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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house (Deuteronomy 6 7) PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for every evidence of Thy deep love for us, by our words and deeds to show that love to our children. In Jesus' name Amen.

Popular loan program sliced to cut budget

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration, in an attempt to cut budget corners, plans to slice a popular loan program for building farm grain-storage facilities by 75 per cent next fiscal year

The Agriculture Department Wednesday put into effect tighter rules under which farmers get loans for building grain bins and installing drying equipment

A spokesman for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, which administers the loans, said the regulations are aimed at saving USDA $100 million during the fiscal year beginning next July 1

The loans have been available to farmers since late in 1949 but have been liberalized greatly in recent years to help producers build more bins and drying facilities to handle crops such as corn, wheat and sorghum grain

In the year ended last June 30, a record of $120 3 million was loaned to 38,950 borrowers to install storage and drying facilities with a capacity of 251 2 million bushels. The current year's loans are expected to exceed the 1971-72 total

Looking ahead under the tightened rules, the spokesman said loans in the 1973-74 fiscal year are expected to be cut back to between $25 million and $30 million

When the loan program was started nearly 25 years ago, only $5,000 was advanced to three borrowers the first year. By 1959, it had grown to an annual volume of $18 3 million and, in 1969, reached $281 9 million for the year

The rule changes were announced earlier this week, but department officials did not spell out until Wednesday their impact on bin and dryer loans in the future

Kenneth E Frick, administrator of ASCS, said in a statement that the need for grain storage on farms has eased because of the record construction in recent years

Among the changes in rules is a lower maximum in the amount of loan a farmer can get, $25,000 now compared with $35,000 earlier Another change is the elimination of loans to build sealed silo-type storage for wet grain This has been a popular among many corn producers who use such facilities for storing wet corn destined for feeding

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department, in a report about the price outlook for commercial fertilizer next year, put it this way

"Fertilizer prices at all marketing levels will be bullish in 1973"

Prices for phosphates — a basic component of commercial fertilizer mixtures — will be "particularly unyielding" because of export demand

"If a soft spot develops, it could be in the price of potash," the report added Potash is another basic ingredient.

The third component, nitrogen, will be in large demand Production of ammonia, the biggest source, could be hampered if natural-gas supplies used in manufacture become more critical

Farmers spent $2 4 billion on fertilizers in 1971, and economists estimate their total bill could be at least two per cent orre than that this year Prices, however, were held to fractional gains in most cases by federal controls, the report said

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Poor harvest weather this fall helped reduce the nation's farm labor force from last year, says the Agriculture Department

During the survey week of Nov 19-25, the department reports, there were 3,992,700 workers on farms, including about 3 1 million farm operators and unpaid family members and 88 ,900 hired workers

A year earlier, the total work force totaled more than 4 0 million and included 900,500 hired workers

Apple Test

Using electric vibrators to record sound waves passing through apples, researchers can measure their ripeness

The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D E BEAUMONT

Stolen from Paul J. Niemann

"Hey, ole' Billie Berger the wood cutter, I found out all about that orange stuff the Apollo guys found on the surface of the moon"

"Huh? You're kidding, Dick Whattzit?" Mr Berger returns

"That's Tang that was dumped there by the last astronauts!" (Snicker, snicker)

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We have taken every opportunity before the television set recently to flip to the channel which screened the moonwalks

I can't think of a better education for the family and myself than watching something like that and trying to take in the massive impressiveness of walking on another planet

I always thought Buck Rogers was the only one to get to another planet

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We have special memoirs of man's first steps on the moon

I took several pictures from the TV screen, made enlargements and with the help of Virg Pitstick, sealed them in folders and gave each booket to the children

Perhaps the pictures don't mean much just now, but someday they will bring back a lot of pleasant memories

The family will never forget that night of the picture job They still accuse me of saying "shhhh" so many times and so much that I supposedly made all the noise in the room

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Attention all hands!

