The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Mike Roddy Jr., who farms north of Nebraska City, puffed on his cigar and flashed a smile.

He son, Army Capt. Mike "Butch" Roddy, Jr., was home for Christmas. The soldier had not told his parents he was coming home from Vietnam for Christmas. And it was some surprise.

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Butch graduated from Nebraska City Lourdes and Notre Dame and has worked his way up the officer ranks to captain. He likes the military life and may make a career of it.

He will be home for 30 days and then will return to Vietnam.

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We were especially pleased to see him home. We had been corresponding for some time and when he arrived Wednesday night he called at our house to deliver some photo equipment we were anxiously waiting for.

Welcome home Butch. And Merry Christmas to the Roddys.

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Wilma Ohnmacht, who was hostess at the Hotel Grand Coffee Shop for many years, is back on the job, and now at the Elks club.

"I like it just fine; I feel real fortunate to just step into here."

Mrs Ohnmacht looked with much sadness at the ruins of the hotel. The 100-year-old structure was destroyed in a fire December 6.

The Elks club opened its dining room to the public for luncheons from 11 a.m., to 2 p.m., beginning last week And business was brisk. The menu included beef and noodles, dinner steaks, beef and pork lunches and a hot beef sandwich.

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We don't want to give away any secrets to the small fry, but don't you agree, that the Ho, Ho, Ho man you see on Central Avenue is doing a pretty wonderful job of pleasing children?

Bus Wymore is an agent for State Farm Insurance company and in addition to operating a successful business, he puts in a staggering number of hours at Christmas time.

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It's doubtful there are any "private" Christmas parties that he doesn't invade with his roaring introduction.

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Nebraska City police are awaiting the time when new two-way radio equipment will be installed.

The new equipment will be on a different frequency which is expected to be a great relief locally to the load on the air waves, but a pain in the neck in other ways.

One of the troubles which occurred when the ammonia tank burst at Crete was communication. Police at Crete operate on a different frequency and were unable to communicate with other officers.

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The Saline county sheriff operates on the longtime sheriff's band and he did much of the radio work from his cruiser to set up the emergency help.

Nebraska City police already have the sheriff-police wave length and the Safety Patrol frequency. Next they hope to add the higher frequency.

A two-way radio repairman said the higher frequency will enable police to handle routine radio calls without interfering with other traffic on the wave lengths.

The police station and the cars will be equipped with the proper equipment to handle all three wave lengths.

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Mrs Valda Attebery writes that she is looking forward to returning to work at the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth after being hospitalized at St. Mary's for 28 days at two different times.

She said she enjoys reading the News-Press which she gets at the Masonic Home. We hope you are feeling better, too, Mrs Attebery.

(Mrs Attebery is the mother of Jim Attebery, South Sioux City, former Nebraska City resident).

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Chuck Offenburger, the sports editor at the Shenandoah, Ia. Sentinel, printed about the best basketball picture we've seen.

Instead of the hackneyed jump shots printed by most papers, Offenburger (whew, what a name) printed a beaut. It showed some sort of collision and ball control battle with several boys on the floor with one who was sitting on his backside seemingly applauding. The real clincher was the referee — he had both arms stretched straight up and it looked like he was puffing on his whistle.

The cutline was perfect: "Touchdown."

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Here's a note which says a tree-planting program will be initiated to celebrate the year 2000 A.D.

"The year 2000 is going to be the biggest thing since the year 1000; the biggest change on the calendar any of us are likely to see. Yet the world is in danger of frightening itself to death. Mention the year 2000 and you get the comment; "If we ever get there."

"Member cities of the World Organization for Celebrating Year 2000 (WACY) are determined not only to be here in 2000, but to be here celebrating the achievement of a stable well fed world."

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Most recent new members include Eldon, Mo., Belleville, Kans., Cascade Lock, Ore. and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Other nations include Australia, Belgium, Chile, Mexico, Netherlands, Philippines and Rhodesia.

Information on the organization is available from Norris Henley, city clerk at Eldon, Missouri.

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Mr and Mrs Ray Price, our friends from Julian, will have a special party December 27.

They're going to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Methodist church in Nebraska City.

The Prices are well known to many Nebraska City residents. They are "in town" for most veterans events and most certainly they wouldn't miss a Company B reunion.

They will have a lot of stories to exchange with friends after 50 years of marriage. I know one, too. . . .on their wedding night!

