The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E BEAUMONT

Someone asked the other day:

"How come you're not playing in the Beta Sigma Phi bridge tournament?"

Well, if I told you the truth, you wouldn't believe me. I got so used to shooting the moon against my neighbor, Mrs Fred Wusk, that with all my winnings of homemade rolls and coffee, I'd be a blame fool to bid four spades against Duane Hall for the price of a Scotch and water

Well anyway, I overheard Millie telling someone on the phone that we wouldn't play in the tournament

Phooey! And just when I was about to work out some fancy dummy plays

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And then a nice voice said over the phone a few days later, Ivan we still need another couple for the bridge tournament Won't you and Millie play?

"Well glory sakes alive," I returned "I should say so I've been sitting here all day long feeling hurt because the bridge callers didn't ask the right person in the household "

(I thought that sounded pretty good until I got home)

That evening the War Department came into the living room after a telephone conversation and said

"I just received a call from the sorority and once and for all, we aren't going to play in the bridge tournament "

"Mother," Jacoby-Ivan said, "what in the world is the matter with playing in the tourney? We'll have lots of fun and it'll do you good to get out in the evening with friends "

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"Well " she snorted, "you haven't played a single hand of bridge for two years and you're not going to get me as a partner when you can't remember when to raise or lower the bidding between clubs and spades "

(Millie and Mrs Bob Toler never did figure out the signals Bob and I used to have such as four puffs from the pipe meant four spades Yuk Yuk)

Well now listen here gal you're talking to the Big Player of the Game

Who needs practice?"

"You do," she answered (That did hurt a little)

But I came right back. .

Mother you've got to admit, that I'm not the kind of guy who needs practice After all remember, I'm the guy who plays golf once a year and that's in the Legion tournament!"

(I thought I really had her that time)

"Yes ummuh and you're the guy who scores 85 strokes in nine holes "

Well now I recalled that one year Emil Webering won the trophy for more strokes so I wasn't so bad AT ONE TIME

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Well all the palaver didn't change her mind and the Beta Sigma Phi bridge tournament is getting along famously without my great bidding skills

Which could prove that I wasn't needed in the first place, that Millie was right all the time, or maybe she just didn't want to bake any rolls and figured I ought to "gamble" them out of Mrs Wusk

(Mebbe sometime I'll show Fred and Lucille how my Dad used to play 10 point pitch while standing at the buffet loading his pipe)

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Mrs Max Snodderly, 1200 Eleventh Avenue, has some kind words she wanted to share

"I really appreciated what the police in Nebraska City and Hamburg did for me the other day," she said "I lost a ring of keys in Hamburg and they were returned to me in less than an hour after I reported it to police "

Mrs Snodderly, manager of the Pendleton factory outlet in Nebraska City, said she told Officer Marty Allgood about the missing keys, he contacted Hamburg police and the keys were found and returned

"I've read where people compliment police for their cooperation and I just think it'd be nice to do something like that "

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Mrs Snodderly and Mr and Mrs Rex Snodderly attended an auction Tuesday night at Hamburg She never realized the keys were missing until she looked for them to enter her home

The key ring not only contained the key to her home, but to the Pendleton outlet and the bank depository She notified the bank and considered having the locks changed

But then, she saw Officer Allgood and told him about it and the approximate location where she had parked The officer notified Hamburg police who found the keys

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There is a little more to the story Officer Allgood was among 80 area officers and other guests of the Elks Tuesday night at an appreciation dinner

At that dinner, Norman Otto, administrative assistant to Governor Exon read a couple of letters in which taxpayers wrote their appreciation of service by officers

"They may consider that in the line of duty," one woman wrote "but I think it's an example of the wonderful people we have as law officers "

Officer Allgood typifies what the letter writer and Mrs Snodderly said

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St Patrick's Day a legal holiday?

That's what is wanted, according to the letter received this week There are several reasons, say the letter writers from the County of Cook (Chicago, that is)

It's more sacred than election day to the Irish, a national holiday would close the banks and the bankers could go to church and it will give time and a half pay for those who have to work and they can spend the extra money on Killian's day

In addition to annexing Ireland as the 51st state, the group plans to build an undersea tunnel connecting the River Shannon with the Mississippi, oranges will be green and baseball teams will be Green Sox and they will play on Astro Clover

The committee is headed by Ed Moran and Dave Condon of 2501 N Central Avenue, Chicago, Ill , 60639 Committee members include Pat O'Brien, Ed O'Bradovich, Joseph O'Halloran, Dennis O'Keefe and Tommie O'Leary

