The buck Ends here . . . .

By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

If you haven't attended one of the plays at the Brownville Theater, then you are missing some pleasing entertainment.

The only suggestion I can make is to wear a coat. The air conditioning really works in the old church.

In the company of Don and Deane Mason, we've attended a couple of the plays this season and we've enjoyed them.

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The melodrama was a favorite. It's entitled, "Dirty Work at the Crossroads." (I have a hard time remembering that long title and usually call it, "Dirty Old Man").

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The plays are wholesome family entertainment. They star Nebraska Wesleyan students. You may want to take the children — they'll get a kick out of the melodrama.

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There's also a fine restaurant within walking distance from the theater where good meals are served in a very pleasant atmosphere. There's also a special menu for theater-goers. That means they give special rush service to those customers.

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Congratulations to the membership of the Otoe County Wildlife club for their successful fund raiser (at $300 a head) to get 61 people to buy an acre of ground for a new club site.

The property is being acquired from Mr and Mrs Ted Ryder and will be used as a public recreation area to include archery, trap shoot, rifle, pistol range and just about anything the sportsmen believe they can put on the site.

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The new superintendent of schools has a pleasant administrative air about him — he's not particularly fond of lengthy school board meetings.

Welcome to the fold, Jim Withee.

The News-Press reporter covering these meetings will be most willing to move for adjournment by 9 p.m.

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I recall a number of long school board meetings when my friend, the late Edgar Lightbody, was superintendent of schools here and the coffee consumption after the meeting.

Edgar drove (or herded) his old black Chrysler from the west side of the high school where Safeway is now located, to Tenth Street.

(In those days Clemmy never gave a new Mercury or Ford to the superintendents).

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It was always quite a thrill to be a passenger in Edgar's Chrysler when, after midnight or 1 a.m., adjournment, he would back that black beast.

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You can verify this with his former secretary Mary (Ritterbusch) Freeman:

Edgar seemingly never looked back when he backed that car to the street. I still don't know how he did it without hitting the building, garbage cans or Leo O'Flaherty's pickup.

But made it we did and then the old Chrysler would wheel us to the TeePeeInn, better known as the Transport Inn.

I have a lot of fond memories of Edgar.

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Verne Pickering, Larry Parker and myself were given a tour at Gigstad Animal Clinic the other day. Actually I was trying to talk Larry into buying his wife, Marge, a Basenji dog, instead of a Sealyham terrier, a favorite of the Parkers.

Pick has a peppy Dalmatian and I don't think I interested him much in the Basenjis.

Doc has a half dozen of his prize animals in the kennel and this fall will be pup time, hopefully many.

The Basenji is an African breed dog, about the height of a Cocker Spaniel. It has short hair, a strange curled tail and is characterized by licking its paws and its inability to bark.

A book was written on the animal and Walter Brennan starred in the movie "Lady."

524 more GI's leave Vietnam

SAIGON — (UPI) — Another 524 U.S. soldiers left Vietnam today under President Nixon's plan to withdraw 25,000 troops from the war by the end of August.

The withdrawal of the 1st Battalion, 84th Artillery of the 9th Infantry Division brought to just over 17,000 the number of troops pulled out of the war under the plan.

The unit left from Bien Hoa Air Base near Saigon for Hawaii where it will be deactivated at Schofield Barracks.

It has been calculated that in the 3 465 years since 1496 B C there have been only 230 years of peace throughout the civilized world

UNADILLA

Mrs Don Stilwell

Mr and Mrs Vern Pickerill and family have returned from a camping trip in Oregon and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Jean Stilwell is a delegate from the Lincoln district of the United Methodist church at the regional youth conference at Mt. Sequoyah Fayettville, Ark.

The Pell family reunion was held at the Christian church Sunday with 25 relatives attending.

Mrs David Eisenhauer (Eleta Snyder) was one of the 60 graduates receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Education at Peru State College Friday.

Mr and Mrs Maurice Sasseen Mrs Elsie Snyder, Emma Snyder attended graduation exercises at Peru Teacher's college on Friday evening.

Mr and Mrs Harvey Stoner and family have returned from vacationing in Colorado where they visited Estes Park, Fort Collins Greeley and other points of interest. Mrs Mae Stoner who spent several weeks in Colorado, returned home with them.

