The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Gary White, owner of G&L Conoco, told Optimists the other day that the words "gas shortage" are not scare words, they're the real thing and Nebraska Citians had better prepare to accept them

Gary told of incidences in which out-of-town motorists came into his station and asked whether they could buy a full tank of gasoline

That sounds kind of strange, but to the fuel people, they've been expecting it Gary says the shortage will be felt in Nebraska City in two weeks to a month

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Optimists asked him a number of questions as to the cause Gary backed up a few months and recalled the fuel oil shortage at Nebraska City's schools. He explained that the producers put the emphasis on that fuel and as a result, cutback on gasoline production It was just a matter of time

When will it end? Gary says he doesn't know the answer But he said this winter will tell the tale

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Meanwhile, it's nearing vacation time and Gary says he intends to take his family on a vacation .but he's not going to let the fuel gauge get below the half mark

There is one other thing motorists can look forward to — gas prices are going up

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Family Circle printed an article in the May issue about gasoline that should be of interest at this gas shortage time

The magazine said that all gasolines are the same and you're money-wise to buy your gas at the station that has the lowest price

The lowest price may be at stations that just pump gas and sell pop or have a gas jockey manning several pumps at a do-it-yourself station

That's all fine and good but what happens when you want the windshield washed or the oil changed? You better stick with your favorite station, the article concluded . which gets back to the elementary story .we're talking about SERVICE stations And, if you've been going to your favorite service station regularly, you better stay with him he's planning on supplying you during the shortage

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Well, we don't anticipate any trouble in you getting all the gas you need for the Arbor Day weekend in Nebraska City The town has rolled out the red carpet and there are a lot of things going on that you want to take in

The chautauqua Saturday night was billed as a great show and as this is written, we're confident the volunteers behind the scenes are looking forward to a special night

That was scheduled at Senior High auditorium

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Wildwood will be open during the weekend and Stanwood Portnoy, Omaha, will be there to give demonstrations

Mr Portnoy has spent a lot of time in Nebraska City, not as a wood carver, but as a master carver in another field — Nebraska Outerwear products.

Ed Hunter can tell you all about Mr Portnoy It is his company that built the new Nebraska Outerwear factory in the industrial tract

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Then on Sunday morning, you can enjoy breakfast with the pilots and passengers at Grundman airport at the Jaycee fly-in

Sam Deaver said meals will be free to pilots and passengers beginning at 7 a m , and for us drivers there is a $1 charge I don't know too much about airplanes, but I still have my beginner's pilot log and a lot of memories I envy pilots and enjoy the fly-ins

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The special luncheon for the visiting dignitaries will be at the Elks this year Governor Exon will be at the luncheon along with singer-entertainer Gordon MacRae.

The parade will be on Central Avenue and the program will follow that on the east portico of Arbor Lodge mansion, home of J Sterling Morton, the Arbor Day founder

Ed Ernst and his Arbor Day committee have allowed two hours on the program to include the National Arbor Day awards presentations There will be over a dozen awards to be presented for the first time

It will be a lengthy program, but worthwhile Mr MacRae and Mrs Frank Morrison will also be on the program.

So you can see, there's a lot going on . . .not as much as the Centennial last year, but certainly a compliment to the community and the many people who have volunteered so many hours to direct such a fine celebration

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The National Safety Council says there's nothing greater than riding a bicycle, but cycling brings safety problems. The council estimates 900 people will be killed this year in bicycle-automobile accidents and that there will be one million bicycle-related accidents this year.

That sounds almost as bad as the Nebraska booklet on motorcycle laws Motorcyclists are injured in nine out of 10 accidents in which they are involved

The Safety Council says bicycle riding enthusiasts should use common sense safety precautions, keeping bikes off busy highways, riding single file, obeying all traffic laws, keeping both hands on the handlebars and leaving stunt riding and racing for those in the open areas that are free of traffic.

