The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Andy Kreifels of Nebraska City got one of the most interesting Christmas gifts we've heard.

A lobster.

You bet it was alive and snapping!

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Jeanne Kreifels flew home for the holidays from Worcester, Mass., and brought the lobster with her. Dad was mighty pleased, particularly when he was served his private, one-man-only feast.

The preparation of a lobster is another story But then, you'll have to ask Andy's wife, Margaret, all about those interesting and humorous details.

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Congratulations to the Leonard Kaiser family, winners of the 1971 Duster in the Christmas retail promotion. They are a deserving family.

Leonard was working at Norman's IGA at the time of the drawing. When the drawing was over and the Kaisers were named the winners, friends took one look at Leonard's shaking hands and suggested he better not do any meat cutting the rest of the afternoon.

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People who have received blood from the Otoe county Red Cross blood bank can thank men like Glen Cohn for this Christmas.

"My wife called the plant (Morton House) to remind me the Bloodmobile was in town"

Glen gave his 48th pint of blood — six gallons!

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There may be others who have given more, we don't have the Red Cross records immediately available, but surely there should be some recognition for such a staggering gift.

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We've given blood for a number of years, but we've not been as faithful as donors like Glen Cohn and Carl Wademan.

We know exactly when we first gave blood:

September 23, 1952, at the 406th Blood Bank, Tokyo, Japan.

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There were no heroics to give blood while overseas — it was a sure way to get Navy "liberty" and that meant hitting the beach for the sailors for an evening of R & R, USN style, or at least until the evening curfew for occupation forces.

In those years, instead of good looking Jaycee Jaynes giving a sailor a paper cup of orange juice, we were handed a jigger of whiskey by a hairy-armed GI.

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It was my first time in a blood bank. We were assured of two things: A jigger of whiskey and liberty, in exchange for one pint of blood. Believe it or not, we had to stand in line.

A black Army corpsman drew my blood. Whatever fear I might have had at giving blood was erased by his calm explanation of what would take place and his professional method of doing the job.

I thought sure I would faint (and Mrs Leo Wirth wasn't around to walk me to a lunch counter) but I didn't. We were thanked and shown to the door with liberty passes.

Aha! Look out world, here comes the Navy!

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Ira Glasser, superintendent at Arbor Lodge State Park, came up with some history on Nebraska City hotels.

The first in Nebraska City was built by Hiram P. Downs in the fall of 1954 where the blockhouse is now located near Fifth and Central. The hotel was destroyed by fire in 1863, according to the Nebraska Centennial book written in 1954.

The Planters House was built in Kearney Hill in 1855 by Col John McMechan. The building was destroyed by fire in 1863. The Nuckolls House built at Sixth Street and Central was a victim of flames in the 1860's.

The Cincinnati House at Eighth Street and First Corso, was built in 1866 by John Hamlin and was moved when the post office was built. Next was the Barnum House built in 1869 at Eighth Street and Central.

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Mr Glasser's records showed that in 1871, Jacob Shoff, "an old and wealthy citizen of Nebraska City, began erection of the Shoff House, the name of which was afterwards changed to that of the Grand Central."

The hotel (later renamed Grand Hotel), was built on the corner of Tenth Street and Central Avenue. It was three stories in heighth, contained 57 rooms and cost $50,000.

The structure, owned by nearly half a century by A.M. Stephenson, Nebraska City, was destroyed by fire on December 6, 1970.

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Rockets to the Orange Bowl

A number of parents of Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca bandsmen have called the News-Press or stopped one of us to say thanks for helping with the money raising campaign to send the kids to the Orange Bowl.

Ninety boys and girls leave this week for Miami, the first time a high school from Otoe county has been in a bowl parade.

We return an appreciation to those people handing out compliments, but we don't want to overlook a couple of items.

First the kids in the school at Syracuse don't just represent a consolidated school district. They represent teenage boys and girls in school bands across the entire state. And we're pretty proud that "our" kids were selected.

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Secondly, we've got a selfish interest here at the News-Press.

Our pressman is "Chuck" Johnson, son of B.A. Johnson, bandmaster at Syracuse. Chuck's pretty proud of his dad and the youngsters and he has helped personally and on the job.

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The fact that the bandsmen earned and were given over $9,000 in a three-week campaign is somewhat staggering. Nebraska City's Community Chest is still lagging, but money (we don't know how much) was given in large numbers by Nebraska City business people to help finance the trip.

If there's any rivalry between the schools, it must have gotten lost in the first frost, because when the Rocket bandsmen walked Central Avenue in their green and white uniforms asking for donations, they admittedly were overwhelmed with the results that followed.

