The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Arbor Day 1973

Well, here we go again. It's time for Arbor Day and although most are still recuperating from a whopper of a Centennial last year, there are those stubborn individuals like E. A. Ernst and his crew of volunteers who have organized a two-day celebration April 28-29.

Vern Livingston who has spearheaded so much with the Arbor Day Foundation work, will be on hand and everyone is looking forward to hearing music by Gordon MacRae.

Another story in today's paper gives the details of what's going to happen. . . .but let me read in between the lines. . . .the weather will be just great. . . .take a coat and your appetite to Grundman airport for the early morning fly-in. . . .take your camera to the luncheon at the Elks and to the program at the mansion. . .and go early to the chautauqua at Senior High. It will be great fun.

Now comes just one lil' ole warning from The Buck:

Extra chairs will be placed at the mansion for the Sunday afternoon program . . .which is expected to run close to two hours.

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Stolen from Ed Ransdell

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, April 29, Ed Ransdell said in his recent issue of Car Quotes, and it is alleged that DST started because people simply wanted to make the day last longer.

Some authorities believe that it was started by a wise old Indian. Here is the tale pertinent to the origin of DST:

(Really, Ed. . . .)

Once upon a time, a long time past, the aforementioned Indian decided to make his blanket longer. In the fullness of his wisdom he cut off a strip of blanket from one end and sewed the strip onto the other end.

Presto! The blanket was longer.

In similar manner have the wise Americans made the day longer

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Ed also says they're planning a new TV show this fall. The plot centers around an unfaithful wife, a drug addict, a student anarchist planning on bombing a University, a dirty old man and a corrupt public official.

It'll be called "Just Plain Folks."

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We know one very happy couple that is looking forward to the month of June. . . .and their 25th wedding anniversary. Bus Wymore said he finally talked the Missus into renewing their wedding vows. "I've always thought I'd like to do that on our 25th, but it has taken some talking to get Lou to swing my way."

I think that's just great. The Wymores have a son, Doug, a student at Senior High.

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We read with interest the other day a story that former governor and Mrs Val Peterson will be returning from Finland to Hastings.

Mr Peterson was ambassador in Finland for several years and was governor of Nebraska in the late 1940s

As a matter of fact, when Mr Peterson was governor, he commissioned Millie (this will really give her age away. . . .snicker, snicker) an admiral in the Great Navy of Nebraska because of her high school and state Future Homemakers activities.

At about that time, the only serious thing on our minds was trying to improve our couples roller skating. . . .Oh, the fox used to be pretty foxy on the wheels, baby. . . .little did we realize at the time that I was to serve four years in the Navy and be outranked by my wife.

A poor soul felt sorry for me some years later and I received a similar commission. I'm reminded however, that there is such a thing as seniority. . . .even when two admirals are involved.

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Four more Sundays

Our eldest daughter, Denise, is a student at Peru State and comes home on weekends. That means the sewing machine purrs long hours, mighty twelve ninety blares to match the other wham-bam, hot dang, bangety bang music (?) and when the weekend has ended, it's back to school.

Well, things won't be like this when school starts next year, because the little girl who filled our hearts with much love over 19 years ago, will be a "Mrs."

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Meanwhile, we've been making the trip to Peru on Sunday nights and lugging what I call junk up and down stairs. Once in awhile I drive her eight miles south before 7 a.m., on Mondays and she rides to school with Bryan Mabie, the young man who has been around our home for some time.

Denise always asks what time I want her to be ready for the Sunday night drive and my standard reply is "anytime."

(Confidentially, it wouldn't make any difference if I did set the time, she'd be ready when SHE was ready).

Anyway, that was the situation last weekend, and the question and answer were the same. And as usual, it's around 10 p.m., when I return.

And now that I look back on those drives to a college in Maryville, Mo., and to Peru, there's something there I'll miss. . . .in four more Sundays, the semester will end. . .Next fall she won't need her dad to take her to school. Bryan says he will take over.

The Midland View

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One Rancher's Reply

Nebraska farm and ranch people are understandably incensed when political leaders in the industrial areas of the nation applaud the boycott of farm products and make statements urging their constituents to go all out for such thangs as the "meat boycott."

One of the best letters in rebuttal was sent to the mayor of Cleveland who had been particularly uninformed and intemperate in his remarks. It was composed and sent by a rancher, Kenneth Atkins of Dix, Nebraska, and provides a good example of what farm people can do in fighting back:

Mayor Ralph J. Perk
City Hall
601 Lakeside Ave. E
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Mayor Perk:

As a rancher, it bothers me that your city council has suggested that the citizens of Cleveland boycott meat for the month of April. As you know, Americans are drawn to fads and it appears that this boycott is "catching on" not only in your city and state but across the U.S. in an effort to "bring farmers and ranchers to their knees."

Since the people of your city and state share several interests in common with us farmer-ranchers, I am compelled to write you and your council.

A visit to our local library last night revealed that Cleveland has over 4,000 factories which produce, among other things, steel, rubber products, petroleum products, automotive parts and tools.