They sent along a campaign button, a green membership card and a balloon

Think I'll give them to Chick Connell Happy Birthday, Chick

The Midland View

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Lesson in History

Maintaining their flexibility of choice will have more to do with saving the "family farmers" in Nebraska than will federal and state laws and farm programs which inject standards of inflexibility by their very nature

If ever the livestock producers and feeders of this state needed an object lesson on the flickleness of political dependence (and to their credit they have resisted government takeover for 30 years), it is being provided by the current clamor to put controls on cattle prices and lift the import quotas to permit an influx of foreign beef

Regardless of political parties, there has existed in this country a policy directed toward "cheap food" to satisfy the 95 per cent of the voters who want the benefits of higher wage scales without giving up those benefits at the food counters In the latest instance when it appeared that the USDA would stand firm on ruling out price controls on raw agricultural products, these forces just turned another old familiar route and have sought a flood of foreign beef imports to bring down the price of meat

In 1970 when the price of corn started jumping because of the Southern Corn Blight, huge stocks of government-held corn were injected into the market to dampen the price of corn The consumer-oriented congressmen who have been calling for a lid on cattle prices and more beef imports, are from the same industrial areas which produced congressmen who in the summer of 1970 recommended that the government "manage" the beef industry because they said domestic beef producers were not planning enough production for the future

The answer to these people in nearly every case is for the government to stop in with some kind of manipulation Of course they say nothing about what is to be done about the processors and wage earners responsible for 60 per cent of the price of a retail pound of beef after the feeder sells his cattle at those "1952 record high prices "

Perhaps it would be well to recall just what happened back in 1952 when cattle prices reached highs comparable to those of recent months Incidentally retail beef prices were much, much lower 20 years ago as the older homemakers of this country know

The Korean War was tapering off The high prices produced a lot of beef speculators right here in Nebraska including doctors and lawyers and businessmen in the farm country who thought the price of cattle would never go down Ranchers hung onto just about every cow that would produce a calf and by the fall of 1953, choice feeder calves from some of Nebraska's "reputation" herds were going through the sales rings at from $12 75 to $15 per hundredweight There was a great outcry for the government to 'stabilize the livestock industry and one of the big issues before the Nebraska Live Stock Growers Association convention the following summer was whether the members would favor seeking government controls They voted strongly against the proposals and have been doing it regularly ever since And consistently over the past 20 years the livestock producers in Nebraska and the nation have taken their ups and downs as a matter of choice

There are exceptions of course, but ask any outstate Nebraska banker whether he would prefer to make loans to farmers who have a good livestock program or to those who are exclusively feed grains or wheet oriented and dependent on government programs for one third of their incomes Those who advocate complete government controls to 'save the family farm are ignoring the record of history even the history of the last two years

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The best evergreen to use as a Christmas tree is a matter of locality and personal choice High on the list is the balsam fir Firs hold their needles better than other evergreens and are noted for their pleasing fragrance



Off to see daddy Randy Wheeler, 14 months, and his sister, Sally, five months, will soon be off to Frankfurt, Germany to visit their father, Richard Wheeler, who is in the service According to Mrs Wheeler, "We're just waiting for the papers from the Army and then we'll go "

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Mrs Willis Knake

Cub Scouts - The Nehawka Cub Scouts Den III met in the legion room recently They worked on the project of making tambornes Jeff Lukowski and Charles Schomaker finished achievements Members are to take men's old white shirts to next meeting on March 15

The Webelos, a newly organized troop of Boy Scouts met at the Haith Repair Shop with Willis Knake and Lawrence Haith The project was to cut tops out of barrells to be placed in Nehawka for litter April is keep America beautiful month Next meeting is March 11 at the shop at 9 a m

Mrs Fred Hansen entertained at bridge Monday

Mr and Mrs Ivan Hansen recently were bridge guests of the Fred Hansens

UNION

Connie Mullis

Recent visitors of Mrs David Eaton were Mr and Mrs Lawerence Crawford and son, Dale, of Whiting, Iowa, Mr and Mrs Donald Beccard and family of Omaha and Mrs Dorothea Niday of Lincoln Mrs Niday and Mrs Eaton dined at Ulbrick's cafe in Nebraska City

Mrs Ruth McQuin of Bakersfield, Calif , is a houseguest of the Donald Wolfe family

The Legion and Auxiliary birthday supper will be held at the Legion hall March 17, 6 30 p m

