The Back Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

The Greatest Show on Television

Navy Capt. Jeremiah Denton, Virginia Beach, Va., stepped off a jet after eight years in communist prisons, fired a sharp salute to the flag of his country, spoke a few words and walked briskly to a bus which took him and others to a hospital

It was as though he had been gone for a weekend instead of eight years.

There will be many stories yet to come, but for the moment all was centered on Captain Denton.

He was just great. He was something else.

And when he finished his few brief words, his voice was broken as he said, "God bless America." And, if you didn't get a sniffle started then and accumulate some moisture in your eyes, then you just didn't get the message.

The best remark we've heard came from a Nebraska City war veteran who is very proud of his country.

As the captain finished those last three words, the Nebraska City man's eyes were moistened. He stood, clenched his fist and said "that's my kind of an American!"

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We got a note in the mail the other day that the Iowa Air National Guard will send fighter-bombers over Nebraska City Tuesday through Saturday.

That's interesting because in order for the pilots to make the flight from Des Moines and back, they have to turn somewhere and that's where the G forces are. . . .you bet, across beautiful downtown Talmage, over the Lorton Lounge, stirring George Fenske at the Dunbar post office, turning over Nehawka and hitting the throttle for home.

The route is for the 132nd Tactical Fighter Wing which flies F100 Super Sabre fighter-bombers. The air speed scheduled by the Guardsmen is 360-420 knots which is crowding 500 m.p.h.

I don't know anything about the Iowa Air Guard, but I do know something about servicemen. And I'd just about bet a pair of boots that some of those cocky pilots will celebrate the return of the POW's by opening throttles over Nebraska and Iowa. much to the surprise and pleasure of residents

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I never did know who it was, but there was some young jet pilot who used to make weekend runs over the Iowa bottomland.

Several years ago, before the camouflage painting, the silver fighter zoomed over the North 40 and powered toward the Iowa bluffs.

Generally it was in the afternoon and because of the sun glistening off the shiny metal of the plane, we got a clear view.

The pilot would turn his jet north along the bottomland, (with the bluffs in the background) then somewhere in the Percival area he pulled up. . . .and judging by the sound let 'em know that he was in the area.

We surmised that he is a relative of someone of the Iowa bottomland and was just saying "hi mom and dad."

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I say there, old chap

The "energy crisis" which affected Nebraska City's schools in January will be told in a special program in London this week.

John Reynolds, producer of the show for the British Broadcasting company, telephoned the other day from his New York office to ask what happened in Nebraska City.

Liz Farrell, secretary to the producer, said the BBC wanted to tell the story over the network to be released "probably Monday" in London.

Nebraska City's class days were cut to four days a week to conserve fuel and resumed normal scheduling when the frigid temperatures left us and fuel supplies became available.

Liz didn't have to tell us she was from Great Britain .she probably thought we talked funny.

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Didya hear the one. . . .

About the guy who liked to "tie one on" every so often?

Well, this guy was driving to meet his cronies for the party and heard a "flop, flop, flop". . . .a flat tire.

He got out changed a tire, started down the road again and heard, "flop, flop, flop" .he changed the wrong tire

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The Valentine cards

Mrs Glen Wilcox has gone to the drawing board and displayed a number of Valentine cards at Steinhart Lodge. My favorite is the scene in the hospital room where the doctor is reading the benefits from the ailing man's insurance policy Pretty tricky Libby Who sells that kind of insurance

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Stolen

If you really think that old soldiers just fade away, try getting into your old Army uniform sometime Vern Livingston sez if a man opens the car door for his wife, you can be sure either the wife or the car is new . .according to a "retired" doctor in Nebraska City the best method to lose weight is to eat all you want of everything you don't like

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My favorite Valentine present came from my family a box of peanut clusters and they're almost as good as those made by Mrs Glenda Crume. We had a chance to sample the peanut clusters and other goodies that Mrs Crume's daughter, Mrs Mary Bell, had delivered to the firemen at the fire-rescue complex the other day.

