

# EDITORIALS

## Dare To Be Different

One of the most disturbing developments in American life is the ever-increasing trend toward conformity. Too often these days a person is held suspect if he dares to do things differently.

Whether it be that he refuses to conform to generally-accepted society patterns, or holds unusual views on religion, or has individualistic opinions in politics, or any number of other things, the person among us who dares to be different is risking the ridicule, and even scorn of too many.

Of course, there are certain limits of good taste and behavior and judgement must be observed. But beyond that individualism is a good thing. In fact, it is what made the United States the most productive and fastest-growing country in the world, economically.

The trend toward conformity is worrying some of the wisest of our country's citizens. There never has been any merit in absolute conformity, and yet, with television and other mediums now tending to "standardize" all of us, to an extent the person who refuses to fit himself into the mold is sometimes abused.

Why should the intelligent person, for instance, be considered odd if he can't stomach the hours on end of the stupid westerns on television, or the moronic commercials? Why should he dress exactly like John Doe? Why should he be considered odd if he doesn't play bridge, or doesn't go in for hypocritical social functions or so much club rot?

The point is that individualism often brings us great gains and the individualists of our country have pioneered more success and progress than the conformists. For the conformist, basically, is either afraid to go his own way or lacks the imagination or intelligence which allows him to dare to be different.

Next time, therefore, you feel the urge to make a sarcastic remark about someone who dares to be different, or who refuses to conform to your notions about life and how to live it, think twice about it. And next time you hear a novel opinion, or an unusual one, presented sincerely, think twice before you brush it off. For the individual who dares to be different, who refuses to conform to much of the pattern fast being established in American life, and who thinks for himself is an asset in our society and he is following the great American tradition.

## 40 YEARS AGO

Raymond J. Larson, of this city, who is one of the most enthusiastic tennis sharks in this neck of the woods, proved a winner over L. Klapp of Omaha in the first round of the men's singles opened in that city.—Citizens in general feel that the City has a crying need for a new park, as many tourists are passing through the city with no place to stop for comfort, cook a meal, and to get water.—County Farm has a very pleasing year and yield is excellent in the grain crops, reports J. H. Tams, superintendent.—Funeral services were held July 27 for Judge B. S. Ramsey, burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery.—Board of Education at Pierce, Neb., came to look over the new Plattsmouth High School Building. Plattsmouth citizens are proud of the new building, but feel the need for more elementary grade schools, only having two at the present time.—During the work of tearing out the old front of the William Schmidtman building, which is to be replaced by a modern glass and pressed brick front, the workmen came across some very fine pieces of lumber and particularly that of the native black walnut which in an early day was among the chief trees found in this locality. This building is one of the oldest in the city and was erected in the late sixties, at which time was a very pretentious structure in the frontier trading post.—The result of the 1921 harvest on the farm of A. S. Will in Eight Mile Grove precinct shows some splendid results. The oats on the farm of Mr. Will from a tract of 30 acres showed 2,437 1/2 bushels and in wheat from 75 acres 2,002 bushels.—E. B. Carroll and his wife May are here with father, H. H. Carroll of Elmwood, he made his home in McCook for the past two years. Mr. Carroll is a boxer of no small note and will box under the new law in the state, his weight, for any part of \$50. His wife, Mary Carroll, also a boxer, will box any lady in the state, her weight, for any part of \$50.—Mathilde Soennichsen is now in New York taking a summer course at N. Y. U. studying retailing, non-textiles, methods for teachers and training directors, color and design as applied to textiles, the selling points of textiles, a study of employment management and a course in store organization, a feature of this course being lectures by department heads of big New York retail stores and other commercial and industrial houses.—Leonard C. W. Murray was buried at Weeping Water; he came here in 1855.—Contract was let at city council meeting for 14 blocks of paving; bid price was \$35,414.13.—Class of 1919 held a reunion at the high school.—New law fixing ages becomes effective July 28 —woman same class as man, 21 years, legal age.—John W. Crabill opens Plattsmouth's first optical supply house and is ready for business.



ARMY PVT. GARY L. BAIRD, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Heschell J. Baird, 2125 Dawes St., Ashland, Neb., recently completed eight weeks of military police training at The Provost Marshal General's School, Fort Gordon, Ga. Baird received instruction in self defense, traffic control and the basic procedures of civil and military law. He entered the Army last February and completed basic training at Fort Riley, Kan. Baird is a 1961 graduate of Ashland High School. —(U.S. ARMY PHOTO)

## CAPITOL CORNER



### by Congressman GLENN CUNNINGHAM

Washington, D. C. (Special)—The State Department is pressing for admission of Outer Mongolia to the United Nations. During the Korean War, Outer Mongolia furnished 5,000 troops to fight against U.N. and U.S. forces in Korea.

A National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee was formed some months ago. Of the 13 original members of this committee, seven have been identified as Communists.

One of the main goals of this committee is "opposition to all forms of governmental sponsorship of the film 'Operation Abolition'."