This week's Fumbling Fickle Finger Award goes to TOM HOHN, announcer at KNCY, newsman and a lousy volleyball player

Tom has the pinky on his right hand in a 10-pound cast as the result of matching brawn with a volleyball Guess who won

The radio newsman (lucky he didn't get a volleyball-karate chop on the throat) is getting along fine at the turntable providing he can keep his aching finger out from under the turntable

Anyway, Warren Copenhaver is always there to take over and we're told that Cope has already volunteered to handle the early morning police beat so his partner can rest

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Here's a nice note from our friend, Allen Holmes, 1105 Garden Avenue, Des Moines, Ia , 50313

Mr Holmes has helped organize the Company B, WWI guardsmen's reunion for many years "Think I'll let the reunion take its own course this year If I change my mind, I'll drop you a line"

Mr Holmes said he spent some time in the Seattle, Wash , area in the fall, "but my fishing up in the north woods fell off a bit this last season"

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Nebraska City is "losing" three doctors this year — T L Weekes, J P Gilligan and W C Kenner

We hope to run a story on each of these men to tell you something about them and their families

The first story will be about Doctor Weekes and will appear soon

We had a most enjoyable time visiting with Doctor and Mrs Weekes in their home And we can honestly report that Mrs Weekes holds a firm hand in that household

Whenever Doctor Weekes started to answer questions about how he met his wife, we were interrupted by a grand lady with a twinkle in her eye who said, "now, Tommy don't you tell him about that he'll just put it in the paper"

We all laughed We thank Doctor and Mrs Weekes for permitting us the time and hope the story does them the justice for the fine people they are.

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The other night the other half was going through Christmas lists and getting gifts lined up and made some remarks about a baby.

"Whhhaaat?"

"No, silly," she said, "a baby gift for Suzanne."

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Golly, Suzanne, a mother. . . .it doesn't seem that long ago when Mrs Dave Curtis was Suzanne Slemp, daughter of Mr and Mrs Marland Voltmer and was our No. 1 babysitter.

I remember when we took Suzanne along with us on a little outing to Lewis and Clark lake and Gavins Point dam.

We had to attend a meeting of grownups so we left the two daughters with Suzanne at the motel. We had all kinds of worried thoughts, but when we returned later to the motel we found not two giggling little girls, but Suzanne was just as giggly

S'funny how parents worry needlessly sometimes, isn't it?

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Before the outing had ended, we became acquainted with some people who bad a large pleasure boat, with cabin, "comfort station" (we called it a 'head' in the Navy) plus TV and a kitchen

We had a great tour and Suzanne became acquainted with some younger women more of her age bracket.

You know what those crazy girls did? They sunbathed on the bow of that ship most of the afternoon, got soaking wet from waves occasionally, but we couldn't get them in the cabin.

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And so, you've read the Beaumont Sentimental Story for today. We think a lot of Mrs'David Curtis and family.

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One of our "spies" in the chambers of the new county district judge gave this report from a wiretap.

The caller inquired from Judge-elect Robert L. Morrissey, Syracuse, whether he could have his name changed.

The judge replied that it could be arranged and asked the man to come to the office in the courthouse that afternoon.

"By the way," Judge Morrissey said, "I had better make a few notes on this . .what is your name?"

"Joe Stinx," replied the caller.

"I .ah .see what you mean," the judge said. "Now, what is the name you prefer to be called?"

"Charlie Stinx," replied the called

(And they say don't believe everything you read in the paper Ha!)

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The other night we attended the Junior High basketball games (it was a triple header) at Syracuse. No. 1 son has a new pair of tennies now and they are for basketball, so Mother Bear and the youngest cub, Jeannea, who just turned "12 whole years old" the other day, attended the game in the Rocket Senior High

Bill Dawson and I watched the moves of a lefthanded husky towhead and were admiring the boy's ability to slip in and dunk shots

We talked about the eighth grade boy on several occasions and since we had no programs, I tapped the man sitting in front of us, Judge Morrissey, and asked if he knew who that clever young man was

Now, read this carefully.

