Safety Valve

The Concerned Citizen Speaks Out

DOWN THE DRAIN

Editor, The News-Press: I'm told our taxes are being raised $3 per thousand. Go up to the judge's chambers over the police station-fire house and find out what you are getting for it. You have already bought nearly $20,000 worth of architect drawings for a new building to house the fire-rescue squad and police. Don't let that money go down the drain. We can't afford it.

Neither can we afford part of a building on the Tenth street parking lot and the B and L building. Let's let A.M. Stephenson have that for a modern uptown restaurant. We need a place for the Rotary club, too, you know.

Now come up "them wooden stairs" Monday evening at 7 o'clock and find out what's going on in this town. You always wanted to know, so now is your chance. Check over the plans and the equipment and see if there is room for everything.

There is room on the 14th street lots for a building that won't have to be "added on to" next year. And old equipment can be placed in the present quarters. There is a new addition there, you know, or did you?

Let's have a turnout that shows everyone you live here and are interested.

MRS. BERTHA TAIT

OTHER LOCATION

Editor, The News-Press: They have the plans. Tenth street someone in this city who can cut them to fit Tenth street location without high priced help. Move fire equipment to Tenth street and leave the rest where it is now.

Not much time will be lost between the two in reaching a fire in the business district and other locations. In a big snow storm time would be gained in the Tenth street location.

I just counted 23 cars two trucks, parked at Tenth street lot, and three not used spaces. Also enough room to back out.

FRED BEASON

(Mr Beason listed important locations in Nebraska City, explaining they are nearer the Tenth street lot than they are to the Fourteenth street lot.)

Gage appraiser doesn't get paid

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) — Lester Sunderman, Gage County appraiser, was without his bi-monthly paycheck Friday after the county supervisors refused Thursday to approve the $372.50 check on a vote of 5-1.

Sunderman is an employe of Gage Counry Assessor E. Lloyd Jones. Jones set Sunderman's salary, and earlier urged that it be approved.

Ray Elwood, one of the supervisors opposing approval of the pay check, said the appraiser wasn't entitled to more than the 5 per cent raise given to other county employes. Jones had boosted the appraiser's pay from $645 to $745 per month.

Lewis Bates, the lone supervisor voting to pay the salary, said the elected Gage County assessor had the authority to set the salary.

Bates reminded the board of supervisors that Gage County Atty. Ron Sutter earlier gave an opinion that the board couldn't set salaries for employes of elected officials.

At an earlier board meeting, Jones said it would cost considerably more than the $100 a month raise to replace Sunderman, who is in charge of appraising property in Gage County.

Jones said the salary isn't unreasonable when compared to other salaries for county appraisers.

He said in Madison County the salary last year was $10,000 for a part time appraiser who only appraised new construction. In Dodge County the salary is $750 monthly and in Hall County the salary is $10,000 a year to appraise new construction only.

The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

This is Mr and Mrs Richard Owings, 811 Third Avenue and their "singleton," Shannon, two and a half; twins Tracy and Matthew, 15 months and yup, twins Richelle Angelic and Danielle Marie, three weeks.

The Owings family is a busy family.

The picture was taken during the lunch hour. "I've already had two wash loads," Mrs Owings, the former Marla Chamberlain, said.

Among her family duties are preparing 16 bottles of formula each day for the twin daughters.

They've had a bit of a problem with digestion and the family has been switching formulas. Aside from that, the babies are healthy, happy, noisy and. . .wet.

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The family bought a new washing machine and a dryer last summer (thank heavens, she says). She doesn't know for sure how many diapers the family owns.

But she knows how many she washes. And it seems the washing machine is running all the time, "I don't even count the diapers. We had about six dozen left from the other children and we got six dozen new diapers."

The first set of twins, Tracy and Matthew, have been walking for four months. Mrs Owings is not sure how she'd done it if they were "slow-walkers."

They were taken off bottles about two weeks ago

So, now all she has to do is sterilize and prepare formulas in 16 bottles each day. The bottles of formula are placed in refrigeration and are taken out two at a time.

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The family lives in a five-room house and is getting along fine. The washing job is big and consistent — every day. She often uses her new dryer, but prefers to dry clothes outside.

(I forgot to ask her how she managed to look after the youngsters and run outside to the clothesline a dozen times).

The family car? Well, they had a Camaro with bucket seats, but that just didn't work out with the second set of twins so now they've got a four - door Oldsmobile sedan.

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Richelle Angelic's first name was taken from her father's name and Danielle Marie's middle name is the same as her mother's.

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Perhaps the most outstanding point of the story is the general attitude of the young couple — they're happy.

And that makes a visitor feel good.

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The Born Losers

This week's Born Loser award goes to all the kids in Nebraska City who used Steinhart and Wildwood parks as a lover's lane or necking alley.

They ain't gonna be no mo!

The Parks and Recreation board whanged the gavel and ordered that gates be installed on the entrance and exits of the parks and that they be closed when park activities end at night and opened in the morning by police.

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Actually, the youngsters are not the target. The park board has had to hire and pay for damage done to the park by vandals. The idea is that if the park is closed, that'll cut off the traffic and hopefully the damage to public buildings and grounds.

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Oops, I forgot to tell you. Last week's Born Loser award went to Tom Hickman for pointing out a "leak" at the poker party up on the North 40.

It's okay, Tom, I never told anyone . .just printed it



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Happy Birthday to Harold and Rose

Harold and Rose Halm will celebrate a birthday this month — 20 years as owners and operators of Joe's Cafe .and that's a lot of hamburger.

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Congratulations to Fred Haase and Earl Freeman, adult leaders of Scout Troop 353 and 346 on being selected to the Order of the Arrow the other night at the Scout Reservation at Humboldt.

We attended our first "OA" ceremony at the invitation of Don Eschen, who camped the week with the boys.

Fred will always remember scout camp a year ago when he sustained a severe back injury. But he's healed and returned to volunteer time to help the boys.

Earl is a tireless volunteer. He's also a sentimental man and he certainly warmed a lot of other adults with his remarks after being selected for the honor.

They are very deserving recipients

The boys received into the Order were Bret Harpster, Gary Gilman and Doug Haase, Fred's son.

Many assist Johnson family

NEHAWKA — (N-P) — Many neighbors, friends and relatives helped the Julian Johnson family recently with the farm work including the haying, cultivating, spraying, wheat harvest and with the livestock after the death of Julian Johnson.

Those helping were Richard Stone, sons Keith and Roger, Chester Stone, Rick Nolte, Matt Midkiff, John Buchholz and sons Johnny and Eddie, Elmer Fitch, Ed Fitch, Arthur Johnson, Henning Johnson, Harold Johnson, Oscar Brandt and sons Bob and Ron, Frank Warden, Gilbert Kime, Gerald Kime, Henry Hobscheidt, Arthur Wolph, Cecil Murdoch, Gerald Shrader, Elmer Stoll, Ted Brannon, Robert Schlichtemeier, Boyd Mayfield, Bill Mayfield, Lyle Pollard, Glen Jones, John Hansen, John Knabe, Victor Ross and the Nehawka Farmers Co-op.

Assisting with lunch were Mrs Richard Stone, Mrs Earl Nolte, Mrs Frank Warden, Mrs Elmer Fitch, Mrs Arthur Wolph and Mrs Henning Johnson.

Most scientists believe that life began in the oceans and lakes, which hold many kinds of chemicals in solution.

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