

Reporter's notebook

WE have a computer in our composing room, installed at what us old squares call a tremendous expenditure of hard-earned money.

Well, the other morning when our boys turned it on, it refused to compute That meant that we had to revert to our old ways of doing things, with our girl compositors justifying the lines of type — making the lines of equal length, neither too long nor too short to fit between column rules

For two days this computer stood there like the dumb beast that it is, unable to do anything for us except get in the way

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WE are learning about computers One thing we know now is that when something goes wrong, we can't do much about it without help from elsewhere

I am re-reading an article I read a year or two ago. It was entitled something like this "Computers are big nincompoops"

It is true, for a computer can't think, it can't reason and it can no more originate anything than a new-born babe It can't even make a noise when it is hungry

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BOB Marvin, the Beatrice editor, has been going through the things left behind by his late father, Earl Marvin, the famous publisher of the Beatrice Sun

Bob has found some quotations from Walt Mason, the poet who once worked on the Sun and later became famous

I have heard the late Frank Olmsted of The News-Press speak of Walt Mason. Mr Olmsted, who taught me how to hand set type from the case, worked for the Beatrice Express I believe it was, where Mason once was employed

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HERE is what Bob Marvin wrote about one of his recent discoveries

ONE OF MY father's favorites must have been the one Walt wrote about the "little green tents" Dad had reprinted it, probably during World War II, other editors picked it up Among his papers I found clippings of it from several newspapers and a copy typed on letter paper that would survive longer than yellowing newsprint It must have been written early in Walt's career for the war he was referring to was the Civil War From the context, I would guess that it was for publication on some early Memorial Day Here is how it goes

"The little green tents where the soldiers sleep, and the sunbeams play and the women weep, are covered with flowers today, and between the tents walk the weary few, who were young and stalwart in sixty-two when they went to the war away

"The little green tents are built of sod, and they are not long, and they are not broad, but the soldiers have lots of room. And the sod is part of the land they saved, when the flag of the enemy darkly waved, the symbol of dole and doom"

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WHY, a young woman subscriber to our newspaper from another state asked, do we get our News-Press in bunches, about two bunches a week?

All we can answer is that The News-Press leaves our office every afternoon before sundown, that it leaves the Nebraska City post office an hour or so later, and that what happens thereafter is due to the deterioration of the mail service as far as second class mail is concerned

We are soon to have some kind of a "new deal" in mail service because a public corporation is supposed to be taking the post office out of politics.

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WE have a hunch that the first thing we will get is a fat increase in postage rates Most newspapers are preparing for this by increasing their circulation rates, something The News-Press is going to do very soon We also have a hunch that the increase in rates will not result in improved service It may result in increased pay for postal workers, but even this will not speed the travel of a newspaper from here to there.

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WE don't pretend to know the answer We do know that when the mail was taken off the railroads and we lost our passenger service we lost good mail service Some bumbled! Now all of us are paying for the mistake!

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THE Grand Island Independent had an interesting comment on the Tiemann defeat the other day, the editor opining that the governor's remark about farmers never being happy was the straw that broke the Republican governor's back. The G.I. editor also pointed out that the Republicans in this state have considerable fence mending to do.

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ANOTHER interesting sidelight of the recent election, indicating that Republicans stayed at home, was the vote in the Hruska - Morrison contest.

This vote was closer than had been anticipated. And yet Morrison got about the same number of votes as Hruska's unknown opponent received six years ago (bet you can't name him!). Senator Hruska's vote dropped far below expectations, showing that the Republicans did not get out the vote.

The new Omaha congressman, John McCollister, may have something in suggesting a new Nebraska Republican chairman.

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A.R.S.

viewpoint

ON TRIAL

Representative government, as we know it in the United States, seems more or less on trial because of the failures of the Democratic-controlled Congress, which has gone home for the Christmas recess.

As one observer noted, the only sure thing about the 91st Congress is that it must adjourn by noon January 3 so that another — the 92nd — can convene on schedule.

Senator Carl Curtis seemed to hit the nail on the head when he called the 91st Congress the poorest he has seen in his many years in Washington. His main objection seemed to be that the men who control the "production" of the Congress, the Democratic leaders and the committee chairmen, failed to get down to business and control the output.