The Defense Department earlier this year obliged this Communist-dominated group by adopting a policy which put on the shelf the 100 copies of "Operation Abolition" purchased by the Defense Department. Previously these films were part of the Defense program to train servicemen on Communist tactics and strategy.

Now the Defense Department no longer uses this important film as part of the training program of our servicemen.

I'm sure the Communists who run this committee have been most encouraged by the support they received from the Defense Department. I have protested this new Defense Department policy on three occasions, and many other Congressmen are equally angry about it. It's no wonder this country has so many problems, when persons of questionable loyalty have so much influence in government.

The Census Bureau reports that the average farm in Nebraska contains 527 acres. There is quite a difference across the State in the average size of farms.

For instance, in the five eastern counties in the Second Congressional District (Washington, Douglas, Sarpy, Cass and Otoe), the average-sized farm has 207 acres.

In the northeastern part of the State, the average is 258 acres. In the south it is 388 acres, and in the western two-thirds of the State which comprises the Fourth Congressional District, the average farm contains 1,075 acres.

The Census Bureau also reports that there were 25,895 farms in the State last year compared to 28,862 farms in 1954. The decrease is due to the trend toward larger farms and to a new definition adopted by the Census Bureau as to what comprises a farm.

There are 47,756,000 acres in Nebraska devoted to farming.

Don't worry about finding your station in life; somebody will be sure to tell you where to get off. — Bulletin, San Francisco, Calif.

# Nehawka News

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Mmes. George Sheldon, Floyd Joeger, Martin Ross, Will Ost and Emma Nutzman were guests of the Union WSCS Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen and Catherine returned Friday from Imperial, Neb. They were guests of the Willard Hill family. Bryce Hansen and his grandmother Mrs. F. A. Hansen looked after the farm.

Messes. and Mmes. Elmer Ross, Hal Hansen James Gilley and Duane Everett attended the South Pacific at Pinewood Bowl in Lincoln Friday evening. Eddie and Roger of Loup City, Neb. stayed with John Hansen and Frances while their father, Howard Hansen was in Lincoln General hospital with surgery. Mrs. Hansen stayed with her parents in Lincoln.

Mrs. Mable Lewis was a house guest of Mrs. R. B. Stone the past week. Friday she went to Grand Island to visit relatives. Mrs. Lewis came here from Mill Creek, Ind., where she was hospitalized for some time with a broken leg. She plans to return home next week and then will reside in Omaha at her former address.

Sharon Dodson is home from Bryan hospital in Lincoln. She has been hospitalized for some time with ulcerated colitis.

The birthdays of Lynette Johnson, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson of Nehawka and Paula Johnson, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson of Talmage were observed with a dinner Wednesday evening at the Bob Johnson home. Guests were the Richard Johnson, Tom Johnson families and Mr. and Mrs. Henning Johnson and Steven Johnson of Nehawka; the Harold Johnson family of Union; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Strong of Humboldt. Guests Sunday for Lynette Johnson's birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bruns, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Payton and family, the Joy Haswell, Ed Bickett, Roy Bracken families and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Akeson of Plattsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Henning Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gansemer. Jeri Lynn Payton spent the past week with the Tom Johnsons and returned home Sunday with her parents. Mr. Payton observed his birthday with Lynette.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson and son, Timmy of Lexington, Virginia have moved to the Bessie Murdock home in Nehawka. Mr. Johnson is the brother of Leroy Johnson of Nehawka. He is working at the Hopper brothers quarry at Ashland.

Mrs. Leroy Johnson entertained for her grandmother, Mrs. Hildur Lundberg on her birthday Friday. Guests were Mrs. Lundberg, her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Carper and Mrs. Harold Dodson.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Staples and two daughters of Mapleton, Iowa were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knabe.

Mrs. Harry Knabe attended a nurses conference at the University Hospital in Omaha Thursday.

Mrs. Jerry Harshman of Omaha was the guest of honor Saturday at a birthday dinner at the Ellis Lacy home. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harshman and Ron, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krecklow and family, Preston, Kansas; The Kenneth Bauers family of Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. George McFadden, Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norris of Avoca were dinner guests Wednesday of the Lacy's when Mr. Lacy celebrated his birthday.

Patricia Pierce, Anaheim, Calif. was a guest from Thursday until Saturday of her cousin, Neila Pierce. She is also visiting relatives at Otoe.

Mrs. Ray Ehlers and Nancy of Avoca; Mrs. Kenneth Meyer and Monica of Omaha visited Saturday at the Ellis Lacy home.

Dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ost were the Boyd Mayfield family, Mrs. Amelia Balfour and afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney, Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Irwin and son, Murray, called at the Leroy Johnson home Friday evening to see the Johnson's new son, Kerry Roger.

Mrs. Ona Kunkel's dinner guests Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Comer and Mrs. Comer's sister, Jessie, Mrs. L. G. Todd and Mrs. Lee Paris of Union.

The Pleasant Hill neighborhood club north of Nehawka, held its annual picnic Friday evening at Steinhart Park at Nehawka City.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Kuppinger of Prairie Village, Kansas were weekend guests of Marion Tucker and the Sheldon Mitchell family.