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Someone in Nebraska City asked whether those communities in the Syracuse district would help this town if the Pioneers were selected to attend a bowl game.

We think so. We think the Rocket boys and girls under such fine leadership as "B.A." would surprise the City folks with what they would do to help.

NEHAWKA

Mrs Arthur Jones

Dinner guests of the Albert Andersons were Mrs P.C. Cunningham of Omaha Mrs Frank Horstmann of Lorton and Mr and Mrs Arthur Wolph.

Mrs Sybil Nixon and Mrs Barbara Nixon were callers of the Art Jones home.

Girl Scout News — Girl Scout Troop 128 and their leader, Miss Esther Barkhurst, held a Yule party at Ann's cafe. Ann is a registered troop committee member. The troop sent $10 to the Good Fellows in Omaha.

Saturday Miss Barkhurst took some of the troop to the Gerald Shrader farm to cut Christmas trees.

The Girl Scouts, accompanied by the Brownie Troop went caroling. They were accompanied by Phyllis Gregg, Jan Wallman, Nancy Jones, Betty Adamy and Miss Barkhurst.

The next Girl Scout meeting will be January 4.

JULIAN

Mrs Pascal Anville

Twenty friends from Brock, surprised Mr and Mrs William Pharaoh at their home with a charivari Refreshments were provided and served by the guests

The United Methodist church, a grocery shower was given to the Rev and Mrs John Myers and family by the church members. The Christmas tree was trimmed followed by a social time with refreshments.

Mrs Lloyd Graham entertained the Nemon club at her home This was the annual Christmas party Cards were played. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

Sunday a dinner was held at the Ray Price home. Guests were Mr and Mrs Paul Hansen and family of Bennet and Mr and Mrs Dennison Price of Murray. The dinner honored Mrs Price's birthday The Prices were married 50 years on December 24 and celebrate the occasion on December 27 in Gage Hall First United Methodist church in Nebraska City.

Mr and Mrs William Pharaoh were visitors to Springfield with Mr and Mrs Ed Pharoah and family

Mr and Mrs EMILE Grundwald of Silver City, S Dak., were visitors of her sister, Mrs Gladys Epler and son Verle.

Mrs Charles Wilberger accompanied Mr and Mrs E.D. Wilberger to Lincoln to visit with Mr and Mrs Rocky Manganilli.

Mr and Mrs William Pharaoh were dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Fred Lockwood

Mr and Mrs Joy Hauptman and son Randy of Custer S. Dak., spent a few days with his sister, Mrs Glayds Epler and son Verle. The Hauptmans were en route to Mc Callen Texas, to spend Christmas with his brother-in-law and sister Mr and Mrs Glen Frary and family

Mr and Mrs E.D Wilberger met their daughter, Miss Yvonne Wilberger, Arlington, Va. at the Omana airport. Miss Wilberger is manager of Koehring Company in Washington, D.C. Her luggage was lost for a few days but later found and brought by bus to Nebraska City.

Mrs Roger Dunekacke of Minneapolis, Minn , arrived by plane in Omaha Her parents Mr and Mrs Robert Shrewsbury met her and took her home. Mr Dunekacke will join the family here for Christmas Mrs Dunekacke is also visiting with friends in Lincoln

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Mrs Harry Kastens

Relatives here have received word Sunday that Mr and Mrs Harry Kepler of Avoca, who were visiting their son, Jerry, and family in Utah, had a car accident as they were leave Utah to return home. They were struck in the rear by another car. They had gone to Utah to attend baptismal services on December 13 for the son of Mr and Mrs Jerry Kepler.

Mrs Wm. Sporhase entertained the game club Friday night Gifts were exchanged.

Mr and Mrs Tony Wirth were hosts for the Dinner club Sunday night

Mr and Mrs John Kepler spent the weekend with Mr and Mrs Dennis Bailey at Overland Park, Kansas. They also called on Mrs Edna Sparr and Mr and Mrs Wm. Kepler at Liberty, Missouri

Mr and Mrs Jesse Jacobson spent Saturday night in Auburn with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs Egbert Haddox

Mr and Mrs Tony Wirth attended a birthday party recently at the Emil Eisenhauer home in honor of the second birthday of their grandson, Ricky Eisenhauer, son of Mr and Mrs Ewight Eisenhauer. Mr and Mrs David Eisenhauer and daughter were also present

Mr and Mrs Dale Southard and Mr and Mrs Roy Armkknecht of Ogallala spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs John Buchholz. Mr and Mrs Buchholz were Sunday evening dinner guests of the Junior Lingles near Avoca Mr and Mrs John Lingle Sr , were other guests.

