The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Jeff Kinney, the greatest!

Husker star Jeff Kinney didn't give a long-winded speech to his listeners at the Knights of Columbus awards banquet. Instead, he signed and signed and signed autographs for his young admirers.

Kinney told a couple of jokes involving sports then screened a film on Big 8 football games during the past season. That seemed to be just right for the younger set and for many parents

There were a number, however, who had wished the famous college football player would have left the youngsters with a message about sports, or at least something that that effect.

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But that's not like our Mr Jezz Jeff. He powered his way to stardom in Husker football and his hulking frame at the head table was probably more than enough to satisfy many fans.

He apparently hasn't had any complaints on his appearances. He's been the "program" at 10 other events in recent weeks.

The guy is so modest that he never mentioned he brought his wife and two young sons with him. And, if Mrs Leonard Kaiser hadn't helped, we probably wouldn't have been able to make that announcement.

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We pulled a dirty trick on Jeff After he told us that he did not have a prepared speech, we thought we'd give him a workout and suggested that the youngsters line up to have the football player autograph their programs.

And they did. He must have signed 200 or 300 programs. He was a pure gentleman all the way, looking up at youngsters smiling and saying hello to them If he felt he may have been lacking in a special message, he sure won the hearts of the youngsters by his attention as they asked for his autograph.

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We invite all to attend the Arbor Day Centennial events during the weekend April 21-22-23.

A special Centennial section will appear in Monday's News-Press with pictures and stories about J Sterling Morton and the beautiful mansion

We started out with plans for a definite number of pages, then the interest began to swell and more pages were added. The section has already been printed It has 44 pages. More and more news stories seemed to come up as each of us dug a little deeper on an assignment.

Probably one of the persons we bothered the most was Ira Glasser who has been like a right arm for all of us. Thanks to him we were able to take notes and pictures time and again inside the Morton mansion and at the other facilities. Probably, the man was so busy getting things ready for the Centennial that he didn't have the time to "do it again." But he did and we are grateful for the assistance and help from Mr and Mrs Glasser. Thank you!

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The biggest unanswered question we have heard about the Centennial is

"How many people will be in town?"

Well, no one seems certain enough to pin down a projection "Several thousand," was the closest answer we have been able to get

Just for the heck of it, I'd like to mess up all the unspoken thoughts about attendance with this

In 1905 former President and Mrs Grover Cleveland were in Nebraska City for the unveiling of the Morton monument The newspaper estimated attendance at a conservative 18,000. won't be that big this week, but like one Arbor Day committee member said, "Omigosh! What would we do with that many people?"

That is a little catchy, isn't it, Vern and Gen?

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Little Bucks. . . . .

Harold and Rose Halm are getting ready for a big luncheon crowd in Nebraska City during the Arbor Day weekend.

Joe's Cafe will be open until 2 p.m., Harold said. "We've got plenty of extra help. I just hope we don't run out of food "

Harold is not being over-cautious. . . .He's had more hungry customers than food before.

And he's some waiter, too I don't know if Harold or Dean Duncan of Dean's cafe is the "ugliest" waiter in town, but they're sure great food hustlers and how they ever manage to keep track of food orders by memory is beyond me

Harry Adams, Lincoln, son of Mr and Mrs Willard White, 1423 North Tenth Street, will move his family to Waukeegan, Ill , this weekend where he has been promoted from a Cushman position to the parent company, Outboard Marine

Harry is a graduate of Hamburg, Ia., high school, was a meat cutter during school and got into an IBM career. His new position will be as program analyst

His wife is the former Judie Youssi of Lincoln The couple has two children (and that means the Whites have two fine grandchildren) Mark and Cathy

Congratulations to the Adams family I got off to a pretty good start at Waukeegan .Millie and I were married there while I was in the service

And then, there's just one more Little Buck for today

Mrs Joe Steiner has her left arm in a sling. No, she didn't take a swing at Joe She was swinging, however, at Skateland and bumped against a brick wall, breaking the left elbow

She didn't realize she had a fracture and skated with a "sore" elbow for about an hour The next morning she sure knew she had it!