Defense Secretary McNamara, on being asked if he thought it would be intelligent to get the B-70 bomber developed and tested as a weapons system: "I think it would be a serious waste of this nation's resources to pursue that program."

## McBrides Having Family Reunion

ELMWOOD (Special) — The seven brothers and sisters of the McBride family have been enjoying a reunion.

They are Mrs. Agnes Cox of Lowell, Ore., Eli McBride of Sioux City, Ia., Herman McBride of Council Bluffs, Mrs. Mae Ellis of Omaha, Mrs. Carrie Nickel of Wabash, Will McBride of Alvo and Mrs. Roy Rhoden of Elmwood.

This is the first time in many years they have all been together and the youngest of them is 69. The oldest one is 80.

## New Teachers at Nehawka Listed

NEHAWKA (Special) — New teachers of the Nehawka school are: high school—Ronald W. Winkhof of Unadilla, science; Myron Schoch of Baneroff, vocational agriculture; Mrs. Donna Wolter, Lincoln, homemaking; grade school, Mrs. Lillian Knopke of Peru, 1st and 2nd grades; Mrs. Lucille Gilliland, Auburn, 6th grade.

Those returning are Mrs. Georgia Gilley, principal and music; Charles Larson and Lonnie Wood, mathematics, social studies, and coaches; Jerome Short, commercial; Catherine Nutter, English; Mrs. Mable Hunt, 3rd grade; Mrs. Laura Duncan, 3rd and 4th grades.

Duane Everett is the superintendent. The position of kindergarten teacher is still open.

Henry Morgan, TV panelist: "America's motorists take good care of their cars — and they keep the pedestrians in good running condition too."

## Elmwood WSCS

ELMWOOD (Special) — The WSCS met July 14 in the fellowship room with the president, Mrs. Gonzales conducting the meeting.

Mrs. Parsell read a poem. The topic of the lesson was "God's Word and Our Words." Merle Eveland gave the devotions and Ethel Strabel had the lesson.

Frances Pratt sang "Wonderful Words of Life."

Reports were given by Mesdames Charling, Eveland, Kuehn, McDonald and Halvorsen.

Mrs. Horton gave as her book talk "The New English Bible." She said they have worked on the translation of it for many years.

Pastor Hansen brought his copy to the meeting to see. Hostesses were Mesdms. Kuehn, Elbert Miller, Fred Engelking, Arlo Pratt, Ted Hall and E. Cook.

## E. A. Ford Family Has Reunion Sunday

NEHAWKA (Special) — A reunion of the E. A. Ford family at the Meter Plant Park in Nebraska City Sunday at a picnic honored Mr. and Mrs. Ned Ford and family of Lima, Ohio.

Present also were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dugan, Jimmy and Jo, Chetopa, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ford and family, Plattsmouth; the E. A. Ford Jr. family, Roy Chaney family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Howell, Nebraska City; the Roy Nichols family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nichols, Brownville; the Douglas Ford family, Auburn; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hall and Beverly, Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Garrett and Timmy, Albert Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ford Sr. and the Arley Schomaker family all of Nehawka.

Magazines at Library NEHAWKA (Special) — Magazines at the Nehawka library that are available for the public to check out are Ladies Home Journal, Living, Redbook, Good Housekeeping and McCall's.

The library is open each Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5.

There is a new shipment of books from the library commission. The library is sponsored by the Senior Woman's Club.

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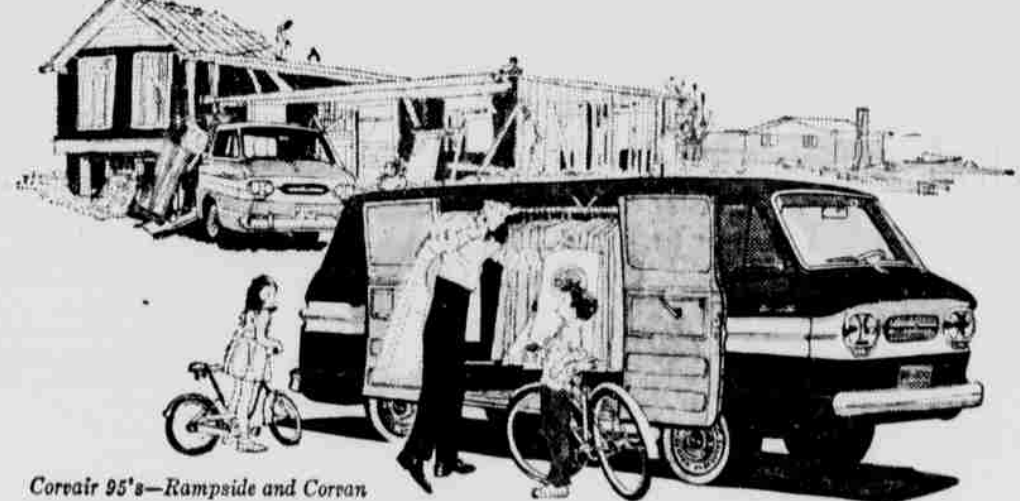
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