

## EDITORIALS

### Looking Back

Looking back over 1959, one must admit it was an unusually historically-significant year.

The greatest conflict in the world today is, of course, that between the communist ideology and the democratic. The two most powerful proponents of these respective systems are the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States.

Therefore, when the ruler of Moscow's 200,000,000 visits the United States and confers with the President of the United States, this is a significant event, judged by any standard. If progress results from this meeting, then it will have been one of the most momentous meetings of history.

In 1959, too, President Eisenhower traveled extensively. He flew to Europe on several occasions and conferred with the leaders of allied nations. Moreover, he agreed in 1959 to go to Russia, in 1960, and this, and his meeting with Nikita Khrushchev, somewhat calmed the Berlin crisis.

In the field of international relations, then, 1959 produced some hopes — which are yet to be fulfilled.

From the domestic standpoint, it was a year of improving business and a year of moral disillusionment. It almost seemed, during 1959, that one after another, the things we had believed in were being proven phony or faked. That ranged from television programs to outstanding personalities, to entertainment figures, and even to government officials. It was a year, too, when many Americans felt acute anxiety because of their fear that the United States was drifting further behind the Russians in the rocket and missiles field.

In summary, then, it could be said that 1959 was a year which produced hopes, disillusionment, fears and misgivings. The prayer for the new year, 1960, is that the hopes for peace are justified and produce fruit.

If such progress is achieved in 1960, then along with the good business year expected, 1960 could be an even more memorable year in the eyes of the historians.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Batten—Tech High of Omaha defeated the Platters in basketball by the score of 51 to 23 on the local court. The visitors were never headed from the start, and had a smooth running and breaking group. Don Martin was chief scorer of the blue and white, securing four field goals, Ed Smith and York, two apiece and Yelick one. Corbin Davis was the chief defense of the local breaking up many of the Maroons drives.—Mrs. F. H. Stevens of Elmwood is in critical condition at the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln as result of a head on collision between the Stevens car and one driven by Alex Soderland of Lincoln. Mrs. Stevens suffered extreme scalp, face and body lacerations, bone fractures of the nose, face, right arm and hand, the left knee and both ankles. In the Stevens car was Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, their daughter, Rosemary, 5, and Ed Bornemeier, 55 of Elmwood. Stevens had fractured ribs and knee cap, Bornemeier head and face injuries. The little girl suffered cuts and bruises and was the least seriously injured. E. T. Hale of the state safety patrol said both machines had apparently been moving down the middle of the highway.—The Holy Rosary C Y O held their Christmas party at the home of Joseph and Frank Kvapil. Guests of the occasion were James Kozak, Leonard Kalasek, Bernard Knoflcek, Bernard Kubicka, Albin Chovaneck, Charles Kozak, John Aschenbrenner, Matthew Sedlak, John Slatinsky, Frank Aschenbrenner, Louis Kratochville, Terrance McKenna.

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### 30 YEARS AGO

Game wardens really had a "ball" for themselves in the territory along the Platte river north of the city, 201 hunters being stopped and eight found to have illegal possession of game. Under the new law guns of the hunters were confiscated. In one case a car stopped had a young pig concealed beneath the seat. The parties in the car were escorted back to the farm where they had shot the pig and made settlement with the farmer. The hunters that were caught were later arranged in court and paid fines and costs amounting to \$196.05—Charles E. Hitt died at the family home in the south part of the city. The family have been residents here since 1912.—Fire destroyed the Leroy Elliott home in the south part of the city. The fire was discovered by neighbors who aroused Mr. Elliott and son, Everett who were asleep in the house and they had a close call from being trapped in the house, as the fire spread very rapidly and when they were getting out burning brands were falling in the room. It is thought the fire was caused from the chimney as earlier in the evening sparks had caused a small blaze on the roof that had been extinguished by Mr. Elliott and son. Some of the effects from two of the rooms were saved. The house was outside the protection of the city water system.

## Down Memory Lane

### 20 YEARS AGO

Charles Grassman, 73, native of Cass county, died at his home at Alliance. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Grassman, was born on a farm near Mynard where he spent his youthful years. He later located in Plattsmouth where he was engaged in the Burlington shops. He was married here to Miss Blanch Batten,

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