Land use was down in year

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — When the federal government stopped paying farmers to leave 17 million acres of land idle, there was an increase in production of only eight million acres, according to a report released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Department officials say bad weather, fuel shortages and falling crop prices are among reasons not all of the land was put into use.

During 1973, the federal government paid farmers not to grow wheat and feed grains on 16.79 million acres of land, according to the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Then federal farm policies changed as food surpluses declined and foreign demands increased. Last fall, the government called upon farmers to push for full production by planting more acreage. The set aside payments were dropped.

The department's July crop production report indicates that farmers responded to that call by planting 8.23 million more acres than they planted in 1973.

Kidnaped woman found in a car

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—A Lincoln woman apparently was kidnapped, then released Friday.

Authorities said the woman was found Friday afternoon, bound and gagged in the trunk of her own car, beside a highway near Geneva.

The woman told police she was grabbed from behind by two men Friday morning as she walked on a Lincoln street.

Police said they are still investigating the incident.

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The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Happy anniversary

Happy 10th wedding anniversary to Mr and Mrs Jerry (Ruth Rogge) Jacobson.

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Le Headley, the buckskin-clad headhunter, whose true love is promoting attention to Brownville, did a good job of it the other day in the small river town.

Le carries a long rifle and fires black powder and paper wads. He marches in parades and makes an appearance at the State Fair.

But, back to the story. . . .

Le pulled the trigger on his long rifle. . . .KLA. .BLOOEY!

The hunter stood his ground, but the blast triggered the burglar alarm at the Brownville post office.

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Vic Button, a resident of the Masonic Manor in Omaha, visited in Nebraska City the other day with Optimists. Mr Button holds a perfect attendance record of 41 years.

He has visited Nebraska City many times before when he called on his friend, the Late Leonard Tomlyn.

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Mr and Mrs Tom Weathers, Alton, Ill. said they are comfortable in their home and enjoy the community, but miss their many friends in Nebraska City.

Mr Weathers started the City recreation programs and is now the director at his new location.

Tom and Mickey and their daughters enjoyed Nebraska City. They felt the town was like "home." Mrs Weathers is from Germany and her brother visited them briefly at Alton. He stretched a business trip enough to see his sister and her family.

Mrs Weathers' brother and family wanted to visit Nebraska City this summer, but decided to wait another year. They'd like to see the U.S.A. and are planning a bus trip from Chicago through the west.

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Jim Widhelm, the new recreation director, kept the humor going the other day at the Optimist meeting when he said his dream of a home, swimming pool and tennis court came true.

Mr Widhelm explained as the City director he has "penthouse" housing (above the bathouse) an olympic swimming pool in his backyard, tennis courts and baseball diamonds.

The director commended Nebraska City residents for their interest in the recreation program. He is wrapping up a summer program and getting things lined up for a full winter of activity.

The director said the paving of the Steinhart park lane is not out of the picture. The parks and recreation board is trying to get some federal money to get that job done.

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Mr and Mrs Everett Browning, Peru, returned from a visit in Great Britain. They had a grand time and returned with a few items.

The English students at Peru State had better get ready for this.

Everett returned with a set of bagpipes.

"Well, phooey on all you people," he said. "I'll just take it into the Peru hills with me when I go mushroom hunting."

"Yeah, dad," said sons Brian and Gene, "take it with you."

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Didya hear the one about the grade schooler who reported to his father:

"Dad we're going to have a small PTA meeting tonight."

"Well, if it's just a small meeting I won't have to go will I?" Dad asked.

"Yup," said little Johnny. "It's going to be you, mom, the principal and me."

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The Nebraska City rescue squad expanded into new quarters after the addition to City Hall was completed.

Squadsmen now have a meeting room and a kitchen. (It's shared with firemen).

And now the squadsmen have expanded into another area — a kitchen committee.

"Well, if we're gonna have a kitchen, then by jimminey by george we've got to have a committee to whip up a lunch once a month and sweep up the place after the meetings," Don Chapin snorted.

"You're right," Chief Harold Rowe said, "and we've got to be fair (that remark alone sounded kinda sneaky) on naming the committee."

"Don't put Tiny Schmitz on it," Jerry Gilliland pleaded. "He'll eat up the sandwiches before the meeting is adjourned."

"Well, we've got to put some dignity on it," Gary Harpster suggested."

"Don't look at me," Sam Thomas said, "I'm on the equipment committee."

"How about the newest squadsmen?" someone suggested.

"Yeah, yeah, yeah. . . .KER — PLOP!" (Jesse Stein's folding chair just folded.)

Chief Rowe took command of the situation:

"I hereby appoint the Rev. David Troxler, Jesse Stein, Rick Billings and Jim Rader."

