The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Mr and Mrs Duane Hall returned from a vacation trip to the Hawaiian Islands, suntanned and all smiles.

The Halls were among a number of other Nebraska Citians who toured the islands and attended the Nebraska-Hawaii football game.

Mrs (Dona) Hall brought back a gift.

A woman of Chinese ancestry gave her a patchwork blanket of Hawaiian prints and said to tell Millie, "aloha."

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The story goes back a few years. . . .to the Korean War.

Uncle Sam decided this sailor was to do a third tour of duty overseas. This sailor wasn't too happy about leaving his wife again but he had gotten into the habit of saying "yes, sir," and there wasn't much else to do.

This time, Uncle Sam decided the sailor was to be assigned to ComServPac, Staff Headquarters. That meant only one thing — back to the Pacific

There was a great deal of celebration when the sailor found out that Staff Headquarters was not a moving target but was in heavily guarded brick and stone buildings near Pearl Harbor.

That meant a bed that didn't wobble and bounce with the ocean waves. It also meant our first home.

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We lived in an apartment on Kapiolani Boulevard near Waikiki Beach until Navy housing was available. When we moved into Halawa housing (Aiea), Millie met and became close friends with the Chinese woman, Mrs Joseph (Elsie) Farm.

Millie asked Dona Hall to call Mrs Farm and say hello from the Nebraskans.

According to Dona Hall, the Chinese woman didn't recall the Beaumonts of Nebraska City until Dona said she was calling for Millie. That apparently brought about a pleasant conversation that followed.

The women were unable to meet as they had planned so Dona could take a gift back to the Mainland for Millie, so a package was left at the hotel desk.

There was the gift for Millie, but there was another. . . .an identical gift for Mrs Hall.

Mrs Farm said later that she wanted to send something to the Nebraska City people and said that anyone nice enough to take a few minutes to call and say hello for Millie should also have a gift.

It made the trip to Hawaii additionally memorable for the Halls.

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A Nebraska City merchant lost a sale because he couldn't take chickens for cash.

A shopper wanted to buy a certain item that cost $100 and during the sales conversation, it was mentioned that old hens had sold at a recent auction for seven cents each.

The merchant agreed that didn't seem like much of a price. The shopper said he sure wanted the item in the store, and would swap his hens for an equal amount in value.

. . . .No, no, said the merchant when he figured that would be 2,212 chickens. . . .he lost the sale.

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No one kept us from the TV tube the other night when Larry Jacobson and Rich Glover of the Nebraska football team were introduced on the Bob Hope show.

We particularly liked Hope's introduction of Glover:

"Nebraska's Rich Glover is so fast that when he makes a mistake he corrects it on the instant replay."

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Jim Pittenger, ticket manager for the University, has his hands full.

He has 25,000 requests from football fans for tickets to the Orange Bowl game New Year's Day at Miami. Guess how many tickets the University has been given to sell?

Yup, about half, 12,000.

The football craze is really something in Nebraska. It doesn't seem that many years ago when Fred Haase and Wm. F. Davis and I attended the games along with 23,000 other football nuts.

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The Generation Gap

Conversation overheard between No. 1 son and his best friend, "Steve-bomb" or "Cowboy" Wusk:

"Those street guys sure aren't (mostly it's ain't) very nice."

"Yeah, wonder why they'd want to tear up a street like that?"

"They're a bunch of dudes "

"Uh-huh, now where we going sledding?"

"Why would they want to dump sand all over that street on that neat hill?"

"Aw, they're grownups, they don't even know what fun is."

"Hey, don't tell anyone about the street near Doc's house."

"Boy, that's a goodie."

"Yea, there's ice all over the street and man, is that neat!"

"I know, I bombed by cycle down there the other day, slapped on the air brakes and skidded sideways half way down the block. Boy, what a riot!"

"Yeah, me too I crack up everytime I pop a wheelie on that one."



In keeping with the spirit of Arbor Day Centennial to be celebrated in 1972, a cone colored fir was planted in honor of Leslie Yager Jr. at the Utilities gas border station located at 19th Street and Fifth Corso.

Les Yager on the job helping the town grow

By BOB BARTLETT

Timber grows tall in Nebraska City. But so does Leslie Yager, Jr. who has for 52 years and still is helping Nebraska City grow

Les has been a part of the gas, water and electric system of the Nebraska City community since 1919. In that time he has helped make the city's gas and water system from what was described by the State Health Department as the poorest system in the state to the best.

To pay tribute to Mr Yager, the city has planted a cone colored fir near the Utilities border at 19th Street and Fifth Corso.

