SHORT RIBS



By FRANK O'NEAL



OUR ANCESTORS by Quincy



"Try a warm beer and a couple of aspirins. I call it an Early American settler!"

SIDE GLANCES By Gill Fox



"Daddy DID say last night you could celebrate today. But Daddy forgot he was going to have a headache!"

Soil erosion damages crops

LINCOLN (UPI)—High winds resulting in widespread dust storms caused soil erosion and crop damage in western Nebraska last week, government crop obervers said today.

Temperature extremes were rough on the western winter wheat crop which is not well rooted, according to the state-federal Division of Agricultural Statistics in its weekly crop report.

"Moisture is needed for crops, pastures and ranges," the division report commented.

Southwest and northeast Nebraska benefited from recent snowfall. The snow cover provided protection against low temperatures and added some moisture to the top soil.

But other sections of the state remained extremely dry.

Except for the short period of snow cover, ranges, pastures and stalk fields were open to grazing and roughing livestock. This eased requirements for hay and other feeds.

Pastures and range conditions remained below normal in most sections of the state, except in some central and eastern counties.

Feed grain production was down 21 per cent for the state as a whole. Feed prices have been moving upward.

Most livestock made good use of field feeds again last week. Relief from sub-zero temperatures was welcomed by stockmen and only a few local setbacks in livestock production were noted.

Feed lot cattle have been making good gains.

IT IS GOOD BUSINESS TO READ THE WANT ADS

The buck Ends here . . . .

By Ivan D. E. Beaumont

New Year's Resolution: Promise not to beat my wife in ping pong.

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This may be one of the quietest, deadest, most silent New Year's you have ever witnessed unless Eddie Gerber either climbs to the bell tower on the courthouse or gets himself, a substitute.

For many years, Eddie has "shaken 'em up' with the courthouse bell ringing, but he's been refraining from that bustling type of exercise in recent weeks. Eddie stepped down from courthouse custodial services recently after an illness.

He is missed by his many friends. Note to Eddie: (Wonder if the district court room will ever be the same without Judge Beaumont and Attorney Gerber).

We whooped it up a couple of times in kangaroo court style. One day right smack dab during a heated discussion from bar to bench, the late Judge John M. Dierks stepped into the court room.

Our faces turned red, but the judge was a jovial sort himself. He turned his back on us and with a smile left the room.

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Don't you get a kick out of that TV commercial where the guy uses a microphone to amplify the sound of you-know-what in his nose?

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For New Year's —

What with all the quints and quads being born in the world, it's high time to form an organization in Nebraska City to prepare for a multiple birth.

We could call it the Nebraska City Society for the Protection, Welfare and Educational Program for Multiple Births.... or the Care, Welfare and Pepping-Up for New Fathers of Multiple Births.

Don't laugh, mother. . . . it could happen.

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We're going to miss visiting Fort Teen on New Year's Day.

The Center will not be opened for the color TV showing of the Rose Parade or bowl games.

Maynard Kempke, adult director, said the reason is the lack of attendance which is as good a reason you'll find.

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Mrs Norman Hull, Otoe county caseworker who resigned to work with the Lancaster county welfare department will have her raincoat returned.

The coast was taken by accident by a motorist en route to Texas.

The driver wrote to the "White Cafe on U. S. 75 in Nebraska City." The letter was handed Dean Duncan at Dean's Cafe. The writer apologized for taking Mrs Hull's coat and asked for help in returning it.

Parker seeks prison release

LINCOLN (UPI) —Convicted wife slayer Darrel F. Parker has filed a petition in Federal District Court here for a writ of habeas corpus seeking release from his life prison term.

Parker, 32, was found guilty eight years ago by a Lancaster County District Court jury in the Dec. 14, 1955, strangulation murder of his wife, Nancy. He has been fighting for his freedom ever since.

Parker's attorney, Warren Schrempp of Omaha, alleges in the petition that the former Lincoln city forester was denied his constitutional rights in violation of the First, Fifth, Sixth and 14th amendments to the U. S. Constitution after his arrest and during his 1956 trial.

Garbage dumps sub-standard

LINCOLN (UPI) — The State Department of Health plans an assault in 1965 on the problem of solid waste disposal, a matter of growing concern in Nebraska and the nation.

William Rapp, department entomologist, said the attack will be primarily an educational effort.

He said department surveys have shown that about 80 per cent of the garbage dumps in the state are substandard, and that the towns to be contacted will be determined by the surveys.

Armor plating on LBJ stand

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Armor plating and bullet - deflecting glass is being installed in the stand President Johnson will use to view the inaugural parade Jan. 20.

Manager Joseph Donovan of the Aberthaw Construction Co., builder of the stands in front of the White House, said Tuesday it was the first time such protection was provided the President.

Donovan said there was some discussion about similar glass protection at the inaugural stand in front of the Capitol where the President takes the oath of office, but added that no decision had been made.

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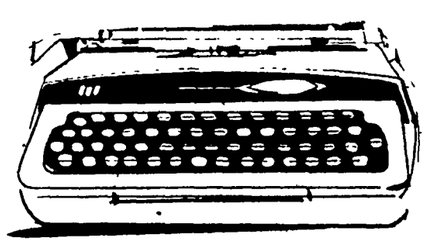
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