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A few moments later the squadsmen accepted Jim Van Renan and Kim Kohout as members of the organization and immediately the kitchen committee tried to pass on the job.

"Appointments are for a year," the chief said.

Somehow the chief got the meeting going again and whanged the gavel to adjourn faster than secretary Frank Bataillon could scribble in his notebook.

Everyone darted for the kitchen window, raised it and there stood the maintenance chief, Leroy "the old pro" Fletchall, munching away at a ham sandwich.

"Hey. . . .what's going on here? the hungry volunteers said.

"Hummpf!" was Leroy's answer. "You wouldn't run those three vehicles if I didn't keep them in good shape and. . . .I. . .ah. . .just assumed that the maintenance chief should check out the kitchen on the first night."

FUNNY BUSINESS — By Roger Bollen



National lice epidemic hasn't hit NC students

According to the Health Insurance Institute the nation is in the midst of a lice epidemic. School officials from Nebraska City Lourdes, the Nebraska City public schools and Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped have indicated the problem does not affect students in Nebraska City.

Sister Joseph Therese Thompson, senior high principal at Lourdes said several registered nurses checked students for lice but nothing was found. Superintendent James Withee, said students in the public schools were also checked but there were no problems.

Connie King, RN at the NSVH, said grooming habits of students are watched very closely and some of the older students are even given grooming lessons. In the three years she has been school nurse lice have never been a problem. Since the students live in dorms at the school, houseparents assist with grooming.

Janice Harger, RN, home visitation nurse for the public school system said anyone can pick up lice. But, she said, it is also easy to get rid of.

Lice don't fly from one person to another. They are spread through direct contact. Sister Alfreda Meyer, administrator at St. Mary's hospital, said students are in close contact with one another when playing etc., and lice can be easily transferred to the scalp of one child to another. Sister Alfreda said she is not aware of any local problems with lice.

Leslie C. Norins, M.D., Ph.D., president of the American Health Consultants in Atlanta, estimates that there are about two million Americans infested with lice — an 800 per cent increase since 1963.

A warning in a national medical magazine says: "Lice are a probelm which cuts across ethnic and social lines. Current figures for the last year and a half, show that about 14 per cent of the children in our schools are infested with lice."

The article noted lice will usually roost in hair, on the head or around the groin. Some live in clothing and will come out to attack the bare skin when they are hungry.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta suggest haircuts as a necessary step in fighting them. Two other steps according to the CDC is to make sure beds and clothing are carefully washed in hot water and make sure hair is thoroughly washed with a special antilouse shampoo.

To keep from getting lice shower and shampoo regularly, urge children not to share combs and hats, make certain your barber or beautician sterilizes combs and brushes.

The CDC said: "When a group of children such as school children are affected everyone must be deloused because just a few carriers can respread it quickly.

Meany warns of depression

WASHINGTON (AP) — AFL-CIO President George Meany says "there is every indication" that the United States is heading into a depression, possibly worse than in the 1930s, with business failures and widespread unemployment.

"I thought we had eliminated really the major causes of depression in this country during the Roosevelt days ... but still, in spite of that, I can see a depression coming unless there is a quick turnaround," said organized labor's chief spokesman.

Although "delighted and relieved" by the change at the White House, Meany said he doesn't think President Ford will be able to work economic miracles.

In a pre-Labor Day interview, he said the nation's economic problems are so widespread that the only way to control prices is through a vast government bureaucracy, as during World War II.

But he added: "I just can't see President Ford doing that any more than Nixon would do it."

Also, Meany said he is discouraged that the same economic experts who advised Nixon are now advising Ford. "The same people are there making the policies," he said.

Doctor resigns University job

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Another major clinical department chairman at the University of Nebraska Medical Center has announced his resignation

Dr. William J. Wilson said Friday his resignation is partly because of interference of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents at the Medical Center and a lack of top administrative support.

"I trust these comments will be accepted and used in a constructive fashion to model a better College of Medicine," Dr. Wilson said in his resignation letter submitted to Chancellor Robert Sparks.

Dr. Wilson, foundation professor and chairman of the radiology department, is resigning effective Nov. 30 to become director of radiology at the private, 830-bed Long Beach Memorial Hospital Medical Center in California.

Dr. Wilson said he will receive more than double his present salary of $43,175, and that is part of the reason he decided to leave.

In so doing, he becomes the fifth physician-administrator to resign here during the past year.

No-lead gas not in some counties

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Roughly 22,200 Nebraskans presently can not buy no-lead gasoline in their home counties, according to a survey by the state fuel allocation office.

Fuel allocation officials and an industry spokesman said they are not expecting major problems with the availability of non-leaded gasoline when 1975 model automobiles go on sale.

Most 1975 cars will require non-leaded gas to keep a new air pollution device known as the catalytic converter functioning properly.