Mr and Mrs Stanley Boldt, and sons attended the Boldt family Christmas dinner Sunday at the Harold Boldt home at Douglas Relatives from Seward Lincoln, Bennett, Douglas, Syracuse and Otoe attended

Mr and Mrs Dean Irland of Auburn were callers of the Otis Irlands recently.

UNADILLA

Mrs Don Stilwell

Mr and Mrs Herman Lutjemeyer were Sunday visitors of Mr and Mrs James Herman and family in Omaha They attended the Christmas program at the Dundee Presbyterian church in the afternoon

The Unadilla school was dismissed Wednesday for the holidays Classes will begin on January 4 A turkey dinner was served to the students Tuesday, the annual Christmas dinner.

A Christmas party was held in the school gym Saturday night given by the seventh and eighth grades.

Mr and Mrs Everett Baker met their son En 3 Randy Baker, in Omaha, Thursday He is home on leave from the Navy. He is stationed at Long Beach, Calif He will return to base on December 29.

The United Methodist church adult fellowship group delivered plates of cakes and fruit to the elderly and ill members of the Community Monday.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the United Methodist church Unadilla, sponsored a group from the Hopewell and Christian churches, caroling at various Unadilla homes Sunday. The group enjoyed a lunch at the Methodist church after the caroling Mrs Jack Stilwell is MYF sponsor.

Mr and Mrs Calvin Ray and family recently moved from the Unadilla area to Sterling

Special music at the United Methodist church Sunday was an anthem by the Junior choir

Ira Rhoten Sr. Jessie and Alta Rhoten of Omaha were recent Unadilla callers.

A pre-Christmas dinner was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Jim Marshall at Pawnee City, Sunday. Present were Mrs Catherine Boettcher, Mr and Mrs Adolph Boettcher, Mr and Mrs Elmer Boettcher and family all of Unadilla; Mr and Mrs Alvin Boettcher, Mr and Mrs Ezra Rosenthal and Dean, Fairbury, Mr and Mrs Wesley Boettcher and family, Littleton, Colo.; Mrs Sadie Stutheit and Karen, Mrs Cerney and son, Harold, Cook, Mrs Trudy Neeman, Mrs Jim Kirk and sons Lincoln and Mr and Mrs Steve Wissler Pawnee City

Mrs Charlotte Duerschner presented her music class in a Christmas program at the Unadilla school gym Thursday night A social hour followed the program

Mrs Dessie West was dismissed from the Syracuse Community hospital Monday

Two injured in two vehicle crash

Two men were injured Thursday when the westbound car in which they were riding collided with a truck four miles north of Syracuse and about a half mile east on the Otoe road

Denny L Koch, 22, and Dexter Wolf, 21, both of Otoe, were taken to Lincoln General hospital Both sustained cuts and bruises It was not determined who was the driver of the car

The truck pulled out of a farm driveway on the north side of the road, according to the report made by Sheriff Harris Esluer and State Trooper Don Niemann

The driver was Fritz F Sporhase, 55, Otoe A passenger in the truck was Sylvan Wolf Otoe

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Nebraska City, Nebraska
December 7, 1970

The Council met in regular session at 8:00 P.M in the office of the City Clerk. Mayor Gigstad called the Council to order and on roll call all members answered present. Notice of the meeting was given by a Notice posted on the door of the City Clerk's office.

The Council accepted the following reports· Wyuka Cemetery Sales $525.00, Collections $657.50, Misc'l $279 30; Police Judge Fines $614.00, Costs $152.00, Bond Forfeits $445.00; Memorial Building Receipts $120.50; City Treasurer's Balance Nov 1 $1,085,684.63, Receipts $417,887.90, Disbursements $339,136.08, Balance November 30 $1,164,436.45. On motion the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Claims on the several funds were presented, considered separately, and on motion allowed as follows· General Fund $2,823.57; Fire Fund $1,313 60; Volunteer Fire Fund $401.81, Fire Equipment Fund $28.43; Police Fund $4,327.03; Street Fund $3,973.18; Street Improvement Fund $1,471.29, Parking Meter Fund $532.83; P.G. & B. Fund $792.17, W.C & E L Fund $52.00, Park Endowment Fund $1,492.12, Municipal Building Fund $6,222.65; Paving Dist. No. 117 Fund $200.00, Paving Dist. No. 118 Fund $2,180 18, Paving Dist. No 119 Fund $2,602.55.

