

Beware Fixit Rackets

As the grass grows green, about time for the second mowing, cities become over-run with all sorts of household rackets by those who are here today, gone tomorrow.

Better Business Bureaus are reporting that the gyp artists are present in greater numbers than ever, and their warning is joined by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Maynard and Oelwein people, thankful that outside contractors are on hand to help in the gigantic rebuilding process, should be doubly cautious before committing themselves, make sure the firm is reliable, then insist on a signed contract.

In Oelwein it is necessary for a firm to obtain a fifteen dollar permit and by doing so the contractor and the property owner both are protected. Securing the permit involves information regarding the building firm's background and reliability.

Property owners who have settled on their insurance and have estimates on reconstruction costs need only telephone the city hall to determine the reliability of the firm and its background.

However, in Maynard there is not at present such an ordinance, and Maynard residents ordering rebuilding from a firm that is not located in this area should make a couple of phone calls for their own protection. First try the Oelwein city hall, and if the firm is not listed there, get in touch with the Oelwein Chamber of Commerce (283-2144) which has access to Better Business Bureau information coast to coast either in the Oelwein office or through the Des Moines office.

We are sure the Oelwein Chamber would be happy to cooperate.

Registerland communities outside the tornado areas all are exposed to the gyp artists, however. They're selling lawn treatments, tree surgery and removal, home repairs of all kinds. There are shyster driveway pavers, gyp house washers and roofers.

In all of these cases people are advised to insist on references and always get competitive bids on fix-up jobs.

As stated above, this warning refers only to outside firms whose reputation and reliability are not known.

Correction

A paragraph in yesterday's editorial quoted an Associated Press New York bulletin that referred to use of the REGISTER'S one line still in operation as the tornado struck and the call to Des Moines made by a REGISTER reporter at the request of Mayor Sam Mazzioti. Capt. Les Ohl of the Oelwein National Guard explains that he "called Adj. Gen. Junior F. Miller in Des Moines approximately 10 minutes before the REGISTER contacted Gov. Harold Hughes at his home in Des Moines concerning the disaster." We're sorry, were only quoting the New York bulletin, and the main thing is the Guard was called and has done a magnificent job.

Now we're waiting and praying that Congressman Culver's recommendation to the White House that this be called a "major disaster" area is granted, and quickly. (Note. H. R. Gross column on this page.)

Memorial Day

History has laid upon the conscience of the American people a continuing obligation to the memory of those who died in the nation's defense. As a symbol of fulfilling this duty, on Memorial Day flowers are placed on soldiers' graves.

Today, there are many more soldiers' graves than there were a year ago.

Perhaps it is well for our peace of mind that the soldier dead can not speak to us. Certainly they could speak with the authority of patriotism's biggest fulfillment.

What can they reveal to us in the light of that higher plane of understanding to which faith in immortality says they have been transplanted? Could they show us that way which so long has been sought by

humanitarians, whereby human problems could be solved without human bloodshed?

When we pay homage to the American soldier, we are not concerned merely with his great deeds and the victories he won.

It is the fact that he went where his country asked him to go, and suffered what his country's need required him to suffer, that is important.

Memorial Day brings no pride of conquest — except for our pride in the American soldier's eternal conquest of himself, his ability to beat down fear and thought of self and face the fortunes of battle.

As we decorate the graves of the heroic dead, let us listen in our inner consciousness for their instruction and admonition.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age. (Psalm: 92:14)

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for enabling us to do the tasks assigned to us. Increase our faith that each day we may bring cheer and courage to others in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Fayette County Court News

WEST UNION (Special) — Clair C. Wagner doing business as Wagner's Radio T.V., Plaintiff vs. Bernard Hildebrand and Linda Hildebrand, Defendants. The defendant demands judgment in the amount of \$216.26 with interest and costs of this action including attorney's fees.

Arlington Cooperative Commission Company, Plaintiff vs. Don Little, Defendant. The plaintiff demands judgment in the amount of \$655.04 with interest and costs.

Arlington Cooperative Commission Company, Plaintiff vs. Gary Manson, Defendant. The plaintiff demands judgment in the amount of \$463.31 with interest and costs.

Household Finance Corporation, Plaintiff vs. Robert L. Meeker and Norma E. Meeker. Plaintiff granted the sum of \$1,668.03 with interest and costs of this case from the defendant by default judgment.

DIVORCES FILED FOR:
McMillan, Inga, M. vs. Henry M. The couple was married February 17, 1968 in Nashua. She asks for her former name of Halverson be restored. She charges cruel and inhuman treatment.

DIVORCES GRANTED:
McMillan, Inga, from Henry M. The couple was married February 17, 1968 in Nashua. A stipulation agreement was approved. She was granted her former name of Halverson. He shall pay attorney fees and costs of this action. She charged cruel and inhuman treatment.

