The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Hello there, Frances Goodspeed

Ron Goodspeed, NCHS vocal music director, and I were breaking bread the other day at the Optimist club luncheon when he asked if I was from Washington, Kansas

"Yup," I said.

"Do you happen to remember a young man who played football there in high school years by the name of Dean Merritt?"

"Oh, boy, do I remember Dean Merritt! Someone busted his nose up good at a game and that foxy young coach we had took Dean's helmet to Clyde Flury's blacksmith shop and they made a safety headgear out of iron " (If we had been on the ball we would have started mass production on football face protectors and have retired by now)

"Well, anyway," Ron said, "that's kinda round-about the way to tell you that my wife, Frances, and Dean Merritt are brother and sister "

Welcome to Nebraska City, Frances Ron tells me the Merritt family lives m Braddyville, Ia , and that Dean lives in Griswold, Iowa

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Bill Berger is my friend, but I just gotta tell this.

Bill has served, oh, I don't know how many years, on the volunteer fire department and is still the city defense chief and served a six-year term on the school board

But this volunteer stuff can be for the birds er er the animals or sumpthin.

The other day firemen extinguished a fire in a pasture Nothing unusual about that Firemen are called on dozens of pasture or brush fires

This one was different

Bill is literally covered with poison ivy

He's a mighty uncomfortable man, but he's not complaining about being a volunteer fireman. He's irritated that he didn't see the weed because of the heavy smoke.

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Someone asked the other day —

Are the rescue squadsmen going to resign over the moving of the police and clerk departments into the new fire-rescue building?

Glory be' I should hope not

The guy who told you that has been siphoning from the kickapoo joy juice jug.

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The City commission won't get a bouquet of flowers from the rescue squad (or probably from the fire boys) for moving two additional departments into the new building There have been a few snorts by the crews. But the truth is, most of the guys are kinda human. they thought they had it "made" with the new building

(Just for the heckofit, stop in the police station sometime and look over the arrangements that have existed there for many years) ANYTHING will be better than that.

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Here's another point that should be well appreciated The rescue crews really need the help of the police. The officers and the firemen handle all the emergency calls on the white phone, push the button which signals squadsmen and get the rescue units started and onto the drive

If anyone quits the rescue squad, it'll probably be me and not for any political reason or for any hassle The late Ed Harshbarger got a number of us to join at the beginning and I'd like to yield to others who can handle the job much better than myself

Unfortunately, it's kinda hard to quit rescue volunteer service when an injured or ailing person grasps your arm and thanks you for helping them

If you would like to serve, then you're the person the squad needs Contact Harold Rowe, the chief or Gary Harpster, secretary They'll take it from there

P S (You might be interested Ed Behrns is a member of the squad He asked to join after he witnessed the rescue squad at work in a car wreck The injured were members of his family)

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Optimists expressed their sorrow to the Fred Kuethe family of Lincoln after reading that Mr Kuethe was killed in an auto accident

The man was not well known in town, but he had visited here before and had addressed Optimists about three weeks ago.

A retired military man, he had a unique job with the state He took surplus funds from the different agencies, invested them, collected the profits and returned that back to the agancies

He told Optimists that in effect, his department was saving money for the taxpayers The money earned on investments paid his salary and his staff's, and required less tax money from the various state agencies

He was quite proud of Nebraska for its investment agency and the cooperation he had received from state officials

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The Optimists, who meet at the Elks each week, will take the "closed for moving" break as an opportunity to entertain a number of children this week

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President Harry Vondrak said the club will host all the boys and girls on the club's baseball and softball teams and their coaches at a party Tuesday noon at Buffalo City

The children are to meet at the old Elks club at Fifth Street and First Avenue at 11 45 a m , for transportation to Bill Stites' town

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Didya hear the one about

Don Chapin, the insurance man who rode a motorcycle to a meeting in Colorado, got soaking wet in several rainstorms, and was told to "move on" by a town marshal when he stopped to rest?

