Whitney to conduct seminar on plants

Wayne C. Whitney, well known as TV's "Backyard Farmer" will present "Plants, etc." on February 13 at the Morton-James Public Library. The lively program on selecting, raising and saving plants is being sponsored by the Library in association with the Extension Division of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Mrs Richard Hoch, library board chairman, said.

There will be two sessions on February 13: 3 to 5 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. A nominal fee of $1 registration per session is being charged to cover expenses of the program to the Library. Pre-registration is required.



Wayne Whitney, Lincoln.

Mr Whitney will present his program with a background of plants furnished by local merchants. Guests are encouraged to bring their "problem" plant for diagnosis. Ample time will be given for asking questions. Some plants will be given as door prizes.

Mr Whitney, Extension horticulturist and associate professor of horticulture, retired in 1974 after 27 years on the staff of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

He had been a member of the popular, long-running "Backyard Farmer" lawn and garden program on the Nebraska Educational Television Network since 1952. He also was the resource person on horticulturally-oriented radio programs issued by the UNU Department of Agricultural Communications for more than 20 years.

Before going to the University as an assistant professor in 1947, he served as a county agent for five years in Kansas. After receiving his B.S. degree from Kansas State University in 1937, Whitney served as a U.S. Forest Service district officer until 1940.

Whitney worked with greenhouse tomato growers, vine crop and onion growers in Nebraska to help develop better markets for their products, both for processing and roadside stand sales. His activities and expertise spanned the gamut of horticultural crops and problems in Nebraska.; He is the author of numerous publications.

The NU specialist served as secretary-treasurer of the Nebraska Horticultural Society and has been active in the American Society for Horticultural Science, Nebraska Cooperative Extension Assn. and the Nebraska Nurserymen's Assn.

Tickets may be secured by registration at the Library or by mailing in a check and the registration form to the Library. Registration forms may also be picked up at Jessup Rexall store, Farmers Bank and Otoe County National bank. Early registration is requested because seating is limited. In case of bad weather the program will be held on February 20. For further information, call the Library at 873-5609.

LEGISLATURE IN BRIEF

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A proposed constitutional amendment to provide property tax relief for improvements made on older single family homes was approved Friday by the Unicameral's Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee.

The proposed amendment, LB98, introduced by Sen. John Cavanaugh of Omaha, would allow the legislature to provide rax relief for improvements made to homes in blighted or decaying areas.

Two other proposed amendments heard were killed by a vote of the committee.

One, LB322, would have reorganized procedures used by the legislature to provide authorization for election or appointment of county officials.

The other, LB230, would provide for selection of two Supreme Court judges from each of the three congressional districts, rather than one from six districts set up by the legislature

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Representatives of the public power industry Friday denounced a proposal to place them under the control of a public power "superboard" as technically unworkable and probably unconstitutional.

They were objecting to LB268, introduced by the executive board of the Legislative Council at the request of Holbrook Sen. Richard Lewis.

Omaha Public Power District spokesman Bill Durham told the legislature's Public Works Committee the bill contained "17 basic flaws." Nebraska Public Power District representative Gene Watson agreed with Durham's objections, and added a few of his own.

The committee took no action on the bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A string of witnesses occupied the legislature's Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Friday with testimony on measures to increase the salaries of state employes and restore Memorial Day to the federally-designated Monday holiday.

No action was taken on either measure, LBs 176 and 218.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

District court

Janice L. Kersten vs Michael P. Kersten, decree of dissolution of marriage entered and signed by Judge Betty Peterson Sharp. Petitioner awarded custody of minor child. Property settlement agreement approved. Respondent ordered to pay $40 a week child support They were married in Nebraska City on June 4, 1966 Petitioner was represented by John Horan.

Rosalie Cooksey vs Kenneth F. Cooksey, decree of dissolution of marriage entered and signed by Judge Sharp. Petitioner awarded custody of two minor children, plus $75 per month in child support. They were married at Mercer, Mo., on July 24, 1955. Petitioner was represented by John Horan.