It is a commonly known fact that American agriculture consumes more steel, rubber and petroleum products than all other U.S. industry combined! Herein lies our common interest.

My 2,720 acre farming and ranching operation exemplifies the "family farm" and last year was our first "good" year after "hanging on" since starting business 11 years ago. From last year's profits, I bought a large steel building to erect, replaced our only car which had 95,000 miles on it, and purchased a 7-year-old truck to be used in conjunction with my present 25-year-old truck Several tires were replaced during the year to keep our total of 77 rubber-tire wheels in good rolling condition.

On the strength of recent Chicago beef futures, I was planning to replace, by financing, one of my three tractors which average 19.7 years in age and are obsolete by today's standards. This tractor bought used at seven years of age cost $1,550 in 1962. I planned to replace it with a comparable model of slightly more horsepower and the dealing price on a used 7-year-old tractor now is $6,950 at a local dealer! A new model the same size without cab and air conditioning has a dealing price (versus list price) of $9,150! Has the price of meat increased likewise?

This newer tractor and the larger machinery to be used with it would have enabled me to produce wheat and winter feed for my cattle at a lower cost per unit which eventually would have been passed on to you the consumer in reasonable and stable food prices

Thanks to the popular notion of meat boycotters that food costs should remain at one level while everything else including cars, clothing and our costs of food production go up, my planned purchases of steel and rubber through machinery are definitely postponed. Multiply my situation by several thousands of farmers and you'll get a better picture of our mutal interests!

The basic economics of this country are as simple as that.

Please ask the people of your leading industrial city to temper their boycott of meat with COMMON SENSE!

Enclosed is a news clipping clarifying pricing of live meat

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Kendall Atkins
Dix, Nebraska

The news clipping included was from a statement made by Clair Callan of Odell, Nebraska, former Democratic congressman who stressed that food is the only consumable commodity on the American market that is not pre-priced at the factory and that the price paid to farmers for their livestock is the result of a market where meat packers bid each day for the produce they need to meet the demand of their wholesale or retail customers

With cold ranging even more than on Antarctica, temperatures on the planet Mars fluctuate between 65 degrees F., down to minus 100 degrees.



Legionnaires Frank Bataillon, adjutant; Earl Freeman, chaplain; Jim McHugh, commander and Bill Wheeler, past post commander, raised the flag, recently given to Riverview Terrace by the Legion as Mrs Ross Gerber, executive director of the City Housing Authority, and Earl Stivers, custodian at Riverview Terrace, look on.

Pork producers consider use of high lysine corn

Should more pork producers raise and feed high lysine corn in 1973? This question appears repeatedly as producers examine the current increased costs of protein supplement.

Some answers are offered in a paper on **The Economics and Use of High Lysine Corn** by Larry Bitney, extension economist, University of Nebraska. These answers come from an evaluation of high lysine corn in terms of the prices of soybean meal and normal corn.

High Lysine (HL) corn is named because of a higher per cent of lysine, an essential amino acid, than normal corn. A recent test by the University of Nebraska compared an HL corn with 0.43 per cent lysine with a normal corn with 0.32 per cent lysine. The higher lysine content affected the feeding value of the HL corn, said Vaughn Domeier, extension agent in training.

HL corn has allowed researchers to finish hogs on a 12 per cent protein ration as easily as on a 14 per cent protein ration. The amount of 44 per cent soybean meal used in the ration was reduced when HL corn was used. The price of soybean meal strongly determines if HL corn could profitably replace normal corn.

If normal corn was $1.40 per bushel and 44 per cent soybean meal was $230 per ton, the HL corn replacement would return more profit if it cost less than $1.73 per bushel and was used in a 12 per cent protein ration. This would be the break-even point for HL corn under these conditions, Mr Domeier said.

The break-even point for HL corn would be $1.68 per bushel. If 44 per cent protein dropped to $200 per ton and normal corn remained at $1.40 per bushel. The break-even point for HL corn would change to $1.64 per bushel if 44 per cent protein remained at $230 per ton and normal corn dropped to $1.30 per bushel.

The individual producer would probably have to grow HL corn if he wishes to finish hogs on such. Great variation seems to exist in yield between varieties but generally a yield reduction can be expected. HL corn can be expected to yield about 90 per cent of that of normal corn due primarily to a lower test weight.

The yield necessary from HL corn depends upon the relative price of normal corn and soybean meal protein. HL corn would have to yield higher than 8 per cent of normal corn to be more profitable than normal corn at $1.40 per bushel and 44 per cent protein at $230 per ton, said Mr Domeier.

HL corn has the potential to produce more protein and higher feed efficiency than normal corn University of Nebraska experiments have shown the HL corn in a 12 per cent protein ration produced one pound of gain with one-tenth of a pound less feed than normal corn in a 14 per cent protein ration, he noted.

With normal corn at $1.40 per bushel and 44 per cent soybean meal at $230 per ton, HL corn has a comparative feed value of $1.73 per bushel if the protein content and feed conversion are equal. HL corn would have a feed value of $1.79 per bushel if it contained a ½ per cent higher protein content.

