The buck Ends here . . . .

By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Thanks to Bill Jenkins for the call of the Kenny Knowles and Mickey Kull bands. Bill played with both bands.

Knowles now operates a music store in Beatrice. His son, Phil, was the first manager of the Sears store in Nebraska City. I hadn't lost track of the Knowles band since meeting Phil when he moved to Nebraska City several years ago.

Knowles played with the Ozzie Nelson band for many years. In fact, David and Rickey Nelson and Phil Knowles shared the same crib and baby sitter during the band-traveling days.

At last report, Kull was a school band director at Aurora.

His real name is Michael Kulba. Bill said he doesn't know anything about the song, "It Takes a Mighty Good Man To Do That." Someone does; we'll find out sure.

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Nebraska Citians should become aware that unless new doctors set up practice here, the town could have a serious shortage of medical doctors in the next five years, Dr. Robert Prokop says.

Dr. Prokop, the often-times controversial candidate for the University Regents, says local doctors need held in attracting new doctors. The local hospital lay board and authorities are a good place to start on the job-seeking.

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Doctor Prokop says hospital authorities know what the town needs and they work closely with medical associations.

Koctor Prokop is a resident pathologist. He calls his home Wilber, but lives in Papillion. He's a bachelor, but not very long, he indicated.

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Nebraska City's volunteer firemen will host an open house today (Sunday) at the City Hall.

Firemen want you to vote "yes" for a new fire-rescue building in the special election October 13.

Firemen will certainly get my "yes" vote.

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This stuff about needing a new fire station because the old horse barn facilities can't hack the traffic is nothing new.

I recall one of the first meetings I attended as a news reporter for the News-Press was on the same subject. At that time the late Clarence Vigen headed a firemen's committee in an attempt to get a new building.

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But. . .see for yourself. The City Hall will be open all day Sunday. Look around, ask questions. . .and don't bump your head on the fire ladders protruding over walkways.

Leading Nickel Producer

New Caledonia in the South Pacific was the largest source of the world's nickel production from 1875 to 1905, when Canada took the lead with increasing production from the Sudbury district of Ontario. In 1969, Canada produced 447 million pounds of a free world total of 820 million pounds consumption.

Bob Gibson gets $150,000 salary

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Bob Gibson became the highest - paid pitcher in baseball history Friday after signing his 1971 contract for an estimated $150,000.

Gibson, an Omaha product and the most likely candidate for this year's Cy Young Award, finished the season with a 23-7 record while the St. Louis Cardinals fell into fourth place in the National League's Eastern Division.

Gibson, 34, said, "I enjoy pitching as much as I ever did. I still love the competition."

Gibson won more games than any other pitcher in the league this season and set a major league record by striking out 200 batters for an eighth season. The previous record of seven had been shared by American League pitchers Walter Johnson and George Waddell.

Gibson struck out 274.

Gibson also broke Dizzy Dean's team record by winning 20 games for the fifth time. He has a 13-year career record of 190-117.

The husky righthander, who has pitched for three pennant-winning teams in St. Louis, completed 23 of the 34 games he started this season and beat every team in the league with the exception of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Drug charges are filed against six

WEST UNION, Iowa (UPI)— Six persons, including one juvenile, appeared in Fayette County District Court here Friday in connection with drug charges filed during the Wadena rock festival in northeast Iowa last August.

Sixteen persons were arrested on various drug charges as they left the site of the festival near Wadena during the first weekend in August. Six appeared in court Friday and a seventh was sentenced last week. The cases of the other nine are pending.

Three persons entered innocent pleas Friday and their cases were continued, one person pleaded guilty and was sentenced, a fifth, a juvenile, was turned over to juvenile authorities in Wisconsin and the sixth was given until Oct. 16 to enter a plea.

Weapons taken in Des Moines raid

DES MOINES (UPI) — Police raided an apartment house on Des Moines' near north side Friday and confiscated weapons and 400 rounds of ammunition during the 45-minute raid.

Capt. Scott Crowley of the Des Moines Police Department said the raids were conducted in the follow up of "investigation and current information on the storage of dynamite."

The series of raids were at apartments in a housing complex and in the headquarters of the Black Mobile Workers, which reportedly is a black service organization funded in part by Catholic and Lutheran church charities.

Crowley said the locations are "frequented by black militants."

Police confiscated two .30 caliber carbines, one .270 caliber hunting rifle, a double barrel shotgun and 400 rounds of ammunition.

Blight stuns '70 corn crop

WASHINGTON — (UPI) —The Agriculture Department says the 1970 corn crop will be the smallest since 1966, largely because of corn leaf blight.

The department lowered its 1970 crop estimate another 5 per cent Friday, to 4.185 billion bushels. It was the second time the estimate has been lowered since the corn leaf blight spread from southern fields across the Midwest earlier in the year.

The estimate issued Friday was 13 per cent below the original estimate made in July and 5 per cent below a Sept. 1 estimate.

The blight is a virulent new strain of a formerly minor fungus. Its effect will be minimized next year through more extensive growth of blight resistant corn, but much of this year's crop was destroyed.

Assistant Agriculture Secretary Clarence D. Palmby said there would be ample supplies of grains in the country this year for direct consumption, feeding purposes and for increased exports if the demand should increase.

But he refused to rule out the possibility that the lower corn crop might lead to higher meat prices. Corn is the staple of the U.S. feed grain economy, and prices of all other feed grains went up when word of the corn blight was circulated.

The new estimate was based on crop conditions as of Sept. 23. It said early September weather aided spread of the disease through much of the southern states east of the Mississippi and in the southern parts of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

"Weather conditions during harvest will influence the final turnout. Infested fields are subject to more than usual harvest losses," the department said.

