The buck Ends here . . . .

By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Overheard Don Martin say something the other day about getting a sack of potatoes. Apparently Don is a garden farmer and he's getting ready for planting.

I don't know about the Farmer's Almanac, but friends tell me you can plant potatoes now, the rule being any time after Good Friday.

And if you have any question about whether you're getting started too early, watch the want ads in the paper and for someone advertising garden plowing. That's a good sign of spring.

Sports fans were pleased to read the other day in Len Hoskins' column that Ron Wagner, successful Syracuse Rocket Coach may be back in the coaching field at the school.

Sev Sorensen and his FFA boys (with the help of the Chamber) will hold the annual FFA banquet Tuesday night at the Bethel United church of Christ.

The banquets are always interesting because they show how FFA boys conduct meetings and manage a program. This year several of the boys will present the entire program, eliminating the need for a speaker, who usually talks at most FFA banquets.

If you want to see something different, you ought to attend a parliamentary procedure contest of FFA boys. They really go at it.

I recall one event where the topic was opening a window because fresh air was needed in the room. You've never heard such a clever group of boys palaver over a topic. They made it humorous to show how Roberts Rules really work, and then gave a more serious demonstration.

A number of years ago Stan Sipple and I attended a session of the Young Republicans in Omaha. Parliamentary procedure was strictly adhered to at the session and if you didn't know the proper rules (about like the late Sam Rayburn method) you didn't stand a ghost of a chance of being heard.

I still have my FFA pins somewhere at home for the four years I participated under the guidance of Irving Peterson my FFA adviser in Washington, Kans., since that first day I was tapped a Green Hand.

There's a closeness between FFA boys and the adviser that doesn't always exist in other school activities. You've almost got to be a former FFA member to know that feeling.

Although I was unable to attend the Junior High band concert the other night at Senior High auditorium, observers told me Bill Jenkins should get a pat on the back and his youngsters should be equally commended.

We agree. We like the music of the boys and girls. And we're a bit jealous that we can't play an instrument equally as well.

DIDYA EVER WONDER—

. . . . how Dean Duncan can memorize four or five (perhaps more different meal orders, pour the coffee, put out the silverware, serve the right meal to the right person and when you walk to the cash register, he has the total memorized including the (tip for Nobby)?

And what's more interesting, he's got an uncanny memory for knowing what you ordered for breakfast the last time you were there.

I've learned that a sign of two fingers from a sleepy-eyed breakfast customer means bacon, two eggs (over easy) toast and coffee, and strawberry preserves. (I threw that strawberry preserves in there, Dean).

Joy Thornhill, the City building inspector can tell you quite a story about junked cars in Nebraska City. He opened a lot of eyes recently when he reported something like 300-plus wrecks parked around Nebraska City.

And he knows where they are parked. And we learned also that in many cases, he knows how long they have been parked.

He's got quite a project going and as soon as that car crusher sets up operation at the City dump, there will be business aplenty, according to the City inspector.

AROUND TOWN: Salvaging crews are razing the old Arbor Theater and former Norman's IGA store on Central parking lot. The property was donated to the city by the Novak Family.....Nebraska City rescue squadsmen are starting groundwork for a money-raising campaign to buy a new rescue unit. The volunteers are handling all emergency and convalescent cases and they say they need a new unit to handle the additonal calls. They have the original white International unit and the old black Cadillac ambulance.....A Nebraska City industry is looking into the possibility of building a new plant at a different location and hiring an additional 50 employees.

By the time you read this, our family will be spending the Easter holidays with friends in Boulder and Denver. We will stop overnight with Jim and Alice (Tomlins) Roberts and daughters in Boulder and then drive to west of Denver to be with Bob and Betty Toler and children, former Nebraska Citians.

Mrs. Roberts and my wife became acquainted when they sailed to Hawaii during the Korean war. We've kept in contact and try to see each other occasionally.

This Easter will be a particularly happy day at the Toler home. Their daugher, Laura, arrived while they lived in Nebraska City and only recenlty they made a trip to the courthouse in Denver where their son, Richard, legally became a member of the Toler household.

