The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

The selection across the state of Barry Reed of Peru State as the State College Player of the Week was good judgment.

We were among those who attended the homecoming game and saw senior fullback Reed and his Bobcat team riddle the Kearney unit 28-0

We've watched Barry for two years and he's a strong and game player. He carried the ball 38 times against Kearney and earned 126 yards in two touchdowns.

Nebraska City's Terry Criger who was out for a time with a leg injury, was back as quarterback of the Bobcats and you'd never know he had a bum leg.

He put on an ole' high school razzle dazzle by racing to one side of the field, then to the other and then gave 'em the Criger shuffle. He didn't score. He must have run 80 to 90 yards in the see-saw action and he was just too pooped to keep the lead and was dropped a few yards from the goal line.

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The Peru homecoming was a beaut. The weather was the greatest — we've all learned to appreciate sunshine — and the Oak Bowl at Peru was just gorgeous.

We don't know why the Nebraska City high school or Lourdes bands weren't among those in the competition and halftime show We think they would have done well against the competition.

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There were special visitors in the grandstand. Governor and Mrs J. J. Exon attended the game and homecoming events.

We expected to see the chief executive of the state participate in the halftime crowning ceremony. Instead, the First Family of Nebraska stayed in the stands and Peru State President Douglas Pearson dressed in his special duds and fancy dan hat, handled the formal chores.

It was a good halftime show.

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They tell me there were something like 3,000 people at the game.

We finished our work at the News-Press and got there in time for part of the first half. There were no seats available in the concrete stands and since we had "been there" before, we took along a couple of blankets and joined several hundred other people who sat on the sloped hill in the sun.

Except for it being a little tough on the backside, everything was just great.

NOTICE TO PRESIDENT PEARSON — Next time the governor attends a Peru home game, hand him a blanket and offer him a choice on the side of the hill.....who knows.....maybe the allocation will go up enough to get some more bleachers... then start planning some devilment for a new gym.

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We had one very interesting experience at Peru. Twenty-three years ago this December, Jim McKay from Lincoln was the best man at our wedding. I haven't seen him since he worked for Roy Berger and put down the floor covering at St. Mary's Episcopal church about 15 years ago.

He was at the homecoming. He works for Kearney State in the athletic department. He sent word via Kevin Stukenholtz that he was at the fieldhouse, so we got together for a time.

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Our face is red

The rescue squad has an "electronic secretary," a mechanical device which records a message when secretary Frank Bataillon is not at home to answer the phone.

Well, just for the heck of it we've played a joke or two on Frank and instead of being serious about the message, we slipped a little Amos and Andy, the squirrel hunt and the new Emergency.

That is, it was a joke until the other night....when Frank showed up at the Eagles dinner with a recorder and replayed those conversations for the other squadsmen and their spouses.

Now, what do I do, Tiny Schmitz?

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A restaurant in Ogallala and a cafe in Wahoo were recognized by the Nebraska Wheat Division of the Department of Agriculture for excellence in baking and serving of bread products with meals.

The goodies included rolls, blueberry muffins, cornbread and homemade bread from baskets formed with white bread dough.

Fine, fine, but the state department missed a couple of good cooks.

The retired farm women who live on both sides of our home, whip up those kind of goodies

Mrs Fred Baker and Mrs Fred Wusk whip up cookies, rolls and other pastries all the time. And since the women have to "trespass" to visit, I hold court and take my payoffs in pastries.

That works too, because just the other day I had a piece of huckleberry pie. In fact, I had two pieces of huckleberry pie and some ice cream.

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Northside school will be six years old in November, according to the dedication program found the other day in a pile of stuff.

The building cost $455,913. The cost per square foot was $14.32.

The voters approved the issuance of $230,000 in bonds in October 1966. The district also had a chunk of money it had "saved" in a building levy over a period of four years.

So what?

So, the school board has talked about a new building program.

The school's financial report showed the district has $102,270 in its school building account. And the money is not idle. Business Manager Fred Coufal said the money is invested in U.S. treasury bills or time saving certificates. That interest is put back in the building account.

It's just a matter of time...and money.

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Congratulations, Dr. A. E. Souders

A Nebraska City dentist has been appointed to the board of directors of Otoe County National Bank.

He is Dr. A. E. Souders, a lifelong resident of the community. One of the initials was wrong in the story the other day. The dentist-bank director is Allen Ellsworth Souders. His father, the late, Dr. Guy Emerson Souders, practiced in Nebraska City until his death in 1940.

Just in case you may have forgotten, Dr. A. E. Souders was the man who went around town wearing bright red colors and sold memberships in the Touchdown club as the president of the organization. That was before the Bob Devaney years.

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Rohlfing reports on policy meeting

Norman Rohlfing, president of the Otoe County Farm Bureau, reported at the October meeting that there would be a policy development meeting in Kearney on November 1 and 2. The pot luck dinner meeting was held at Talmage.

Mr Rohlfing also reported on a meeting with the county commissioners and other Farm Bureau members.

The Bureau will send $25 to the Eastern Nebraska 4-H camp.

A discussion was held about the Otoe County Farm Bureau banner for the state convention which will be held in Kearney November 18 throught 21.