"Leslie has been the wheel horse," said Vern Livingston, manager of City Utilities, "in helping Nebraska City to grow. His job is his one and only hobby."

Although the "mountain of a man" has lived in Nebraska City for over a half century, his original home is Hamburg, Iowa

"I was born there in 1892 on a farm outside of town," Les said. "But it wasn't until 1919 that I and my late wife, Ivah Cook, moved to Nebraska City." It seems that the old song "How are you going to keep them down on the farm" proved to be true as Les made the trek to the city for a change of pace.

When he started working for the Nebraska City Gas Co , his first job was as a stoker

"I kept the fires burning to heat the coal from which gas was made " Now his job is superintendent and he still keeps the fires of progress burning.

Mr Yager has one daughter, Mrs Verne Jones who has two children plus two great grandchildren.

Speeder — Assistant Police Chief Don Martin arrested Louis A. Parrott, 4000 Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln, Saturday for alleged speeding Assistant Chief Martin said he spotted the car at Thirteenth Street and Fourth Corso and pursued it to a point about five miles west of Nebraska City on No. 2 before stopping Parrott He signed a summons to appear in plice court December 17 at 9 a.m

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Nixon signs tax cut bill

WASHINGTON AP — Calling it "a Christmas tree with something for all the people," President Nixon has signed into law a bill cutting individual, business and consumer taxes by $15.8 billion over the next three years.

The most immediate result of Friday's presidential approval was to make an estimated three million new-car buyers over the last four months eligible for refunds averaging $200. The bill repeals the 7 per cent automobile excise tax retroactive to Aug. 16.

That was the day Nixon proposed the legislation as part of his new economic program to spur the econ0my.

The President described the bill as a "critical part" of his program, one that would "benefit the exonomy and benefit all American."

Before it reached his desk, however, Nixon forced a delay in the starting date of part of the bill calling for a campaignfinancing plan that would allow each taxpayer to earmark $1 of his income taxes for the party of his choice, or to be placed in a general presidential-campaign fund. All parties would profit from the provision, but Democrats pushed for the provision, but Democrats pushed for he measure to start by 1972 to ease their money pinch.

To avert a threatened Nixon veto, Congress delayed the starting date of the plan until 1976, but the White House has promised an effort next year to repeal the provision.

College bargaining union is recognized

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The State College Board Trustees voted Friday to recognize a faculty collective bargaining union for the four campuses.

The board voted unanimously to accept the Higher Education Association of Nebraska to represent faculty members in professional negotiations.

In another action, the board voted to accept an architect's plan for the applied arts building at Wayne State College.

The plans were drawn by Leo Daly of Omaha and would be funded by a 1971 legislative appropriation.

The board had earlier designated the project as the top priority capital construction item for the state college syste: Board officials earlier in the week asked the legislature's Budget Committee to provide funds for the remainder of the building's estimated $1.2 million cost.

BACKERS GAIN IN DRIVE

Tax on food is fought

By ODELL HANSON
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Backers of the petition drive to outlaw the state sales tax on food items say they now have active petition circulators in at least 50 of the state's 93 counties.

If at least 31,313 valid and properly distributed signatures can be obtained and filed with the secretary of state by next July 7, Nebraskans will ballot in November of 1972 on whether or not to write into state law a prohibition against applying the sales tax to food items.

Although the petition method has been used often to put constitutional amendments on the ballot, the initiative petition method of writing laws is resorted to infrequently in Nebraska.

Since 1914, nine proposed statutes have been put to a vote by petition. Eight of those proposals failed at the polls.

The current food tax drive is spearheaded by Gov. J.J. Exon and the Democratic party.

In addition to obtaining signatures equivalent to 7 per cent of the votes cast for governor in 1970, sponsors must obtain in at least 38 counties signatures equivalent to 5 per cent of the gubernatorial votes in those counties.

It's the 38-county requirement which the party hopes to meet first according to state Democratic Chairman Hess Dyas. "After that, we will work for the bulk needed to meet the 7 per cent total requirement," he says.

The party has calculated the minimum number of signatures needed to meet the 5 per cent requirement in each county, and boosted this figure by about 50 per cent to provide a "safety margin."

Even with the cushion, there are 34 counties where population is sparse enough so the 5 per cent requirement can be met with 200 signatures or less, Dyas noted.

"We're going to be concentrating very hard first on a lot of these counties where we don't need many signatures," Dyas said.

"Then we'll zero in on areas where we have the easiest chance of reaching the 7 per cent bulk, particularly Omaha and Lincoln."