Four members of the PTA Council of the Nebraska City Public Schools appeared before the Council in regard to the size of the school stop lights on Highway 2 at Sixth Street and Fourteenth Street

Council approved electric Work Order No 199 of the Board of Public Works as presented by Mr Vern Livingston, Manager of the Nebraska City Utilities, for the installation of Mercury lights as follows: 12 on North 10th St. from 1st Ave to 14th Ave., 6 on North 11th St. from 1st Ave to North Table Creek Bridge, 8 on North 6th St. from 1st Ave to 12th Ave., 2 on South 6th St from 1st Corso to 4th Corso and 17 on 4th Corso from Argo Avenue to National Guard Armory. Installation cost of $7,847.94.

Building permits were granted to Gibbs Construction for a residence at 1554 North 11th at a cost of $17,500 and ESU No 4 was granted a temporary permit for a mobile classroom to be used for educational purposes only at 21st Street and 4th Avenue at a cost of $12,600.

Council adopted Resolution No. 393 transferring to the Sinking Fund a balance remaining in Sewer District No 23 of $41.10, Sewer District No. 24 of $10.00, Paving District No 77 of $649.92 and Paving District No. 84 of $227 75 and transferring from the Sinking Fund to Paving District No. 85 a sum of $1157.78 plus interest.

Council accepted with thanks a Warranty Deed from Karl H. and Wealtha H. Nelson for 1.02 acres in the SW-4 of SE-4 of Sec. 7, T. 8, R. 14, Otoe County, Nebraska.

A letter was received from Mrs Paul Chaney of Falls City, Nebraska, commending the Police Department

Building Inspector Joy Thornhill advised the Council of improvements to be made or the buildings were to be condemned at the following locations on order of the State Fire Marshall: Lot 7, Block 75 and South 23. 11 of West 77 5 of Lot 6, Block 75, Nebraska City Proper; and Lot 3, Block 10, Nebraska City Proper.

The Council authorized Commissioner Carroll and Mr Nathan Holman to negotiate the purchase of the Pauley property on behalf of the City of Nebraska City in a sum up to $30,000 for the site of the new municipal building.

Council approved the appointment of Bill Berger as Civil Defense Director for the City of Nebraska City.

Council passed and adopted Ordinance No. 1321 Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of $1,000,000 Combined Electric, Water and Gas Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series No. 9, of the City of Nebraska City, Nebraska, for the Purpose of Extending, Enlarging and Improving the Combined Electric, Water and Gas Utilities of Said City, Prescribing the Form and Details of Said Revenue Bonds and the Covenants and Agreements made by Said City to Facilitate and Protect the Payment Thereof, and Providing for the Collection, Segregation, Pledging and Application of the Revenues of Said Combined Utilities of Said City for the Purpose of Paying the Cost of Operation and Maintenance of Said Utilities and Paying the Interest On and Principal of Said Series of Revenue Bonds.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Gladys Wenzel
City Clerk

APPROVED:
Alfred O. Gigstad
Mayor

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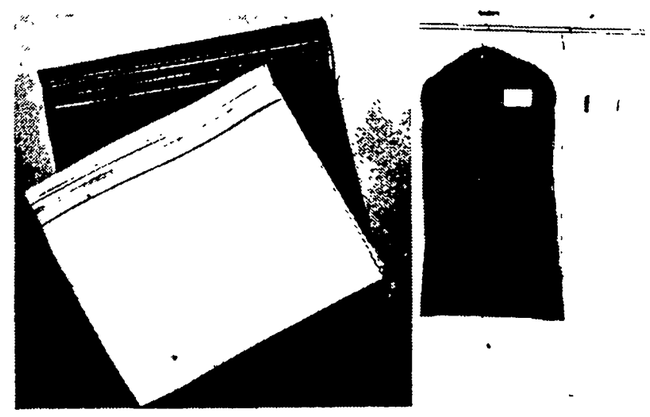
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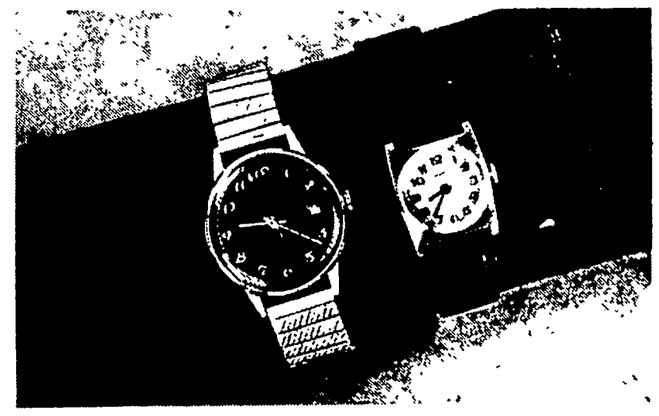
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