Well, good ole' Don spent last week with a scout troop at the Reservation at Humboldt (You gotta be brave to do that)

As necessity required, Don had to drive a couple of boys back to Nebraska City one day

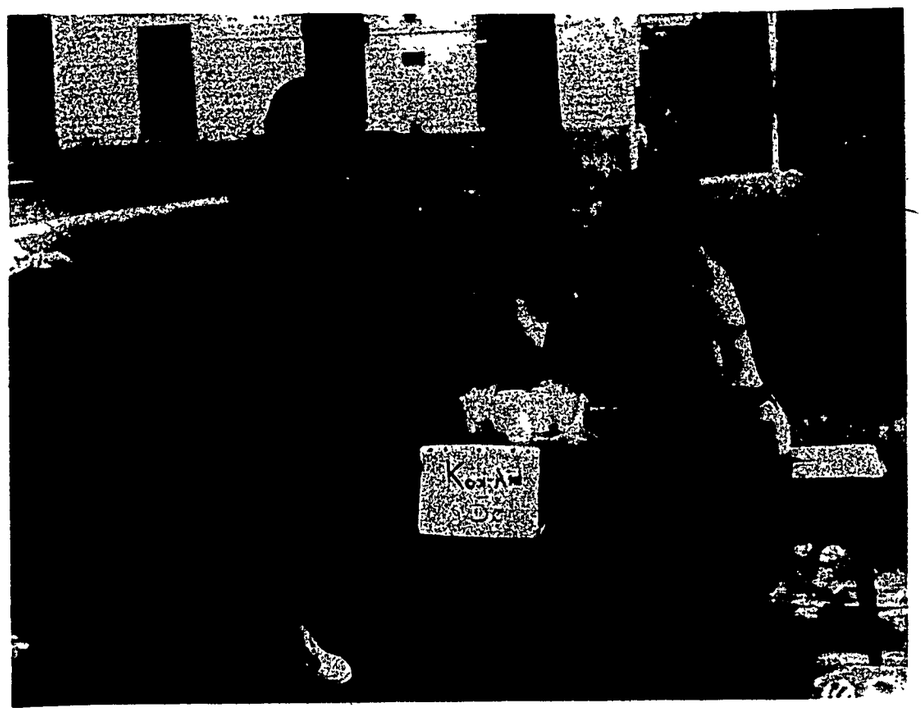
Well, he was cruising down the highway past a small town when "k-e-e-r-a-c-k' Powie' Sha-zam' Shatttterererer'

His windshield got clobbered

Don stopped his car and looked back "There were a dozen boys running all directions except for one He was standing there holding the bat in his hands and as I backed up, he asked "

"Did that ball hit your car?"

A man who works with boys understands boys so Don talked with the youngster and his father and continued on to Nebraska City Have you bought a new windshield lately for your car?



Nothing hits the spot better than an ice cold drink on a hot July day. Jerry McRoberts, son of Mr and Mrs Jerry McRoberts, Sr., and Terry Taylor, son of Mr and Mrs Dale Taylor, pour customer Mark Hudson, son of Mr and Mrs Bill Hudson, from Britt, Iowa, a glass full of the cool stuff The boys totaled one dollar and 10 cents at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday after almost emptying one large pitcher of raspberry drink. According to Terry the five-cent cold drink stand was to be a one-day operation He said the stand would stay open until the pitcher ran dry.

Illegitimate child gets $12,000 award

OMAHA, Neb (AP)—Douglas County District Court Judge Samuel Caniglia has made an award of $12,000 in workmen's compensation benefits to the illegimate child of a man who was shot to death

In making the ruling, Caniglia denied a claim made on behalf of the man's legitimate child from a marriage which had ended in divorce

Caniglia said the case was not without legal precedent

Alan D Coleman, a gas station attendant, was killed May 28, 1971 during an argument

Coleman had a daughter in July 1968, then he and his wife were divorced in July 1970 Coleman continued to pay child support until his wife remarried in April 1971

Testimony showed that Coleman and Darla L Nelson had been living together, though they were not married at the time of his death, Caniglia said

In such a case, the judge said, the benefit goes to the child with whom the worker had been living

He said the Nebraska Supreme Court set the precedent several years ago

High wire walker touches power line

WHEELING, W Va (AP)- Richard Guzman, a member of the famed "Flying Wallendas high wire troupe, fell to his death before an opening night circus crowd here Friday night