No matter which party controls Congress, certain legislation must be adopted—appropriations for government, for example. In many cases the Congress delayed this sort of thing for months. As was to be expected, the Nixon administration's program scored less than 50 per cent because the party in control of Congress played politics almost exclusively.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Assembly of God
1112 Fifth Corso
Sunday Church School, 9 45 a m
Morning Worship, 10 45 a m
Evening Worship Service, 7 30 p m
Wednesday Evening Service and Bible Study, 7 30 p m
REV D GEORGE GROSS

Faith Baptist Church
1124 First Corso
Sunday Church school, 9 45 a m
Morning Worship, 11 a m Hour of Prayer, 6 30 p m Evening service, 7 p m
REV ART GILBERT

First Baptist Church
Seventh Street and Third Corso
Sunday Church School, 9 45 a m
Worship Service, 11 a m Young People's service 7 30 p m Evening Service, 7 30 p m Jr FHC class (under 12 years) 7 30 p m
REV TED KONVALIN

Nebraska City Baptist Chapel
Affiliated With Southern Baptist
Memorial Building
Sunday Church school, 9 30 a m
Church Service, 10 30 a m
REV CHARLES BARBER

St Benedict's Catholic
Church, Kearney Hill
Sunday Masses, 8 and 10 a m Holy Day Masses, 8 a m , and 7 30 p m
Weekday Masses 8 30 a m except on Wednesday, 7 30 p m First Friday of the month, 8 30 a m , and 7 30 p m
REV ALVIN HERBER, C PP S

St Mary's Catholic Church
Sixth Street, First Avenue
Sunday Masses, 6, 7 30, 9 and 10 30 a m Holy Day Masses, 6, 7 and 9 a m , and 7 30 p m Weekday Masses 6 30 and 8 00 a m First Friday masses, 6 30, 8 00 a m and 7 30 p m
FATHER ANTHONY LEY C PP S
FATHER LEO BRAND, C PP S

First Christian Church
Eighth Street, First Avenue
Sunday Christian Faith for Today, 8 a m Church school, 9 a m Worship and Communion service 10 a m
REV RALPH DYER

St Mary's Episcopal Church
Ninth Street, First Corso
Sunday Holy Eucharist 7 30 a m Church school Christmas program 10 a m service Wednesday No services Friday Holy Eucharist (Feast of the Circumcision) 10 a m
REV G M OTTSEN

Christ Lutheran Church
Second Avenue, 22nd Street
Sunday Worship, 8 30 a m Church school, 9 30 a m
REV GARRY DASSOW

First Lutheran Church
315 South 16th Street
Sunday Church school, 9 15 a m Worship service, 10 30 a m (student recognition Sunday)
REV JOHN GREEN

First United Methodist Church
11th Street, First Avenue
Sunday Church school 9 15 a m Worship service 10 30 a m
REV VICTOR IRELAND

Jehovah's Witnesses
20th and Second Avenue
Sunday Bible Lecture 9 30 a m Watchtower service, 10 30 a m
MERVIN HAVERKAMP
Presiding Minister

First Presbyterian Church
1005 First Corso
Sunday Church school and adult study group, 9 15 a m Worship service 10 30 a m (student and servicemen recognition Sunday) Reception for servicemen and students home for holidays at 11 30 a m (Nursery provided)
REV SAMUEL W HOFER

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
631 Second Corso
Sunday Song service, 9 30 a m Church school, 9 45 a m Worship service, 10 45 a m speaker Evangelist Albert Livingston Omaha Wednesday Prayer service 7 30 p m
ELDER DAVID GUNDERSON

Seventh Day Adventist
1422 First Corso
Saturday Sabbath School, 10 a m Sermon and Morning Worship, 11 a m
W A CLARKE, Pastor

Bethel United Church of Christ
West Central Avenue
Sunday Church school, 8 45 a m Worship service, 10 a m
REV C G NEINKAMP, Pastor

Evangelical Wesleyan Church
1014 Eleventh Avenue
Sunday Church School 9 45 a m Morning Worship 11 a m
REV EVERETT L KESSLER

Pentecostal Fellowship Mission
South 11th Street, RFD
Sunday Church, 10 45 a m , and 7 p m Wednesday Bible Study and prayer meeting, 7 p m
REV OPAL COMISKEY

OUT OF TOWN CHURCHES

First Baptist Church
Palmyra, Nebraska
Sunday Worship service, 9 30 a m
Church school, 10 30 a m
REV RICHARD SWEEZEY

Baptist Church
Union, Nebraska
Sunday Church School, 9 30 a m
Worship Service, 10 30 a m

St Bernard's Catholic Church, Julian
Sunday Mass, 8 a m Holy Day Masses, 7 30 a m with confession at 7 a m Week day services in church hall at 7 a m
REV JOHN McCABE

St Clara's Catholic Church, Peru
Sunday Mass, 10 30 a m Holy Day Masses, 6 30 p m , with confession at 6 p m Wednesday Newman Club, 6 30 p m
REV JOHN McCABE