Bomb on bridge stops traffic

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge was closed briefly Friday when a maintenance man spotted a bomb-like object on the roadway.

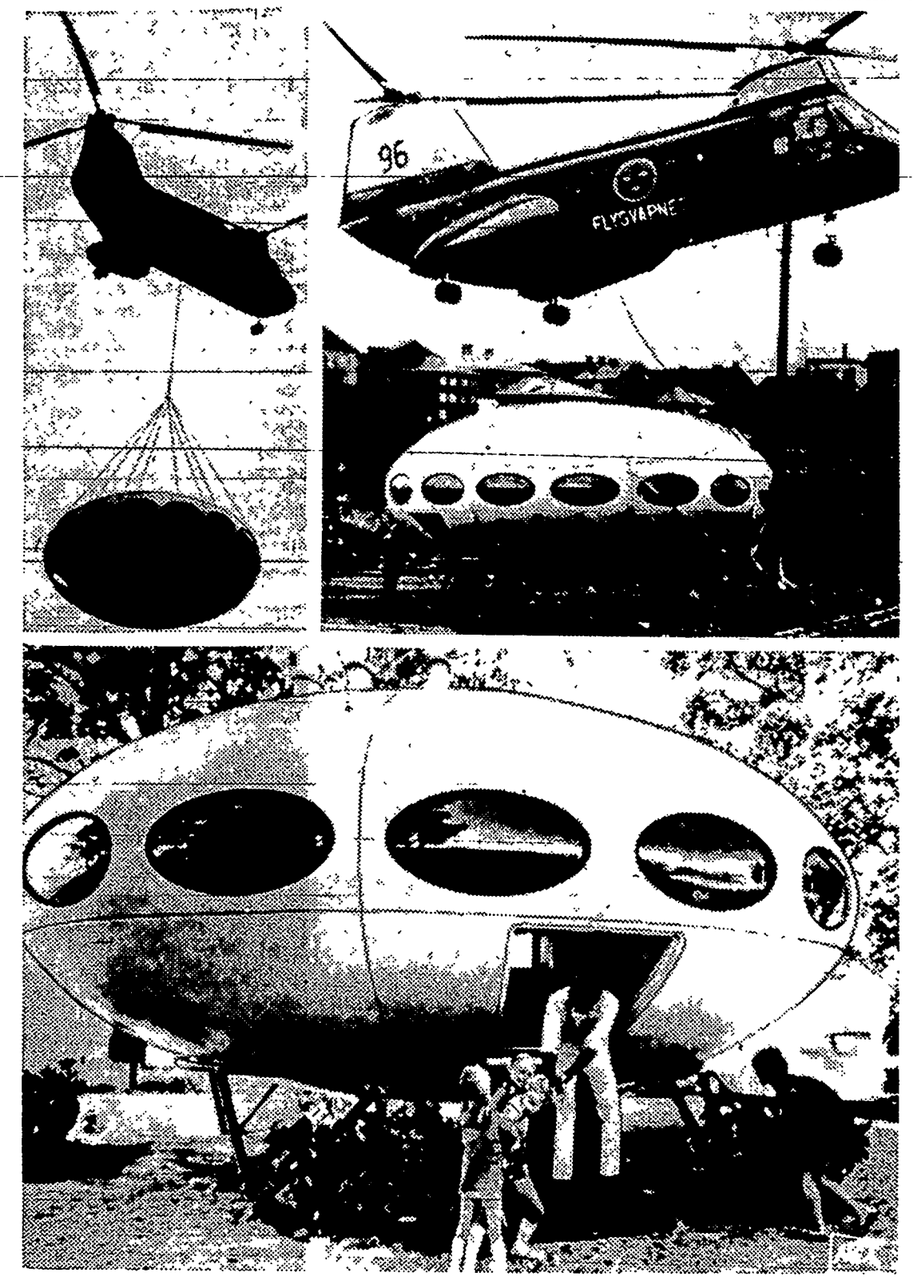
The object turned out to be a piece of cheese.

