The Buck Ends Here

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Legionnaires of Adam Schellinger Post No. 8 got a little "hostile" the other night when the subject came up about Memorial Building.

The City is considering turning the building over to the parks and recreation department. Bud Wright has resigned as custodian and the City feels the building is not being used enough for the cost of operation.

The Legion has other thoughts. The veterans said the building was intended for public use, giving veterans organizations free use and any unsupervised activity could result in damage to the building.

It was ladies night at the Legion meeting and so the language was kept pretty clean....and Jesse Parker wasn't there to exchange coined words with Tom Teel on such subjects as plumbing and toilet facilities.

There is this footnote that the gals might appreciate — Legionnaires are talking about having a ladies night every three months and...a salad bar has been purchased to spice up the dining facilities a bit.

(Tiny Schmitz said after eating one more of "those" onions the other night he was ready to breathe fire....but snuffed out the smoldering flame with beer instead.)

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Remember some time ago we had an item in this space about the guides at information centers? Well, here's the follow-up report.

The 37 guides stationed at 18 rest area information centers during the summer talked with 160,000 travelers. The average length of stay in Nebraska by vacationers was increased by 1.4 days and added an estimated $995,000 in revenue to the state.

Although economics are interesting, so are the people. They liked visiting with the guides, changed their vacation plans after talking with guides and did more sightseeing.

A couple from New York City liked the pleasant attitude and welcome they received. They said their guides didn't give them a hard-sell pitch for the state. "They asked about us."

The New Yorkers spent an extra three days in the state.

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John Horan, an attorney who opened a practice here recently with Wm. L. Brandt, of Unadilla, is no relation to the Horan who drew the full page of color in the sports section in the Sunday World-Herald.

John and his wife Janice (pronounced "Ja-niece") and their two sons, looked forward to settling in Nebraska City for some time.

John had met Bill Brandt some time ago. John served as a captain in the Army and Mr Brandt is a lieutenant colonel in the Army reserves.

The Horans lived in Kentucky for four years where Captain Horan was a prosecutor for the Army. Things got lively for the courts when the combat 101st Airborne outfit returned from Vietnam.

The Horans are natives of Minden.

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The Cornhusker Council of Boy Scouts contacted Earl Freeman of Nebraska City the other day to ask whether he would continue to be active in the scouting program in the district

Well, Earl served with General Patton during WWII and his answer was about what the general would have said if Mel Niebruegge asked: "Hey, general, you need any gas for your tanks?"

Actually, Earl doesn't use foul language and answered with different wording, but the same firmness. You bet he will be active in the scouting program. He loves it.

For you Husker football fans, you won't see Earl helping scouts with the ushering duties at Memorial Stadium. He decided to give it up this year....something about getting wet and too old Pshaw....Earl....your friends don't believe that especially those who have seen you camping out with the boys during the summer.

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Dr Glen Burbridge who has retired from active practice, will be a working man on his farm near Logan, Ia., and as such will switch from suit, tie and white jacket to overalls and a straw hat

We know this because we attended a regular meeting of the Elks the other night and in the middle of a discussion on proper dress, the doctor was escorted into the meeting room.

Yup, you guessed it....dressed in overalls and a straw hat.

Harry Vondrak dropped a coin in a container carried by the doctor ("Doctor Burbridge's retirement fund") and Harold Fouts charged, "that's soliciting...pick up his membership card !"

It was all in jest for the popular physician.

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And the beat goes on

Charlie Pride, the black country music star, sang to the enjoyment of thousands the other night, his opening night, at the Nebraska State Fair.

We were told that the show was sold out for the second performance. Judging by the amount space for my backside, the grandstand must have been sold out the night we were there.....I never knew that boards could be so hard. Bill Berger assured me there was no relief and to "suffer."

Charlie was preceded by other groups including his Pridesmen band and The Guys singers. The black star stepped onto the stage a moment or two after 9 p.m., and returned to the wings at 10 o'clock sharp. He really put on a show and the people loved it and showed their appreciation by so much applause that I missed the opening lines of most songs.

And when they called him back for encores, they stood as they applauded. The show crowded the two-hour time schedule.