Mrs Clifton Garrison Mrs Gerald Paasch and Mrs Fred Clark celebrated the birthday of Mrs Clark Sunday by dining in Nebraska City

Mrs Russell Easter and Mrs Gerald Paasch drove to Genoa to visit their sister, Joan Swan

Mrs James Boardman chairman for the Heart Fund in Union area, reported the collections totaled $182 91

Mr and Mrs Wilmer Martin of Plattsmouth were Sunday callers of Mr and Mrs Robert Grunwald and Mrs George Martin

Mr and Mrs James Boardman and family and Mrs Louise Hobbie were recent guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Ronnie Boardman of Seward to celebrate the second birthday of their twins Janice and Mike

Mrs George Martin and Mrs Louis Crunk and sons visited Mr and Mrs Lester Heebner at Avoca

Mr and Mrs Paul Anderson and daughters have recently moved into a new house in Union's new housing project

Sunday dinner guests of the Donald Wolfes were the Clyde Barrett family of Peru Mr and Mrs John Duncan of Lincoln and Mr and Mrs Don Ahrens of Weeping Water

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Mrs Harry Kastens

Mr and Mrs John Carneal of Amozonia, Mo , spent the weekend with her family, the Alton Bruns

Mr and Mrs Robert Young and Harry Kastens were among those who attended the Livestock Feeders meeting and dinner in Cook Monday

Guests recently at the Stan Boldt home in honor of the second birthday of Craig were Mrs Richard Eis and Gail, Mrs Ron Wenninghoff and Kurt and Julie of Unadilla, Mrs Dale Alber of Lincoln and Mrs Orville Koch of Dunbar Sunday callers were Mr and Mrs Harold Boldt of Douglas

John Clark, son of Mr and Mrs Alton Bruns, has received his discharge from the Army He came home Saturday after serving the last 18 months in Vietnam

Mr and Mrs Wm Appling have moved into the house on the farm two miles north of Otoe Mr Appling is employed by Fritz Behling

Mr and Mrs Dale Alber of Lincoln spent the weekend with the Calvin Schutzs' and visited Danny Schutz in Community Memorial hospital, Syracuse The Louis Pernicek family of Lincoln were Sunday guests of the Schutzs'

Mr and Mrs David Kuenning of Ogallala were weekend guests of Mr and Mrs John Buchholz They attended a wedding in Syracuse Saturday

Mr and Mrs La Rue Hemberger of Hutchison, Minn , and Kathy Staack of Omaha spent the weekend with the John Staacks and attended the 25th wedding anniversary celebration Sunday

Lutheran ChurchWomen of St John's met Friday night Pastor George Metzinthin read the scripture and gave the prayer The members have purchased a stainless steel mixer, stainless double boiler and a large kettle for the kitchen An electric clock was presented by Mary Koehler, Mrs Florence Paap, Mrs Frieda Fruedenberg, and Mrs Fred Lutjemeyer Several cash donations were appreciated and acknowledge Hostesses were Mrs Junius Koch Mary Kohler, Mrs Freda Lockman, and Mrs Junior Lingle

Young Couples Pinochle club met Sunday night with Mr and Mrs Fritz Behling Mr and Mrs Bob Thummel had high prize Mr and Mrs Leonard Meyer will host the group on April 9

Mr and Mrs Robert Young were dinner guests of the Louis Rosses in Nebraska City Friday Sunday evening they visited Mr and Mrs Alvin Pohlman in Nebraska City

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Officer credited with saving life

GRAND ISLAND, Neb (AP) Grand Island policeman Leland McComb was credited with saving the life of a 16-month-old boy Friday

McComb was called to the home of Mr and Mrs Jack Briggs where their son, Clarence, had fallen over a fence and caught his neck

The child had been removed from the fench but was not breathing when McComb arrived, the boys parents said

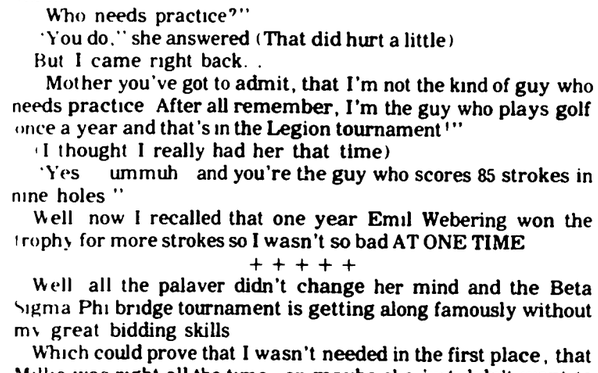
McComb administered mouth to mouth recusitation at the scene Friday night the child was reported recovering