Guzman, 29, a son-in-law of the troupe's founder Karl Wallenda, apparently contacted a live electrical wire while climbing a pole during the family's act and fell 60 feet to the ground, police said

It was the second time Wallenda had watched a member of his family die in the aerial act Two members of the troupe including Wallenda's nephew Dieter Schepp, were killed in Detroit in 1962 when their seven man pyramid collapsed Mario Wallenda, Karl s adopted son was permanently paralyzed in that accident

Wallenda 67 was walking a wire across the Wheeling Island Stadium when the accident took place Friday and had to continue his walk after seeing his son-in-law fall

A reserve policeman Harry Croft, rushed to break Guzman's fall and was slightly injured when Guzman fell on him, police said

Goldwater rakes McGovern policies

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. (AP)— Sen. Barry Goldwater says the policies espoused by Sen. George McGovern amount to a "radical socialist" philosophy which would "destroy the American concept of life."

"Nearly all the countries in the world, except Hanoi, have no need nor want for George McGovern," Goldwater told an audience of some 500 at a $50-per-plate GOP fund raising dinner

"These countries have no use for a weakling They have no use for a Benedict Arnold, one who would sell out his friends and allies," the Arizona legislator said

Goldwater said the November presidential election "pits what is American against something that is not America "

Goldwater also predicted that President Nixon would adhere more closely to the advice of conservatives during a second term

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Connie Mullis

Mr and Mrs Wes Harrah and children are staying with his parents, Mr and Mrs Robert Harrah, while they are house hunting.

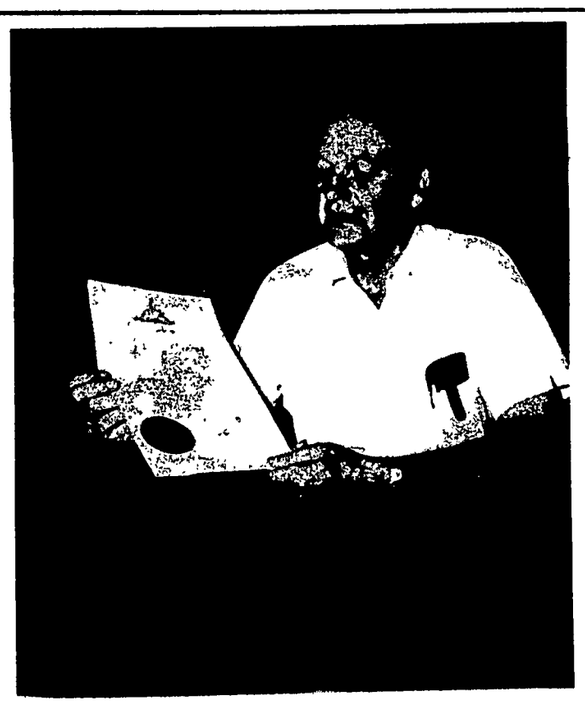
Recent dinner guests of the William Whipples were Mr and Mrs Keith Taylor and family of Nampa, Idaho, Mrs Art Miller and David of Rocky Mount, Mo., Mr and Mrs Dennis Todd and children of Plattsmouth, Mr and Mrs Earl Dickens of Ft. Collins, Colo , Mrs Emmett Rice of Plattsmouth and Mr and Mrs Chester Taylor of Union.

Mr and Mrs Keith Taylor and family of Nampa, Idaho, were house guests of the William Whipples

The Taylors were in Nebraska to attend funeral services for Marion Taylor of Plattsmouth Mr Taylor was the first death in the family of 10 children of the late Mr and Mrs Roy Taylor of Plattsmouth.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Garrett moved this week to Omaha

Mrs Ray Kalm and sons of Kansas City spent a week recently with her mother, Mrs Margaret Garrens



Joseph Thissen, Nebraska City, chairman of Advancement and Public Information for the American Water Works Association, Nebraska Section, holds the document proclaiming August 13-20 ad Better Water For Nebraskans Week signed by Governor J J Exon in his office in Lincoln Tuesday

Others present during the signing included William Sommers, Fremont, director of AWWA, Richard Ericson, Lincoln, chairman of AWWA, Lee Blocker, public works director for City of Lincoln and Dave Chambers, Lincoln, director of League of Municipalities

THAR'S GOLD IN THEM HILLS

Tourist gold, that is

—A Weekly Column—
By ODELL HANSON
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LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — There's tourist gold in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and Nebraska would like to mine some of it

Specifically, Nebraska tourism leaders would like to lure to Nebraska some of the thousands who flock to western South Dakota—the area which has received almost unprecedented publicity this year through Rapid City's floods and the more recent presence of Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern.