We had to arm wrestle Fireman Jim Chaney for seconds

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Nebraska City Volunteer firemen who have been snorting because the fire-rescue building is being shared with other city departments, have been soothed by putting their energies into another area — more equipment

The new aerial firefighting appratus is going to cost plenty, somewhere around $95,000 to $130,000 Firemen have been doing a lot of work checking into equipment to get the most for the Nebraska City tax dollar.

Many people have said the town needs some type of aerial equipment and firemen have been trying to match up the needs, wants and spondulix And that's often like cutting an apple pie in squares

There is still a rumble in the back row about the firemen meeting in the basement where the acoustics are something to be desired

Mark Wurtele has been outspoken on this. He wants the firemen to move their meetings to the Friendship Room in an effort to convince the council that the firemen want their meeting room back it's occupied by the city clerk, now

Mark put the motion on the floor at the meeting the other night in the basement room but there was so much noise no one heard him and the meeting was adjourned.

Antique car tax is aired

LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — The legislature's Public Works Committee decided Friday to take a close look at procedures followed by the state in suspending the license of drivers who fail to report auto accidents

After hearing testimony on Lincoln Sen. Steve Fowler's LB417, which in its original form would raise the amount of damage before a driver must report an accident from $100 to $250, the committee agreed that more extensive revisions might be in order and held the bill

Fowler offered an amendment to leave the minimum amount of damage at $100 but make failure to report accidents between $100 and $250 a misdemeanor Failure to report accidents over $250 would still result in possible suspension of the driver's license

"If you set two different dollar amounts, the public will be confused," Sen Glenn Goodrich of Omaha said He also said 10 days was not enough time for some people to report accidents

The committee also held for further study a bill which would exempt antique cars from property tax. Antique auto owners who appeared in support of Omaha Sen. Richard Fellman's LB332 said some counties, particularly Lancaster, have been assessing antique autos at a higher rate than other cars

The committee heard testimony on LB437, a bill to provide for compulsory auto insurance. But it continued the hearing to give the bill's sponsor, Sen Wally Barnett of Lincoln, a chance to appear.

Advanced 6-1 was Sen. Jules Burbach's LB335, which eliminates references to soil and water districts from the law incorporating those districts into natural resource districts.

Sen Irving Wiltse of Falls City was the only senator voting against advancement Representatives of soil and water conservation districts in his area have opposed the change

Trial By Error

Louisiana settlers tried to grow indigo and, when that failed, switched with little success to tobacco before learning that sugarcane and cotton could flourish in the soil there.

Tax returns are secret

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Nixon administration farm official, angered at charges that Agriculture Department bookkeepers may peek at farmers tax returns, says he will fire the first one who tries

Don Paarlberg, director of economics at USDA, said Friday

"We don't want to see their profit or loss statements or how they figured their taxes If anyone violates that, I'm going to see he gets fired, and you can quote me "

Paarlberg issued a statement explaining the only income references gathered from Internal Revenue Service computers would show an individual farmer's range of gross income, such as between $10,000 and $20,000

"Any one of a dozen neighbors driving by a farmer's place and looking at the cattle, hogs, or crops and knowing about how many acres the man farms will know much more about a farmer's income tax returns than we will," Paarlberg said in an interview

Rep Jerry Litton, D-Mo., disclosed Feb. 6 that President Nixon issued an executive order giving USDA authority to peruse farm income tax records dating back to 1967 "for statistical purposes only."

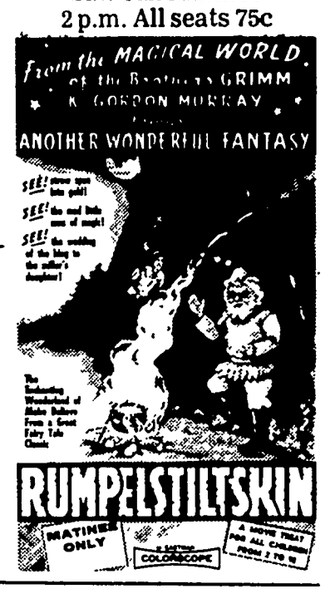
Deputy warden to return to Texas

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Deputy state Penal Complex Warden L B Davis has resigned to return to his home state of Texas, according to Warden Charles Wolff

Davis came to Nebraska about a year ago after retiring from a position with the federal prison system

Davis plans to travel extensively before taking a correctional position in Texas, Wolff said.