The Judge turned to us slightly and with a teeney-weeney bit of a smile in the corner of his mouth, said

"Well, his first name is.. ah...Bill. and his last name is. ah Morrissey"

I told Bill Dawson we made more brownie points that night at the game than we'd ever have a chance to use.



AVOCA — (N-P) — Mr and Mrs Kenneth Lamb are living at 8002 Broadview Drive, Lincoln, after returning from their honeymoon in Colorado.

The couple was married December 1 at First Lutheran church of Avoca.

Mrs Lamb, the former Barbara Stubbendick, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Glen Stubbendick of Avoca. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Bob Lamb of Syracuse.

Mr Lamb is a senior at University of Nebraska and Mrs Lamb is employed by Aid Insurance Services in Lincoln.

National Christmas tree is lighted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Spiro T Agnew flipped a switch, and thousands of green and yellow bulbs and a huge star adorning the national Christmas tree lit up

Several hundred persons braved the cold and rain Friday night to attend the opening of the Pageant of Peace on the Ellipse The national Christmas tree is a 70-foot Engelmann spruce from Medicine Bow, Wyo

Before lighting the national Christmas tree, Agnew said one tree in the pageant is a reminder of the servicemen who have become prisoners or missing in action in Southeast Asia.

"As we pray for these men and the other Americans who have suffered the adversities of war, we can be grateful that, because of their sacrifices in America's steadfastness, the promise of peace burns brighter this Christmas than in any we have known in recent years," Agnew said

Nuclear plant cost up again

OMAHA, Neb (AP)—The estimated cost of the Fort Calhoun nuclear plant has risen again

General Manager Lynn Monroe of the Omaha Public Power District said the estimated cost now is $165,480,000. The district had estimated the cost last December at $163,134 00

Monroe said the increases were caused mainly by the extension of construction time as well as by additions to the plant as required by the Atomic Energy Commission

Other costs, he said, such as training of personnel, testing interest, spare parts, tools and equipment and revised environmental requirements, totaled more than $535,000.

Verification system to check welfare errors

LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — State Welfare Director Lawrence Graham announced Friday Nebraska counties will begin a system of complete "verification" of all welfare recipients in an effort to reduce the number of errors in welfare payments in the state

The rate of error is higher than the alleged 9 8 per cent of "misspending" Nebraska was accused of last week by the Department of Health Education, and Welfare (HEW), according to figures released by the Welfare Department

HEW officials have refused to disclose how the figure was determined, Graham told a news conference, and part of the problem is due to directives from HEW on how to determine eligibility

From July to December, 1971, the state's overpayment rate in Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) cases was 24 3 per cent and the average overpayment was $51 78 per month The figures dropped to 17 5 per cent and $32 10 during the first six months of this year In 5 7 per cent of the cases during the first six months of this year, recipients were underpaid

For payments for Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD), overpayments during the final half of 1971 were made in 12 per cent of the cases by $31 04, and the figures were 11.6 per cent and $25 03 during January through June of 1972 Underpayments were made in 6 per cent and 6.8 per cent of the cases, respectively

Those incorrect payment rates result largely from a 1969 switch by HEW from requiring verification in all cases to a "prudent" policy which checked only those cases in which there was an apparent discrepancy, he said

"Personally, I think the change will have very little effect on the number of persons on welfare," he said. Currently, there are 12,127 ADC families in the state and 15,530 cases of ABD payments

However, Graham contended that the 9 8 per cent alleged by HEW to be the highest in the nation resulted in part from Nebraska's intensive checking of recipients

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The ancient Peruvian city of Chan Chan, now a crumbled ruin, may once have housed as many as 250,000 people.

No admissions at Syracuse hospital

SYRACUSE — (N-P) — The Community Memorial hospital at Syracuse reported no admissions.

Dismissed from the hospital were Mrs LaMar Bray and Mrs Don Panko and baby.