Mrs Jack Haupt presided at the women's meeting with the old and new board members.

Activities and events for the annual scrap book were listed.

Mrs Clarence Wendeln was elected secretary and Albert Witt treasurer.

It was reported there would be an important meeting in November preceding the state convention in Kearney.

Autopsy shows a shotgun blast

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — The doctor who performed the autopsy on the body of Pedro Bissonette, a member of the American Indian Movement, said Friday that Bissonette was not shot repeatedly, as AIM leaders claim.

Dr. W. O. Brown, a pathologist from Scottsbluff, Neb., said Bissonette "died of shotgun wound in the chest from a single shotgun blast."

Bissonette was shot to death Wednesday night by a Bureau of Indian Affairs police officer when Bissonette pulled a gun on two BIA officers who were trying to arrest him, authorities said.

"I found seven pellets," said Brown. "They were buckshot, not rifle or pistol bullets. Seven pellets is the normal load for that type of cartridge."

AIM leaders and their attorneys said they had concluded from their own investigation that Bissonette had been shot several times in the chest and upper body.

PARTS OF BODIES ARE FOUND

Mystery at Strunk Lake

By BOB RUMMEL
Associated Press Writer

McCOOK, Neb. (AP) — There are undercurrents of anxiety, apprehension in this area of southwestern Nebraska.

The emotions had their beginnings when a well-known rural Culbertson couple, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hoyt, disappeared last month after attending a family dinner. Discovery of parts of two bodies earlier this month in Harry Strunk Lake about 30 miles northeast of here spawned a series of unanswered questions and rumors.

One of the first parts discovered — a hand — bore a mother's ring identified as Mrs. Hoyt's. The ring contained five birthstones signifying the couple's five grown children.

A McCook couple has been questioned in connection with the case, but no charges have been filed; and the feeling has grown among many residents that the killer or killers may still be at large in the area.

Some, fearing for their safety, have purchased guns. McCook gun dealers have reported heavy sales of handguns, many to older residents. A newspaper ad offers instructions in the use of guns to their new owners.

Outwardly, there is an air of normalcy in McCook and surrounding towns. Shoppers still come to town at night, farmers are rushing to catch up with harvests following recent rains, and college and high school students still gather at drive-ins and cycle up and down the streets at night.

Fueling the worries of area residents have been rumors: that the crime was sex or drug oriented, or possibly connected with Satan worship of some kind.

Because the bodies were carefully dissected, and then disposed of in a lake, instead of being buried where they might have escaped detection, some believe the killer wanted his act to be known.

Nearly everyone agrees on one thing: no one will sleep easy until those responsible are arrested, tried and convicted.

The Hoyts — Edwin was 56 and Wilma 57 — worked in McCook and maintained a home a mile from Culbertson, some 11 miles west of here.

Fear is more noticeable there, although the body parts were discovered about 40 miles away in a reservoir.

Most people in Culbertson knew the Hoyts, and have been unable to rationalize a reason for their murder.

The Rev. Terry Martin, 26, who has been pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Culbertson since August, said some people "are scared to death." He said they are searching for a motive for the killings so they can ease their fears.

The Rev. Mr. Martin admitted he, too, is "locking the door at night." He says some of the children who used to walk to evening Confirmation class at church are now being brought in cars.

McCook Mayor Don Blank says apprehension is a "normal reaction" to this type of crime.

Noting the rumors, the McCook dentist says, "If we were afraid of rumors, then we would really have something to fear."

Blank acknowledged that there has been a run on guns in the area, but he recalled the same thing occurred statewide during the Charles Starkweather murder spree in the late 1950s.

He said mostly it is business as usual in the area, and that people "seem to have accepted the fact that it may take some time to wrap up the case."

A McCook man, who asked that his name not be used and who deals with farmers in the area, said there is a feeling among some farmers that "strangers should not knock on doors in the rural areas now."

McCook Chamber of Commerce Manager Jim Suiter says people still come to town to shop at night and the murders and attendant rumors "haven't affected business that we can see."

He too senses a feeling of anxiety and deep concern about townspeople. He echoes the thoughts of many in the area when he says, "It almost seems like it was a crime against the Hoyts by someone who had something against them." He adds "people are hoping that a crazed killer isn't running around."

Suiter also expressed concern over the negative image given the town by the crime and resulting news coverage.

He says, "This has occurred just when we were really going and I hope it doesn't hurt us."

Investigation of the case is being handled out of Curtis in Frontier County, about 30 miles north of McCook. The lake is located in Frontier County.

The co-owner of the weekly Hi-Line Enterprise, Mike Crawford, admits that he, too, is "a little bit jumpy."

He said it is "pretty normal in town, but I wouldn't run around in the country at night without enough gas in my car."

He believes the investigation has been thorough and is being handled in the best possible manner.

Crawford says the idea of buying guns for protection doens't appeal to him. He says "too many people will just leave them lying around and then some kid will get shot."

Against the background of anxiety and puzzlement over the as yet unexplained murder of two people, authorities Friday continued to seine the waters of Harry Strunk Lake in a grim search for more parts of bodies.

Chandler

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Norman Chandler, former publisher of the Los Angeles Times and a builder of one of the great American publishing empires, died today. He was 74 years old.

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