Joe Strub Gave Us **Two Weeks Warning**

IT'S A BIT TOO early to go into a long list of "thank yous" for those who have pitched in to battle the flood because the worst is yet to come - but we'll long re-member the name of Joseph H. Strub Jr., hydrologist at the U.S. Weather Bureau station at Minneapolis.

It took Joe quite a while to reach any definite conclusions, but when he did, he called the turn and gave us, we hope, ample opportunity to prepare for the highest stage of the Mississippi River in our history.

On March 19 he said, "If additional rainfall occurs, crests at Winona will be near those of 1952."

March 31 -- "Heavy April rains may mean a record flood crest for Winona."

April 7 - He predicted an 18-foot or higher crest.

April 8 -- "The Winona crest will be around 29 feet on April 21."

April 9 - The crest was set at 20.5 to 21 feet for April 20.

THUS WE HAD TWO weeks warning and at the direction of the city's able leaders - professional leaders if you please - we went to work. The men in charge of laying out the plan of preparedness and were well-prepared, they were battle calm. They knew how to build the dikes and where to build them. Today, awaiting the predicted 20.5 to 21 foot crest next Tuesday, we are in so much better shape than we were in 1952 there is no comparison. But the crest will be higher, too - by almost three feet, and anything can happen,

We are hoping and trusting that most of our homes and business district will be spared by the giant dikes and as we face the last crucial days, we have perhaps as fine a communications system as can be developed - and certainly one that would do justice to a city many times our size.

OUR COUNTER attack, if necessary, is ready and it is difficult, all in all, to think of a single thing the leaders have overlooked. They have built, with the help of contractors, machines, and volunteers, what we hope will be impregnable barriers. Those who planned the more than seven miles of dikes knew precisely where to build them. It has been, indeed, a superb job of engineering, whether they hold or not.

Mankato, Too, Fought A Valiant Battle

(Editor's Note: - Editor Franklin Rogers of the Mankato Free Press states it very well and with Mankato post its flood danaer and Winona still facing its most critical hours, all we can say is "Amen."]

THE QUALITY OF work by city and other government units, as well as by volunteers, in this year's high water stands as unequalled in the history of this portion of the Minnesota River valley. It is difficult to conceive of anything that could have been done which was overlooked.

The dikes guarding Mankato, North Mankato and LeHillier were built higher than ever, and attention to keeping them ready has been a permanent part of the municipalities' program. The river bed also was in better shape to take high water than it was in the flood of 1951.

At the same time it might be well to take a look at what has happened in the past 14 years and to consider a program for the future. It is no secret that battling high water is expensive. In 1952 North Mankato residents contributed individually \$40,000 to strengthen the dike. They considered it money well invested.

TODAY IN NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Government **Discriminates**

By DAVID LAWRENCE WASHINGTON -- "Discrimination" is being widely condemned nowadays. Yet the federal government liself engages in a certain type of discrimination when it insists on knowning the number of Negroes employed by contractors doing government work but does not ask for information which might reveal whether any other form of raclal or religious discrimination in employment is being practiced. When a contractor, for example, performs

street-improvement work which is subsidized by the federal government, it is necessary for the contractor to submit a weekly payroll form which not only itemizes the total number of his employes separated into categories of the skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled, but also has a special column to show how many of the total in each group are Negroes.

An executive order issued on March 6, 1961, and subsequently amended by the Democratic administration here, requires the contractor to agree that he "will not discriminate against any employe or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color or national origin.".

THE FEDERAL government does not, however, require any report on how many Catho-lics, protestants or Jewish persons are employed, nor does it ask the "national origin" of employes -- that is, whether they are Italians, Greeks, English, French, Mexicans, Africans, or Asians.

The purpose of the governmental forms is to prevent discrimination, but the federal government seems to be concerned only with discrimination involving Negores. A contractor in a western state - whose personnel changes from time to time because of the nature of his work - writes to this correspondent as follows:

"You will notice that, in addition to the number of employes, the form requires that the number of Negores employed must also be reported. This appears to us to be a most flagrantly discriminatory type of inquiry for our government to make at a time when discriminators are to be punished. Aren't American Indians, Chinese and all other races now being discriminated against by our government because these people are not included in the re-porting requirement? It is difficult to believe that thinking Negroes would want to be singled out in this way as the only people named on a government questionnaire.