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Paul
Sunday Masses, 7 00 and 8 30 a m (Alternate Mass times with St Paul's at Dunbar) Week days, 7 a m Saturdays, 8 30 a m Holy Days, 7 a m and 7 30 p m First Fridays, 7 a m
REV DANIEL POHL

St Leo's Catholic Church, Palmyra
Sunday Masses, first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at 8 a m Second and fourth Sundays at 10 a m

St Paul's Catholic Church, Dunbar
Sunday Masses 7 00 and 8 30 a m Alternate Sunday Masses 7 00 and 8 30 a m (Alternate Mass time with St Joseph's church, Paul) Holy Day masses 7 30 p m Baptism Mass by appointment
REV DANIEL POHL

Charter Oak Christian Church Talmage
Sunday Church Service, 9 30 a m
Church School 10 30 a m
REV DALE FLETCHER

Church of Christ
Sidney, Iowa
Sunday Church School, 10 a m Worship, 11 a m Evening Service, 7 30 p m
DeWAYNE DAVIS, Pastor

Christian Church
Brock, Nebraska
Sunday Church school, 9 30 a m Worship service, 10 30 a m
REV JAMES LEMMON

Christian Church
Unadilla, Nebraska
Sunday Church School, 10 a m Worship, 11 a m
REV HERMAN TRAUERNICHT

Community Church
Percival, Iowa
Sunday Worship Service, 9 30 a m Church School, 10 30 a m
REV RICHARD DIEKEN

Christ Lutheran Church, Syracuse
Sunday Worship service, 10 30 a m Church school, 9 30 a m
REV BRUCE BERGQUIST

First Ev Lutheran Church, Avoca
Sunday Church School 9 30 a m Worship Service 10 30 a m (Nursery provided)
REV ORVILLE REEG

First Lutheran Church, Syracuse
Sunday Worship service 9 30 a m
REV GEORGE METZENTHIN

Grace Lutheran Church, Cook
Sunday Worship service 9 30 a m Church school, 10 30 a m
REV R A HERRBOLDT

Hope Lutheran Church, Burr
Sunday Church School and Adult class, 9 30 a m Worship service, 10 30 a m
REV EDWARD KELLER

Luther Memorial Church, Syracuse
Sunday Church school, 9 a m Worship service, 10 15 a m
REV R BECKMAN

St John's Lutheran Church, Otoe
Sunday Church school 9 45 a m Worship service, 10 45 a m
REV GEORGE METZENTHIN

St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Talmage
Sunday Divine Worship, 9 a m Church school, 10 a m
REV ROBERTS KREIER

Trinity Lutheran Church, Talmage
Sunday Church school, 9 30 a m Divine Worship, 10 40 a m
REV ROBERTS KREIER

United Methodist Church
Burr, Nebraska
Sunday Worship Service, 9 a m Church school, 10 a m
REV LAUREN EKDAHL

United Methodist Church
Brock, Nebraska
Sunday Worship service, 9 30 a m Church school, 10 30 a m
REV ROBERT LINDER

United Methodist Church
Cook, Nebraska
Sunday Worship Service, 9 30 a m Church School, 10 30 a m

United Methodist Church
Douglas, Nebraska
Sunday Church School, 9 30 a m Worship Service, 10 30 a m
REV LAUREN EKDAHL

United Methodist Church
Julian, Nebraska
Sunday Church School, 9 30 a m Worship Service, 10 30 a m
REV JOHN MEYER

United Methodist Church
Nehawka, Nebraska
Sunday Worship Service, 9 45 a m Church School, 10 45 a m MYF, first and third Sunday
REV DON YOST

St Paul's United Methodist Church, Otoe, Nebraska
Sunday Church School, 9 30 a m Worship Service, 10 30 a m
REV IVAN KILPATRICK, Pastor

United Methodist Church
Palmyra, Nebraska
Sunday worship service, 9 a m Church School, 10 a m
REV CHARLES LEYPOLDT

First United Methodist Church, Syracuse
Sunday Church school, 9 45 a m Worship service, 11 a m
REV WARREN G SPELLMAN

United Methodist Church
Unadilla, Nebraska
Sunday Worship service, 9 40 a m Church school, 10 45 a m
REV WARREN G SPELLMAN

United Methodist Church
Union, Nebraska
Sunday Morning Worship service, 9 30 a m Church School, 10 30 a m
REV ALBERT MURDOCH

United Presbyterian Church, Hopewell
Sunday Worship Service, 11 10 a m Church School, 10 a m
REV RICHARD BUSK

First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar
Sunday Church School, 9 30 a m Worship Service, 10 30 a m
REV CLIFFORD HART