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Paul Baltensperger and his little helper, Paula, inspect the feedlot.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARMER

Has ambition, ingenuity

By SUSAN QUINLAN
(One of a series)

He likes being his own boss It gives him extra pride in what he's doing With lots of young ambition, and ingenuity, Paul Baltensperger, Outstanding Young Farmer, named at a recent Jaycee banquet is constantly making innovative plans to expand and improve his operation

Being a good farmer takes lots of hard work But Mr Baltensperger said he learned that young His energies have proven that he is willing to work hard in his farming enterprise, in soil and water conservation practices, and in community service

Following in his father's footsteps, Paul Baltensperger and his family live close to his parents, also farmers, Mr and Mrs Carl Baltensperger Both families live south of Nebraska City close to the Julian corner.

"I began farming 10 years ago when I was a sophomore in high school," he noted "I rented 80 acres of and, then after graduation, I continued to farm while I attended college for two years in Omaha "

His present operation has grown to 1,100 acres on which he raises corn, soybeans, and alfalfa He has some 50 to 60 diverted acres Mr Baltensperger who recently built a new feedlot on his farm for a capacity of 300 to 400 calves per year, also has a 50 cow-calf herd He feeds 100 pigs of a Yorkshire, Hampshire crossbred

Mr Baltensperger and his wife, Beverly, have lived at the present location for five years The young couple has two children — Paula, three years old, and Mark, 11 months old The Baltensperger family lives in a new double wide trailer, recently moved to the premises

Beverly also raised on a farm, is from Ord The couple was married in July of 1966 in Ord Mr Baltensperger has an adopted sister, Mrs Don (Barbara) Saar from Bassett

Mr and Mrs Baltensperger have been members of the Farm Bureau for seven years They are members of the First Baptist church Mr Baltensperger serves on the Julian Fire Department

He was elected young farmer representative on the Otoe County Farm Bureau board, and now represents Otoe precinct on the same board and serves on a marketing committee Mr and Mrs Baltensperger have been taking a record keeping class taught at Nebraska City Senior High school especially for the couples engaged in farming. The couple attends the class once a month

Using up-to-date methods in his farming operations, Mr Baltensperger uses a computerized farm records system to help in his management He combats soil and water erosion with terraces and grassed waterways.

He noted that 1972 was one of the best crop years he has had yet

Considering plans for future changes in his farming operations, he said he wants to begin putting up a grain bin. Also on his planning list is the expansion of his feedlot Mr Baltensperger plans to increase his cow-calf herd, and raise a few more hogs

Of his award, he said, it came as a surprise "The award was very much of an honor Accomplishments have taken time and work, but if I had it to do over again, I'd do the same thing," he said

State abortions are about doubled

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—The University of Nebraska Medical Center continues to abide by the state abortion law but the number of abortions have about doubled, according to Dr. Robert Sparks, Medical Center chancellor

He said abortion referrals have increased because of the center's significant experience in the area and because of a new outpatient abortion service

The U S Supreme Court on Jan 22 struck down laws in two states regarding abortions The laws are similar to Nebraska's which permits abortions only to preserve the life of the mother

Dr Sparks said the Medical Center continues to require the opinion of two physicians on the need for an abortion in accordance with state law He said a broad interpretation has been used if there was believed to be a "psychological threat" to a woman's life

Dr Sparks said that under the new outpatient service, a patient may avoid an overnight hospital stay

School Lunch Menu

MONDAY — Hot dogs, French fries, wax beans, cherry tarts with whipped cream, milk (extra, hot dogs)

TUESDAY — Chili, carrot sticks, banana, cornbread and butter, milk (extra, chili)

WEDNESDAY — Creamed turkey, whipped potatoes, celery stick, mixed fruit cup, muffin square and butter and milk (extra, muffin squares)

THURSDAY — Oven fried chicken, buttered corn, apple sauce, bread and butter and milk (extra, chicken)

FRIDAY — Fish on bun with tarter sauce, buttered potatoes, sliced peaches, homemade macaroons and milk. (extra, fish on bun)

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