The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Someone asked the other day —

Will Nebraska City people wear Centennial costumes during the Arbor Day celebration?

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Well, for some reason, no one has put his finger on that and said "go," but I noticed the other day in a drive around town that there were a number of Centennial-style dresses being aired on clothes lines

Neither has there been any effort to start beard-growing There were a few beards in the county centennial a few years ago and Syracuse men are sprouting whiskers now during that town's 100th birthday

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Bill Oberdieck handed a note from the Iowa State Horticultural Society that its organization got started in 1866 and initiated the first Arbor Day April 20, 1874 The first three committee members were Judge C E Whiting of Monona county, D W Adams of Allamakee county and Prof H H McAfee of Ames.

"At that time there was a real need for trees Early settlers had settled near streams and wooded areas as wood was needed and in great demand for buildings and fuel Later as settlers spread out over the more treeless areas trees were needed not only for these purposes but for woodlots and windbreaks By 1872, most available land in the state had been taken over by settlers from both the eastern states and by immigrants from many northern European countries especially Germany and the Scandanavian countries

"Also during this decade following the Civil War many small nurseries sprang up in most Iowa counties where trees were grown to furnish the needs of nearby farmers Besides this need for more trees during this period there was a tremendous need and demand for fences. It was during these years that the Osage Orange was found adapted for planting as a live fence and many nurseries grew this plant by the thousands for this purpose

"Especially in southern Iowa hundreds of miles of Osage Orange hedges were planted As barb wire came into use and land became more valuable, these live hedges were gradually replaced As these hedges were removed, thousands of Osage Orange posts were produced and used as posts for the barb wire fences

"At the time the State Horticulture Society was established in 1866, the demand for trees was urgent and trees and tree planting as well as orcharding, were the main interests of the Society's members The Society sponsored an Arbor Day each spring as one of its activities for 23 years, until 1897

"By that time interest was waning, but every spring some localities still sponsored a "Tree Planting Day" or Arbor Day. In recent years the Horticulture Society again started sponsoring Arbor Day, mainly by planting Horticulture Society and several of its affiliated groups, such as the Iowa Nurserymen's State 4-H Camp, southwest of Luther in Boone County, is planning a large tree planting campaign over the state. The Society hopes that due to the loss of thousands of elm trees caused by the Dutch elm disease that interested groups and individuals will not only promote, but plant trees in untold numbers in every hamlet, town and city in the state."

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Congratulations to Steve Ryder, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Ryder He was recognized the other day for helping save the life of a student at college at Maryville, Missouri

Congrats also to Rod, son of Mr and Mrs Don Cushing and Rebecca Koerber, daughter of Mrs Henry Stratker, on winning the Elks youth contests.

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Jesse Stein, director of the Arbor Work Center, is looking for jobs for his clients at the Center

Mr Stein said the group needs the work. The clients have been assembling curlers for over a year and apparently their work has been satisfactory because they keep getting the jobs.

The director said he hopes to expand the program and as a result involve more clients. "We will be able to handle 35 clients," Mr Stein said The new plant will be open in a few weeks and that will hopefully open new doors to jobs for the people there

Information of jobs for the clients should be directed to Mr Stein or his staff

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There's a new safety law that is stirring quite a bit of conversation and creating the sale of hard hats

Signs are posted in construction areas designating the space as "hard hat area " The builders mean just that And if you happen to wander onto the construction site without a hard hat, you'll hear about it from the job superintendents

City Utilities crews have had the hats for many years and so have many other major construction companies But now you see them just about everywhere including in the wrecker and tow services, painters and even rescue squads

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On a recent visit to the new Elks home in the company of Ralph Causgrove, exalted ruler, we were met at the door by one of the workmen who made sure hard hats were issued before touring the construction site

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It's all settled and official now

Johnny "The Jet" Rodgers and Cletus Fischer will be the speakers at the Pioneer Booster-Optimist athletic banquet in May at the National Guard Armory.

Company A Guardsmen will cook and serve and that does not mean tm plates and SOS



Tom Sorensen a junior in the Weeping Water High school has been selected for Boy State delegate by the American Legion Post 237 at Weeping Water and Chris Smisek, also a junior is the alternate.

Tom, the son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Sorensen, has been active in student council, Boy Scouts, football, basketball, track, W club, a class officer, Moccasin staff, Boys glee and homecoming royalty.

Chris, the son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Smisek, has been active in football, wrestling, W club, Moccasin staff, prom server, Student Council, vice-president; Boy Scouts, 4-H club, and CYO church group.

Gilts, confinement are topic of study

By JAMES STEVENSON
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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — At a time when human sexual inadequacy makes for best-selling books and top-run movies, it may be comforting for people to discover that the lowly pig has problems coping, too.

The interim findings of a University of Nebraska-Lincoln swine study suggests that the way pigs are raised plays a big role in their later sexual development.

And there are undoubtedly human parallels somewhere in the findings, admits Dr. Dwane R Zimmerman, a reproductive physiologist in the UNL animal science department and a member of the research team

Basically, the study has focused on the sexual development of "gilts"—female pigs which have not littered—and how it is affected by confinement rearing that isolates them from each other and from the opposite sex.

What often results is a very mixed up pig, and one which may be delayed in reaching puberty or fail to get there altogether, Dr Zimmerman explained.

In the close confinement sometimes experienced by gilts being raised for breeding, the pigs "just don't have much freedom in what they can do," he said

Often, he added, "room to eat, drink and lay down is what it amounts to " Exactly what the relationship between living space and sexual development is "we don't know," he said, but gilts under those conditions often fail to perform well in breeding.

When released into adequate "field space," however, the gilts seems to come around normally.

