

John Nebelsick, son of Mr and Mrs Ray Nebelsick, Nebraska City, recently celebrated his eighth birthday with a party at Wildwood park. His guests included, first row, Tim Bottcher, David Rakes, Jimmy Harshman, John, Mick Causgrove, Danny Baker, Joe Hickman and Stuart O'Hara.

In the second row are Kelly O'Hara, David Thiesfeld, Rodney Kempkes, Roger Roumpf, Ronnie Heng, Steve Mangum and Mike Nebelsick.

LIVESTOCK THIEVERY

More branding needed

—A Weekly Column—
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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Livestock thievery in eastern Nebraska and current high prices on meat animals are giving rise to increased talk of extending the state's cattle brand area, currently confined to what has traditionally been known as range country—the western two-thirds of the state.

The Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation last year adopted a resolution favoring extension of the brand inspection area to the entire state.

"I think there is beginning to be more sentiment toward our position," says John Klinker, NFBF president. "I'm sure we'll have full discussion on it again this year because of the relatively higher prices of livestock and the thefts of livestock that have occurred."

The heightened interest in cattle branding is evident in brand registrations at the secretary of state's office. More new brands have been registered in the past year than were registered in the preceding two years, with most of the new brands coming from eastern Nebraska, where feedlots are concentrated.

Brands are accepted for registration from anywhere in the state. Only in the western brand area are cattle inspected for brands when they change hands, but investigations of livestock thievery have increasinly taken Nebraska brand committee investigators into the eastern part of the state

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What has happened, says Art Thomsen of Alliance, the state's chief brand inspector, is that "cattle rustlers are just waking up to the fact that the feedlot is a prime target "

"They are realizing that most of these feedlots are located along all-weather highways Most of them have good loading facilities which you don't normally find on the range where cattle are pastured. The cattle rustler can put these feedlot cattle in trucks and be down in Missouri and Arkansas and other states which don't have brand inspection systems and sell them to packing plants almost before they are missed."

Crime commission reports show a 42 per cent increase between 1971 and 1972 in the dollar value of animals and livestock stolen in Nebraska. The 1972 total was $187,231.

Some of the sophisticated large scale thefts of feedlot cattle in eastern Nebraska suggest the common concept of the cattle rustler may have to be revised.

"For many years the cattle rustler was identified with the wild and woolly range days," Thomsen notes "most people figured the rustler was someone who went out in the dead of night and rounded up a herd of rangeland cattle and loaded them up."

But those involved in today's larger feedlot thefts "are just plain criminals," Thomsen said "The next day they may steal a load of grain, or burglarize a safe, or write fraudulent checks "

There continue to be cases of an animal or two being butchered in the field at night, with the meat carted away. This occurs more often in metropolitan areas and can be associated with high meat prices, Thomsen says. But to attribute the increase in livestock thievery generally to current high prices "is a lot of hooey," he said.

For many years eastern Nebraska feedlot operators were apathetic about branding and brand inspections because they did not feel threatened by thievery, according to Thomsen. As a result they became an ideal target.

Some banks now require branding before they will give mortgage loans on livestock

While brand registration is becoming increasingly popular in the eastern area, there has been reluctance to seek mandatory brand inspection.

Secretary of State Allen Beermann said the objections include the fact brand inspections normally are carried on in daylight hours, whereas some fat cattle shippers would rather move their stock before dawn or at night.

Further, brand inspection involves some jostling of cattle with resulting loss of weight, "although it's been established it is quite minimal." Also, branding of feeder cattle is somewhat more difficult than branding calves which cowboys manage to wrestle to the ground for that purpose.

Then there is the economic factor—the 22 per cent head inspection rate

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Any extension of the brand area would have to be ordered by the legislature But Beermann says an such extension should grow out of the initiative of people within the individual counties

"A brand inspection program will not work unless there is a desire by the people to have brand inspection with brand recording," Beermann said. "It's not a system which can or should be forced on the people "

The state brand committee would be hard put to cope with a sudden extension of the brand area statewide, Beermann said. It lacks trained personnel, manpower and available money resources to become a statewide project in a single step. The program is self supporting but a delay in cash flow could be expected

Thomsen, too, says he would prefer to see the brand area grow little by little, involving first the counties presently adjacent to the brand area

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The dividing line between Nebraska's range country, devoted to production of calves, and the feedlot area in the east, where cattle are readied for the butcher market, is becoming increasingly indistinct, Beermann notes.

Dozens of feedlots have been located in western Nebraska. At the same time, some eastern farmers have gone to calf production.

A farm program which puts into use previously idled acres tends to encourage calf production when these acres are converted into pasture, he noted.