Here's a sampling of Nebraska counties and the number of signatures needed to meet the 5 per cent requirement plus a cushion of about half again as many signatures: Adams 750, Box Butte 276, Buffalo 728, Cheyenne 250, Dodge 940, Douglas 9,300, Gage 668, Hall 990, Jefferson 345, Lancaster 4,000, Lincoln 729, Madison 720, Nuckolls 237, Otoe 450, Phelps 300, Platte 800, Red Wilow 330, Richardson 375, Scotts Bluff 660, York 435.

Dyas says he was inclined to groan at the outset at the size of the initiative petition job, but has been encouraged by progress of the drive and has concluded that "it's manageable and we are going to get the job done "

In a test run at a grocery store, Dyas said petitions were signed by fully nine of each 10 shoppers approached.

"The only people who turned us down where those who were bashful or reluctant to talk," he said.

"I can see that our job is not with the public. Our job is to see that there are people out there getting signatures."

Dyas acknowledges that in several of the more rural areas of Nebraska he has found some "mediocre enthusiasm." And even in his own party there is less than unanimous enthusiasm.

"You can't go into something like this with everybody in the party being enthusiastic about it," he observed

Information booths spur tourist effort

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A new tourism promotion thrust in Nebraska, including establishment of information booths at each of 17 rest stops along Interstate highway 80, was outlined Friday by Gov. J.J. Exon and other state officials.

A promotional theme will be "Nebraska ... the Good- Life."

The information booths will cost about $500 each and will be manned mostly by local people, according to Greg Smith of Lincoln, advertising consultant for the Travel and Tourism Division of the Department of Economic Development.

The information dispensers will be called "Nebraska Vacation Guides," and they will man the booths from early June until mid-August.

Also announced by Exon at a special tourism luncheon for news media was the information of an intergovernmental task force on tourism.

Involved will be the Game and Parks Commission, Department of Roads, State Historical Society, Indian Commission, Soil and Water Conservation Service, the Office of Planning and Programming, University of Nebraska and the governor's office.

Exon said four things were needed to develop a healthy travel industry

"First of all," he said, "we must continually emphasize and reinforce quality.

"Secondly, we must develop the travel industry in such a way as to increase the quality of life for the local citizen.

"Thirdly, we must be good hosts. There are few experiences a vacationing family will remember longer than a state full of friendly people.

"Fourthly, we must make the traveler aware of the many vacation opportunities in our great state,"

John Rosenow, state travel director for the Economic Development Department, said the department has launched a program to encourage all communities to inventory their attractions and develop self-guided "circle tours."

$950,000 payment ordered by judge

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Federal District Court Judge Robert Denney has signed an order requiring operators of the former Fontenelle Hotel to pay $950,000 to owners of the hotel.

Gotham Hotels, a subsidiary of Wellington Associates, operated the hotel from Nov 1, 1968 until it closed last February.

Alex DiLorenzo Jr. and Sol Goldman, both of New York, are identified in the "order and judgment" as sold partners of Wellington Associates.

Owner of the hotel is the Douglas Hotel Co. The major stockholder is Mrs. Ernest D'Andria of California.

The court document said $120,000 has been paid and the remaining $830,000 must be paid by February.

Douglas Hotel filed a suit last December asking $1 million "for damages sustained to the name, goodwill and reputation" of the company

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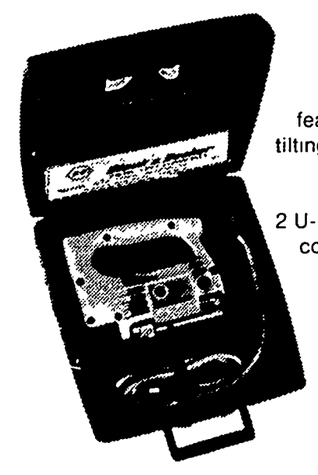
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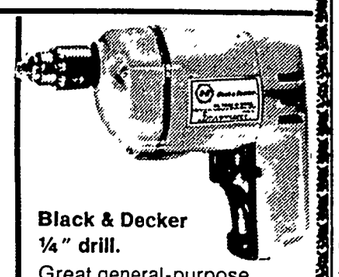
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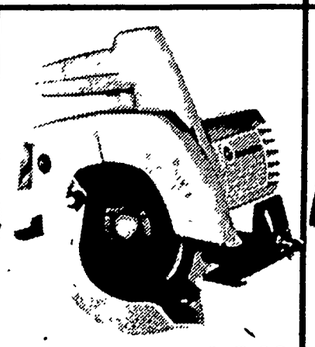
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