The Steiners are skating fans and have taken church groups on skating parties Skateland is something to see, Mrs Steiner said There are dress code rules and a no-no means you just don't get to skate One youngster told the manager if he had scissors, cut his hair the way he wanted it to permit him to skate The manager obliged The boy skated.

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And here's a note from the ole' War Hoss, Allan Holmes of Des Moines, who writes that the WWI Company B guardsmen will hold their reunion, Saturday May 20 in Nebraska City.

"We will be meeting after 55 years, a fact utterly incredible to the writer and I'm sure to the other remaining members who recall the day we 'set sail' at the foot of Central Avenue."

The guardsmen will meet at Memorial Building, but have not planned a banquet-type luncheon.

And as always, the ever-faithful commander, Col. Jay "Ducky" Holmes of San Antonio, Tex., plans to be in Nebraska City for the reunion. Colonel Holmes comes by way of the Kentucky Derby, one of his favorite events.

The Andean black bear, or spectacled bear, is the only bear found in South America

Mirrorlike Finish Is No Soft Touch

By MR. FIX

Smooth mirror finishes on furniture and floors don't come out of a can or off the end of a brush. The best varnish, lacquer or shellac will not give a perfect finish without proper preparation of the surface first.

Many people go ahead and brush on the finishing material with the notion that minor scratches and flaws in the wood surface will be covered up and not be noticeable.

If anything, the flaws will be even more pronounced This is especially true with dark-stained wood.

For that perfect finish, all scratches must be sanded out of the wood. Start with medium grit paper and progress to finer grits.

Sand with the grain. On a flat surface, back the sandpaper with a solid block of wood and try to use pressure as uniformly as possible.

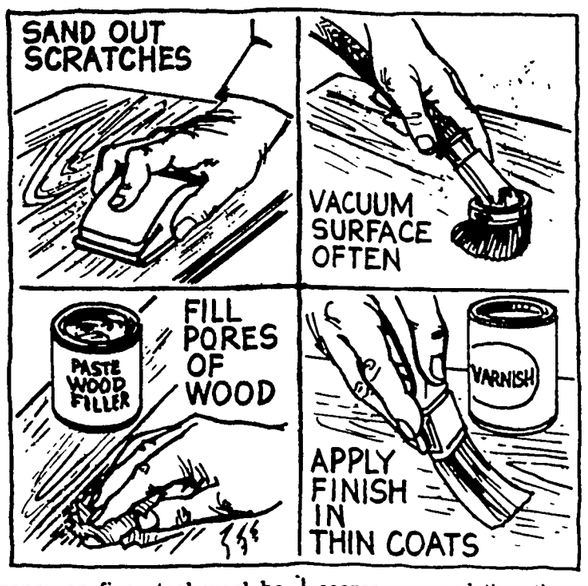
Examine the work frequently so that you do not sand off too much of the surface Sight along the surface for irregularities. Run your fingers over it for ridges and rough spots your eyes do not readily detect

When you think you have sanded the surface as smooth as you possibly can make it, go over it again with very fine sandpaper. This will remove the fine scratches left by previous sandings—scratches you may not notice now but which will be apparent once the finish is applied.

Wipe or vacuum frequently as you work. After the final sanding give the surface a good wiping with a tack cloth This is a cloth with a slightly sticky surface and is available at most paint stores. Lacking this, use a rag moistened with turpentine

Actual finishing should be done in a room as free of dust as possible Use a full brush and flow the finishing material on with long strokes Apply across the grain and then brush with the grain when the brush is almost dry.

The finish should be thoroughly dry before succeeding coats are applied. Each coat should be lightly sanded with very fine sandpaper or fine steel wool before the next one is applied.



Certain woods such as oak and walnut have open grain which will not provide a completely smooth finish no matter how much sanding you do. For an absolutely perfect finish these woods must be treated with a paste wood filler to fill up the pores.