"WE ARE A small organization and we have employed Negro men in past years who have done excellent work and were a credit to our firm. But when several of these payroll forms were submitted last summer we did not happen to have any Negro employes to report. By our answer to this inquiry in the negative, we naturally are concerned about its effect on government personnel and how it will in turn affect our relationship with the government in the future."

The government has not drawn up its report forms to ascertain whether competent em-ployes applied for the jobs and whether a sincere effort was made to hire persons of different races or nationalities. The form simply asks the total number and how many are Negroes. If there is a suspicion that the percentage of Negroes is too small, the government, of course, can make this a basis for refusing to renew a contract or to do business with the firm in the future.

IN YEARS GONE BY Ten Years Ago . . . 1955

Henry Epstein was installed as exalted ruler of Winona Lodge 327, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

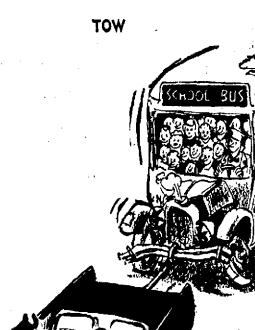
The sale of Archie's Snack Shop was an-nounced. Assuming management of the cafe, which Mr. and Mrs. Archie McGili have operated for the lest ten years, is Everett H. Caldwell.

Rollie Tust will be installed as president of the Winona Aerie 1243, Fraternal Order of Eagles in June.

Twenty-Five Years Ago . . . 1940

Dr. Samuel Schaefer was named by the City Council to succeed Dr. W. V. Lindsay as city health officer. Dr. Schaefer is a former alderman and president of the council.

Ben F. Gurney, 1st Ward director, was named president of the Board of Education to succeed George T. Higgins, director-at-large.



THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

MAULDIN

NOTE - The President, when he put Vice President

Humphrey in charge of the

anti-poverty program warn-ed him, only half jokingly, "if this program gets in trouble, it'll be your neck."

Rep. Adam Clayton Pow-ell, the Harlem Globe Trot-

month for his sixth winter

He had already whiled away part of the fall and winter in Hawaii, Acapulco,

· BUT HE TOOK of again

lor a week's cruise in the Caribbean. The Teamsters

Union provided a yacht, the Sea Rose, free of charge.

President Johnson is hack-

ing away at the jungle of

red tape that has grown up

Mexico and Puerto Rico.

ter, left Washington

vacation.

Johnson Assures Senators **On North Viet Bombing**

By JACK ANDERSON (Editor's Note: The column is written today by Drew Pearson's associate, Jack Anderson.)

WASHINGTON - On the afternoon of his unconditional offer to negotiate a Viel Nam truce, President Johnson talked over his speech with three senators who haven't always agreed with him on Viet Nam.

They were Frank Church of Idaho, George McGovern of South Dakota, and Dale McGee of Wyoming, all Democrats, who slipped into the White House through a side door.

For Church, it was his first visit with the Presi-dent since their alleged exchange over Idaho dams. A report had leaked to the press that the President had taken Church aside at a White House reception and had asked where he was getting his critical ideas on Viet Nam.

WHEN CHURCH cited Walter Lipmann's column, according to the story, the President suggested coldly that the next time Church wanted a dam in Idabo he should ask Walter Lipmann for it.

LRI alluded to the stor

clates the NAM editorial. though no such spending program is contemplated. "Congress and the voters had better keep an eye on the federal activity, which seems so far to be no more

you are controlling the bombing lhe way you are," commented Church, "bethan an untidy alliance be tween study groups, politi-cal hacks, and publicists." cause I trust your discre-tion and judgment. But I NAM's publicists have would also trust your distried to conceal the source cretion and judgment at the conference table. I don't think you would be another of the critical editorial, but one newspaper slipped up and attributed it to the Neville Chamberlain." NAM.

"This is where we'll stop the discussion," said the President, smiling, "while I'm still ahead " I'm still ahead." IN THE MIDDLE of Pres-

ident Johnson's honeymoon with businessmen, the National Association of Manufacturers has gone behind his back to plant editorials around the country attacking his anti-poverty program.

