The buck Ends here . . . .

By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

There are 14 miles of two-lane highway between Lincoln and Denver. The rest is smooth sailing on the super four-lane highway at speeds of 75 m.p.h., in Nebraska and 70 m.p.h., in Colorado.

That 14-mile stretch Is near Julesburg, Colo., and that section may be completed by summer vacation time.

We spent the Easter weekend in Denver and Boulder visiting with friends. There must have been 10 to 14 inches of snow on the ground when we left and the weatherman forecast another eight inches.

Surprisingly enough, we were able to drive through the snow in the streets with no trouble, apparently because of the high moisture content or mebbe Bill Dawson's sales pitch on tires with more traction really did pan out.

We found our friends, the Bob Tolers, formerly of Nebraska City, well and very happy with their new 10-month-old son, Richard.

We walked a few streets in Boulder and got an eye opener when we read a sign pasted on the front door of a cafe.

I don't recall the wording, but it was pretty obvious the management said hippies and loafers were not wanted and would be booted from the restaurant.

My attorney friends tell me that a cafe is a public place and that sign wouldn't hold water in a court case, but at least the restaurant owner had his say.

I found that the young people in Nebraska City are well-groomed and conservative in their style of haircuts and dress, as compared with the college city.

Sammy Davis, Jr., wouldn't be my choice for Mr America, but he sure gets my vote for what he does with music. He's a talented man and he put on quite a show on the Tom Jones tv program the other night.

The aftermatch of the fire at Dolly Tritsch's tavern a week ago occurred at the city dump. Understand state liquor agents supervised the breaking and burning of all the booze from the tavern. The fire water went up in flames, so to speak.

Jerry and Gen Livingston are getting mighty anxious to move into their new store a few doors east of the present Livingston's Shoes on Central Avenue.

We peeked in the other morning about 7:30 and were caught by LaVern Tiemeyer, Clyde Hatten and Bob Bishop. The decor of the store will be a compliment to retail store design. You'll like it.

Clyde has the contract for the remodeling job and Lavern was working at the time on a redwood railing. Bob just gets up early in the morning and stopped in to looked over the progress before starting his day at Pendleton.

Congratulations to Jack Mullen on his appointment by Governor Tiemann as state senator for portions of Otoe and Cass counties.

Sen Rick Budd resigned the position and is expected to be appointed director of the Small Business association.

Jack filed as a candidate for the legislature when the senator resigned and has been campaigning for the May 12 primary. His opponents are Calvin Carsten of Avoca and Raymond DeRosia of Plattsmouth.

Nebraska Citians will go to the polls at least three more times this year. The City election is Tuesday, followed by the county and state primary May 12 and the general election November 3.

This is the first City general election under the new law in which voters will cast ballots on candidates of their choice for the three separate City posts of mayor, finance and street commissioners. You will also get ballots on police magistrate and school board.

The candidates have made themselves known through their interesting advertisements. They've made their bids for public office and it is now the duty of the voter to go to the polls.

The only other election on April 7 is at Talmage. The other towns in the county will hold their elections on May 12.

There could be another election this year if the Volunteer firemen come up blueprints for a new city hall, police, fire and rescue complex.

A special committee of firemen has been working several months on ideas for such a complex.

Captain survives crash of bomber

OMAHA (UPI) — An Omaha native is among the nine crewmen who survived the crash landing of a giant B-52 bomber Friday afternoon at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.

He was identified as Capt. Gary Christensen.

The bomber caught fire and crashed into a jet fuel storage building while landing.

Col. Marlow Sorge, deputy commander of Ellsworth Air Force Base, credited base firemen with saving the crew.

"It was a miracle that any of the men got out of the craft," Sorge said. "It was shear brute strength and force of the firemen that got them out."

Rescue efforts included driving a fire truck into the plane's tail section, breaking it apart to free a trapped tail gunner. The copilot had to be sawed out.

Three firemen were injured during the rescue. They and the crewmen were reported in satisfactory condition at the base hospital.

The dugong, a seal - like animal known also as the sea cow, can be distinguished from the closely-similar manatee by the fact that the dugong has a whale-like tail.



The Rev. Wayne W. Wetz, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ, Syracuse, confirmed a class of nine young people at his church on Palm Sunday.

Left to right, front row: Nancy Goering, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Goering, Syracuse; Sharon Kraenow, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eugene Kraenow, Syracuse; Roxann Warnke, daughter of Mr and Mrs Vernon Warnke, Unadilla; Terri Railsback, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.R. Railsback, Syracuse; Diane Klingenberg, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arlin Klingenberg, Syracuse.

Back Row: Terry Knickman, son of Mr and Mrs Harold Knickman; Gregg Zahn, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Zahn, Pastor Wetz; Delane Miller, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Miller and Steven Vollertsen, son of Mr and Mrs Melvin Vollertsen, all of Syracuse. (Bell's Studio)

10 cent letter rate to meet opposition

By NORMAN KEMPSTER

WASHINGTON (UPI) —The Nixon administration is facing a showdown with Congress over the administration's proposal to finance a "pay as you go" postal wage increase by raising the cost of mailing a letter to 10 cents.