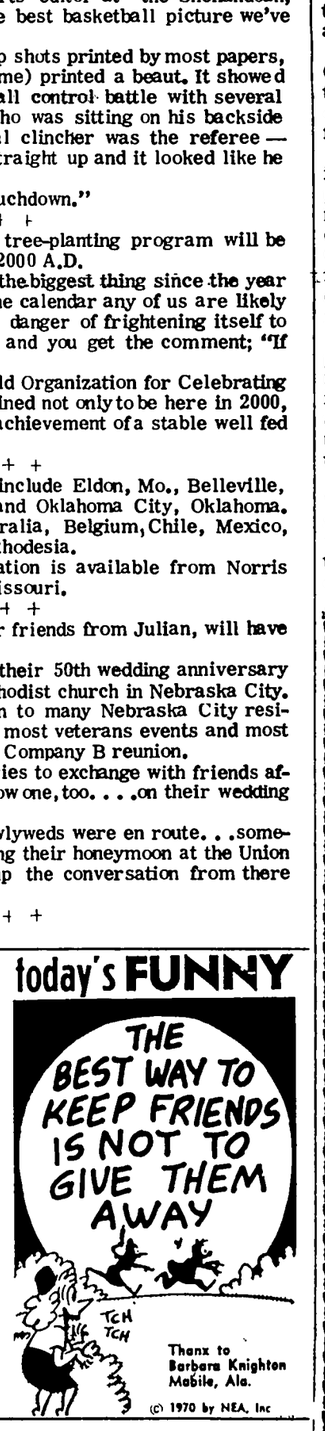
This one leaked out. The newlyweds were en route. . .somewhere. . .and ended up spending their honeymoon at the Union hotel. You'll have to take up the conversation from there about a train trip.

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Perpetual motion is impossible because energy cannot be created. Without a constant source of energy, any machine will eventually run down because some of the energy will be changed into heat by friction.

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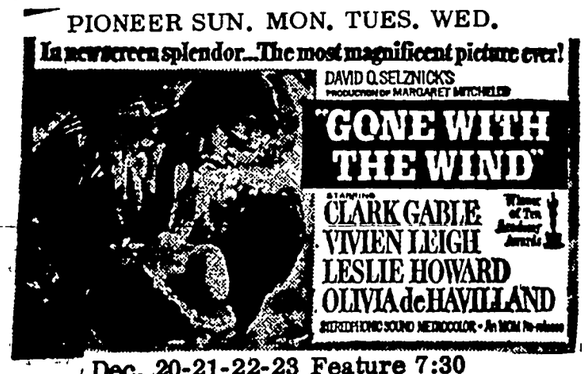
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The dishwashing crew for the Boy Scout soup supper last week at the Methodist church included Earl Freeman, Don Eschen and Neal Browne.



Slim Steinman helped scouts of Troop 346 with their soup supper last week at the Methodist church. He is shown here serving Mrs Vern Livingston. Pictured in the background at the counter is Richard Wright.

Inflation to cause Exon tax trouble

By JAMES JOYCE
and
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United Press International

Nebraska's state senators wish Gov.-Elect J.J. Exon luck in limiting the income tax to 13 per cent and the sales tax to 2 1-2 per cent, but they agree success depends on inflation and the wishes of the people.

Exon announced earlier this week he would continue the current 10 per cent and 2 1-2 per cent rates through the end of 1971, and after that the absolute top limit would be 13 and 2 1-2 per cent.

In order to do so, Exon has pledged to use his veto power extensively when the budget bills are forwarded to him by the Legislature.

In a United Press International survey, the state's lawmakers were evenly split yes, no and maybe on whether they thought Exon would be successful.

But the sentiment found in each answer, regardless of their opinion, was that the effort must be made because state spending was a campaign issue that was "of interest to the majority of the electorate," as one state senator put it.

However, State Sen. Fred Carstens of Beatrice suggested that Exon may try to keep one campaign pledge at the sacrifice of others he had made.

Exon would not be successful if he "lives up to campaign promises of exempting food from sales tax and giving exemptions to personal property," Carstens said. Either of those measures would end up in higher sales and income taxes to replace the lost revenue.

Inflation and the needs of the people were also mentioned many times as blocks to keeping the pledge, according to the answers. The senators said the needs must be filled first, then the tax rates set.

"I hope he can," State Sen. William F. Swanson of Lincoln said. "But I feel the needs of the state must first be met and then the decision on tax rates can be realistically made."

State Sen. C.W. Holmquist of Oakland said Exon may have promised to "veto, veto, veto" in order to stay within the limit, but when it comes to programs directly concerning the taxpayers, he "will have a heck of a time making it (the veto) stick."

"He has the constitutional right to veto any bill he wants to," State Sen. Roland Luedtke of Lincoln said. "But, the wisdom of any such action remains to be seen."

State Sen. Don Elrod of Grand Island also questioned Exon's ability to make good on his promise, saying not only are the needs of the state greater each year but "We must also give additional real estate property tax relief."

But probably the best answer to the question, though not direct, came from State Sen. Elmer Wallwey of Emerson, who said, "I think it will be a conservative Legislature."

Neer could face charge in March

LINCOLN (UPI)—After denying a motion to dismiss, Federal District Court Judge Warren K. Urbom said Friday there is a possibility the trial of Dr. Bradley F. Neer in connection with the missing $88,500 in state welfare funds could be the first case on the March 15 calendar.

Neer was not present for the pre-trial hearing before Urbom, during which his attorney, Richard Nelson of Lincoln, introduced a series of motions, including the one to dismiss.

During the hearing, Urbom did grant a motion to divorce neer from a joint indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury which met in Omaha. The indictment had named both Neer and former State Welfare Director Harold Strode.

Urbom did stipulate in that ruling, however, that should Strode be found in the near future, the court could put them together in the same suit.