If Nebraska had tourist promotion dollars in greater abundance, the Black Hills tourist diversion effort is one which state Director of Tourism John Rosenow says he would like to undertake

The Black Hills, "just a few miles from our borders," is a tourist market "which our state has not been able to tap with our resources," says Rosenow, who has been made tourism chief since the function was transferred from the game commission to the department of economic development

"Some advertising in that area, inviting people to come down and see the attractions in the western and northern part of our state, would really show results."

Rosenow says that if money were available, he would like also to plow more dollars into development of the Strategic Aerospace Museum in Bellevue and the Wild West Arena at North Platte, both of which "have tremendous potential as tourist attractions "

He would like also to be able to provide matching funds to local communities for tourist promotion and development

And he would like to improve the quality of the brochures and printed material Nebraska provides to "sell" its attractions to travelers

"Our publication budget is extremely limited," he notes "We have a terrific information network set up with our vacation guides at rest stops, but the more and better information we can hand out, the easier it will be to influence travelers to get off the interstate highway and visit the state "

Nonetheless, tourism is excellent in Nebraska as the 1972 season goes into its August peak, Rosenow reports

"Early indicators from attraction managers around the state tell us that attendance is up significantly this ueason," he said

Traffic figures appear to confirm an increase m tourist travel

On Interstate 80, which provides the main tourist market, traffic during the first six months of the year showd a 12 per cent gain over last year between Omaha and Lincoln, 16 per cent in the vicinity of the Overton Junction, and 18 per cent at the Nebraska-Colorado state line

A recent half-hour check of vehicles on I-80 near Lincoln showed 57 of the 395 vehicles counted to be either pickup-campers, self-contained campers or cars towing campers

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Do tourists have complaints?

"If they do, we haven't heard them," says, Rosenow. "People really have a positive attitude "

Many write or verbalize favorable comments on the quality of the state's interstate highway rest stops and the helpfulness of the 32 vacation guides who man the 16 rest stop information centers across the state

At the state Capitol's tourist information counter, visitors are invited to sign a register and enter any comments

Although heat and humidity on occasion receive mention, the comments suggest that if one thing characterizes the vacationing motorist—presumably freed of workaday burdens and pursuing only pleasure—it's his good nature

"Everything is so beautiful," wrote one visitor

"Among the best days of my life," wrote another

And a bad speller somehow got his reaction noted with a single word "Fantastic "

All of which prompts this

—Poem—

—It may lack mountain grandeur,

—And the seashore's far away

—But Nebraska has "the good life,"

—A place to work or play



This is Marty Haverty. He's a scout with Troop 346 now camping at the Scout Reservation at Humboldt Scoutmaster Dr G E Mann snapped this shot of one of his charges who apparently had the cooking chores for the troop at the time Marty is the son of Police Officer and Mrs Dale Haverty

Barry sees vote similar to '64

SCOTTSBLUFF Neb (AP)- Sen Barry Goldwater thinks history will note one comparison between his 1964 bid for the presidency on the Republican ticket, and the campaign being waged by Democratic Sen George McGovern We both got the hell beat out of us "

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The contest begins August 20, 1972 and ends on April 14, 1973 Judges will pick four winners a month through the April 14 deadline

Winners will receive an Arbor Day Medallion.

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS — In Nebraska City or area will receive a Day on the Town; Residents outside the area will receive an All-Expense paid trip to Nebraska City with their families, plus a Cash Prize and Trophy.

Three top finalists will be picked from among the top 35 selected by the judges. These top three winners will receive special awards at the 1973 Arbor Day celebration

BOYS AND GIRLS — Be sure to attach on a separate sheet of paper or back of your drawing. . . .YOUR NAME, AGE, SCHOOL, GRADE, ADDRESS, PHONE, AND CITY.

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