A Nam handout, blasting the anti-poverty effort as a boondoggie that "will gobble up a bundred billion dollars in a decade," has been picked up and published verbatim by newspapers from the Hattiesburg, Miss., American to the Dunkirk-Fredonia, N.Y., observer.

"It takes a prodigious amount of planning even to



One Must Learn More To the Editor:

There is a great trend in adult education throughout the United States at the present time. Many adults finding more leisure time on their hands are making good use of it by returning to the classroom and acquiring a better knowledge of ดเป็ the important things, happenings, and events that are occurring in the world around them. Today a good education is so important in enabling us to get more out of living.

Most women say that they are returning to equip themselves for earning a living should the need arise. This need could easily happen since statistics show that men are dying earlier than women. Other women are going back to college because their families are grown up and they need a sense of fulfillment in their lives.

Many men return to the campuses each year be-cause in the flerce world of competition one just has to keep abreast of the times. And then other men who are retired from regular jobs are returning just to gain more knowledge and enrichment in their lives. I am so grateful to all the people who encouraged me lo return to school, the La Crosse State University, to obtain a higher education and enrichment of my life. J am very grateful to the state Department of Public Welfare, Aid to the Visually Handicapped of Minnesola who are helping me by their rehabilitation program. It is not easy to return to school after an absence of 18 years; nor is it easy to atiend as a legally blind per-son. This opportunity has given me the chance to prove to myself that 1 can do more than just house-work and child care. It is

very satisfying to know that if you learn more, you can carn more. Miss Fay Gengler Caledonia, Minn.

S.E. Minnesola Tourist Association Is Needed

To the Editor:

It is very difficult to get organized to do anything in today's complex and busy society. However, it is costing Southeastern Minnesota literally millions of dollars every year by any yardslick because we are not doing as good a job as we might do to develop the potential for tourism inherent in .

Whitewaler State Park . the Root, Zumbro and Cannon Rivers ... Lake Pepin Rochester's world - renowned medical center ... the nationally-famous bluffs of the Mississippi from Red Wing to La Crescent . . . our devel-oping state parks and campsites, Sugar Loaf at Winona. We should form an overall "Council" of leaders of all of the Southeastern counties to form a policy for development if not this year, then next year. However, the delay of even one year will cost us many millions of dollars

The overall council is the one we are trying to form out of the landmark meet-

able to effectively communicate to others existing op-portunities in touristry and upcoming challenges and opportunities.

To those who think there is something to be gained by continuing to compete between cities . . . wonder-ing whether Rochester might lose something if it cooperates with Red Wing . . , whether Lake City will more than Austin through a good organization ... etc. . . . consider a few points: There wouldn't be a sin-

gle functioning organization to promote tourism in Southeastern Minnesota if there weren't today a Hiawatha Valley Association involving Red Wing, Lake City, Wabasha, Winona, La Crescent and La Crosse people.

Can you imagine someone in Brainerd begrudging Duluth, Ely or Grand Maraia the tourist business which passes through Brainerd on the way north?

Know your county. Have an inventory completed this year. Educale your county about the opportunities. Develop open cooperation among all cities. Delegate your leaders to share their information and inspiration in an overall council. Develop an annual action program to inspire all of South-eastern Minnesola,

We should really be doing something to get more Salurday and Sunday business this summer and fall . and really reach out for these new dollars next year. George L. Brooks,

Radio Station KCUE Red Wing, Minn.

Suggests Drawdown Preceding Floods To the Editor:

The present stupendous damage being wrought by Mississippi flood waters makes me wonder about something and long for an answer,

When the series of 29 locks and dams from the Twin Cities to St. Louis was being constructed in the 1930s, it was understood its purpose was for the maintenance of a permanent ninefoot channel, and there was some talk that the system could be used for flood control. But later the understanding was the only purpose was for navigation and from my observation, having always lived in Alma, the only attention given to flood waters was when the water rose so high the gates had to be opened.

I do recall that one season, some years ago, when there was a lack of water in one of the pools down river, I think the Chain of Rocks, there was a drawdown from the upper pools, including the pool here below Alma Dam 4, when we saw the water at a very low stage. It may be it was during the war years, the 1940s, when war vessels being transported were down the river, and extra depth was required.