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Mrs Harry Kastens

John Buchholz received a severe cut to his thumb Monday while using an electric saw. He was doing repair work on the Nora Peoples home. He was taken to Community Memorial hospital, Syracuse. Twenty nine stitches were taken.

Mrs Frieda Lockman entertained the Tuesday Card club. Prize winners were Katherine Reuter, Mrs Harry Vollerston and Mrs Gus Brinkhoff. Mary Kohler is hostess for December 22 meeting.

Kirk Kastens was three years old December 9. His guests for the afternoon were Geraldine and Bernice Norton of Nebraska City Mrs Arlen Ross and Todd and Mrs Harry Kastens.

Mr and Mrs Harry Ehmke, who resided on a farm two miles north of Otoe for several years, moved to Nebraska City Monday.

Missionary society of St. John Lutheran church met Tuesday night at Pastor Metzenthin home. Mrs Lockman was hostess.

Barbara Kuenning and Bob Secorka of Lincoln visited over the weekend with Mr and Mrs John Buchholz.

Fourteen members of the Jolly Workers club enjoyed a cooperative dinner Thursday at the home of Mrs John Kepler. Mystery sisters were revealed and Christmas gifts exchanged. Mrs Bernice Lenker of Dunbar and Mrs Helen Wilkinson were guests.

Mr and Mrs Alvin Hillman, Mr and Mrs Paul Hillman, Mr and Mrs John Buchholz, Mr and Mrs Alvin Jacobson, Mr and Mrs Reed Lenker were guests Sunday of Mr and Mrs Wm Knickman in Nebraska City in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary.

Mr and Mrs Bob Thummel attended the annual meeting of the Felca Land of Lakes held at Peony park, Omaha. Board members and wifes were unable to attend the Thursday night banquet because of icy roads.

Mr and Mrs John Kepler attended a company Christmas party held at York. They attended a wedding at Schyuler and visited Mr and Mrs Larry Johnson at Norfolk Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Henry Leefers, Mr and Mrs Ralph Kastens, Mr and Mrs Harold Hillman, Mr and Mrs Maynard Hillman and Mr and Mrs F. H. Behling all of Otoe attended the wedding of Diane Neeld and Jon Botsch held at Schyuler Saturday. A reception and dance followed the wedding.

Mr and Mrs Alvin Steinhoff spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr and Mrs Larry Johnson and Kelli at Norfolk.

Otoe Mustang Saddle club members and their guests enjoyed a ham and turkey dinner Sunday night at the school gym. A large crowd attended. A Christmas gift grab bag was enjoyed by all. Dancing followed the dinner. Mrs Elmer Sporhase won the door prize, a pendant watch.

Mr and Mrs Elmer Sporhase, Mrs Fritz Sporhase, Mrs Walter Power, Cathy Thayer, Mabel Rossaw, Mrs Jesse Jacobson, Mr and Mrs Andy Seybert Jr., Mr and Mrs Arnold Hunter, Mrs Carrie Stutt, Mrs Hans Sauberzweig and Mrs Harry Kastens attended the Pendleton company party Saturday night in Nebraska City. A turkey and ham dinner was served at the First Christian church. Gifts were exchanged and games played.

Kevin, Kurt and Keri Lamb of Louisville were Saturday night guests of Mr and Mrs Ralph Kastens; their parents, Mr and Mrs Roby Lamb came after them Sunday and were dinner guests of the Kastens.

Mrs Otis Irland was hostess for the Wednesday Pinochle club. Mrs John Buchholz, Mrs Lloyd Witt, Mrs Fritz Sporhase and Mrs Harry Kastens were the prize winners. Mrs Florence Paap was a guest. There was a Christmas gift grab bag.

Mrs Robert Young was hostess for her Circle group of Luther Memorial church for a covered dish dinner Thursday. Mrs Ellen Schoene gave the lesson. The Rev. and Mrs R. Beckman, Albert Witt, Carl Swanson, Fred Leefers, Mrs Harry Kastens and Mrs Dale Young and children were guests.

Mr and Mrs Harry Kastens and Mr and Mrs Robert Young were guests of Mr and Mrs Ed Gobber, Syracuse at a Nebraska City cafe Friday evening, in honor of the Young's wedding anniversary. Cards were played later at the Gobber home.

Mr and Mrs Walter Power and Cathy Thayer, Mr and Mrs Allan Young and family and Mr and Mrs Robert Young were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Elmer Fritzemeyer at Syracuse.

Five candidates for judge's seat

LINCOLN (UPI) — Nebraska Supreme Court Judge John Newton said Friday five men have declared themselves candidates for a seat on the state's high court.

A vacancy is being created Jan. 6 when Judge Edward F. Carter retires. Carter has been a member of the court for 36 years.

Newton, chairman of the judicial nominating committee responsible for making recommendations to the governor as to a replacement, said five men had declared their candidacy. However, he added there could be more nominated before the Jan. 5 hearing.

The five include District Judges Hugh Stuart of Lexington and Robert R. Moran of Alliance; former District Judges Albert W. Crites of Chadron and Richard Van Steenberg of Scottsbluff; and Buffalo County Judge J. Kerr Taylor.



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