The California Highway Patrol said the scare began when the maintenance man noticed a black, oblong-shaped object about five inches in diameter on the bridge's upper deck. As a precaution, the deck was closed to vehicular traffic from 4:20 a.m. until an Army bomb disposal crew removed the object at 5 a.m.

The demolition crew took the object to Sixth Army Headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco and "disarmed" it. Officials said the black surface of the object was a wax-like substance for preserving the cheese.

"It sure did look suspicious, though," a bridge official said.

A total of 56 nations have a diplomatic representative in Vatican City; the United States is not represented among them.



HOUSE MOVING in Sweden is easy if you have a helicopter. The round house arrived in Stockholm by rail and needed additional transportation to its final site. Being 25 feet in diameter made it a wide load indeed for a truck, so the Swedish air force undertook the job with great success as shown here.

BROCK

Mrs Arthur Dougherty

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Embree of Friend, are visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Maurice Lore. The Lores hosted a dinner observance of of Mr Lore's birthday. Other guests included Mr and Mrs Lester McKnight and Connie, Mr and Mrs Bob King and sons, Mrs Steve Bowen and son, and Fred McKnight.

Mrs. Roy Henderson and Mrs John Henderson attended a miscellaneous bridal shower for Becky Hoffman, Lincoln. It was held at the home of Mrs John Trebelhan in Lincoln. Becky and Owen Henderson will be married April 4.

Mr and Mrs George Jeanneret and family hosted a dinner to honor their daughter, Debbie, and Denise Haynes for their birthday's. Guests included Mr and Mrs Jack Haneline, Nebraska City; Eileen Delaney and Evan Root, Auburn; Mr and Mrs Henry Haynes and family, Karlene Badgett and Jan Epperson. Karlene and Jan were overnight guests of Debbie.

Mr and Mrs Lawrence Quante plan to visit with their daughter's family. Dr. and Mrs Ivan Ward and sons at Springfield, S. Dakota. The Quantes will stop at Wahoo on their way to Springfield to take their grandson, Rick home for his Easter vacation. He is a student at John F. Kennedy College.

Mrs Vada Schmucker entered St. Mary's Hospital for observation and treatment.

Everett Lockwood was pleasantly surprised for his birthday by a group of friends and neighbors. They were Mr and Mrs George La Vigne, Auburn; Mr and Mrs Everett Jewell, Mr and Mrs Ray Green, Mr and Mrs Jim Green, Mr and Mrs Olin Teten, and Mr and Mrs Raymond Rotter. The guests took refreshments and Mrs Lockwood served a birthday cake. The group spent the evening playing pinochle.

Mrs Kermit Kramer and Mr and Mrs Roger Kramer and children, Mr and Mrs LeRoy Berry and family, Percival, Iowa and Mr and Mrs Norman Powell and sons, Lincoln, were dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Wade Powell at Elk Creek.

Mr and Mrs Jim Gerking and family visited Mr and Mrs William Janssen and Mrs W. F. H. Hever at the Good Samaritan Center in Syracuse.

Dorthea Neddenriep, daughter of the Vernon Neddenrieps, Johnson and their cousin, David son of Mr and Mrs Glen the Zion Lutheran church and were honored by their parents with a family dinner at the church parish hall.

Mr and Mrs Ron Peterson Des Moines, Iowa, are visiting her family, Mr and Mrs Glen Neddenriep, Gene and David over Easter.

The CYF group sponsored a pizza supper at the Christian church. The profit will be used for missions, including a home mission project of refinishing the church pews and chairs.

Mr and Mrs Henry Rieken and family, Tecumseh, and Mr and Mrs Fred Piper and Kenneth, were guests of the Marion Piper family at a dinner in honor of Piper's fifth birthday.

One of the earliest clocks in this country was made by a Negro In 1754, Benjamin Banneker, a friend of Thomas Jefferson, constructed a wooden clock which kept good time His only model was a watch that had been lent to him.