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Now is the time to diagram your garden plot—and file it in the drawer with the others from the last 10 years

March is the month between the last big snow and the REALLY big snow of the winter

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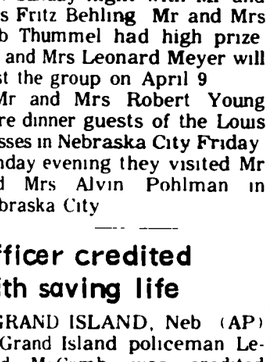
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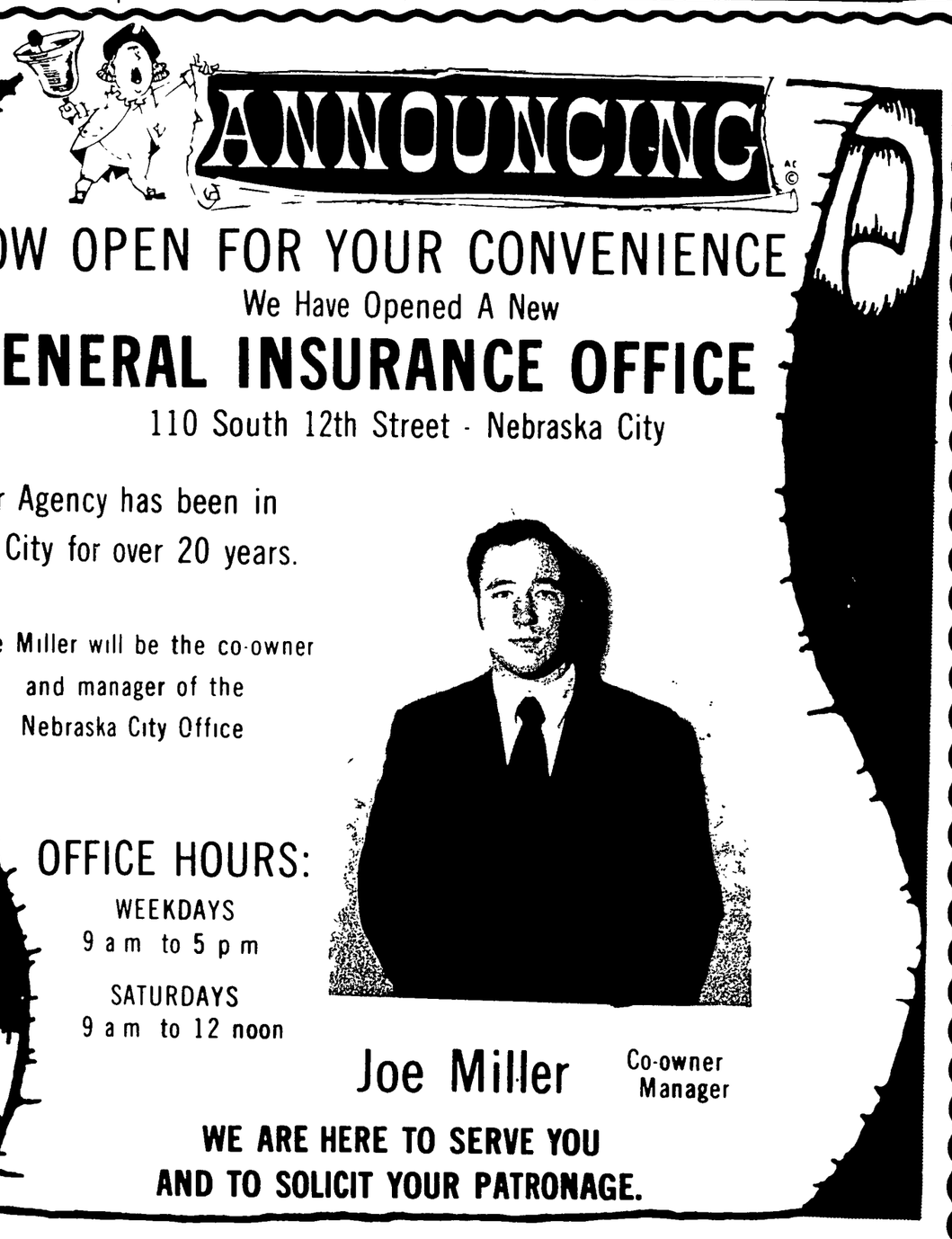
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