The Christian Women's Fellowship met at the church for a 9:30 breakfast. Mrs Herman Frauenicht presented the lesson. A film "One body with many parts —(the church)" was shown. Mrs Ramona Henry was the worship leader. Hostesses were Mrs Fred Lucas and Mrs Constance Rodaway. Plans for a food stand at the county fair were discussed.

Larry Rus and family of Clinton, Iowa were weekend visitors of Mr and Mrs Lyle Kooiker and family

Mrs Kenneth Knickman of Urbandale, Iowa and daughters are spending the week at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Arnold Goering.

Mr and Mrs Ned Lucas and family are on an extended trip to Oregon and California.

Sunday visitors of Mrs Mae Stoner were the William Stoner family of Millard.

Mrs Robert Crownover Mrs Lrle Crownover and Mrs Dan Crownover attended a bridal shower Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs Arlan Grannaman at Syracuse for Miss Nancy Halvorsen. Miss Halvorsen and Randy Crownover will be married August 15.

Sunday dinner guests of the Gene Wests were Mr and Mrs Gary Remington and son of Lincoln and Mr and Mrs Dan Crownover.

Mr and Mrs Herman Hahne and James Lemon have returned from a trip to Arvada, Colo., where they visited Mr and Mrs Eugene Steinkuhler and family for a week.

Out-of-town relatives attending funeral services for Harvey West were Mr and Mrs Nimmo Taylor and son, David, Anandale, Va., Earl West, Alton West, Ross Luff, Donald McCormick, Mr and Mrs Burt West, all of Lincoln, Mr and Mrs Earl Hart and Maria of Edgar and Mr and Mrs Gayle Lorenson of Humboldt.

Mr and Mrs Gilbert Arndt of Platte Center were recent visitors of the George Stilwells.

Lois and Gloria Wallen and Karen Wyatt sang at the United Methodist church Sunday morning service. Marlene Gartner was the organist.

NSVH expects fewer students

About 10 fewer students are expected this fall at the Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped according to Superintendent Jerry Regler.

He said: "However, you can't tell right now just what the enrollment will be. Our people don't seem to get too excited about school until about a week before it starts."

Mr Regler said that at the present time about 65 students are expected. He said that eight seniors graduated last year and that only two students will be in the senior class this year.

Only two students have been registered for the kindergarten, one from Nio trara and one from Lincoln. This is also below average, he said.

No changes are contemplated in the teaching staff. Mr Regler said that he was in the process of hiring some new house parents.

Considerable work has been done at the school this summer. A new blacktop playground will be available at the north side of the dormitory.

Mr Regler said, in conclusion, "It's a little too early to know what our starting enrollment will be."

100 YEAR FARM FAMILIES

Special recognition at the fair

Ten Otoe county families will be honored at the Otoe county fair the evening of Wednesday, August 20, at the Otoe county fair.

The presentations will be made at the grandstand at the fair grounds at 7 p.m.

It will honor the 10 families whose land has been in the same family for the past 100 years.

Plaques from Ak-Sar-Ben and certificates from the Nebraska Fair Managers Association will be given to the present owners.

The honored farm families:

William Balfour, who came to the United States from Prussia when he was four years old, took possession of the farm now occupied by his grandson, Clark, and his wife, Dorothy. The farm is located in Wyoming precinct.

William Balfour served in the Civil War and received a medical discharge when he was 17. He completed his education at Old Soldiers College in Fulton, Illinois, before coming to Nebraska in the spring of 1868, where he taught school. He later took possession of the land now known as the Balfour farm.

Clark had three daughters and a son. They are Lorraine Redden of Dunbar, Judi Johnson of Millard, and Virginia Wintz of Auburn; a son, Marvin of Weeping Water; and 10 grandchildren. A son, William, is deceased.

Mr and Mrs Howard Baltensperger own and operate a 160 acre farm which was purchased by Mrs Baltensperger's grandfather, Alderman Bloomingdale from John W. Stockton on September 9, 1868.

A riverboat was moved to the farm for a home for Bloomingdale, his wife and five children until the present two-story house was built in 1885. The present three-story barn was built the following year.

Rocks for the foundation of the buildings were hauled from Weeping Water.