Cherokee Says No
CHEROKEE — Voters in the Cherokee Community School District have turned down a proposal to issue \$10 million in bonds to finance construction of a new senior high school and classroom additions to three elementary schools. The vote in Monday's election was 867 against and 852 in favor.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. Jay Becker
(Top Record-Holder in Masters' Individual Championship Play)

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 5 2
♥ J 9 4
♦ A 9 8 3
♣ J 5

WEST
♠ J 4
♥ A 7 3 2
♦ 10 8 2
♣ Q 8 5 2

EAST
♠ 8
♥ 10 8 5
♦ K Q 5
♣ A K 9 7 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 9 7 6 3
♥ K Q 6
♦ J 7 4
♣ 10

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♣ 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠
Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead—two of clubs.

would have to concede a ruff and discard after winning the second diamond and South would make the contract.

Unfortunately, the cards are not divided as South hopes, and East cashes the K-Q of diamonds to defeat four spades one trick.

The fact is that South should make the contract if the defense proceeds as described. He should realize from the early plays that West cannot have the ace of hearts, the jack of spades and four clubs to the queen, as well as the king or queen of diamonds, or he would surely have bid something over a spade, instead of passing.

It follows that East has the K-Q of diamonds and that the projected endplay is bound to fail.

Once he makes the correct determination, South should undertake a different type of endplay. After winning the third round of hearts in dummy, he should lead the three of diamonds, not the ace. This play fixes East's wagon beyond repair.

Declarer's calculation that East must have the K-Q of diamonds is likewise available to West. He can deduce that East must hold the K-Q of diamonds for the contract to be defeated, and he should therefore return a diamond, not a heart, upon taking his ace of hearts. This nips the endplay in the bud and South must go down one.

Accurate card reading is the very backbone of good play, but this principle is generally more honored in the breach than in its observance.

For example, take this hand where East wins the club lead with the king and continues with the ace, which declarer ruffs.

South draws two rounds of trumps and leads the king of hearts, won by West with the ace. West returns a heart and declarer cashes both high hearts, after which he leads the ace and another diamond in the hope of finding West with the doubleton king or queen of diamonds.

If that were the case, West

South must go down one.

Capital Firing Line

By Congressman H.R. Gross
WASHINGTON — Except for those who have lived through a tornado, it is almost impossible to comprehend the utter devastation that can be wrought in seconds.

It was on May 15, late in the afternoon of a warm spring day, that storm clouds gathered over north-northeast Iowa. There were warnings of tornado winds as there have been on other occasions. Suddenly, about 5 p.m., the warnings became reality. With terrible fury the funnel-shaped cloud let down on Charles City, Iowa (population 11,000), and with the speed of an express train plowed through the heart of the city leaving 14 dead, scores injured, and an estimated \$19 million in destruction and damage.

On to the east and south moved the furious winds, dipping down here and there to destroy farm buildings — slashing into and throughout Elma, Iowa, to wreak heavy damage and then to bring death and destruction to the town of Maynard and the city of Oelwein.

It was a strange experience, 24 hours after the tornado struck, to personally travel the entire length of the more than mile-long business district of Charles City and find not a single store or bank open for business. However, the incredible fury of the winds tore through brick as well as wood construction, leaving the walls of many buildings unsafe even for the use of the streets by pedestrians.

Of the many tragic sights in Charles City, none was more tragic than the destruction of the newly constructed homes for low income, elderly citizens. For only a month were they permitted to enjoy their new and modern little homes. Then the tornado hit with full force and in seconds the prefabricated houses were ripped apart like matchboxes.

But if there can be virtue in tragedy such as this it is to be found in the welding together of those in the stricken communities; and the great outpouring of assistance from men and women from scores of unscratched communities, city and rural. From miles around came hundreds of volunteer men and their machines to work night and day clearing the streets of trees and debris, bringing the stricken areas out of their first shock and paralysis. That is the spirit of the great Midwest at its best.

Now must come the rebuilding, and for previously wounded Charles City, Elma, Maynard, Oelwein and those between, it will be long and difficult.

Because their suffering and economic loss came from a force completely beyond their control, this member of Congress, on May 16 and again on May 22, urged Governor Hughes to declare a major disaster area in his request to President Johnson for federal assistance.

In the matter of disaster relief there is a substantial difference between the designation of a "disaster" and a "major disaster." The latter designation brings into full play all agencies of the government equipped to provide relief and rehabilitation.

On May 24, nine days after the tornadoes, Governor Hughes requested the President to declare the stricken Iowa area a major disaster area. The President should lose no time in approving that request.

POOR? The so-called poor marchers continue to hold forth in Washington although many of the original group, disillusioned

HENRY J. TAYLOR Moscow's Paris Prevue For U.S.A.

President Charles de Gaulle's French debacle shouts the warning. The eruption there has its equivalent here in Moscow's plans. And God help us if we fail to see the whole sad monolith of the affair in terms of the United States.

The crux is the double-level of Soviet operations. No major country in the free world even approaches the "good relations" between France and the U.S.S.R. — at the government level. In fact, in this entente de Gaulle has created a de facto Paris-Moscow-Peking axis.

French Ambassador Olivier Voruzer is cock o' the walk in Moscow. Soviet Ambassador Valerian Zorin receives elaborate deferences from de Gaulle in Paris and uniquely at his Colombye-le-Deux-Englise country home.