Nebraska City has a bicycle license law and the Safety Council recommends bike owners keep a copy of the serial number at home Thieves take anything — why they take a kid's bike is beyond me, but they do

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We poured a concrete slab in the backyard the other day and wondered how we were going to get the job done before the concrete set up

We worried needlessly — our neighbors, the Fred Wusks and the Fred Bakers and the kids all pitched in and it turned into a fun job

Harold Gress whose nice home is on my old garden spot, slipped over a day later and by the time I got home the next day, he had already been working for some time on erecting the lawn mower building

Harold was seriously injured a few years ago when his plane crashed while coyote hunting near Dunbar He still has a hard time getting around, but trying to get him to lean on that cane and stop fooling around with the nuts and bolts job was about like trying to keep the harvest crew away from the dinner table

It gets a little breezy Up on the North 40, but we sure have fine neighbors who share their energies

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P S Ruth Jacobson I'm sorry I didn't stay longer the other day when I was talking with Jerry. I didn't know you were serving up a tray of goodies rat smack dab from the oven

Postal Week is set for April 29-May 5

Several activities are planned in Nebraska City for Postal Week to be held Sunday through May 5 As part of the observance the Nebraska City post office will mark the occasion with first-day-of-issuance observance simultaneous with the nation's 31,000 other post offices in issuing 10 special stamps honoring postal employes, said Postmaster Howard Baltensperger

On Monday, the "Postal People" stamps will go on sale and a free first-day-of-issue envelope will be given to attending customers as long as they last, he said Postmaster Baltensperger added that the 10 stamps on a free envelope would be 80 cents for a complete first day of issue cache of "People Serving You " The stamps may be bought separately also.

Public tours of the post office will be offered all week at 7.30 a m , when most of the postal peopler are in the office, and at 2 p m

On Wednesday, Sectional Center Postmaster Garl L. Moore of Lincoln, will be the program speaker at the Nebraska City Rotary club at the Elks

Postmaster General E. T Klassen will head the postal week ceremonies to be held in Washington D C He said that postal week is an appropriate occasion for recognition of the responsibilities assigned to the mail service.

Postmaster Baltensperger noted that by coincidence, Law Day, falls during postal week this year Law Day commemorates the rights of free men to be secured. in their persons and in their communications

Riverton road project aired

RIVERTON, Ia — (N-P) — District Engineer Robert Bortle, Ames, Ia , reviewed the proposed changes Thursday on Iowa No 42 from the intersection of U S 275 east to Riverton, 3 8 miles

Under a 1968 basic agreement between Fremont county and the Iowa Highway Commission, the road would be improved by the state and turned over to the county for permanent surfacing

The state would do all the surveying, designing grading, bridge building and graveling at no expense to Fremont county

The two bridges would be replaced with modern, wider structures and the smaller overflow middle bridge was to be replaced

Slides were shown on the proposal Fremont County Engineer Tom Hibbs read a prepared statement by the Fremont county board in which it proposed to withdraw from the agreement to take over the highway

Mr Bortle said if that was done, the project would be dropped from the five year plan Fifty-four residents of the Riverton area attended

A road count on Iowa No 2 between Sidney, and Shenandoah showed 2,100 vehicles a day

A similar count on Iowa 42 (the Riverton road) was 870 cars a day

Brownies to ride on parade floats

All the Brownies will be riding on three floats in the parade Sunday, Mrs Charles McElfresh, Neighborhood 19 chairman reported They are to meet at First Avenue and Sixth Street at 12 45 p m They will be taken off of the floats at 22nd and Central Avenue at the end of the parade route Parents may meet them there and they may watch the rest of the parade at this location, she said

Neighborhood 19 of Homested Girl Scout Council will meet Wednesday at 9 15 a m at Memorial Building The leaders will discuss the upcoming day camp

THE SAVAGE CELLS

How Cancer Cells Spread

(Last in a Series.)