The Baltensperger's started farming the land in 1947 when Mrs Baltensperger's father, Rozell Bloomingdale, retired. They moved into the now 84 year old home in 1951.

Since 1959, they have purchased the estate from Mrs Baltensperger's brothers, Retired Lt. Col. R. W. Bloomingdale and John D. Bloomingdale.

Baltensperger's grandparents owned land in the Camp Creek neighborhood a century ago but he does not farm nor have title to the original land.

Howard and Mary Baltensperger have three children. Bradley is a 1969 University of Nebraska graduate; Barbara is a second year student at the University of Nebraska; and Steven is a junior at Nebraska City High school.

Mr and Mrs Walter Hanssen now own and farm 80 acres north of Syracuse.

The place was homesteaded by John Halvorsen and wife, Sophia. They were married in September 1968 and moved on the farm.

They had three boys and two girls. Survivors are L. P. Halvorsen of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Mrs Edith Woods of Palmyra, and Carl Halvorsen of Syracuse.

Mrs Woods has two daughters, Ruby Flegg and Marjory Hanssen (Mrs Walter Hanssen).

The first house on the place was built near a creek with three sides of wood and a blanket for the fourth. The present house on the place was built in 1884. It still stands.

On September 22, 1869, a deed was filed transferring the ownership of the northeast quarter of section 13-7-10 from Heath Nuckolls to William Y. Heather.

Upon the death of William Y. Heather, Harry R. Heather, a son, purchased the interest of a daughter and husband, Bertha A. Wendeln and William Wendeln, and the interest of another son and wife, William J. Heather and Anna Heather. This deed was recorded August 16, 1909.

Harry A. Heather and Mollie (his wife), deeded this farm to Delbert Heather and Marie Heather in the spring of 1961.

Delbert Heather is the grandson of the William Y. Heather who purchased the farm in 1869.

Mr and Mrs Harry Heather are living in Syracuse and are in good health at the ages of 87 and 81, respectively.

They are very much interested in the farm though it is owned and operated by Delbert Heather.

Mrs Madge A. Nash was born in 1891 on the farm she now owns. Squire S. A. Clark, her grandfather, purchased the land from the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad company on November 20, 1869.

Upon the deaths of Squire A and Eliza C. Clark, Silas A. Clark, a son, purchased the interest of other heirs on January 3, 1902. After Silas' death in 1919, his wife Fannie E. Clark, retained the farm until her death in 1945.

Madge Clark Nash, the oldest daughter, purchased the farm from other heirs to the estate.

Mr and Mrs Nathan Rodaway and family now live on the farm. Nathan is Mrs Nash's foster son.

Mr and Mrs Lyman Osborn, Sr. came to Nebraska City in 1869 where Osborn purchased several farms in Otoe county. They located on a farm in Otoe county but tragedy followed when Mr Osborn succumbed to a siege of erysipelas. Mrs Osborn remained on the farm for a while and then moved to Nebraska City and later to Talmage. After her death, her son, Lyman, Jr., farmed the place at times, and at other times, rented it.

When Mr Osborn died, his son, Carrol L. Osborn, used the house for a tennant home for the hired man, Joseph Stockton, and then assisted him to begin farming operations for himself on this farm. The family lived there until Mr Stockton's death. Osborn then assisted Henry Rohlfing, a young man who came from Germany, to start farming and he and his family lived there until 1956 when Lyman Osborn Bottcher, great, great, great grandson of the original owner, came back from military service, and he and his young bride, the former Kathleen Heng, established their home there.

There have been three sets of buildings on the farm and the present owners have made many improvements.

The farm of Mr and Mrs Carl P. Overton was handed down from his grandfather, Henry Pendleton, who came from New York and who was among the early pioneers of Otoe county. He took up his claim in 1856 paying $225 for it. His first crop was planted in May of that year and was a good yield of potatoes.

His first cabin had a roof over one third of it. He said he had "the soft side of a cottonwood plank for a bed and his boots for a pillow." He was a very successful cattle raiser.

The farm was later inherited by Carl Overton's mother, Mrs George Overton, from Pendleton, her father. The farm has remained in the Overton family since that time. Carl took over from his father and farmed 55 years, each year raising approximately 300 acres of corn, fed from 200 to 250 head of cattle, and a number of hogs. He retired five years ago.

