Beermann sees livestock trouble

Congressman Ralph P Beermann today said a new USDA Conservation proposal that would allow grazing on land in soil bank would, in effect, be asking livestock producers to finance their own competition

Here is the background for the Congressman's statement

His committee, the Committee on Agriculture, Thursday, reported a bill that would extend present soil bank contracts under broader provisions, among them one that would let farmers graze soil bank lands. Secretary Freeman of USDA wants grazing allowed since he hopes it will permit less costly soil bank agreements. Hopefully, a farmer will "bank" land cheaper if he can graze it since grazing can support about half as much animal production as crops.

"So what happens?" Beermann said "As soon as the farmer signs his soil bank contract he buys himself a herd of feeders and starts fattening them on grass. That competition only further complicates the problems of the fat cattle industry So in effect then, this new bill simply amounts to taking the livestock producers' taxes from them to enlist new competition"

Beermann said cattlemen were outspoken in the criticism of present farm programs and have stubbornly resisted government interference, even during a recent price decline

"In view of the industry's stubborn opposition to USDA takeover," Beermann said, "one could almost construe this latest conservation legislation as being designed to get cattlemen in trouble thereby compelling them to come to government for help"

Troop 345 has court of honor

Court of Honor was held for Boy Scout Troop 345 Sunday evening behind St Mary's grade school For the event the boys built various types of fires, prepared a campsite, and made a 12-foot observation tower

Second-class awards went to Joe Fitzekam, Jim Hamilton, Jerome Kreifels, Tim Snyder, Jim Ricketts, Don Templemeyer, Jerome Ullsperger, Mike Wenzl and Joe Zimmerer

First-class awards went to Peter Bataillon, Tony Lutz, James Stever and Leo Doherty Star award went to Joe Bataillon.

Master of ceremonies was Don Ricketts and Henry Flau was guest of honor Frank Bataillon is scoutmaster of the troop

Cuban gunboat sinks raiding craft

MIAMI (UPI)— Cuban government gunboats sank an anti-Castro raiding launch in a running sea battle off the north coast of Cuba Sunday, Cuban exile sources reported here

They said the raiding crew jumped into the water and was captured by the gunboats. At least one of the anti-Castro party was wounded, the sources said.

The number of captives was not known They were believed taken to the port of Calbarien for questioning

The raiding launch managed to shoot up one of the Communist gunboats so badly in the exchange of cannon fire that it had to be towed to shore by a government tugboat, according to the reports

Treasure hunt for Cub Scouts

A treasure hunt with a picnic at American Meter park as the final "treasure" was part of the reward for the Cub Scouts of Pack 353 Sunday afternoon.

About 50 attended the picnic for the scouts and their parents An invocations and flag ceremony, cooperative dinner, presentation of awards, and a ball game provided the afternoon activity.

Boys receiving awards included: Wolf badges· Douglas Haase, Michael Wilberger, David Henry, Jim Olney, and Mlichell Matthews Golden arrow· George Mann. Golden and silver arrows· Allan Simmerman.

The awards were presented by Leonard Ganzel. Ken Henry is scoutmaster for the troop.

The next meeting will be July 17 when a Dad-son fishing event is planned.

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The buck ends here . . . .

By Ivan D.E.B.

If someone was to say, "let's head for the pond for a cool dip," little attention would probably have been given by some of us folks who haven't squeegeed our toes in mud for some time

Besides you can't just drive along the road on a hot Sunday afternoon, and all of a sudden decide to take a cool dip

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Harold Lowrey's farm west of Peru has two ponds a fur piece back in the field, making it convenient for us folks who decide (without planning) on taking a swim to wash off the heat of the day

And so Harold, and his three sons, Bill, Bob and Frank, Bob Toler, the boat sinker and myself, cooled our toes in a country pond For a few, it was an unscheduled swim but then, it had been a long time since we had taken a skin-swim.

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First thing to do is don life jackets (swimmers included), launch the boat and row across t'other side to the favorite swimming part of the pond

Along the way, one of the passengers decides he is pretty cocky and figures he can splash enough to keep the turtles away, and so he graciously flops from the boat into the water ....cool, man

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For the brave old folks, there is a rope attached to a tree You grasp hold and swing out over the pond You're chicken if you don't let go over the pond

The real fun of course is the big splash And a big bare splash it is, life jacket included to make the splasher bob from the cool water depths to the surface like a cork.

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"Dad" Harold Lowrey shows his sons that swimming should be done in a cool and calm manner and strokes the pond while puffing away at a cigar He admitted later, the cigar got a little juicy

And then there was the bareboatman, Bob Toler, who was cruising along in the middle of the pond when all hands decided it was time to sink the unsinkable boat The passenger looked with concern as the water began to flow rapidly over the sides of the boat and he was still looking concerned when the boat disappeared beneath him But then, he didn't mind getting wet again and so let his life jacket do the floating work and relaxed in the cool green water.

Meanwhile the boat bobs to the surface . unsinkable it is.

