase over a year ago — the low point of the 1958 recession — but were down 6.4 per cent compared with the preceding month.

According to Business in Nebraska, the monthly bulletin prepared by the University of Nebraska Department of Business Research: "Such lines as building materials, hardware, farm equipment and automobiles were all more than 18 per cent better than last year at this time."

In the general business index, including bank debits, building activity, retail sales, electricity and gas consumed, water pumped, postal receipts and newspaper advertising, all Nebraska cities showed increases over a year ago.

**Son of a Pitchfork**  
Soon, as the toiling backyard gardener's backache returns, he'll be thinking up other more disrespectful names instead of merely calling a spade a spade. Chicago Daily Tribune.



"I don't feel it's entirely my fault. The salesman said this car was fully automatic."

# NEHAWKA NEWS

Mrs. F. O. Sand — Phone 2708

The officers of the Auxiliary gave a memorial for two deceased members, Mrs. Henry Ross, who was a past president and charter member and Mrs. Wm. Waldo, a past president at their meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Auditorium. Mrs. Boyd Mayfield gave a report on Poppy Day. The proceeds were \$25.35.

Mrs. Marion Tucker presented a program on Gold Star members. Each received a gift and mothers of World War I veterans were also presented with gifts. Plans were made to serve the alumni banquet, May 23. Hostesses were Mrs. Arthur Johnson and Mrs. Elmer Pith.

Mrs. Estelle Switzer, former Nehawka resident, suffered a stroke last week at Rest Haven home at Weeping Water. Her condition is fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fullerton and family, Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. John Barkhurst and family were dinner guests Sunday of the Harvey Barkhursts.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Zech and family, Douglas, were supper guests Monday of the F. O. Sands.

Mrs. Doris Wischmeyer, Omaha and Mrs. George Kime went to Hamburg, Iowa to visit their mother, Mrs. Henry Welch and their brother, John Van.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Riese and two sons, Omaha were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kime and Theresa. The men attended the fly-in at Nebraska City. Their families drove down and joined them in Nebraska City. Enroute in Mr. Kimes plane a spinner came off the prop and splintered the propeller. Mr. Kime made a forced landing in a field west of Steinhart Park with no injuries to the men and plane needed minor repair. They were soon back in the air.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Meyer and family joined a family group for Mother's Day at the Ralph Meyer home. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Linhardt and family, Beatrice; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Meyer and family, Mrs. George Meyer and Jim, all of Avoca.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Meyer and family were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dodson and Roger and Mrs. Eldur Lundberg.

The Junior Senior banquet and Prom were held at the school gym Friday evening Mrs. Ollie Attebery was chairman of the banquet and Mrs. Kent Balfour was co-chairman. The Junior's mothers prepared the meal. The tables were decorated with white paper and silver strips down the center with blue and white candles and white lilies in star vases. The faculty were guests at the banquet. There were guests by invitation at the dance.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Behrns and family called at the Wm. Jorgenson home Friday evening to visit with Martin Jorgenson G.C.S., Mrs. Jorgenson and Martin Gene of Chula Vista, Calif. Other guests Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gansemer, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gruber and family, all of Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haffke and family, Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rice and family, Murray; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jorgenson and Sherry, Fairbury; Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Martin and Lana Martin, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Grundwald, Union. Dinner guests Sunday were the Elmer Haffke family and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schmadler, Louisville. The Jorgensons left for California early Monday and planned to stop enroute home at Park City, Utah to visit relatives.

Mr. Chester Bashford, Breckenridge, Mo. was a guest Thursday and Saturday nights of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dodson and visited relatives in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Johnson entertained at dinner Sunday to honor Mother's Day and also the birthday of Roger Dodson. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dodson and Roger and Mrs. Eldur Lundberg.

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to the blue sky and the stars were of silver. The clouds were made of angel hair.

There was a blue wall around the room and blue ceiling with blue and white stars decorated with glitter. There was a table at each end from which punch and cookies were served.

The Nebraska City high school band of nine pieces furnished the music for dancing. On the stage with the band were a wishing star and a fortune star.

Toastmistress at the banquet and giving the welcome was Linda Kearney. Mary Lou Briley gave the response. Talks were made by Superintendent Ward and Mr. Duane Everrett.

Bill Pointer, Omaha and Mrs. James Chappell were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Redden and family of Plattsmouth were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Rose Redden.

Mrs. Edna Philpot and Mrs. Maude Philpot of Weeping Water were guests Friday afternoon at the Guy Murdoch home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dodds, Cathy, William and Robert Lincoln were guests Sunday of the Wm. Jorgensons.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler and Barbara had dinner at Nebraska City Sunday and later attended a show there.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fitch and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Johnson and family were Mother's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Yearsley and family of Dunbar. Other guests were Mrs. G. D. Yearsley and Barbara.

**Nehawka Flower Club**  
Mrs. Amelia Balfour presented a lesson on Wild Flowers of Nebraska when the Nehawka Flower club met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Emma Nutzman. Each member was asked to name as many wild flowers as she could. The most named was twenty by Mrs. Delbert Lindsey, who received a prize. Another game was a puzzle on wild flowers and several of the members read articles on our wild flowers. There was an exchange of plants.