By DAVID HENDIN
NEA Science Editor

NEW YORK — (NEA) — The blood serum of about 80 per cent of black people contains a substance which may help stop the growth of cancer in white patients when it is injected, according to a husband and wife team of cancer fighters in Seattle, Wash

The "black factor" appears to unblock a mechanism in cancer patients which previously prevented the individual's body from fighting off the invading cancer cells

This theory stems from the work of Drs. Ingegerd and Karl Hellstrom over the past several years in which they have found clues to fighting cancer in the body's immune system — the same system which rejects a transplanted heart or other organ because the tissue is "foreign "

Work of the two physician-researchers, originally from Sweden's famed Caroline Institute, is based on their findings — now confirmed by others — that most, if not all, cancer tissues contain the foreign substances called tumor-specific antigens These are not found in normal, noncancerous tissues in a person's body.

Usually these foreign substances would cause a person's system to produce antibodies, including certain types of white blood cells called lymphocytes, to fight them

But the mystery has been in the body's apparent lack of ability to knock out a cancerous growth in this way The Hellstroms' have found that the blood of laboratory animals and many cancer patients does contain antibodies that are capable of killing off the cancers which their bodies harbor And these antibodies do kill cancer cells in test tubes in the laboratory — but not in the patient's body.

This is due to a substance called "blocking antibody," which the Hellstroms have discovered. It appears to protect a cancerous tumor from attack by the body's lymphocytes

It is this blocking antibody which the black factor seems to destroy In studies, the Hellstroms repeatedly found that serum from certain donors seemed to unblock the blocking antibody in tumor cells taken from more than 100 patients with a relatively rare type of cancer called melanoma In other words, serum containing the "black factor" enabled the bodies of melanoma victims to more effectively fight off their cancers on their own

"We soon noticed that we started to recognize some of the names of the serum donors They were black people who were working with us, or students and technicians," explained Dr. Karl Hellstrom in a recent interview in Nogales, Ariz , where the American Cancer Society held its annual seminar for science journalists

"We then did a systematic study of blacks and whites and found that whites react immunologically to melanomas about five per cent of the time, but blacks reacted at about the frequency of 80 per cent."

As one would therefore expect, melanomas are exceedingly rare in the black population And when they do occur they are usually on the palms of the hands or the soles of the feet — areas where there is much less skin pigmentation

The Hellstroms stress that their studies are strictly at an experimental stage They are currently conducting a project with six melanoma patients who have failed to respond to conventional methods of therapy This study will be broadened to 60 patients in the next two years These patients will receive transfusions of blood from healthy black donors in an attempt to determine scientifically whether they can recover better than patients receiving plasma from white donors

The researchers said they "felt encouraged" about their work, and added that if their experiments do indeed indicate that serum from blacks does help certain cancer patients, it would be possible to treat both potential and actual victims

"Potential" victims of this and other types of cancers may be detected while the tumors are exceedingly small, and thus much easier to treat, if another part of the Hellstrom's research develops

Basically, they have discovered that the "blocking antibodies" can be found in a patient's blood serum before a tumor can be detected by any other means At this time, however, such tests are extremely complicated, time consuming and expensive "Before anything else, the strategy should be to simplify the very complicated techniques which we are using," Dr Karl Hellstrom said

Although the Hellstroms believe that this type of test looks promising, they note that their studies thus far have been small and much broader studies are needed before anyone even begins to think about mass screenings of the public

The Hellstroms' findings suggest that if physicians can improve a patient's anti-tumor reactions without increasing the blocking antibodies, or if the blocking antibody's effect can be decreased without affecting anti-tumor activity, there will be therapeutic benefits for many cancer patients

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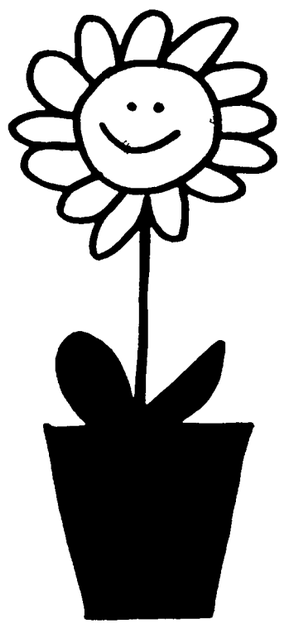
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