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AVOCA

Mrs Henry Maseman

The Avoca Women's club held their cooperative picnic dinner at the Charles Marshall home Wednesday. After dinner, Mrs David Stock, Murdock, showed her pictures of Colombia, South America. Mrs Stock and her husband were with the Peace Corps.

Mr and Mrs Henry Smith attended christening services for their granddaughter, Dannette Ann Smith, at Pilgrim Lutheran church, Bellevue. Sponsors were Ronald Plautz and Virgil Plautz. Ronald Plautz was proxy for Mrs Stanley Smith.

Mrs Hans Jensen sponsored a cooperative dinner for 21 for Mr and Mrs Howard Hough and family of Englewood, Calif.

Mr and Mrs Clarence Norris, Weeping Water, hosted the Sunday night supper club. Guests were Senator and Mrs Calvin Carsten and Mrs De Forest Philpot.

A large crowd attended the household goods sale of Mrs Lela Hunteman.

Mrs Helen Noerrlinger accompanied her daughter for a visit at the Gale Bock home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Rev Walter Lenz, Elmwood, was guest minister at the United Church of Christ Sunday. His sermon was "Fighting The Good Fight." The Rev Lenz played a solo on his musical saw. Communion will be held July 15 Birthdays of July were listed in the bulletins, a gift of Mrs Maseman The Rev. Lenz will be guest minister July 8.

Jerry Converse and daughter, Polly, of Chico, Calif., were guests at the H. Kirchhoff home to visit Leo. Jerry and Leo were teachers at Chico.

Mrs Alfred Ebert, Mrs H. Kirchhoff and Mrs Karl Ulhorn visited Mrs Anna Ottens and Mrs Hy Kirchhoff in Otoe.

Mr and Mrs Charles Marshall attended the open house at the Methodist parsonage in Elmwood

Clark Marshall, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., visited his parents, Mr and Mrs Charles Marshall. The children stayed longer.

Senator and Mrs Calvin Carsten received word their daughter, Sally (Mrs Bill Malone) had an emergency appendectomy Monday. Their grandson, Stewart Carsten, fell and fractured his arm.

Lon Lackey has returned from Wyoming where he visited his daughter, Mrs Darlene Olson.

Eldon Schroder, Bennet caught his hand in the chain of the lawnmower. He is the grandson of Mrs Edith Maseman.

Mrs Ernest Haveman, Mrs H. Dankleff, Mrs Wm. Dettmer, Mrs John Emshoff and Mrs Edith Maseman visited the Good Samaritan home in Syracuse and entertained the residents with music

Mrs Elvin Emshoff was hostess to a luncheon Tuesday for Mrs Alfred Ebert's birthday.

Recent coffee guests at the H. Kirchhoff home were Krissy Green of Florida, Carolyn Kirchhoff from Ohio, Mrs George Kirchhoff and Mrs John Emshoff.

The Sharing group of Elmwood met at the Charles Marshall home. Mrs Witler showed her pictures of Germany



Vickie Sue Walters, who recently celebrated her second birthday, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Jerry Walters, Nebraska City.

Her grandparents are Mrs Marie Walters and Mrs Stella Peterson, both of Nebraska City. Her great-great-grandfather is Melvin Hershey, Nebraska City.

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Mrs Harry Kastens

Jon Vollertsen, Monterey, Calif., is spending the summer with his grandparents, the Harry Vollertsens.

Tuesday Card club met with Mrs Minnie Brinkhoff. Mrs Minnie Ruffner, Mrs Robert Ruhge and Mrs Ervin Ruffner were guests. Mrs John Buchholz is hostess for July 10.

Mr and Mrs Jack Allen and family moved from the Harry Kepler property on the south edge of town to the house recently vacated by the Andy Seybert, Jr. family and owned by Alvin Ross.

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Mrs Ernest Severs

Mr and Mrs James P. Davis and Mrs Mary Davis were Wednesday visitors of Mr and Mrs Merle Clark in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs Lena Broers spent the weekend in Lincoln with her son and family, the Larry Broerses.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Emil Guermann were Mr and Mrs Joe Nosky and daughter, Julie, of Crete and Kathy Harshman of Chula Vista, California.

Amadeo Giannini stamp for sale

A 21 cent stamp, depicting Amadeo Giannini in the prominent Americans series is on sale at the Nebraska City post office, said Postmaster Howard Baltensperger. There are 500 of the stamps on hand.

An eight cent stamp of the Boston tea party, one in a series of the bicentennial series, is also on sale. It comes in panes of four stamps, each a design entity which combine to complete the scene of 1773 when enraged colonists dumped chests of tea into Boston Harbor in protest of the English levied tax.

The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Welcome home, Robbie

Robbie, son of Mr and Mrs Murrell Starr, 1023 Twelfth Avenue, is home from a hospital at Rochester, Minn., after staying a little longer than he planned. He brought something back with him — a cast.