United Church of Christ
Avoca, Nebraska
Sunday Church School, 10 a m Worship Service, 11 a m
REV LOUISE STOCK

St John's United Church of Christ, Syracuse
Sunday Church school, 9 15 a m Worship service, 10 30 a m
REV WAYNE W WETZ

St John's United Church of Christ, RFD, Talmage
Sunday Worship service, 9 a m Church school, 10 a m
REV WAYNE W WETZ

St Paul's United Church of Christ, Talmage
Sunday Worship service, 9 30 a m Church school, 10 30 a m
REV CLYDE F JUSTUS

Zion United Church of Christ, Talmage
Sunday Church school, 9 a m Worship service, 10 30 a m
REV JOHN P KOCHNER

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The PRAYER FOR TODAY FROM The Upper Room

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me (John 14:1)

PRAYER: Dear Lord, may each day be a day when Thou art born again in our hearts when we feel the joy of Thy spirit and Thy peace even in our busy hours. May our whole lives be hid with Thee. We ask it in Thy name. Amen.

How Time Flies

FORTY YEARS AGO — 1930 —

Ed Hart, Nebraska City, member of the Century Stock company which was traveling the country, returned home when business got so bad the company folded .A Plattsmouth woman pleaded guilty to a charge of murder in the rat poison-death of her husband .It was reported Governor-elect Charles W Bryan planned to remove the state highway engineer, Roy Cochran, later to become governor of the state

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO — 1945 —

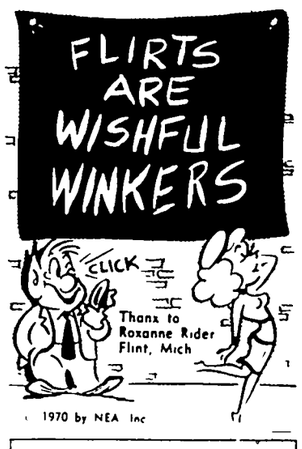
Mail was to be delivered in the residential section of Nebraska City the following Sunday, Postmaster Arthur Barstler announced Goff Radio Shop had the first 1946 radio to arrive in Nebraska City It was a Sonora set On-the-job training openings were available for 61 World War II vets in Nebraska City factories and other establishments

Government controls of the use of newsprint was to end December 31

TEN YEARS AGO — 1960 —

Rescue workers lowered Henry R Oestmann, Julian, 100 feet from the Bartlett and Company grain elevator after the man was injured in an accident Otoe Food Products company was to change its name to Morton House Kitchens, Ins , in January The ice skating rink north of the armory was frozen and ready for use. Virgil Pitstick, park board chairman said Former President Truman repeated that his opinion was the MacArthur wanted to use an atomic bomb in the Korean war and was fired MacArthur angrily denied the report

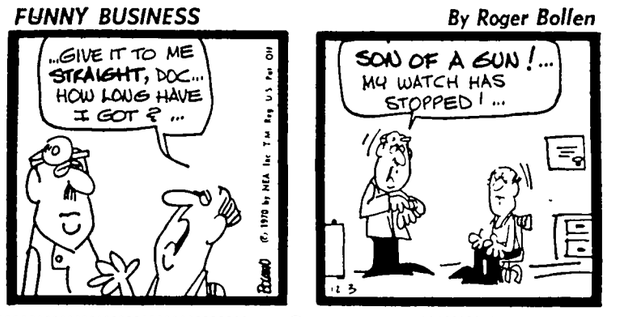
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FUNNY BUSINESS

By Roger Bollen

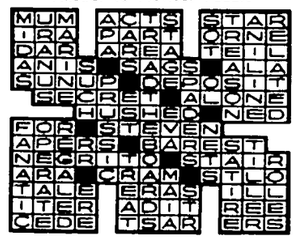


Heavens Above!

ACROSS
1 Earth's satellite
5 Earth's source of light
8 Red planet
12 English composer (1710-1778)
13 Mariner's direction
14 On the briny
15 Chew upon
16 Lawyer (ab)
17 Let it stand (print.)
18 Irritate by scolding
19 Got up from sleep
21 First woman
22 Solar disk (pl)
24 Sherry
26 Muse of lyric poetry
28 Stretches
29 Hebrew letter
30 Altitude (ab.)
31 Epoch
32 Caviar
33 Mistake
35 Salient angle (arch)
38 As though
39 Sigmoid curves
41 Swiss canton
42 Giver
46 Pillar
47 Lampreys
49 Masculine nickname
50 Confound
51 Pieces out
52 Individual
53 Heavy blow
54 Uncommon
55 Auricle
56 Puts to

