The Buck Ends Here

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The night of the fire

Ever hear of "Mutley?"

Oh, you haven't?

That's the name of the dog with the ugly face and his owner is Joy Thornhill, City building inspector, volunteer fireman and a man with a good sense of humor.

The night of the Rowe Clothiers fire, Joy was at his home at 825 Twelfth Avenue. The Thornhills enjoy a quiet evening at home, or with their grandchildren Always, the faithful Mutley is at the side of his master.

Shortly before the fire, Mutley was "acting up" and Joy was going to show him who the master was. . . .so he took off his belt to snap it a couple of times for obedience.

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The dog was no problem the problem came later About the time Joy pulled off his belt, the fire alarm sounded.

"Omigosh," he said. He didn't take time to insert the belt into the loops on his pants. He just put the belt around his waist, grabbed his fire gear and went to his car.

He parked in the Memorial Building lot and as he ran he put on his fire headgear and coat

He forgot one thing the belt still wasn't in the loops of his pants

So?

So, as the City building inspector-fireman ran down the lot, his pants dropped, caused him to trip and he fell flat on the concrete

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There is humor there, but let me finish the story.

He got up, this time hitched up his pants with the belt and continued on to the fire, spent most of the night at the fire scene and was one of the first to return at daylight.

A good sense of humor, did we say?

A pretty strong constitution, might be better

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I got a telephone call one terribly cold night in February 1966.

"Ivan, I thought I better call you. Hinky Dinky is on fire Bill is there with his camera," Mrs Bill Brand said

When I got to the fire the Nebraska City volunteer crews were doing their best slipping around on ice handling hoses It was to be one long, miserable night.

Bill Brand was a reporter with the paper and the dedicated newsman that he was, he was there with his camera and notebook, but he wasn't dressed for the cold weather. The Brands lived near the store. I sent him home to get some warm clothes on and I stayed to help with the news and picture coverage.

Al Gibbs built the present store and the grand opening was held the following October

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And then last February we had another fire. This time Carlisle Radio and TV, Bremer Agency and Ehmke's Place were hit by flames, smoke and water

Orville has since moved his business to a building next to his home and the Bremer Agency and Ehmke's Place are back in their remodeled locations.

It was a cold, late night fire Once in awhile the spectators get sprayed with water, but that night it wasn't very funny I had begun to feel stiff and loaded down.

I went to my car to warm up and when I sat down it sounded like glass was being broken — I was coated with a layer of ice The firemen were in much worse shape, but they never left their posts until the blaze was whipped.

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Drinking before the party

Dr Frank Stone, president of the Nebraska Medical Association, issued a cautionary note for celebrants to remember about drinking before going out to a New Year's party

Neither coffee nor a cold shower will sober up an intoxicated person. Drinking coffee or taking that cold shower simply makes you into a wide-awake drunk, the doctor said.

"The only way to sobriety is the passage of time"

The doctor noted that it takes about one hour to eliminate most of the alcohol from a bottle of beer or an ounce of whiskey, and "there is no way to speed this process."

He reminded also that the concentration of alcohol in the body is related to the person's weight, the quantity and kind of food in the stomach, amount of liquor consumed and the time span of the drinking

We can make all kinds of jokes about it, but it's pretty serious when it comes to alcohol and death on the highways

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Big Red sales have dropped

Since the Nebraska Cornhuskers dropped from the top slot of the national football ratings, the sales of Go Big Red merchandise have fallen.

Thousands of beer mugs with No. 1 on them sold like hotcakes last year, but toppled this year. Although the No. 1 gimmick items are still on the shelves, the buyer demand isn't there like it has been the past two years

The one major exception is in clothing.

Red. . . .red. . . .red. . . .anything red will move on the retail market and was still in demand at Christmastime.

I came up with three red caps, a Go Big Red necktie made by No. 1 daughter, another red dotted tie and the "reddest" red shirt you've ever seen.

Ole Bill Grogan's goat would choke on this one

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I have yet to see Howard Cosell peddling Fruit of the Loom in Big Red fashion wear, but if the Huskers wallop Notre Dame like they should, someone ought to pull a pair over the face of Bud Wilkinson before the game. . . .he'd make the same "observations".

NPPD electric output increases

Customer electric energy consumption and peak use of electricity in Nebraska Public Power District's eastern system increased sharply during the first 25 days of December this year compared to the same period in 1971.

NPPD attributed much of the increase to the unseasonably cold temperatures and areas of heavy snowfall during the period.

Compared to the first 25 days of December, 1971, consumption of electricity by NPPD customers in all of its service area except the Panhandle jumped 22.7 per cent this year. This increase in individual consumption of electricity will be reflected when customers receive their statements incorporating that billing period.