Cards, written by the members were sent to members who are ill, Mrs. Frank Lemon and Mrs. Fred Beatty.

Roll call was Garden Gimmicks.

The Nehawka Bank bowling team and their wives and friends had a steak dinner in Omaha Saturday evening and bowled afterward. They were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kime, Bill Ross and Miss Imogene Gude.

High quality hay produces more milk per acre, reports C. W. Nibler, Extension dairyman at the University of Nebraska.

High quality hay is eaten better by cows, is more digestible, is higher in protein and nutrients, is greener in color, contains more leaves and less fiber than poor quality hay, Nibler says.

Experiments have shown the following amounts of 4 per cent fat corrected milk produced per acre from hay of different quality: high quality hay, 6,330 pounds; medium quality hay, 5,254 pounds and low quality hay, 3,970 pounds.

Nibler lists the following practices to follow in getting high quality hay: —Haying equipment needs to be in good condition so breakdown that cause delays are avoided.

—Plan haying operations so that a short period elapses between mowing and baling or stacking.

—Before haying starts, check weather reports to determine possibilities of sunshine and good hay curing weather.

—Harvest the alfalfa plants as the very first blossoms appear.

—Cut the crop early in the morning, with the possibility of baling later in the afternoon.

—If a mechanical hay conditioner (crimper or crusher) is used, hay curing time may be reduced 30 per cent. This is based on the premise that hay in the swath or windrow will not be dampened during the night.

—Windrow as soon as hay is well wilted.

—Bale or stack hay when moisture is correct. Loosely tied bales will cure faster than tightly tied bales.

—Leave space between bales so air can circulate through and around bales during storage. Protect bales or stacks from the rain after storage.

## Only 25% Of Corn Is Planted

The early May record breaking heat wave was of a short five day duration. It was closely followed by rain in nearly all parts of the Corn Belt which held back corn planting.

By May 15, these continued rains had kept so many farmers out of the fields crop reporters indicated that only 25 per cent of the crop had been planted in their areas. This compared with 60 per cent at the same time in 1958 and 30 per cent in 1957.

However, this year's corn crop may soon be ahead of last year's. In 1958, dry weather after planting kept corn from germinating or allowed spotted stands. With plentiful soil moisture in all of the big corn producing states this year corn will grow off rapidly with a few warm days.

Dust filled the air across northern Iowa and northern Illinois on May 13. This dust was blowing from the Dakotas and northern Minnesota — the only corn growing areas where ample rains had not penetrated.

Those western Corn Belt areas including western and northwestern Iowa, all of Nebraska, northwest Missouri and eastern Kansas are all plentifully supplied with moisture indicating a possible bumper crop there.

Comments from different areas are as follows: Tuscola, central Illinois, 50 per cent planted; Shenandoah, southwest Iowa, 1 per cent planted, too wet; Fremont, eastern Nebraska, 2 per cent planted, still raining; Crawfordville, western Indiana, 8 per cent planted, rain; Marshall, northwest Missouri, 25 per cent planted, excellent outlook; Delaware and Maryland, 80 per cent planted, big acreage increase.

Stuart Symington, Democratic Senator from Missouri, on the American IRBM base in England: "The entire installation was literally a sitting duck for sabotage."

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# CAPITOL CORNER

**Congressman**  
**GLENN CUNNINGHAM**

By Rep. Glenn Cunningham WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special) —Congress is concerned because the Highway Trust Fund is running low on money. There is enough in the Fund to finance the Interstate Highway program during the current year which ends June 30.

But Congress will have to take some action to make up a \$241 million deficit for the 1960 program and an estimated \$516 million deficit in 1961.

Many people are critical of the new \$2.5 billion Senate Office Building, just occupied. Additional millions must now be spent to correct errors and to complete work on the building and its subway to the Capitol.

It is hoped that Congress may sooner or later learn that economy, like charity, begins at home. If the executive branch had bungled in the construction of a federal building as the Senators have in building their own offices, what an investigation and uproar there would be!

Is the Federal Government growing? Is it assuming functions which our states and cities have historically handled? Look at the record of federal payments to state and local governments.



Following the recent Easter recess, it was expected that Congress would settle down to the issues which need attention. But, action has been slower since the recess than it was before! We are more than half through the session, yet only a handful of bills have been enacted into law. Seems as though the leadership is caught in some kind of dilemma not yet explained.

Scientists at Walter Reed Army Institute here and at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia have been experimenting with a substance known as Polyurethane Foam for repair of broken bones. This amazing, fast-setting plastic is used to cement ends of a bone to replace missing segments.

Before hardening, the foam is molded to fit the natural contour of the bone and has the tensile strength equivalent to the bone itself. In two days, the material becomes hard enough when used to set a broken leg to bear the weight of an individual. This can mean a great decrease in the number of cases which must spend months in traction or casts.

Says Nebraskan Fred Seaton, the Secretary of the Interior: "What a shabby thing it is to toss into every baby's bassinet a mortgage, and then wish the little lot well. Yet that is exactly what some of our political pediatricians would have us do when they demand we spend more than we take in."

A diplomat is a man who remembers a lady's birthday but forgets her age. — Corryer, Pensacola, Fla.

We Know What You Mean! Untold suffering seldom is. — Boreoscope, Pocatello, Idaho.