Evelyn Howell vs Ronald W Howell, decree of dissolution of marriage entered and signed by Judge Sharp. Petitioner's maiden name, Evelyn E. Olsen, was restored to her. They were married in Nebraska City on March 9, 1974. Petitioner was represented by John Horan.

Carl Ellis Josephson vs Joy May Josephson, decree of dissolution of marriage entered and signed by Judge Sharp. Petitioner awarded custody of two minor children. Property settlement agreement approved. They were married in Ventura, Calif., on December 16, 1968. Petitioner was represented by Frederick L Swartz John McArthur represented the respondent.

Patsy J Christiansen vs Edward D Christiansen, decree of dissolution of marriage entered and signed by Judge Sharp Petitioner awarded custody of two minor children, plus $125 per month in child support. They were married at Hamburg, Iowa, on March 26, 1967 Petitioner was represented by John Horan

District Judge Sharp Friday received word that she was appointed co-chairman of the drug committee of the National Conference of State Trial Judges. She was a member of the committee last year.

County court

State vs Ron Thomas, Dannebrog, insufficient funds check. Preliminary hearing was set for February 13 at 9 a.m. by Associate Judge Kathryn Nelson Bond was set at $500. District Judge Sharp appointed Richard Obbink to represent the defendant who is charged with allegedly presenting $183 check to Lechner Auto Salvage and drawn upon account at State Bank of Dannebrog.

Ex-congressman says he'll switch

OMAHA, Neb (AP)—Former Republican Congressman Glenn Cunningham says he will become a Democrat if Omaha attorney William Morrow is elected Republican national committeeman

Morrow was campaign manager for Rep John Y. McCollister when McCollister defeated Cunningham in the 1970 primary election.

Morrow said Cunningham apparently is still angry because of his loss in that campaign

Cunningham, who is no longer active in state party politics, criticized Morrow's law firm, Swarr, May, Smith and Andersen The firm previously included Donald R. Ross of Omaha, now a U.S. Circuit Court Judge and a former national committeeman.

Federal probation officer out on bond

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—John Henry Keriakedes, 63, the chief probation officer for the federal court system in Omaha, was free on $100 dollars Friday, after being charged Thursday with lewd conduct.

City Prosecutor Gary Bucchino said the misdemeanor charges were filed following Keriakedes' arrest in the men's room of a downtown store last Monday.

The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

The Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped is 100 years old and a Centennial celebration is planned for the latter part of the month.

Teachers Mrs Phyllis Brunken and Steve Mahanes screened slides and spoke to Optimists the other day on the 100 years of the school. They have an interesting program and I'm sure a telephone call to Mrs Sue Voltmer at the school would get you started on a program for your meeting.

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We lived across the street from the school for several years and got pretty well acquainted with a number of students and teachers.

We learned, as Mr Mahanes said the other day, that the blind are independent and like to help themselves. We also learned that they are bubbling with energy and humor. . . .like the time we played pitch with "Wally" Wallace of North Platte. He used a Braille-marked deck and seemingly always was the player to "shoot the moon".

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One of our favorites is Mrs Jerry Regler, wife of the superintendent. She has a favorite saying too and we learned it several years ago when she was on a parents panel at the old Greggsport PTA meeting. . . ."If I'd known you were going to quote me, I wouldn't have said so much."

Never fret, Anita. . . .your son, Tim, is a senior in high school now and he says we can quote him anytime.

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A few years ago we stopped in Chappell, Nebr. to telephone John Klingman's parents to say hello. John has graduated but during the four years that he and I occupied the bass row in the church choir, I had it made.

I can't read music, so when a problem area came up (really, for me they're all problems) I used to lean over to Don Cushing, point out the note, he'd reply that it was a "d" or sumthin' and I whisper that to true-tone Big John He has perfect pitch.

You can imagine my handicap today without my friend, John.

