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Mrs Ernest Severs

Mrs Lou Moore of Phoenix, Ariz., has returned home after visiting her brothers, Richard and Fred Bro and families. They visited Sunday with Mr and Mrs Gayle Hatten at Wahoo. Mrs Hatten is a niece of the Bros. She is a daughter of Marguerite Bro Simonsen. They also visited Mr and Mrs Harvey Carper in Lincoln.

The Syracuse Garden club meets Thursday, October 24, at Westview manor.

Mr and Mrs Laurence Paap of Otoe visited Mr and Mrs Ernest Seye Sunday night.

Mr and Mrs W.H. Bailey were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Wayne Bailey in Omaha. They also visited Mrs Elsie Clark in Council Bluffs.

Mrs Inez Warren, president of Syracuse Federated Woman's club, Mrs Fred Naber, District Music chairman, and Mrs Alvin Finke, Conservation district chairman, of Syracuse attended the First District convention of Federation of Women's clubs in Auburn Thursday.

Mark David, infant son of S.Sgt. and Mrs Glen Neemann, was baptized Sunday morning at Luther Memorial church during the service by the Rev Clifton Osborn. Sponsors were Peggy Neemann and Keith Eloge.

Mrs Herman Wellman and Mrs Bill Farmer Sr. spent Tuesday in Nebraska City with Mrs Minnie Paulsen.

Frank Wolfe has been released from St. Elizabeth's Community Care Center in Lincoln and is now a resident of the Good Samaritan center, Syracuse.

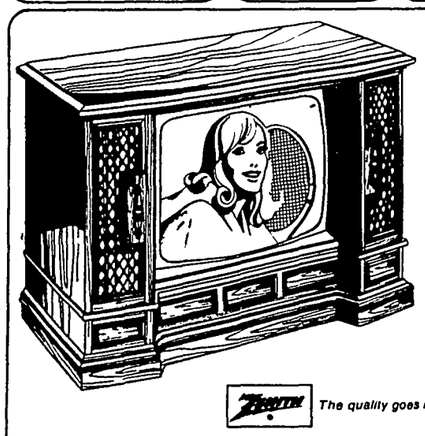
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The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

"The next time I come to one of these things I'm coming earlier and bringing a chair."

That was the comment we heard many times from Otoe county and other Republicans who waited three or more hours last week for President Ford at the Lincoln Air Park.

Nebraska Republicans got what they wanted — a big turnout and an applauding audience as the President stepped from his jet, shook hands with literally hundreds of people and stepped up on the red, white and blue decorated stage to address the thousands.

Despite background noise from a chant of demonstrators, the whole Republican show was a booming success for Republicans.

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State GOP Chairman Bill Barrett, Lexington, a frequent visitor in Nebraska City, served as master of ceremonies introducing incumbents and candidates

The only off-beat sounds we heard came when Mr Barrett suggested that the hundreds crowded against the roped off areas next to the stage move to make room for hundreds who were still waiting to get into the area.

From where we were situated, no one moved. In fact we couldn't have moved if we had wanted to. .someone was standing on our feet

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We don't know whether it was done on purpose, but the Pride of the Pioneers band was the last to arrive at the north end of the stage and you-know-who got to shake the hand of the President — many, many Nebraska City bandsmen

Band Director Gary DeBolt who apparently likes to get on top of things, mounted a barrel used as a base for tying off rope for the area, and directed the Nebraska City bandsmen

Mr Barrett was quick to introduce the Nebraska City bandsmen and announced the numbers that they played It seemed that the kids had a great time

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Mrs Bob Dunn, Lincoln, a former Burr resident, was standing X number of shoulders behind us and asked if there was any room in front of us for children We sure would have liked to accommodate her and the children who accompanied her, but at the moment a young woman had an elbow in our ribs, the teen-ager standing behind us said she was an asthmatic and thought she was going to faint and a little dark-haired boy banged into my elbow every time I focused the camera you camera people know what that does to the eyeball

F L. Duffey and I stood next to each other with cameras thinking that we had a pretty good position, but then it happened the President arrived and along with stretched necks came the heave-ho of the crowds The next thing I knew a youngster had squeezed between us, a woman pushed two other children behind that boy and I lost track of the count of other youths who stepped on my toes just to get an inch or two closer

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The President's speech was interesting, the organization by Mr Barrett and the GOP Corps was smooth and it was a bright and sunny day.

The big fun, however, came with the experience of the crowd You'd never believe it

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A couple standing next to us said this was the second time they had attended such a reception Their son was exhausted and was sitting on the ground about half asleep With a little help, we found he was a "pro" The moment the President stepped down from the stage to greet the people along the roped off areas, the little fella was literally handed to the woman in front and she shoved him up on the front row. He had a smile a mile wide

The demonstrators and their drums were irritating after a while, but the President ignored them and for that matter so did everyone else. The bandsmen (whoops. .girls also) put on their show and they said they never heard the beat of the drums from the demonstrators

Mrs Carl Zimmerman and Mrs Arthur Sackles were seated in front of us on a blanket and we stood behind them as the crowd shoved us forward. Several shoulders behind us someone who could only see an opening between people and not the women on the ground, called to us wondering if we could move one way or the other to make room.

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I wasn't sure how to answer. I looked at Mrs Zimmerman and thought: "Lady with a baby?"