Thin the filler with turpentine until it is like a thick paint. Then brush it in across the grain covering only a small surface at a time. As the filler is about to dry it must be rubbed in with a coarse rag and then the excess wiped off Do not wait too long

Fillers are available in a so-called natural color and in tints to match various woods Tinting colors also are available Check the color on some out of the way corner of the wood before application If you are staining the surface, stain before filling and then use a matching filler

Once the surface is filled, proceed as outlined before in smoothing the surface for finishing

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UNION

Connie Mullis

Mr and Mrs Harold Johnson, Mr and Mrs Keith Guthals and Mr and Mrs John Foster were Union guests attending a card party at the Jerry Bornemeir home at Elmwood Saturday.

A Crawford family reunion dinner was held Sunday at the Memorial Building at Nebraska City honoring Mrs Dorothy Ramm of Grass Valley, Calif., who is visiting relatives. Those attending included: Benny Crawford and Euinee Willimas of Anderson, Mo., Mr and Mrs Lawrence Crawford of Whiting, Iowa, Mr and Mrs Floyd Brown and children of New Castle, Mr and Mrs Thornton Lee, Mr and Mrs Howard Snodgras and Mrs William Bartz, all of Nebraska City, the Ronnie Lee family, Bob Brannon family, Roy Lee family, Dee Lee family, Mr and Mrs Ivan Boone and daughter, Mr and Mrs A W Crawford and Mrs Verna Keyes.

Mrs Otto Ehlers and Mrs William Porter visited Mrs Hattie Keedy Monday Mrs Keedy is a patient at Clarkson hospital in Omaha and is recuperating from recent knee surgery

Mr and Mrs Leo Roddy have moved into their house in Union.

Mr and Mrs Neil Nelson of Winebogo, were recent callers of Roy and Violet Dye.

Mrs Verl Ackley and Mrs John Foster furnished cars Sunday to take Union young people of the Methodist Youth Fellowship to a county rally held at United Methodist Church at Elmwood.

Mrs Glenn Hoback and Mary and Danny and Linda Spring of Ft Madison, Iowa spent a weekend with her father Henry Becker, and her mother, Mrs Becker who is at Duff Nursing home.

Sunday the Hobacks and the Donald Becker family dined in Lincoln in observance Mrs Hoback's and Donald Becker's birthdays.

Mr and Mrs Fred Baker of Nebraska City entertained their guests, the James Temple family and Jack Baker family, at dinner at Steinhart Lodge on Easter.

Titanic band didn't play is icy plunge

By ANTHONY COLLINGS
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Some say the band kept playing as the Titanic carried 1,513 souls to the bottom of the North Atlantic 60 years ago today. But Edith Russell, one of five living survivors, says it isn't so.

"There was no music, just terrible screaming," the 93-year-old Cincinnati-born spinster said in an interview in the London hotel where she now lives

"I survived it with only my underwear, my pig and my memories "

The pig, a brown stuffed toy with a built-in music box, was a good-luck gift she got from her mother after surviving a car crash. She still has it in her room and says it saved her life the night the Titanic went down in the world's worst peacetime sea disaster

The 46,000-ton White Star liner, at that time the largest and most luxurious afloat, was on her maiden voyage when she struck an iceberg about 95 miles south of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland.

"When the Titanic was sinking and they were getting us into the lifeboats, I couldn't jump in because I was too nervous.

"The lifeboat was several feet away from the rail and 14 stories above the water. They told me to jump and I said: 'What do you think I am, a monkey or an acrobat?'

"I was clutching the pig. A sailor threw it into the lifeboat and I said: 'That does it. I'm going after it.' And then I was able to jump."

There were 711 survivors.

The only child of a wealthy Cincinnati merchant, Miss Russell said, "I'm accident-prone. I've been in shipwrecks, car crashes, fires, floods and tornadoes.

There can be as many as five eclipses of the sun in one year. There must be at least two and the usual number is four.

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