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And if you want to get your head chopped off, attend a convention of the Workers for the Blind and propose something distasteful to the delegates.

So, when the Centennial programs come around, be sure to attend. We're confident the museum being developed, the tours and entertainment will be well worth your time.

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Thanks. . . .to Bob Bebout for the two packages of tobacco from the Carribean. I bought one of those Washington, Mo. 78 cent corn cob pipes and puffed away while finishing a Christmas painting project.

Thanks. . . .to Bill Thurman for the loan of the skis. I couldn't talk Bill away from his profitable painting hobby to teach me how to ski, so all I can report is that I haven't broken a leg. . . .spills, yes.

Don Pickering and I used to ski down Riverview park a number of years ago. We never got too good at it, but we learned how to stop. . . .that is if you call skiing on your back stopping.

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Normally I wouldn't touch this situation with a 10 foot pole, but. . . .the soldier on the right is First Sgt. Earl Freeman who was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. The picture was taken in the 1930s when things were really rough in Army life, Earl wrote. He never did convince anyone the other two in the picture are secret agents in disguise.

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Stolen —

A realtor rented three stores in a row at a new shopping center to three competitors. Observers waited for the action.

The fellow on the left got right with it and put out huge signs saying "Gigantic Sale! Super Bargains!"

The fellow on the right studied the signs and went in his store and came out with signs that proclaimed "All Prices Slashed 25 per cent! Fantastic Discounts!"

The fellow in the middle then went in and prepared his sign which simply stated, "Entrance."

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Dave West, editor of the Sidney, Ia., Argus-Herald, reminisces about the Depression Years, snorts at it being called an historical era, recalled tuition at the University of Iowa was $48 a semester and his corn cob pipe and "P.A."

"People did help others as much as they could in those times, partly because they knew that no matter how bad they were having it, somebody else always seemed to be having it worse," he said in his column, It Takes All Kinds.

"About the only good thing there is to say about the depression is that it wasn't so bad to be without money when nearly everybody else was as broke as you were."

Dave will readily admit that he had a time writing the column about the depression. He was doing the job at home. . . .

. . . .and was interrupted by long distance calls from his family just wanting to call Dad and say "hello". . . .there was another "Treasure Hunt" in color on TV. . . .he lost the plug-in cord to his electric typewriter and had to revert to a (tch, tch) manual typewriter. . . .He had to get up from his electric recliner to turn up the thermostat on the furnace.

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Adam Schellinger Post No. 8 has a way of getting things done and when the subject came up about the flag and no night lighting at the courthouse, Commander Harold Bliss directed that the incident be corrected.

Commander Harold didn't imply that the American Legion had a lobby when he appointed Vic Bremer to check into the matter with the county board, but he certainly used some heavy influence. . . .Mr Bremer is the Second District Commissioner. . . .the flag is lighted nightly.

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Today's famous quote

This week we want to pay recognition to Ken Wiles, full-time fireman with the Nebraska City Fire Department. It was Mr Wiles who read with interest the News-Press series of stories about the Bicentennial and observed:

"Heck, this country is only 80 years older than the Fire Department."

According to Nebraska City Fire Department records, the volunteers were organized in 1856.

We know this for fact — Pete Dillman spoke his first swear word the first time he slid down the firepole.

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Economic upturn late in 1975

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary William E. Simon says he expects the nation's economic upturn will begin in the final three months of the year, which is later than earlier administration forecasts.

Simon and other administration economics advisers had predicted until recently that the nation's economic slowdown would reach bottom in mid-year, with an economic recovery beginning in the second half.

The administration is forecasting that the GNP will decline 3.3 per cent this year, following the 2.2 per cent decline last year.

Simon also said much of the nation's economic downturn can be blamed on the Arab oil embargo last year, which he said pushed an already declining U.S. economy onto a much sharper downward path.

Fearful patients fatal to dentists

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP) — Dentists die young and have the highest suicide and divorce rates of any profession because they are burned out by the emotional trauma of dealing with fearful patients.