DOWN
1 —— Carta
2 Decorated elaborately
3 Wild ass
4 Recent
5 Gunlock catch
6 Preposition
7 Seines
8 Feast day (comb form)
9 Nautical term
10 Female ruff (pl)
11 Gluts
19 Starlike body
20 Early spacecraft
23 Titlers
25 Diners
27 Persian tentmaker
28 Feminine appellation
33 Archimedes exclamation
34 Reviler
36 Body of land
37 Placed in a chair
38 Peculiar
40 Those who (suffix)
43 Siouan Indian
44 Feminine name
45 Sheaf
48 Compass point
50 Extinct bird

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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PERSONAL FINANCE



Fire Extinguisher: Cheap Protection

By RICHARD PUTNAM PRATT

Along with hangovers and heartburns, the holiday season always brings another hazard, only this one is deadly It's fire

The typical home decorated for Christmas is as loaded with damage potential as a sackful of skyrockets Trees trimmings, wrapping paper, and even the cluttered kitchen sit like fuses, waiting to be touched off

Extreme caution is one guarantee against conflagration As a backstop, though, a household fire extinguisher is a sound investment It's a gift any family owes itself

Before you start shopping better have a quickie course in what to look for Unlike neckties there is a lot more to extinguishers than appearance

The first thing to bear in mind is that size is important You may well be tempted to buy a 'Mitey Midget' that looks like a can of shaving cream all done up in fire-engine red But don't do it

Some of the cutest extinguishers have so little capacity they could barely put out a well-lit birthday cake Against any sizable blaze they're worse than useless because they breed false confidence

Any extinguisher's fire fighting potential is directly related to the weight of its extinguishing agent Three pounds capacity is just about minimum five is a lot better

The second thing to watch out for is the type of fire for which the unit is suited Soda-acid is fine for flames in wood and paper for example, but a danger in itself if directed at oil or electrical fires

The latter are best attacked with carbon dioxide a gas that smothers flame

If you now have a vision of a set of extinguishers as varied as a bag of golf clubs, relax There is an all-purpose unit It is filled with a dry chemical that blankets a fire, cutting off its oxygen

It works best on oil and electrical fires but is also effective against flaming paper and wood

Don't buy any extinguisher that doesn't display certification by either the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual Laboratories (FML) These are testing bureaus set up to assure product quality

You will also find a rating on every good extinguisher It is made up of a number and one or more letters The letters show the kind of fires it is suited for— A for paper and wood B for oil and C for electrical

The number rates its effectiveness A 10-BC unit therefore is five times as effective on oil and electrical fires as a 2-BC

Cost needn't be much of a factor Practical units start at about $10 just about the price of a couple of Christmas neckties But an extinguisher is one gift whose value increases as it sits there unused

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The author is unable to answer personally individual questions Questions of general interest will be answered when possible in future columns.

The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E BEAUMONT



"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Ivan Millie, Denise Clarissa Jeannea Keaton

SLOWDOWN SLIPPING

LONDON (UPI) —Airline passengers experienced only minor delays in flights from London's Heathrow Airport Wednesday despite a decision by union leaders to continue a nine-day old rulebook slowdown by airport workers

Many of the workers ignored the call to work to the rule and to refuse overtime because they needed the extra cash for Christmas spending

Rioting is an ineffective way of trying to gain one's ends

—*Bernadette Devlin following her release from jail for conviction of inciting to riot*

THE ALMANAC

By United Press International

Today is Thursday Dec 24, the 358th day of 1970 with 7 to follow This is Christmas Eve

The moon is between its last quarter and new phase

The morning stars are Venus, Jupiter and Mars.

The evening stars are Mercury and Saturn

On this day in history

In 1814 a peace treaty between the United States and Great Britain was signed, bringing to an end the War of 1812

In 1865 six men, most of them veterans of the Confederate Army, organized a secret fraternal society in Pulaski, Tenn , known as the Ku Klux Klan

In 1942 Adm Darlan, French administrators of North Africa was assassinated there as a sympathizer of the French Vichy regime.

In 1942 the song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" swept the country.

A thought for the day: James Thurber said, "You might as well fall flat on your face as lean over too far backward."

TONIGHT

THURSDAY NIGHT MOVIE AT 8 P M.

6:30 — Family Affair You're invited to Buffy's lobby party

7:00 — Jim Nabors Hour Special guest, Opera Star Marilyn Horne

8:00 — Thursday Night Movie. "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing" with William Holden, Jennifer Jones.

10:00 — The Scene Tonight News.

10:30 — CBS News. A religious special.

11:00 — Christmas Eve Service.

Midnight-Movie. "Skirts Ahoy"

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