The new estimate indicated the crop would be 9 per cent below last year's crop of 4.578 billion bushels and would be the smallest corn crop since 1966.

Officials said prospects declined 6 per cent in east, north central and northeast states from Sept. 1 to Sept. 23, largely because of blight. Southern states' prospects declined 8 per cent. In the west north central states, plagued by drought earlier, prospects declined only slightly.

Callan into race for Congress

BEATRICE (UPI)—Clair Callan, Democratic petition candidate for Congress in the First District, said here Friday he is an independent Democrat and supports President Nixon's policies in Vietnam.

Callan, at a Beatrice Chamber of Commerce - sponsored gathering, said, "As long as the President is pulling troops out of Vietnam and it appears there is an end to the killing of American boys over there, I support the President.

"This is the fastest way to get the war over," he said.

The former congressman added that since Nixon was going to be in office for at least two more years, the American people should support him and his Vietnamese policy "since this is the fastest way to get American boys home."

Callan is opposed for another House term by Republican Charles Thone of Lincoln and Democrat George Burrows of Adams, the party's choice before Callan entered the race.

Viets devalue money in nation

SAIGON — (UPI)—The South Vietnamese government tonight announced a devaluation of the piaster from 118 to 275 to the dollar and other economic reforms designed to curb wartime inflation and stabilize the economy.

The devaluation goes into effect Monday.

The move was announced on Vietnamese radio and television by Finance Minister Nguyen Bich Hue in a 16-minute taped address.

Hue said that the government acted on authority granted to President Nguyen Van Thieu by the National legislature under the "program law" signed into effect by Thieu earlier in the day.

MONEY CLIPS

by Mort Reed



Centennial in the Old West

Phoenix, Ariz., will celebrate its 100th anniversary in October, November and December and to commemorate the occasion the city commissioned Don Dow, well-known for his sculptures in bas relief, to design and execute its centennial medal.

Appropriately, the word Phoenix means "a thing of unsurpassed excellence and beauty" and it is also the name of a bird that, according to Egyptian mythology, consumed itself by fire and rose renewed from its ashes.

Both definitions are implied in Dow's use of the phoenix bird on his obverse design. Phoenix is a beautiful city and, strangely enough, it did literally materialize from the ruins of a much earlier civilization.

Settlers in the Salt River Valley found ruins of sophisticated multistoried buildings and a vast irrigation system abandoned centuries earlier by the Hohokam Indians. As the ditches and canals were redug, the valley became greener and more fertile, attracting settlers from all over the West. A sizable community rose on these Indian remains.

In 1870, Darrel Dupa, a scholarly English settler recited the story of the phoenix bird to a group of city fathers meeting to select a name for their town and the idea caught on.

For those unable to visit the capital of our 48th state, the Centennial Citizens Committee offers two medals recording the event — one in bronze at $2 and one in silver at $8.50. The medals are 1½ inches in diameter and the price includes postage, insurance and handling fees. Closing date for orders is Nov. 15.

Those interested can get further details or order their medals by addressing Mr. Don Dow, P.O. Box 5034, Phoenix, Ariz. 85010.

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That Burglar Alarm

This column has recommended the Apache U-15 ultrasonic alarm as a foolproof warning device for coin and stamp collectors. Unfortunately, a foul-up has developed on filling orders.

Some readers, ordering the alarm, have received their canceled checks but not the merchandise. Manufacturer of the alarm, the Comdial Corp., P.O. Box 490, Hialeah, Fla. 33011, has acknowledged receiving the orders and has promised to satisfy them.

If you order an alarm, I would suggest that, until this matter is resolved, it might be advisable to order on a C.O.D. basis.

In addition to the manufacturer's promises of satisfaction, U.S. postal authorities are investigating.

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

The third printing of "Cowles Complete Encyclopedia of U. S. Coins" by Mort Reed will soon be depleted and some bookstores find it difficult to keep in stock. To assure delivery, send your name, address and $7.95 per copy to Coin Encyclopedia, c/o (name newspaper), P.O. Box 489, Dept. (first three digits your Zip Code), Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019.

Brunie Teten funeral Monday

BROCK — (N-P) — Funeral services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m., at the Casey Funeral home in Auburn for Brunie O. Teten who was found dead Friday on a farm near Brock.

The Rev. John Meyer will officiate. Burial will be at the Lafayette cemetery at Brock. Pallbearers will be Raymond Rinne, George Jeanneret, Floyd Bowen, Harold Adcock, Boyd Wakelin and Max Smith.

Mr Teten was born July 19, 1898, near Talmage, the son of Mr and Mrs Johnson Teten. He was married January 15, 1925, to Florence Gerdes who preceded him in March 1967.

Survivors include a son, Olen, Brock; brothers, Richard and Elmer of Nebraska City and Arnold of Otoe; sisters, Mrs Anna Poehler and Mrs Sena Petersen, Syracuse; Mrs Marie Holscher, Lincoln and Mrs Viola Lotter, Sunnyvale, California.

He had lived in the Brock community many years and lived in town for the past eight years.

Whitted campaigns for sheriff's job

BELLEVUE — (UPI) A former deputy of Sarpy County Sheriff Richard D. Whitted Jr. said Friday he will be a write - in candidate for sheriff in November.

Luther Meilahn, 37, of Bellevue, who resigned as a deputy in 1968 to become a private security officer, was a witness for the prosecution in Whitted's recent perjury trial.

Whitted was convicted on three counts, but the case will be appealed.

Meilahn said he was working in Dayton, Ohio, but hasn't given up his Sarpy County residency. He said he is now living with his parents in Bellevue.

Another former deputy, James R. Grace, now a Papillion policeman, is Whitted's Democratic opponent. Donald Mather of Suburban Sarpy County is the American Party candidate.



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