Officials said only three counties -Banner, Arthur and McPherson - may never have filling stations offering non-leaded gas.

Currently, Logan, Blaine, Keya Paha, Boyd, Wheeler, Dixon, Frontier and Hayes counties do not have non-leaded gasoline but are expected to have at least one station offering no-lead gasoline before Oct. 1, according to George Dworak, state fuel allocation officer.

Bertrand books are available

When the steamboat Bertrand sank in the Missouri River on March 18, 1865, its cargo included a wide variety of foods, beverages and other liquids contained in more than 6,000 bottles.

Their recovery has provided scholars with an important chapter in the history of the American glass-making industry, and provides insights into frontier life.

Part of the history is detailed in a new publication written by Donald R. Switzer of the Interior Department's National Park Service; The Bertrand Bottles: A study of 19th-Century Glass and Ceramic Containers.

The story of the Bertrand including details about its history, construction, cargo, and subsequent excavation, is probided in a companion publication of the National Park Service: The Steamboat Bertrand: History, Excavation, and Architecture. Jerry Livingston, scientific illustrator with the National Park Service from Lincoln, did the art work for the book. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Vern Livingston, of Nebraska City.

The publications may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The Bertrand Bottles publication costs $1.90 and the other publication if $2.65.

The Bertrand left her berth in St. Louis for Fort Benton in Montana Territory on March 18, 1865, bearing at least 10 passengers, all of whom survived, and a cargo weighing more than 250 tons.

The boat struck a snag and sank at Portage La Force near De Soto Landing in Nebraska Territory.

The bottles were destined for the mining districts of Montana Territory, where their contents were intended for miners, sod busters, wrangelers and travelers.

Students check Hruska's record

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Six Omaha college students are studying the congressional performance of Sen. Roman Hruska.

The students' plan, to determine how well the senator is serving Nebraskans, was prompted by a statement by consumer adovocate Ralph Nader, who told a Creighton University audience that the two U.S. senators from Nebraska have "the most anticonsumer voting record in the entire U.S. Senate." The students will issue their report at the end of the 1974-75 school year.

The students and their schools: Richard Teutsch of Carleton College, Mark Gilger of Creighton, Jacqueline Boe of Luther College, David Koutol of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Kimberly Copas of Southern Methodist University and Mark Kelley of the University of Idaho.

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Trucker killed in truck-train crash

By The Associated Press

Nebraska recorded its first Labor Day weekend traffic fatality early Saturday and a Missouri truck driver was killed in a train-truck collision Friday.

The victim Saturday was Gary E. Holstein, 18, of Omaha, a passenger in a car driven by Michael L. Bellus, 17, of Omaha.

The State Patrol said the car went out of control in the eastbound lane of Interstate 80 east of Lincoln. The car crossed the median and the other lanes and overturned.

Killed in the truck-train crash near Cook in southeast Nebraska was Roy E. Duncan, 48, of St. Joseph, Mo.

The Nebraska State Patrol said the truck hit the second freight car of the train at a crossing on Highway 50. Two freight cars were derailed and the highway was blocked for several hours.

The train engineer was Frank Bishop, 57, of Falls City.

The 1974 Nebraska highway fatality toll stands at 258 compared with 270 on this date one year go.

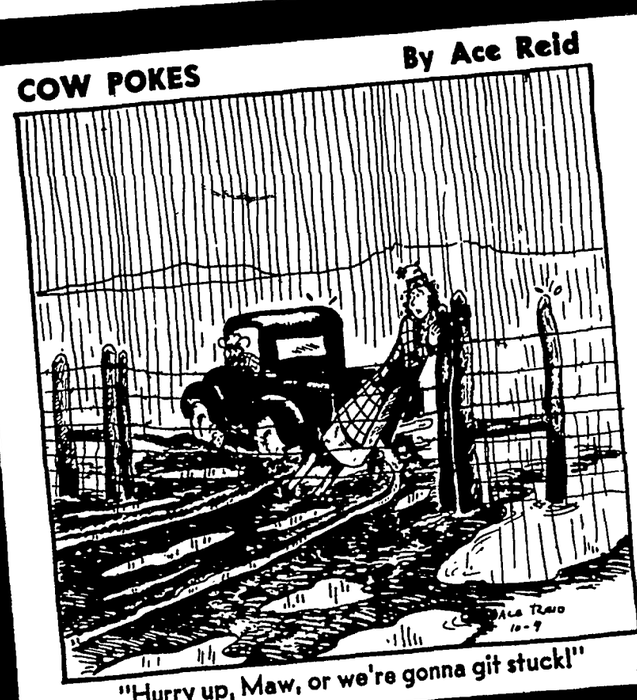
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