That's what Dr. Omar Reed of Phoenix, Ariz., told more than 600 dentists and their assistants at a meeting here.

Reed is a director of the American Society for Preventine Dentistry.

Dentists have learned to treat their patients painlessly but people are still apprehensive, sometimes hostile and often reluctant to cooperate in disease prevention programs.

The strain of dealing with people who fear and misunderstand a dentist is one reason why the average American dentist dies at the age of 52, Reed told the convention which ended Thursday.

He suggested fostering better communications by offering the patient a cup of coffee, or inviting him to stop by the office after work for a free chat.

Current illness is said influenza

PARIS (AP) — Doctors treating Aristotle Onassis at the American Hospital say his current illness is "very heavy influenza "

They did not mention the 69-year-old tycoon's myasthenia gravis, a debilitating muscle disease for which Onassis was treated last November.

The Greek multimillionaire flew to Paris for treatment Thursday at the insistence of his wife, the former Jacqueline Kennedy.

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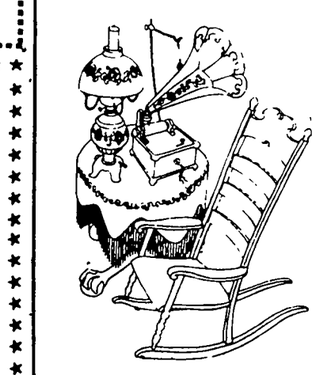
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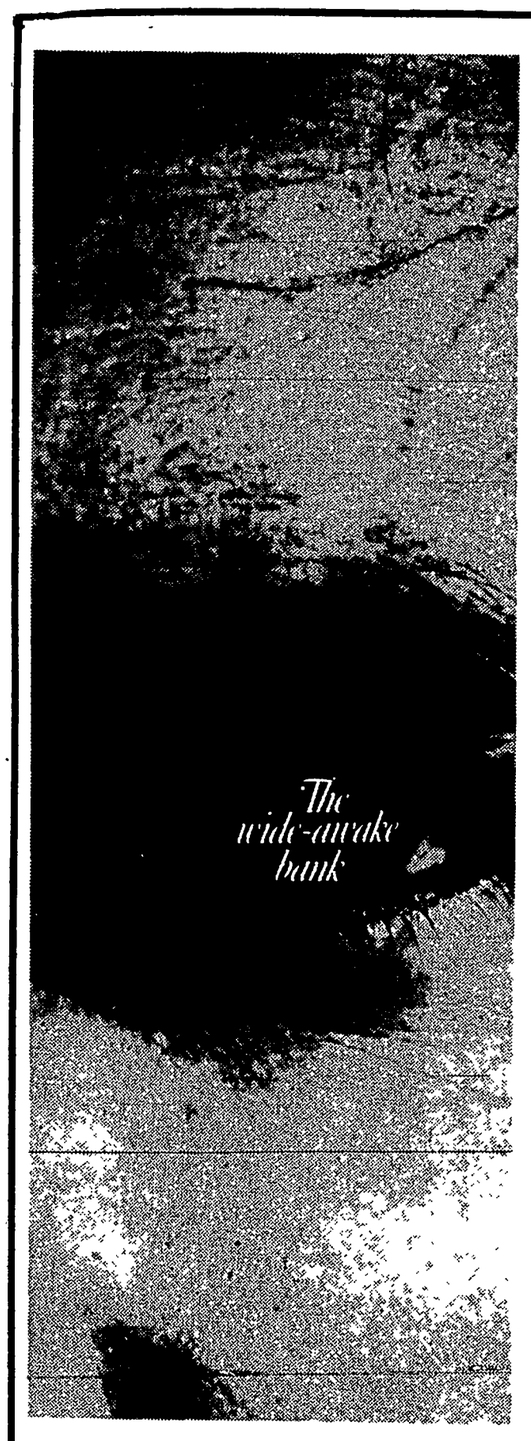
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