The Midland View

By M. M. VAN KIRK
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"PUBLIC UTILITY" FARMING

One of the trial balloons being tossed around by economists these days is the suggestion that U.S. agriculture be treated as 'public utility." Farm and ranch people should be aware of it and its implications.

Such ideas are advanced when somebody thinks the time is right for consideration of a change so radical that nobody previously would take it seriously. It may be a bit shocking to Nebraska farmers and ranchers to realize that a few agricultural economists think the role of government in agriculture has progressed to the point that such a suggestion can be made.

Prof. Vernon W. Ruttan of the University of Minnesota, in addressing the annual agricultural industries forum at the University of Illinois, said that agriculture should be viewed as a "public utility" with prices adjusted in the interests of consumers to levels adequate to assure the supplies needed.

A recent seminar at St. Louis, which brought together some of the nation's leading economists to discuss farm programs, also found the "public utility" idea brought up for discussion. Roughly, the suggestion was that the cost of food production be researched on typical farms, and then a board made up of farm, consumer and public representatives, would set the prices and production quotas that food producers would receive. Presumably this would be on an "average" farm basis.

Even though such suggestions are trial balloons, they cannot be taken lightly. Ninety-five per cent of the people in this country are consumers, interested primarily in getting their food as cheaply as possible. Their Congressional representatives control Congress and they have been complaining about the cost of the present government farm programs.

It is interesting that not one of the people advancing the "public utility" idea has said that its purpose would be to guarantee an adequate income to the farmer and rancher. Ruttan predicted that social and welfare goals of the farm population will be supported largely through programs applicable generally across occupational groups instead of through commodity price supports. In other words, some farmers would be aided to the general welfare rolls rather than receiving a portion of their income through farm programs.

Here are some things one might keep in mind when he ponders the magnitude of the "public utility" suggestion:

—The whole "agri-business" community would be involved. If the food producers' returns are to be set by a board, then that board is going to have to set their costs of production too. Consumer interests, insisting on cheap food, will demand that the processing, transportation and retailing costs be controlled also, because these make up the biggest percentage of the retail food dollar right now.

—A vast government bureaucracy would have to be assembled to supervise and to regulate food production. In arriving at an "average," such things as size of the farms, the combination of their natural resources, and the ability of the operators would have to be considered. Inefficient producers obviously would have to be eliminated.

—Would those engaged in food production, processing, etc., eventually be viewed as government employees? This is an interesting thought, particularly right now when the Post Office letter carriers are illustrating that government employees can and do strike. Could the U.S. survive a nationwide strike of its food production force, especially during the critical harvest period?

—Public utilities have historically been formed to provide services that were in short supply or to avoid the waste of resources through duplication of service. Agriculture's problem in the U.S. is surplus and not scarcity. If there is hunger in the nation, it is not because farmers have failed to produce an abundance of food and fiber.

—Will it work? After 50 years of socialized, government-controlled agriculture, Soviet Russia with all of its natural resources still pounds its collective farmers on the back to achieve self-sufficiency in food production. Cuba, after 10 years of Communism, has never approached pre-Castro sugar production, let alone an adequacy of other food needs.

Who would need benefit from "public utility" agriculture in the U.S.? Would it be the farmer and rancher? The processor? The taxpayer? Or even the consumer?

Cambodia clamps down on reporters

HONG KONG (UPI)—The Cambodian government tightened censorship on the reporting of news from Phnom Penh today, cutting entire paragraphs out of the dispatches of Western newsmen.

UPI correspondent Max Vanzi, telephoning his story from Phnom Penh, had a censor standing beside him who cut off the line once when he felt Vanzi was giving nonapproved information.

The censor ordered Vanzi not to discuss anything except what he had written in his dispatch, cleared through a censor. Vanzi said he had written lengthy dispatch but the censors cut out the second paragraph and everything after the fourth paragraph.

Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as senator from Texas for the third term on Jan. 3, 1961. He resigned three minutes after being sworn in.

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In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of Otoe County, Nebraska City, Nebraska this 23rd day of March, 1970.

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