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Naw, you just can't drive along the road, completely unprepared, and expect to go swimming in the pond

er can you?

$3.4 billion is seen in state

LINCOLN (UPI) — The State Board of Equalization Monday officially discovered Nebraska's total assessed tangible valuation for 1963 will clear $3.4 billion.

The final sum may be closer to $3 5 billion, State Tax Commissioner Forrest Johnson said.

But, he noted, since Douglas County is not expected to file its assessment report until the middle of this week, it will be impossible to make a clear evaluation until then.

Douglas County Assessor Joe C Stolinski has predicted total value of tangible property in the state's largest county will be near $2 billion

A total of 88 of the 93 counties have filed assessors' reports with the tax commissioner, showing a total tangible property valuation of near two per cent more than the same counties reported last year, Johnson said.

Assessed Value

Last year the state board fixed assessed value of all tangible property at $3,367,213,876

Counties still unreported are Butler, Cherry, Knox, Douglas and Scotts Bluff.

The board will set the assessed valuation of railroads operating in the state at its next meeting

The 1962 overall state property levy was 8.43 mills, including 6.18 mills to raise money for the general fund and the rest in special levies set by the legislature

NOW YOU KNOW

By United Press International

Martin Van Buren, the eighth president, was the first chief executive to be born in the United States. All previous seven presidents were born in this country when it was still a British colony, according to the World Almanac



Mrs Paul Knoll, lifetime Jaycee Jayne member, was the installing officer at the recent Jaycee Jayne installation of officers, held at Ulbrick's cafe Mrs Billy Yost, new president, received a rose from Mrs Marvin Roth, retiring president

SURPLUS OF DEFICIT

Gold continues to go

Washington Window
By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Interantional

Sen Harry F Byrd, D-Va , reminds his fellow citizens that they have much more than merely the big 1963 Treasury deficit to worry about There is a surplus of deficit all around

Byrd discussed these deficits in a Law Day speech at the University of Virginia First, Byrd cited the United Nations deficit which amounted on Dec 31, 1962 to a dues arrearage of more than $121 million

Second is the NATO deficit Of the 15 NATO nations, Byrd named only Canada and the United States as having met the prescribed goals in quantity and quality of troops provided. The third deficit is in the balance of payments between the United States and all other nations with which the United States engages in foreign trade

"We spent $2.2 billion more in foreign countries in calendar year 1962 than we took in from transactions abroad," Byrd said

"Our money went out in foreign aid, maintenance of troops around the world, migration of U S business, tourist expenditures, purchases of imports, etc We have run deficits in these accounts for 12 of the past 13 years This has resulted in the loss of two-thirds of our gold Gold backs the dollar"

Fourth Deficit Noted

The fourth deficit, of course, is the Treasury figure for government operations in fiscal year 1963 Fiscal '63 ended last midnight The precise deficit may not be immediately known but it is expected to range from $6 to $8 billion This $63 Treasury deficit is the 27th since 1930

A chairman and board of directors of any company with that kind of a non-earning, deficit record would be voted out of office and into disgrace by any group of share owners But Franklin D Roosevelt was kept in office as long as he lived once he gained the White House Harry S. Truman and wight D Eisenhower were re-elected despite deficit records almost as bad as FDR s. And John F Kennedy's re-election chances seem not to be much dimmed merely because he is not planning to balance the Treasury books in his first term nor likely to balance the books in a second term if he is re-elected Kennedy s present program projects Treasury deficits through 1967

Discount Unbalanced Budget

The President's economic advisers downrate any preoccupation with a balanced budget as an outmoded conformity with a puritan ethic Byrd's response to such reasoning is a shocked reassertion of the old time economic religion

"We are surrounded," he said, by deficits And with them we have debt and inflation we have balance of payments trouble, we have dwindling gold reserves

Gold backs our money and some $12 billion in gold is required for that purpose We had more than $24 billion in gold in 1949 Now we have less than $16 billion We are within $4 billion of the amounted required to back the dollar, and the gold still is going out

"I regard this as our most serious fiscal and monetary problem If the time comes when we cannot offer dollars-or-gold convertibility in our foreign transactions we shall be faced with a catastrophic situation.

"For years we have given foreign governments and their central banks the option of taking payments for (trade balance) deficits in dollars or in gold at the statutory rate of $35 an ounce

"They take gold instead of dollars if their confidence in our dollar is impaired They have taken two-thirds of our free gold since 1949"

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Holiday death toll to be big

CHICAGO (UPI) —Within four days the bloody slaughter of the Fourth of July weekend begins and the National Safety Council estimates that 550 to 650 persons will be killed in traffic accidents

The 102-hour holiday weekend begins at 6 p m local time July 3 and ends at midnight July 7

"With the Fourth of July historically more dangerous," Safety Council President Howard Pyle said, "it calls for extra caution by all of us to hold the number of fatalities to the lower side of the estimate"

He noted the Memorial Day weekend toll of 525 killed last month set a record for a 102-hour holiday period

The previous high for a 102-hour Independence Day holiday period was in 1961 when 509 persons were killed in traffic and 415 lost their lives in other types of accidents

The worst holiday toll in history was the "black Christmas" of 1956 when 706 persons died

Pyle said drunk driving, speeding, driving on the wrong side of the road and failure to yield the right of way accounts for nearly three-fourths of all traffic accidents

"To the extent that drivers avoid making these mistakes," he said, "the death toll will be held down"

Now You Know

By United Press International

Among the inventions of Leonardo da Vinci was a forerunner of the armored tank which he said was designed to force "even the largest masses" to retreat, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica

Highest legally fixed salary in the U S is that of the President

British newsman behind curtain?