The break even point on HL corn yields could be reduced even further if higher protein contents and improved feed efficiencies are realized.

HL corn has been accused of having problems with high moisture content, soft kernels and ear and kernel rots. Again different varieties are quite variable in these items In spite of potential problems, price expectations for 1973 should make HL corn an attractive crop, said Mr Domeier.

County meeting to be on May 2

UNION — (N-P) — The American Legion Auxiliary Spring Cass County convention will be held May 2 at Nehawka, it was reported at the Auxiliary April meeting held at the hall.

The Union Auxiliary unit will serve as the registration committee

Donations were made to Nebraska Children's Home Society, Gold Star Fund; Crippled Children's Society; The Forgotten Children, and Department of Children and youth.

Mrs Roy Hickey reported on the new Union Nebraska Public library and solicted their group's support

The annual Easter egg hunt will be held April 21 at the ball park Free colored eggs and candy eggs will be given to very small children who are not able to find an egg

Mrs Verl Ackley reported on Child Welfare and Mrs Roy Hickey reported on Arbor Day.

Mrs Don Meredith, Mrs Ed Ruby and Mrs Roger Brown were the hostess committee

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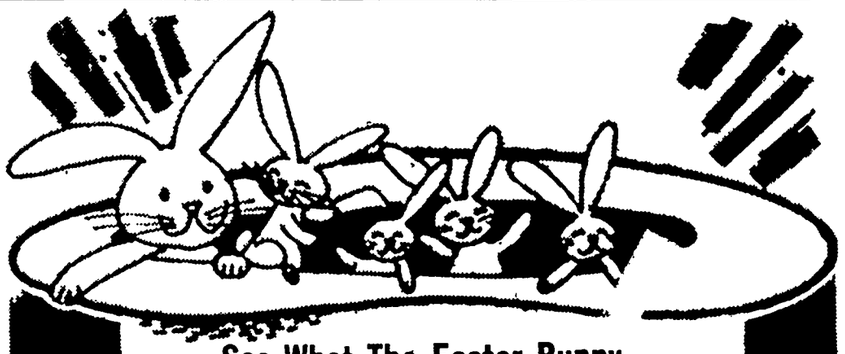
Mrs Gene Bryan

Mr and Mrs Oliver Cameron, Mr and Mrs Carl Cameron and Mrs Emma Cameron attended the wedding of Connie Kroese and Rick Bruns at the Palmyra Presbyterian church.

Special music at Hopewell church Sunday was a solo by Mrs Harold Hull of Douglas.

Mr and Mrs Gene Bryan were recent guests of Mr and Mrs John Bryan in Lincoln.

Mary Clemmer Ames, in an article in 1877 describing the inauguration of President Rutherford B. Hayes, was the first person to use the term "first lady" as a synonym for the wife of a U S. president.



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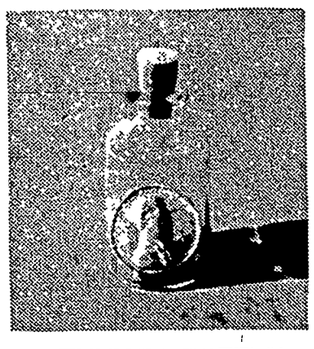
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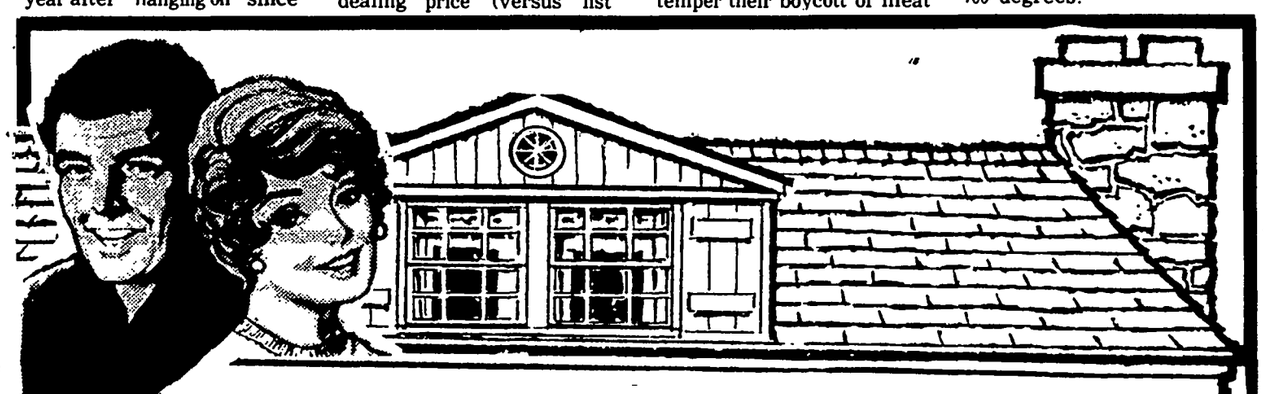
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