Sen. Gale W. McGee, D-Wyo., chairman of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee, said most members of the committee oppose raising the 6-cent first class postal rate more than a penny or two.

But Postmaster General Winton M. Blount said that during the postal crisis of the past two weeks "there were a great number of statements by members of Congress that if the unions and government could act together, it could move very fast. We had that sense of urgency.

"Congress should go ahead and deal with this whole package with the same sense of urgency—instead of with their usual sense of 'business as usual,' " Blount said.

McGee said the committee was ready to approve, probably on Monday, a proposed salary increase for all government employes, both civilian and military. He predicted quick Senate passage as well, possibly on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Under an agreement the administration negotiated with postal unions, all government workers would get a 6 per cent wage boost retroactive to Dec. 27. Postal workers would get an additional 8 per cent if Congress approves postal reform.

Nixon urged Congress to pay for both stages of the postal wage increase by raising postal rates. In addition to the 10-cent letter, he suggested a 12 per cent increase for second class matter a 5 per cent boost for bulk third class mail, and a 15 per cent increase in parcel post rates.

If approved by Congress, the higher rates would yield $2.5 billion for the full fiscal year beginning July 1. The would also wipe out a $600 million postal deficit.

Nixon also asked Congress to speed up collection of inheritance and gift taxes to produce a one-time windfall of $1.5 billion during the fiscal year that begins July 1.

That, coupled with the extra $180 million that federal workers would pay in income taxes on their higher salaries, would finance the nonpostal pay hikes without reducing the projected budget surplus of $1.3 billion or raising tax rates.

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Taxpayers Ask IRS

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Q) Instead of making an estimated tax declaration, can I just increase my withholding?

A) Yes To determine your additional withholding, use the worksheet that came with the estimated tax package.

If you did not get an estimated forms package, the Form 1040ES worksheet may be obtained at your local IRS office.

Q) My father died last year and my wife and I are now supporting my mother. Are her social security benefits counted as income?

A) Social security benefits are not counted in determining whether she had gross income of $600 or more. These benefits are counted, however, in determining whether you provided more than half her support.

To meet the support test, you must provide more than half the cost of her food, clothing, shelter, medical and similar expenses for the entire year.

Q) I forgot to claim my Blue Cross premiums when I sent in my return. Is it too late to do it?

A) No. Generally you may make a change in your return by filing Form 1040X, Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. Copies of this form and instructions are available at local IRS offices.

Q) Where on my tax return should I report the excess reimbursement I get from my company for travel expenses?

A) This should be reported on Schedule E, Part III. Other miscellaneous income that should be reported here include alimony, prizes, awards, and state income tax refunds.

Income from Schedule E should be entered on line 14 of your Form 1040 along with income from any Schedule C, D or F you are filing.

Q) Last year my teenager made about $350 a year on his newspaper route. Is this taxable to him or me?

A) His income is not taxable to you. Your son should report this income if his total earnings from all sources amount to $600 or more for the year.

If his total earnings were less than $600 but income tax was withheld, he must file a return to claim a refund.

Q) I'm moving in a few weeks and my refund hasn't come. What should I do?

A) If your refund does not come before you move, notify your postmaster of your new address so your refund can be forwarded. Lack of an up-to-date mailing address is a major cause of delayed refunds.

Q) Do you have to itemize deductions to claim moving expenses?

A) No, you may take the standard deduction and still claim your moving expenses. To do this, complete Form 3903 and enter the total on line 15b of Form 1040. Be sure to attach Form 3903 to your return.

Your local IRS office has copies of this form and the necessary instructions.

Q) My wife died last year. Can I still file a joint return?

A) Yes, a joint return may be filed by the surviving spouse for the year in which the death occurred and an exemption for the decedent taken on the return. You may also be entitled to the benefits of a joint return rate for the two years after your spouse's death. This is explained in the 1040 instructions.

Q) Can I deduct any part of my dues to a charitable organization as a contribution?

A) Dues paid to qualified organizations are deductible as contributions to the extent they exceed the value of membership services or privileges received in return. Any contributions you make to their fund raising appeals, however, may qualify.

Q) How do I figure my tax surcharge?

A) If your tax is less than $735, you may determine the amount of surcharge you owe from the Surcharge Tables on Page T-1 of the 1040 instructions package. For a tax of $735 and over, multiply the tax by 10 percent to figure the surcharge.

Q) My wife and I are filing separate returns. Can I itemize while she takes a standard deduction?

A) No, on separate returns each must use the same method of handling deductions. If one of you itemizes, then both must itemize deductions.

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MAN OF IRON. This Sikh spiritual leader in New Delhi wears goggles, bicycle chains, clips, bracelets and other ironware weighing more than 40 pounds. His religious belief requires him to wear the metal during worship.

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