

The students from the Union School presented a Christmas program for the residents of Riverview Terrace. Mrs Marcia Crum, third and fourth grade teacher, was in charge of the program with Miss Nancy Wilksen, kindergarten, first and second grades and Mrs Ruth Epley, fifth and sixth grades, as co-program directors. Mothers of the students made the costumes and helped with the scenery.

The kindergarten through second grades put on a skit of Santa Claus and his elves. Kirk Shandren played the part of Santa.

Left to right (standing) are Mary Jones, Joe Hall, Steve Todd, Bryan Strader, Kirk Shandren, Dana Jones, Dwayne Adams and Chris Draper. Sitting are Rod Draper, Danny Lang, Carol Nixon, Crystal Jenkins, Donna Adams and Diana Radke, Denise Schneider, Keri McVay and Sonya Snyder.

Robbery charge filed against men

KEARNEY, Neb (AP)—Felony charges of forcible robbery of $3,800 have been filed against three men in connection with an incident early Thursday in the parking lot of the Back Lot night club

One of those charged is one of the reported victims of the robbery

Buffalo County Attorney Andrew McMullen identified the three as John Scanlon, 24, of Lincoln, Daniel Buser, 23, of Kearney, and Allen Doub, 23, of Kansas City, Kan

Police reports show Scanlon as one of the victims in an alleged plot to rob Robert Edwards of Lincoln Buser was allegedly the person who carried out the robbery

Edwards was robbed of $3,600 and Scanlon $200 which had been borrowed from Edwards

Edwards, Scanlon and Doub are connected with Turner Enterprises, according to Kearney police, while Buser was formerly affiliated with the firm

Bonds of $5,000 each were set for the three by County Judge J Karr Taylor

Exon names man to state board

LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — Gov J James Exon Friday announced the appointment of Norris G Leamer, a South Sioux City attorney, to the abstracters board of examiners.

Leamer succeeds Ray Frohn of Lincoln, whose term expired Nov. 18

The abstracters board consists of five members, each appointed for a five-year term The member may not be reappointed

Exon also announced the reappointment of Irvin L. Deshayes of Lincoln to the five-member board of hearing aid dealers and fitters, and the appointment of Robert C. Wolfe of Lincoln to the same board. Wolfe succeeds Louis Hancock, whose term expires Dec 25.

River

OMAHA, Neb (AP)—The chief planning engineer for the North Dakota State Water Commission has been named to a post with the Missouri River Basin Commission Donald Ohnstad will take over as comprehensive river basin planner for the 10-state commission starting Jan 1

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The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Dear Santa

It's been a year since I've written, and today seems to be the day

You may not know it, Santa, but you've been indirectly responsible for some happiness in our town

Take Hap Stansbury, for instance Ole' Hap hasn't been feeling too well lately, but wouldn't you know his wife Grace got lucky one day at the drawing and walked away with $50

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Ole' War Hosses of Company B, Allen Holmes, Louie Peterson, Ray Price and our many friends in the Last Man's club who spiffed up this year's meeting by passing around copies of Playboy, are determined as ever to make this a cheerful Christmas

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We had one of the finest gifts from the great-grandmother

The great-grandchildren have never had Christmas day at home. We've always made it a point to spend that day with the "senior" members of the family.

So, on Christmas morning, the youngsters bolted out of bed, raced down the hall and leaped into the packages

That was generally pretty early in the morning and the anxiety that got the youngsters up early was helpful for the planning of the day

After breakfast, we loaded the youngsters and a few of their gifts and drove to the great-grandmother's

Well, that's the way it's been for all these years. . that is until this year

The great-grandmother invited the family to her home in Wilber again this year for roasted duck, sticky dumplings, sauer kraut and a few other juicy items, but suggested the meal be served on Sunday, December 24. . . .so the younger members of the family could be at home with their families on Christmas Day.

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Merry Christmas babitschka, Spon-em bohem (Blanche Duerfeldt will translate that as "Merry Christmas to grandmother and God be with you.")

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This is the last Christmas the Ira Glassers will have at Arbor Lodge State park and mansion.

We're going to miss the Glassers here at the News-Press. We've called their home many times for stories during their 12 years here.

And during the Arbor Day Centennial celebration we spent a lot of time in the mansion doing pictures and stories before and during the 100th birthday.

Best wishes to the Glassers on their new life m retirement and many blessings in the years to come

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We saw a lot of smiling youngsters at the Northside school program the other night that you will be visiting, Santa

We were positioned next to a wall and all the boys and girls who performed had to pass by us. We never saw one crabby lady or grouchy young man, Santa. They smiled away and sang their best.

(Ho, ho, ho .this is The Buck's last year in PTA).

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The best thing we can think of as a Christmas gift for our neighbors, Mr and Mrs Fred Baker, is for nice weather next weekend so that their family and many friends can attend their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Bakers moved into the Max Snodderly home north of us Max told Alice he wanted to sell the house because his neighbor to the south bugged him for his electric charcoal starter (The truth is, Max couldn't compete in the gardening department against Millie).

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The other night we had a little get-together at the Fred Wusk home on the south of us. I can't stand the idea of retired farmers sleeping in the morning so I tippety-tap on the Wusk window occasionally just to check him out.

What I'm working up to is the meal. . .lawdy, lawdy .that chicken was the best, Mrs Lindsey's cole slaw with onions made us go for seconds, and the gravy was ummmgood.

After that meal that made me miserable, we settled down for an evening of pitch. I happen to be an expert at shooting the moon while loading my pipe and reading thoughts of my opponents, but I ran up against a stumbleblock. . . .Walter Eden.

I swan, I think the problem was that I was sitting at the wrong angle to the direction of the bathtub . . .Walter cleaned the table and was still smiling when he shoveled down the ice cream

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The following lines were written by one of my sisters and mailed to me before shipping overseas over 20 years ago.

I carried the piece of paper for many years after the Navy hitch and have since sealed the yellowed paper in plastic and keep it in my desk.

The message meant a lot to me at the time of war and the memory of a younger sister writing it, is still quite strong.

"When Thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.

"When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame linger upon thee.

"For I am the Lord thy God, thy Savior. Fear not, for I am with thee."

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Merry Christmas from the Beaumonts:

Joan Millie Keaton
Denise Marissa Jeanisca

New freeway route unveiled

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A corridor study setting out possible routes for a freeway segment roughly coinciding with the route of U. S. 77 from the Crete Corner south of Lincoln southward to the Kansas state line was made public Friday by the state Roads Department

State Roads Director Thomas Doyle said copies have been sent to state, county and local agencies involved

The recently completed two-year-long study was conducted by Van Doren Hazard, Stallings and Schnacke of Topeka, Kan , consulting engineers

The study covers a corridor varying in width from three to 10 miles, beginning south of Lincoln at the junction of U S 77 and Nebraska 33 — the Crete Corner — and continuing south through Beatrice to the Nebraska-Kansas line.

Several alternatives for developing a four-lane superhighway are offered. They range in length from 47.07 to 48 77 miles, and estimated construction costs range from $35,995,000 to $43,197,000

The least expensive routing, the study indicated, would be one paralleling U S. 77 at the Kansas border, proceeding north to skirt Wymore and Beatrice, and joining the present U S 77 at a point a few miles south of Cortland and continuing to the Crete Corner.

But the study also treats such aspects as impact on agriculture, conservation, economics, public safety, historical, labdmarks, aesthetics, maintenance, pollution and others

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