LONDON (UPI) — The government said today that missing British newsman Harold Philby reported to have been a former British counter-intelligance chief in Washington, may have gone behind the Iron Curtain.

Lord Privy Seal Edward Heath told the House of Commons that Philby - who admitted he once worked for the Soviets—tipped off British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean that Britain's secret service was about to rack down on them Burgess and MacLean fled to Russia in 1951

Philby was serving as first secretary in the British embassy in Washington at the time British press reports said he was then serving as senior official of the counter-intelligence service

Philby vanished last January from Beirut, Lebanon, where he was stationed as correspondent for the London Sunday newspaper The Observer

Heath told Parliament that Philby himself may now be somewhere in the Soviet bloc He said Philby's wife Eleanor had received messages purported to have been sent from behind the Iron Curtain

The lord privy seal said investigation had failed to confirm a report in the official Soviet government newspaper Izvestia that Philby was with the Immam of Yemen

Smaller school grads do well

LINCOLN (UPI) — Sen Cecil Craft of North Platte said today graduates of smaller high schools do all right when stacked up against those from larger schools at the University of Nebraska

He said a recent study showed that approximately two-thirds of the honor graduates at the university received their high school training in schools with classes of less than 100 students

The same study also showed that 32 8 per cent of the honor students came from the farm, more than from any other occupational or professional group.

Craft said he brought the matter up "because we have been assaulted with information that graduates of smaller high schools are at a distinct disadvantage" when they compete on the university level with graduates of larger schools

City Mortgages total $101,528

Eighteen city mortgages were filed for $101,528 and 13 were released for $52,676 in Recorder Helen Morton's office during June

The figures compared with 19 city mortgages filed for $128,240 and 11 released for $11,620 the same period a year ago

Nine farm mortgages were filed for $60,500 and 10 were released for $354,259 compared with nine filed for $62,900 and five released for $32,600 a year ago

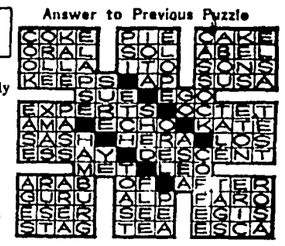
One hundred fifteen instruments were filed during the month compared with 123 a year ago Fees for June totaled $370 compared with fees of $409 for June a year ago

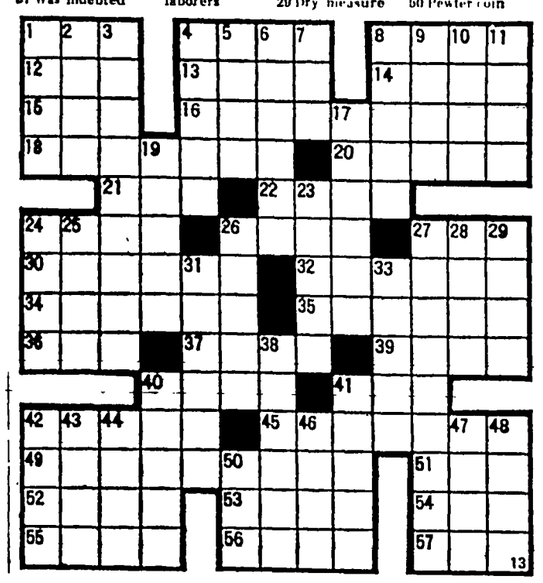
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1 Smyrna ——
4 Blackthorn fruit
8 Bartlett ——
12 Follower
13 Change location
14 Sea eagle
15 Brythonic sea god
16 Unneeded items in summer
18 Piecemeal knowledge
20 Orifice
21 Born
22 Plagues for payment
24 Shower
26 Body of water
27 Policeman (slang)
30 Entertainer
32 Lower in rank
34 Photographic device
35 Satirical
36 Worm
37 Was indebted
39 Bird
40 Volcano in Sicily
41 Masculine nickname
42 Violin maker
45 Burnt with steam
49 New edition
51 Beam
52 Applaud
53 Predict (Scot)
54 Employ
55 Painful
56 Greek god of war
57 Chevalier's sea

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2 Entry in a ledger
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5 Tennis term
6 Exaggerate
7 Always (poet)
8 Mexican laborers
9 Pertaining to an epoch
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25 Eucharistic wine vessels
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27 Enigma
28 Auditory
29 Dry measure
31 Amatory
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Answer to Previous Puzzle





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