Surely, President Johnson and our government could hardly expect to equal such an entente. But it wouldn't mean any more than it means in France. Officially, the Soviet government consists of the usual ministries — typified by Alekssei N. Kosygin as Premier, Andrei Gromyko as Foreign Sec-

retary, etc. The government, however, is secondary to the Communist party structure, which has its place throughout the government and the true authority is in this party apparatus.

For example, take the dreaded KGB secret police and espionage arm. Listed as a government ministry, the KGB's true authority rests in the Communist party's Central Committee secretariat headed by General Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev, the actual top dog in the Soviet Union.

The effect is a double policy by which the Soviet government operates at one level and the Communist party at another. Premier Kosygin whispers sweet nothings to de Gaulle and mouths the need for an entente — as he did to President Johnson at Glassboro — while Communist party leader Brezhnev tears France apart.

Gromyko officially encourages an entente with West German Chancellor Kurt G. Kiesinger while Rudolf Dutschke ("Red Rudi") and other Kremlin tools manipulate student savagery and general terror in the Federal Republic.

Or take Brazil. The Soviet government did not attack the Brazilian government that overthrew the Red-oriented regime there. On the surface it maintained, and still maintains, an elaborate cordiality with Brazil's leadership that came out of the military takeover. But the Kremlin's Communist activity through the local party constantly increases its vicious undercover Putsch toward chaos and the fall of the government.

Japan and the U.S.S.R. signed a declaration ending their technical state of war on October 19, 1956 — eleven years after hostilities ended. They exchanged ambassadors. There was the usual round of caviar and vodka banquets with their endless toasts



"YEAH, GRAMPA. BUT AFTER SOCIAL SECURITY WHAT DO YA LIKE BEST?"

and adolescent atmosphere. No one could be more circumspect than Ambassador Oleg Aleksandrovich Troyanovsky in Tokyo — at the government level.

But Kosyuka Hirotsu, chief of Japan's Public Security Investigation Agency, similar to our F.B.I., has officially revealed that the Communist party and its fellow-travelers have launched an internal destruction program in Japan and, at the same time, an immense anti-American movement designed to torpedo any renewal of the U.S.-Japan Mutual Security Treaty.

Hirotsu's report of developments is nearly identical with our F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover's current report here. Lenin added to the trick of national strife the trick of racial strife. We're supposed to believe that much of this is not organized?

A telephone conversation between H. Rap Brown in New York City and a Castro official in Havana has been broadcast throughout Latin America by Radio Havana. Brown glibly announced: "Each American city with a large Negro population will have a rebellion."

Well, more than 90 American cities have burst into violence and, within a single week, more than 55,000 troops have had to be committed to quelling the violence.

How do you suppose it makes our fighting men in Vietnam feel to know that our National Guard units are so desperately needed against outbreaks, looting, riots, anarchy and city-burning that (for the first time in history) we dare not even send National Guard equipment to help in a war abroad.

The Soviet has used its official entente with France to divert and brainwash the French. We are being no less systematically and dangerously brainwashed in the United States by the cat-bait prospect of Washington's entente at Moscow's government level. The Kremlin's great and growing potential rewards here are obvious in the French debacle. (Copyright, 1968, by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.)

The Flintstones



Secret Agent Corrigan

By Hanna-Barbera



By Al Williamson and Archie Goodwin

The Heart Of Juliet Jones



By Stan Drake

Bringing Up Father



By George McManas

Blonde



By Chick Young

Blonde



By Chick Young

OBITUARY

Ernest Schwartz
STANLEY (Special) — Ernest Daniel Schwartz, youngest child of Rudolph and May Pond Schwartz was born April 14, 1910 at Stanley.

On Sept. 18, 1949 he was married to Margaret Francis at Stanley, the Rev. Fred Mastin officiating.

Six years ago the couple moved to Independence where they have since resided; where he was employed at farm work.

He died at his home Wednesday, May 22 from a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife and one sister (Zelda), Mrs. Wendell Eaton, Early, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Orren; one sister, (Eloy) (Mrs. Roy Willow), and his parents.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 10:30 in McCleery - Howe Chapel in Independence with the Rev. Ronald Whitmer officiating.

Casket bearers were Joseph Haupt, Richard Frye, Robert Frye, Larry Wilder, Wilbert Frye and Robert Whtram.

Burial was in the Stanley Cemetery.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Saxhorn
5. Pleads
9. Soon
10. Shower
11. Mr. Vallee
12. Grief
14. Compass
15. Cushion
16. Game at cards
17. Not crooked
18. Italian river
21. Moon-goddess
22. Pay attention
24. Flash
26. Nails
27. Mexican Indian
28. Prophet
29. — Alamain
30. Unfastened
34. Wit
36. Astarte
37. Anger
38. Layers
40. Small cut
41. Ireland
42. Messenger
43. Man's nickname
44. Muff

DOWN
1. Provoke
2. Situated beneath
3. Lad
4. Indefinite article