I'm not that hot on western music, but Charlie Pride is good, no doubt about it as you may have seen him on television many times.

And if you missed his State Fair show, you blew it, podner.



Marie Duncan hands over the symbolic piece of pie to Ron Badberg, the new proprietor of Dean's Cafe, 1119 Central Avenue. Hubby Dean Duncan (back) said he will help the new owner "until he kicks me out."

The Duncans retired after 37 years in the restaurant business in Nebraska City. They plan to take it easy now and sleep in the morning. Mr Badberg, formerly employed at Badberg Construction, said he took over the cafe, which will still be called Dean's, to see what he could do on his own.

Church gets two cents a gallon from renter

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ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — "If gas will get you to heaven, then I'm going to get there," said Dr. James L. Robertson, minister of Arlington Temple.

Robertson's church may be unique, for while he administers to spiritual needs upstairs, his flock's cars are being gassed up down below at an Exxon station that's part of the church building.

"If they pump as much down there as I do up here, we'll gradually fill 'em up," the United Methodist minister said.

The temple's arrangement with Exxon is profitable to both. The church gets 2 cents for each gallon sold. The revenue makes up about a third of the church's annual budget, which was $105,000 this year.

The church owns the property and the gas station facilities are leased by Exxon. The bright "Exxon" signs flank the smaller, simple one saying "Arlington Temple."

The unlikely alliance is directly across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C., just off Key Bridge.

"The bishop appointed me to organize and build a church here, because in the midst of a resident population of 25,000 and a working population of another 30,000, there was no church," said the 61-year-old Dr. Robertson.

The land was given to the church in 1971. Dr. Robertson asked Exxon whether it would be interested in a working agreement. Exxon was, and that's how it began.

Arlington Temple was perhaps the only church in the country that could have been directly hurt by the gas shortage. But Dr. Robertson said business never fell off — either downstairs at the pumps or upstairs in the pews.

"The good Lord looked out for us. We asked for some heavenly gas as well as heavenly grace," he joked.

"The station is going full blast. I go down there and pray for them a lot.

"They used to say 'the sweetest music this side of heaven' came from Guy Lombardo's band.' But now it comes from that little bell that rings every time a car drives into the gas station."

The temple has only about 300 members, but Dr. Robertson said more than half of those attending services are nonmembers.

"It's a United Methodist Church, but they put me here to create sort of an ecumenical movement, and that's what I'm trying to do," he added.

So in this Methodist church, Protestant services are conducted on Sundays and Thursdays, and a Catholic priest drops by every Friday to say Mass.

Waco senior has champion lamb

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Marsha Ocken, 17-year-old Waco High School senior, has shown the grand champion Future Farmers of America (FFA) market lamb at the Nebraska State Fair.

She is one of about 35 girls participating in the fair's FFA livestock show. Altogether, nearly 600 FFA members exhibited animals.

Liquor laws are upheld by judge

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Lancaster District Judge Samuel Van Pelt has ruled as constitutional Nebraska laws that limit competition between beer distributors and prevent liquor manufacturers from ending distributorships without permission.

Van Pelt made the ruling on suits filed by the U. S. Brewers Association and Joseph E. Seagram and Sons.

Both parties challenged Nebraska liquor laws passed in 1971 and 1972.

Van Pelt said the laws were constitutional because it is necessary to regulate the relationships between manufacturers of beer and liquor to promote temperance.

The plaintiffs argued that the laws stifled reasonable competition.

One law prevents a distributor from selling in the territory of another distributor and the other prevents a manufacturer from dropping a distributor without the consent of either the distributor or the liquor commission.

Senators may have own radio and TV

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The Legislative Council executive board voted 6-2 Friday to authorize development of a permanent radio and television studio at the Capitol, to which they would have access.

Expenditure of up to $20,000 for the facility was authorized.

The facility would provide legislators an opportunity to make video and radio tapes in the capitol for playback to constituents back home. Members of Congress already have such facilities available.

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The first California gold received at the Philadelphia Mint arrived at least six years before the gold rush. Digging wild onions, Francisco Lopez found nuggets on March 9, 1843, and eventually his Placerita Canyon mine near today's Newhall may have turned out gold worth $100,000.

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