A similar cramping of normal sexual development seems to occur when the gilts are segregated from boars during the first year, Dr Zimmerman said.

Two approaches to get around the problem are being practiced now, he noted. Under one, an extra number of gilts are simply set aside for breeding from the very beginning, thus raising the odds that a higher number will little immediately without problems, he said.

Under the other, producers have begun to permit the gilts access to less confined outside pens before breeding is started.

How much of the pig's plight is an imitation of man's, Dr Zimmerman admits has yet to be determined.

Studies among other primates have indicated the same "failure to adjust" when monkeys were raised in isolation or odd social situations, he noted.

"If you get deep enough, most mammals, or animals which have an estrus cycle, tend to probably operate about the same way," he said "It's hard to document that in all these, but if you get deep enough, the principles are probably similar."

The performance of the swine in the study is also probably less related to the pig's relatively high intelligence than it is to the pig as a sexual animal, he added.

Not that the pig isn't quick-witted, he said

"You get all kinds of opinions on this, even from scientists, but it depends on the kind of standards you apply

"I do have a lot of respect for the pig in terms of intelligence They exhibit a general caution about things they don't know or understand, but they can be trained to do routine things quite easily I've kind of marveled sometimes at how easily "

Turtles can carry germs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government moved today to restrict the importation and interstate shipment of pet turtles which it said cause salmonella poisoning of 300,000 children annually.

The proposal would require breeders and shippers to prove their turtles are free of the bacteria. Federal officials said previous attempts to control the disease with chemicals in breeding ponds have failed.

Interested parties have 60 days to comment on the proposal.

Salmonella, the most common form of food poisoning, causes vomiting, diarrhea and fever. In rare instances it may prove fatal, although the FDA said it has received no reports of deaths linked to pet turtles.

The FDA said the turtle-borne bacteria are transmitted directly by handling the pet or indirectly by contamination of kitchen sinks and counters from turtle tank water.

Of the 15 million pet turtles sold in the United States each year, about 10 per cent are imports, the FDA said.

Danish Observance

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Sen. Roman Hruska and Rep. John Y. McCollister, both Nebraska Republicans, will be among the guests at the 90th anniversary observance of the Danish Brotherhood in American in Omaha Saturday. The fraternal organization has nearly 10,000 members throughout the nation.

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Nebraska Farm Bureau

Farm Labor Act

The state's farmers and ranchers should be aware that a bill with strong bipartisan sponsorship has been introduced in Congress which would set guidelines for farm labor organization and aims at preventing the use of secondary boycotts such as that which has so severely damaged the California table grape industry

The Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1972 (H. R 13981), which would provide for an Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) with essentially the same powers as the National Labor Relations Board — was introduced in the House of Representative on March 20. Authors of the proposed legislation are Representatives Robert L Leggett (D) of California, Albert H. Quie (R) of Minnesota, Al Ulman (D) of Oregon, and Charles M. Teague (R) of California. Quie is the ranking minority member of the House Labor Committee to which the bill has been referred.

The need for such a law has become increasingly apparent. Since farm workers were excluded from the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act which was designed primarily for industrial workers, the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee of the AFL-CIO, led by Cesar Chavez, has been able to operate in a "no man's land" unfettered by restrictions

Chavez, a star pupil trained by revolutionist Saul Alinsky, used the boycott of table grapes to force table grape growers both large and small in California to contract with the UFWOC in order to market their products. Once the contracts were signed, the farm workers, without benefit of an election, were turned over to the UFWOC's dues collecting hiring halls without choice if they wanted to continue to work Only one single election was ever held on UFWOC representation and in that one at Shafter, Calif , the predominantly Mexican-American workers overwelmingly rejected UFWOC representation Currently the UFWOC is using the threat of product boycotts to force wine grape growers in California to sign contracts whether they employ any labor or not (wine grapes are machine harvested), in order to market their grapes at the wineries.

The UFWOC has moved into Arizona, Texas and Florida and has boasted against all farm commodities eventually to achieve organization of farm workers, and incidentally farmers themselves

Following are some of the main provisions in H R 13981

1 It is not an amendment of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) but a separate enactment for agriculture The general format of the NLRA is followed

2. Coverage is limited to farms with more than 500 man-days of farm labor in the high quarter of the preceding year

3. The ALRB would have authority to adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act. This would permit development of innovative procedures adopted to the needs of producers of perishable farm products

4. Unfair labor practices are generally the same as in the NLR Act The secondary boycott and hot cargo prohibitions are as set forth in the NLR Act

5. A union shop agreement could be made by a union and an employer, except in right-to-work states

6 A strike or lockout without a 20-day notice or while arbitration proceedings were under way would be an unfair labor practice

7 Hiring halls would be permitted but restricted.

8. A secret ballot election procedure is provided for the workers

A few states have adopted farm labor acts of their own along these lines, tiring of waiting for federal action. The problem is nationwide and a federal law such as H. R 13981 is the basic answer

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Man arrested in shooting of officer

OMAHA Neb (AP) — Authorities have arrested one man in connection with the shooting of an off-duty Omaha police officer

Patrolman Gerald Paul, 31, was reported in critical condition after undergoing surgery in an Omaha hospital He was wounded three times in an incident early Friday morning at an Omaha residence. Police said

David L Ware, 30, of Omaha, was arrested in connection with the case, authorities said

Police said Paul and another off-duty patrolman, James Patterson, 22, were at the home of Una and Anita Smith about 1 30 a m when Ware came to the house

The shooting incident followed an argument in which Ware allegedly threatened Mrs, Smith, according to police reports

Patterson then subdued Ware and held him until officers arrived. Patterson told police

Police said they found a pistol on a living room couch



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