Mrs Zimmerman probably would have gotten a bang out of that but I'm not sure what her husband, Carl, would have said. . .he's smiling at 80-plus years young. . . .

I was trying to be polite to the people standing around and at the same time trying to avoid falling over Mrs Zimmerman after being shoved several times.

Then, a friend next to me said: "Just tell them it's a little old lady."

The people standing around me sent the message back through the crowd and for a few seconds the heave-ho slacked off

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NU Athletic Director Bob Devaney got one of the warmest welcomes when he was introduced. And in true Devaney style, he opened up with catchy remarks about plans to write some letters on school stationery but his secretary was busy and he never got the job done The crowd liked it

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Mr Duffey found himself surrounded by teen-age girls from David City Aquinas and some little boys His grandfather's bragging permit didn't get him a front row location, but a cute little teen-ager named Jody made sure no one blocked his view when he wanted to take some pictures.

They became pretty well acquainted in the long wait and the teen-ager offered her shoulder as a crutch while he stood first on one foot and then the other to limber up

Later as our party entered a cafe, the mother of the teen-ager called out to her daughter in the next booth

"Look, Jody, there's your friend" They had a visit, exchanged greetings and names and laughed about the crowd jamming

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If there is an end to this story it has to come with a personal touch

Never before in the almost 24 years with Millie have I ever found her so broad-minded I rubbed and was rubbed by hips, elbows, and you-know-what with more women of several age brackets in broad daylight and the Queen Bee never snapped at me once

She made only one remark "and you had to wear those white shoes"

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Mrs Alfred Halbasch spent a weekend in Denver, Colo with her son and family, the Larry Halbasches

Mr and Mrs Henry Reuter have returned home from visiting Mrs Reuter's sisters Margaret and Martha, the Richard Crichtons and the Bill Ashtons in Lafitte, Louisiana

Mr and Mrs George Zahn of Clinton, Okla., visited Mr and Mrs Walter Zahn and other relatives and friends for a week Mrs Maurice Wallen of Phoenix, Ariz also visited her parents the Walter Zahns and other relatives and friends

State Ed board bars fund use

The State Board of Education, meeting Friday at the State School for the Visually Handicapped in Nebraska City, decided on a 4-2 vote to bar use of federal funds it administers to pay subsistence allowances in manpower training programs.

The board decided that $417,000 in Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) funds may be used only for educational purposes.

Voting for the measure were Frank Landis of Lincoln, Frank Knapple of Omaha, Shirley Peterson of Amelia and Walter Moller of Wayne Board President Marilyn Fowler of Lexington, Jerry Hargitt of Omaha, and Dorothy Weyer Creigh of Hastings voted no Willard Waldo of DeWitt abstained.

Gene Staberg, Nebraska deputy labor commissioner who testified in favor of using the funds for trainee stipends, said the board decision "blows the whole comprehensive plan" and will require "alteration" of CETA administration throughout the state.

Board members voted unanimously to participate in a 10-state consortium to develop vocational education curriculums Nebraska's share in the consortium will be $10,000

NSVH Superintendent Jerry Regler gave board members a tour of the school Friday afternoon

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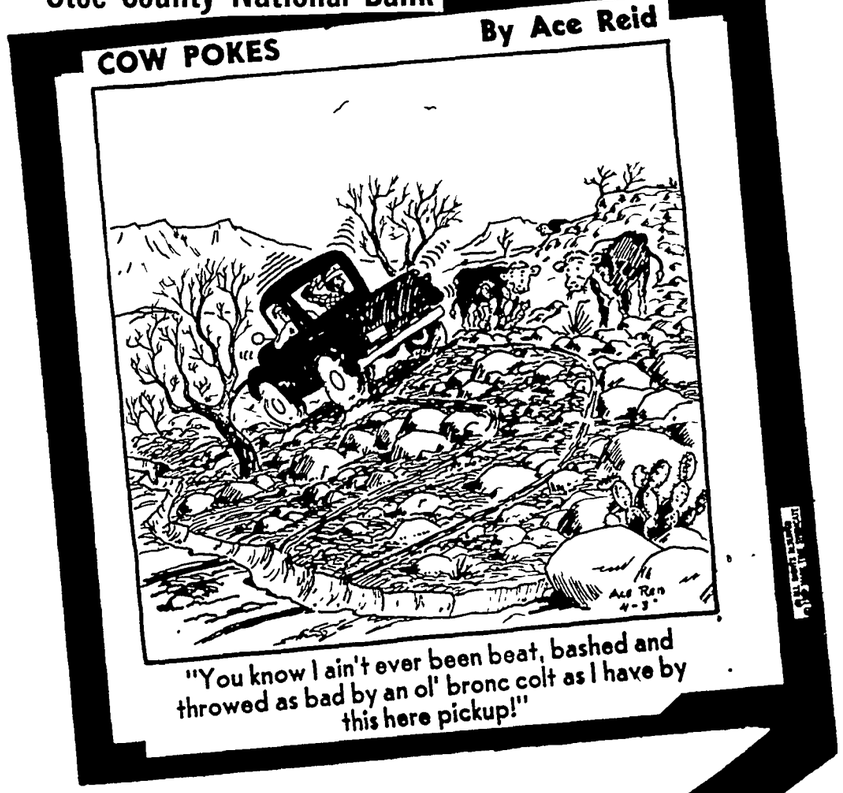
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