Frank Paap has farmed and lived on his land for 47 years. He and his father were born there.

The farm first came into the family when Frank's grandfather came from Illinois after the Civil War and purchased the land.

H. E. Renken's grandfather, Henry Renken, acquired title to the northwest quarter, section 18-7-13 in Otoe county from Samuel E. Allen and wife on July 1, 1867.

The consideration was $1,000. The farm has remained in the Renken family since that date.

Mr and Mrs Arnold A. Renken, a brother, now lives on the farm. Other brothers are Martin, living on an adjacent farm Elmer, Nebraska City, and Edo of Phoenix, Arizona. Eldon Wellsandt operates the farm. H. E.'s son, Ralph E., and his wife, Doris, and their daughter Ann, live in Canaan, Connecticut.

Grandfather Renken built a mill on the farm which was operated by windpower. It was used to grind feed and flour.

John Wolf bought 80 acres for $450 in section 14 in Berlin precinct. The other land was bought during the next five years. The total acreage is 320.

Adolph Wolf inherited the farm in 1921.

Willard Wolf inherited the farm in 1961.

The house was built in 1883 and remodeled in 1958.

The Wolfs have three children.

Lavern is married and lives on an adjoining farm.

Dexter is at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma in the Army.

Corliss is employed in Lincoln.

The Wolfs attend St. John Lutheran Church in Otoe.

YOUTH BEAT

THE NATIONAL REPORT ON WHAT'S HAPPENING

DANGER SIGNS IN PHILIPPINES. Teen unrest is growing. Mounting unemployment College graduates working as chauffeurs and bellboys. The United States has issued more immigration visas to doctors and nurses (2,563 last year) than from all the rest of the world combined. The pressure for jobs is backing up and submerging lower class ambitions The gap between the very rich and the very poor dulls any hope for a "middle class" approach to economic progress Japan is winning back rapidly the economic role it lost militarily in 1945 Teen-age Philippinos are resentful of the United States and their country's role as a satellite republic Lawlessness is rampant The murder rate is highest in the world (48 per 100,000 vs 6 per 100,000 in U S). Corruption in public office is taken for granted. Airline hijacking is prevalent Eighty-thousand criminal cases are backed up in the courts Justice is a farce. Philippine teens are cutting their second teeth on this atmosphere of lawlessness Instead of groups of hippies in weird rigs "doing their thing," Philippine teens are operating as free-booting gangs engaged in smuggling, extortion, hijacking and assassination The political implications are ominous



HAIR STRIPES Ribbons of brightly colored Dynel are being mixed into regular "curved" hairdos The effect is one of sectioned length Teens like the idea because they like doing things with their own and their friends' hair More of the "do your own thing" philosophy

STUDENT LOANS GO BROKE. Private lenders have extended $14 billion to 16 million students since 1966. Without a revision of loan terms, the entire program is D-E-A-D Aimed at financing middle-income students through college, vocational or business schools the concept cannot survive within the framework of spiraling interest rates The maximum interest rate to/for students is 7 per cent. The nation's prime borrowers are paying 8½-9½ per cent There's much breast beating and bleating in Washington about "education is a must" But all proposals are being shot down at the policy-making level of government A simple fact remains painstakingly clear: teens do not have a lobby, do not have representation as an economic or political bloc Support for teen-oriented legislation comes only from legislators who have an ax to grind primarily in another area and secondarily as champions of the teen "cause," Voting at 18, youthfare on airlines and soaring automobile insurance are other areas where teens (as second-rate citizens) are being clobbered. Note Teens unable to vote until 21 (in 49 states) are required to pay income taxes on the same terms as earners over 21 Boston Tea Party, anyone?

HAIR RAISING INCREASES! Women (and men) spent $1 2 billion last year to keep their hair conditioned, sprayed colored and clean Conditioners showed the headiest growth Hair "strengtheners" is a new category that is appearing (Suspicious semanticists in the market are probing the real difference between "conditioning" and "strengthening") Unscented hair sprays demonstrating pull away growth characteristics The answer here is simple Young America wants to do its own thing Teens would rather, much rather use a fragrance of their own choice than to combine the utility of a hair spray with a locked in scent that may or may not be "No 1" At some point in the not so distant future a hair spray maker will offer a choice of scents in a realistic manner



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