Robbie may be blind, but he's not blinded by humor.

He was walking on Cloud 9 after a checkup at the hospital and to hear him tell it, he wasn't doing a soft shoe shuffle, but he was careless with his steps as he was escorted in the parking lot to a car

He slipped, fell and broke his left leg.

So, back to the hospital where the bone was set and a cast put on the leg. Then came an airplane ride "home" to Nebraska City. "It was a nice flight," he said, "but I slept most of the way "

A neighbor, Sev Sorensen, ran across the street as Robbie was transported by stretcher into his home. Sev said it for the youngster's many friends:

"Welcome home, Robbie,"

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Little Bucks —

B. A. Johnson, 60, the Syracuse bandmster, isn't giving up instrumental music at Syracuse - Dunbar -Avoca. Instead, he's giving up the high school marching band job to younger blood, Dale Duensing, and devoting his time to the elementary and junior high band. "B. A. " has been the high school bandsman for 21 years. . . .Lori Schlichtemeier who will go to Dallas for the FHA convention, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Schlichtemeier We remember Lori well. . . .she and her sister, Susie, had a ball at the Dennis Armknecht benefit in Cook when Susie worked at the News-Press.

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This slinky gal at the grocery counter handed the clerk a $20 bill, picked up her groceries and started walking off without her change.

The clerk whistled to attract her attention and called to her several times, but she paid no attention.

Just as she walked out the door, the clerk caught up with her and asked·

"Didn't you hear me whistle?"

"Sure," she answered coyly, "but I never flirt when I'm shopping."

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Mr and Mrs Millard Head spent the Fourth of July holiday visiting relatives in Tulsa, Okla , and got into a rainstorm

Mr Head said he has never been in such a driving rainstorm and blinding lightning storm as occurred in the area. The Heads also saw a truck jackknife and joined other motorists who drove under downed power lines.

The Nebraska City couple had a pleasant visit and an unusual experience in getting caught in the storm and were glad to be home

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Dr. Larry Paben stopped in the other day with a business card It was from my brother who lives in the Inglewood, Calif area

Doctor Paben has six chairs in his dental office in Inglewood and by coincidence my brother was in one of the chairs at the time the doctor was talking about a vacation trip to Nebraska.

That's where older brother, LeRoy of Western Airlines, entered the conversation. The doctor said he was going to vacation in the Nebraska City and Talmage areas.

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The doctor said he would stop at the newspaper and say hello and he did just that. We were pleased to meet him and had a nice visit.

"We had a story in the paper recently on Mr and Mrs Jake Paben celebrating their 69th anniversary," I said.

"Yes, that's my folks, they are both at the Manor," the doctor said.

"Well, that is so-m-e coincidence," I said.

"Whattya mean," the doctor questioned.

"Our No. 2 daughter, Clarissa, works at Nebraska City Manor and knows the Pabens."

"Small world," he said.

"Yup, small world."

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Brother LeRoy is anxiously awaiting to be a grandfather.

In fact, he's getting a little too anxious.

Recently he and his wife sold their home and purchased another in the Los Angeles area As it happened, they gave possession of their home before taking possession of the other

So they've been living in their camper waiting for possession of the home

Guess where he parked the camper you've got it in the driveway of his daughter and son-in-law

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Stolen from Bill Brockley

One day a small boy and his father were taking a walk As they passed a truck, the youngster asked his father

"What's that?"

"I dunno," Dad replied

Next they passed a warehouse where the youngster asked his father what the building was for "I dunno," Dad said

As they watched a man with a pneumatic drill digging up paving, the youngster looked up at his dad and asked·

"What's he doing?"

"I dunno," his father replied

They walked on for a time and the silence was broken when the youngster spoke up

"Dad, I sure hope you don't mind all my questions "

"That's okay, son," proud Dad answered "How are you going to learn anything unless you ask?"

Pam Wittler goes on European tour

Pam Wittler, daughter of Mr and Mrs LaVern Wittler of Talmage, left Omaha Monday with a group of Westside High school students for a 42-day scholastic international tour, "The Spirit of Western Man", in Europe.

She was met by her counselor, Mrs Robert Suderman of McLouth, Kansas, in New York City Other members of her group were from Lawrence, Kansas, Lake Forest, Illinois, St Joseph, Missouri, Englewood, Colorado, and Madison, Wisconsin

They departed from the J F.K International airport and arrived in Rome, Italy Tuesday

The group will be staying and studying in various universities in Europe

The cities they will visit are Rome, Florence and Venice, Italy, Innsbruck, Austria, Munich, West Germany, Paris and Strasbourg, France, and London, England

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