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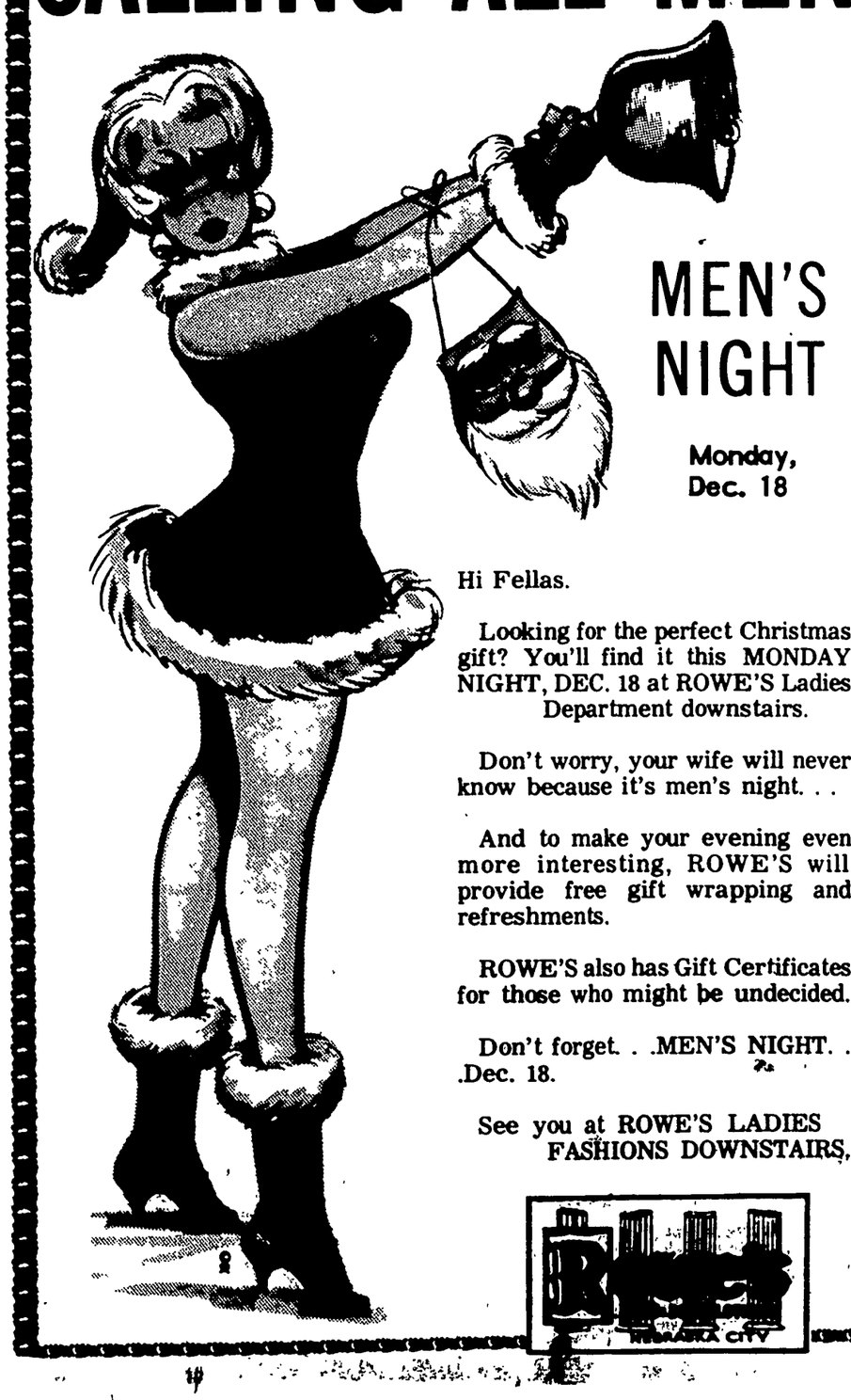
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