The peak load in NPPD's Eastern System was up 18.8 per cent from December 1-25, 1972, compared to the same period a year ago.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

New cars titled and licensed

Gary or Kathie J. Barrett, NC, Buick, Novak Auto, Jack D. or Isabella P O'Pelt, NC, Buick, Weinman, Charles L. or Eunice Williams, NC, Chevrolet, Haley's; Terry L or Linda K. Meyer, NC, Pontiac, Don Masek Auto, Lincoln; Carl J. or Nola A Peters, NC, Chrysler, Gamboni, Maurice K. or Celia Y Gately, Syracuse, Chevrolet, Strong Bros

Four Mile Leasing Company, NC, Chevrolet, Misle, Lincoln, Victor or Darlene Hall, NC, Western Mansion mobile home, Belle Fair Inc, Bellevue, Donald E. or Carol A. Peterson, NC, Dodge, Rowe, Verle E or Jill M Miller, NC, Chevrolet, Haley's, Bill Blacker, Syracuse, Chevrolet chassis and cab, Strong Bros

Real estate transfers

Neil S Pettinger et al to William B Zastera et al for an indicated $12,000, lot seven and part of lot eight in block 11 of Gray's second addition to Syracuse

LaVonne Rowe et al to Linda Webber for an indicated $1,500, one-tenth interest in lot seven, block eight, Gray's addition to Syracuse

Lloyd Straw et al to Ralph F Glockel et al for $5,000, a tract of land in section nine, township seven, range 14, Otoe county

Vilas P Sheldon et al to Anna E. Berg et al for $42,000, a parcel of land in the northeast quarter of section 23, township seven, range 11, Otoe county

County board

The county commissioners Friday approved the real estate inventory of Otoe county which was prepared by Janis Kinnison, board clerk The inventory was made necessary by a new State law, County Clerk Jerry Schmitz said.

The board also studied a fire alarm inspection agreement submitted by Notifier Engineering of Lincoln Notifier installed the system at the courthouse. The quarterly inspections would cost the county $33 each inspection The agreement was discussed and tabled until the commissioners' next meeting, January 2 at the courthouse

Jim Hornung of Palmyra met with the board to discuss purchase from the county of lot eight, block 92 in Palmyra. The board approved purchase Deputy County Attorney William Zastera will draw up the deed, Commissioner Charles Gude said.

The county commissioners Friday accepted the resignation of Bob Bray as courthouse custodian

County court

Gerald A. King, Nebraska City, was fined $20 for speeding

State vs Lonnie P Miley, Omaha, expired vehicle inspection, $10.

District court

Gladys M. Lux vs Myron Schroder, plaintiff filed request for admissions to defendant Plaintiff requested defendant to admit genuineness of document which states that a $750 check from Swift and Company was made payable to the plaintiff and defendant. Plaintiff alleges she did not receive any part of the $750 paid for four heifers.

Coylamae Bobbitt vs Ida M Hammond, damage, action dismissed with prejudice at costs of each party Order entered and signed by Judge Walter H. Smith. Plaintiff had asked for $33,500 damages from accident at Eleventh Street and Central Avenue on June 11, 1969

State vs Chalmer L Hawthorne, drunk driving, defendant placed on probation for two years

State vs Robert A Noell, drunk driving, defendant placed on probation for 18 months

Kathy Carlene English vs Gary Dean English, dissolution of marriage granted by Judge Walter H. Smith Petitioner granted custody of minor child and support payments of $100 per month Defendant also ordered to pay attorney's fees Six-month waiting period waived. They were married February 6, 1970 in Palmyra

Hillcrest Agency Inc vs Dennis R. Kennedy et al, contract, motion filed by plaintiff to make its petition more definite and clear. Plaintiff asked for judgment of $5,446.

County of Otoe vs Vernon E. Neeman et al, tax foreclosure. Judge Smith signed order confirming sheriff's sale

County of Otoe vs J H. Applegate et al, tax foreclosure, order signed by Judge Smith confirming sheriff's sale.

County of Otoe vs Mary Hikes et al, tax foreclosure, decree of foreclosure entered and signed.

Today's Public Notices

Notice of Annual Meeting, Nebraska City Federal Savings and Loan

READ THE WANT ADS

UNION

Connie Mullis

Robert Eaton and Carolyn Boohr of Omaha spent Sunday visiting his grandmother, Mrs David Eaton

Mr and Mrs Jack Baker and family were guests of the Tim Baker family in Nehawka on Christmas

Mr and Mrs Charles Crook attended the golden wedding celebration of his cousin, Mr and Mrs John Wilson at Blue Springs recently

Christmas dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Charles Attebery were Miss Dorothy Campbell of Omaha, the Charles Gribble family and John McKinney of Bellevue, Marvin Attebery family, Gerry Attebery and Hattie Litteral of Union

Mr and Mrs Ted Brannons Christmas dinner guests were the Cecil Murdock family, Mrs Guy Murdock and Ted Brannon Jr.

Christmas guests at the Charles Crook home were Mr and Mrs Rube Eaton of Nebraska City, Mr and Mrs Larry Hathaway and family and Mr and Mrs Larry Crook and baby of Union, Mary Wolfe and daughters of Nebraska City, Mr and Mrs Paul Crook of Omaha and Kenneth Crook of Ione, California

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The Nebraska City Public School Board of Education will accept bids for the removal and replacing of ceiling in gymnasium in the Nebraska City Junior High School.

Complete specifications can be obtained at the office of the school superintendent at 1020 North 10th Street.

Bids will be accepted up to 8:00 p.m. January 8th, 1973. The Nebraska City Public School Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

NEBRASKA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION