

Shari Jo Rivett, 14 months old, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs David E. Rivett of Nebraska City.

Grandparents are Mrs Ora Adock and Mrs Nora Rivett of Nebraska City. Great-grandparents are Mr and Mrs Jess Humphrey of Auburn.

Clothing cost is lesson theme

UNION — (N-P) — Mrs Allan Beccard gave the lesson "Why Did That Dress Cost So Much" at the March meeting of the North Liberty Extension club held at the home of Mrs Ardon Rhumann of Murray.

The Cass County Women's clubs tour will be May 11 to West Bend, Iowa, to visit the Grotto of Redemption.

Mrs Lewis Rogers was the devotion leader using spring as her theme.

Mrs George Rieke gave the reading report on independent colleges.

Mrs Rhumann reported on Health and Safety, "Vision and Driving Myths."

Mrs Frank Hobscheidt will be the April hostess.

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The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

April Fool!

For all the ethnic jokes you may have heard, you probably haven't heard one about a Frenchman. That's perhaps because the French started the best joke of all · "April Fool!"

This observance originated in France, according to The World Book Encyclopedia, after Charles IX adopted a reformed calendar in 1564. Under the old calendar, the New Year celebration began March 21 and ended April 1. The new calendar shifted New Year's Day to Jan. 1, but some people — the uninformed — still celebrated it April 1. Hence, they were the April Fools.

It soon became popular throughout France to fool friends on that day, and, says World Book, the custom soon was exported to other countries. It was widespread in England by the 1600's. In France, the fall guy is called "April Fish," and in Scotland he's "April Gowk." The gowk, by the way, is a cuckoo.

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Other lore also marks April 1 as a day of trickery. During the Hindu Feast of Huli, which ends on March 31, the chief diversion is to send people on fruitless errands and expeditions.

Some say the custom commemorates Noah's sending the dove from the ark before the flood abated, which occurred on the first day of the Hebrew month which corresponds to April. Jews who did not remember this event were sent on ineffectual errands to remind them of the useless flight and return of the dove.

Reverence is also made to the Passion of Jesus Christ, his being mocked and tormented by being sent from Annas to Chaiaphas, Chaiaphas to Pilate, Pilate to Herod and back to Pilate again, starting the precedent for making a person the object of ridicule by sending him from place to place and person to person.

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The day is also intertwined with mythology and the celebration of the vernal equinox. In mythology, there are links with the Roman Saturnalia, when people poked fun at one another; with Aphrodite, relating to the constellation of fishes, and with Persephone, in both Greek and Roman tales. Some say the month itself plays the joke because of the uncertainty of its weather.

And this is no April Fool's joke either. It came straight from World Book.

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Vern Livingston, manager of City Utilities, will begin a semi-retirement this summer. He hopes to spend more than just a few weeks in south Texas during the winter months.

Meanwhile, back in the home of Arbor Day, Vern has been plugging away with his relentless energy and as president of the Arbor Day Foundation, he keeps us informed of goings on.

Gordon MacRae is scheduled to attend the Arbor Day celebration in Nebraska City April 29. Allen Beermann, secretary of state and son-in-law of the Walt Dierkings, is making the flight arrangements between Disney World at Lake Buena Vista, Fla., and Lincoln.

Mr Livingston invited the film and TV star to attend a luncheon at the Elks and participate in the parade and program He asked Mr MacRae to sing the National Anthem accompanied by the SAC band.

Mr MacRae starred in "Oklahoma" and "Carousel." Ought to be a great day.

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When the late Carl Baltensperger called a meeting to organize the showing of the Billy Graham film, "For Pete's Sake," he asked for ideas of how to fill the Pioneer Theater each showing.

He asked if we would help. Newspaper people are generally appointed "public relations" or "advertising." (I dunno why we don't get the jobs as treasurer).

In this particular instance, Carl asked if we would help with the advertising and asked for fresh ideas and pep.

He said he didn't want to see the program fail for lack of get up and go.

To which we replied:

"WELL. .for pete's sake. . . .well, for PETE'S sake WELL, FOR pete's sake."

Carl was smiling so broadly we all halted the chant and excused ourselves to start work.

That was Carl Baltensperger. . . .his smile and Christian attitude had a way of drawing out the best in the people with whom he worked

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Didya ever have trouble trying to remember what someone gave you for Christmas? Or was it for your birthday? I hesitate to admit it, but that's one of my usual boo-boos.

Like the other day. . .

"Hey there, Mrs B. I sure like this ole' sugar burger rattlesnake tie." (I call it by name because it looks like the color of and design of rattlesnake skin. . . that is if you have looked at any rattlesnake skins lately)

"Ummm. That does look nice with that shirt," the queen bee replied.

"Yessiree bob, dear girl You sure have good taste."

"Ivan!"

Oh, Oh I knew I blew it.

"Err. . .ah . .oh. . . .The kids sure were clever to get me something like that for Christmas "

"Ivan!"

(It was getting worse all the time)

"Valentine's "

"Ivan!"

"Father's Day! St. Patrick's Day! Memorial Day! How about my birthday?" (I finally gave up and went to work).

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Charlie Stastka: "Ivan, you are the story thief so here's one. .

Didya hear the one about the two men talking over acupuncture?

One fella said he had read all about acupuncture — the Chinese pain reliever by needles — and his wife was an authority on it

"Whaddya mean?" the other fella asked

"You have to be careful on the administration of acupuncture. my wife has been needling me for 25 years "

Students receive honorable mention

NEHAWKA — (N-P) — Honorable mention was received by Sarah Snyder, kindergarten; Scott Meyer, sixth grade, and Deb Shoemaker, 11th grade, for their drawings entered in the General Federation of Women's clubs Fine arts show First District contest at Bennet recently

Laura Duncan and Dianne Kennedy are the art instructors at the Nehawka school.

Other students who had entries in the contest were Mike Rice, Kristine Johnson, Carol Rice, Lori Stoll, Scott Norris, Brian Wallman, Connie Wadsworth

Janis Mentink, Linda Wadsworth, Ted Tritsch, Steve Wadsworth, Randy Baier, Carla McDonald, Chris Jones, Rosa Baier, Diane Hermson and Linda Harvey.

Miss Evelyn Wolph and Mrs Emma Nutzman, members of the Nehawka Federated Woman's club, took the pictures to Bennet

Yes, Gwendolyn, you might say that saurian sweethearts are alligator pairs.

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Mrs Henry Maseman

Mr and Mrs Roger Smith and Richard, Omaha, were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr and Mrs Henry Smith This was a birthday dinner for Roger Smith

Mr and Mrs Allen Ehlers and family, Weeping Water, Mr and Mrs Roger Ehlers, Lincoln, Mr and Mrs Galord Bose and family were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs Allen Ehlers for the March birthdays The daughters of the Allen Ehlers Jr , have been staying here while their parents were on vacation

The beginnings of chess are unknown though many scholars believe it originated in northern India from a Hindu game called "chaturanga" about A.D 500 Its name is derived from the Persian word "*shah*," meaning king Checkmate is from "*shah mat*," meaning the king is dead. The World Almanac says When the Arabs conquered Persia in the 600s they learned the game and brought it to Europe

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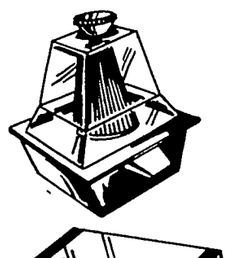
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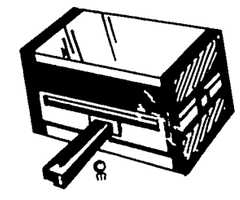
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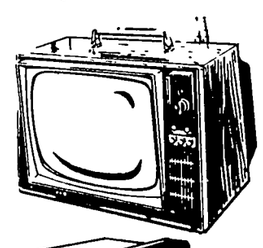
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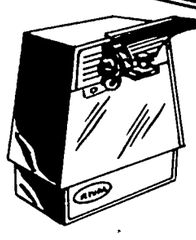
How many of the Appliances Pictured here do you have today that you didn't have 20 years ago?

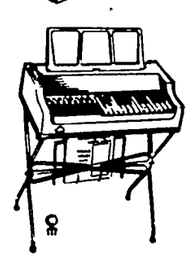


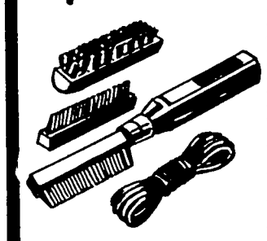


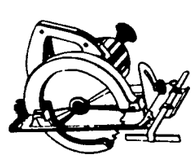


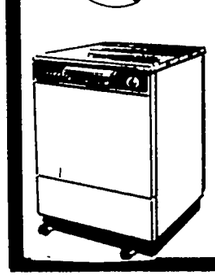












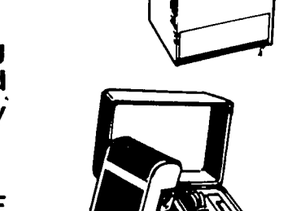
For most families, the answer is, "Quite A Few!" And that's why we've found it necessary to add more capacity to the power plant.

A Few folks don't understand this. They ask, "Why do we need more power plant? Nebraska City isn't growing very much."

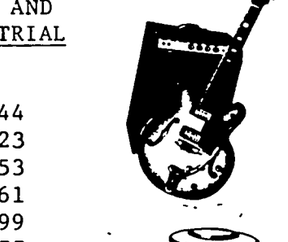
It is true, according to the census, that the number of people living in the area served by the Nebraska City Utilities has not increased much in the past 20 years, but the amount of electricity used by each of these people has increased tremendously.

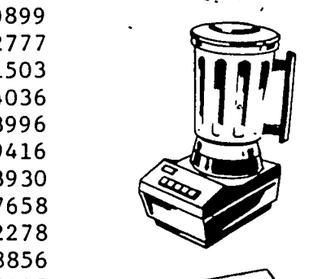
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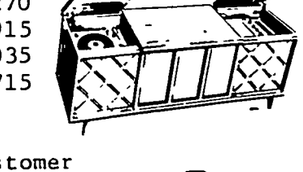


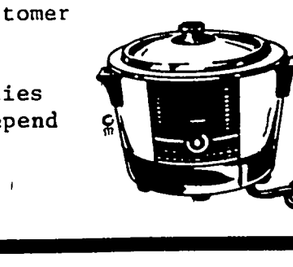












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1946	3578	809	1386	3026	
1947	3622	1013	1776	4315	23144
1948	3707	1126	1906	4801	36323
1949	3752	1307	2 276	5433	39553
1950	3859	1364	2 619	5337	38561
1951	3937	1485	3039	5584	40899
1952	3985	1636	3421	5919	42777
1953	4042	1757	3581	6156	41503
1954	4116	1874	4036	6575	44036
1955	4179	2100	4764	7400	43996
1956	4157	2284	4538	8202	39416
1957	4215	2324	4452	8119	43930
1958	4228	2400	4986	8476	47658
1959	4281	2589	5223	9147	52278
1960	4277	2871	5674	9425	58856
1961	4334	3044	7707	10133	67105
1962	4421	3251	8397	10323	71928
1963	4469	3439	7560	10499	62106
1964	4485	3614	6 964	11176	71197
1965	4466	3680	7311	14140	966836 *
1966	4510	4021	7977	14758	1109090
1967	4532	4172	7844	15433	1232219
1968	4590	4730	8530	16929	1040104
1969	4639	5287	9485	17901	1328270
1970	4701	5807	10203	18484	1504915
1971	4781	6132	10656	18498	1307035
1972	4843	6402	10383	1 9000	1168715

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