What concerns me, if there could be a drawdown from pools just for fleating boats, why could nol a general drawdown from 29 pools including the great Lake Pepin, preceding

the arrival of record flood

walers, as in 1951, 1952, and

greatest of all, this year

1965, provide vast basin ca-

pacity for the flood waters

and greatly reduce the height of the flood crest?

Is there a reasonable

answer, or has a great po-

tential value of our wonder-

ful Mississippi river sys-

tem of 29 dams been sadly

neglected, to the sorrow of

many thousands of people? Theodore Buehler

Alma, Wis,

bombed, that the targets were military installations, and that he hadn't received a report of a single life lost from the attacks. 'Mr. President, I am glad

THE FACT THAT there have been major flood threats three times in fourteen years focuses on the increasing frequency of high water as the years have passed. Floods occurred in the years preceding the 1950s, but not with the regularity of the past decade and one half.

There are various causes for this. In 1951 the snowfall totaled nearly 88 inches, more than twice normal. This year we had about 61 inches of snow, 50 percent above normal. But this spring the river level reached a height that exceeded that of 14 years ago,

THERE MAY be a number of reasons for this, although the winter seasons were strikingly similar. Among the new causes of high water must be included the tiling of farm land and the draining of swamps through the county ditch program. In other words, we are channeling more water than ever into the river. The potholes have virtually vanished and it is a rare farm that has a swampy area or a pond in its pastures. The water is sent on its way to the river at the earliest possible time.

It is difficult to see how this threat can be alleviated to a greater extent than it is now by deepening the river channel or building up the dikes. We are likely to be faced with a succession of threats about which we can do nothing that hasn't already been done.

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE to periodic threats of flooding is to ascertain which areas are likely to be subjected to high water and to discourage further use of that land for homes, business structures or farming operations. - Mankalo Free Press.

Walk in wisdom toward them that are with-out, redeeming the time. Colossians 4:5,

Fifty Years Ago . . . 1915 The educational omnibus appropriation bill was passed by the Senate. The Winona Normal School gets \$71,700 annually for maintenance

for the next two years. C. J. Murphy left for an extensive trip to Montana on business.

Seventy-Five Years Ago . . . 1890

C. E. Wheeler has been appointed manager of the Winona Willow Works.

Frank Libby left for Spokane Falls, Wash., where he expects to be employed during the summer.

The fourth anniversary ball of the Modern Woodmen was held at the armory,

One Hundred Years Ago ... 1865

The Board of County Commissioners have been in session for two days. The principal item of important business was the grainling of a license or charter to establish a ferry across the river at this point. S. D. Vangorder received the license which is to be in force for five years.

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as he cheerfully greeled the

three senators. "How," he asked Church, "is the dam-building pro-gram going in Idaha?" "The next dam we fin-

ish," retorted Church, "we're going to call the Walter Lippmann dam."

The senator from Idaho went on to say that he had announced plans to speak in the Senate where he had intended to appeal for a break in the diplomatic deadlock over Viet Nam. Since this was exactly what the President was now do-ing, Church offered to call ing, off his speech "if you will read it.

MCGOVERN STARTED to express apprehension, how-ever, over the continued bombing of North Viet Nam while there was hope for negotiations.

Before he could finish, the President broke in: am watching every bornb that is dropped up lhere. I don't let them homb an outhouse without getting per-sonal permission from me." He stressed that he knew exactly what was being

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lander that much money. around the federal bureaulet alone use it wisely," decracy.

ing sponsored by Congressman Quie in January, Prog-

ress has been slow Some are said to feel that a Southeastern Minnesota Tourist Association is an effort by the Hiawatha Val-ley Association to "take over." Others feel it would be "just one more organization."

Any "take over" talk about the Hiawatha Valley Association is sheer non-sense and should be so identified. The IIVA is a strictly volunteer organization. Its members come only from towns along the Mississippi River. They know what more tourism can do for their communities . . . and this is why some of those active in the HVA have tried to awaken others to the opportunities growing every year in touristry.

What should a Southeast-ern Minnesota Tourist Association be? It should be, first of all, a gathering of leaders of individual counties who either have a direct self-interest in promoting more travel or who will be





By Parker and Hart GIRE, WHAT'S THE NOST IMPORTAN Possess? FAST

"You the extra quarter on the roast beef dinner?"







