The Buck Ends Here

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The Riverview Terrace fire

The fire at Riverview Terrace last week startled not only the residents, but many relatives and friends of those who occupy spaces in the high rise structure.

The fire started in a plastic waste container in a storage room on the lower level of the building. Fire Chief Bill Berger estimated damage at $5,000. . .peanuts compared to what it could have been if Earl Stivers hadn't gotten there as soon as he did.

Mr Stivers is the maintenance engineer at the housing complex. He and his son, Donald, contained the fire with an extinguisher and a fire hose from the boiler room. Firemen snuffed it out in short order.

Smoke was the big problem. Mr Stivers, his son and a number of residents were administered oxygen by rescue squadsmen. The fire and rescue crews went through apartments in the high rise structure checking on residents and later accompanied them to their homes, assured them there was no danger and opened windows to get rid of the heavy smoke.

Telephones in apartments rang and it was not uncommon for the caller to hear a fireman's or rescue squadsman's voice on the other end assuring the caller the resident had been evacuated.

The volunteers discovered as they went through the six floors that, for the most part, all doors were closed. That alone, firefighters know, can save lives and a building in a major fire

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It was the first fire at the housing complex but not the first time residents had left their rooms in a hurry. Fire drills are held regularly so when the fire occurred last week, residents knew what to do

Chief Berger of the fire department and Harold Rowe of the rescue squad, said they were pleased with the response of the volunteers to the call and for their work Squadsmen instituted much of their emergency action established during Riverview Terrace training in the tornado alert.

Mrs Ross (Roberta) Gerber who manages the complex, said fire drills are held every two months. There are about 65 people residing in the high rise structure Two residents on each floor are assigned as "monitors" in emergencies. They make sure all residents are out of their rooms. The monitors are the best for the job; they know everyone on the floors and know when someone is going away on a trip, shopping or visiting.

Fire and rescue crews who were unable to get responses at locked doors, were assured by the monitors that those residents were gone.

A 10-year-old girl sounded the fire alarm. Dawn Annette is the granddaughter of Mr and Mrs Earl Stivers.

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Back to newspapering

John Schmidt, owner and operator of the Front Page bar and restaurant in Peru, is selling his business and has already returned to newspaperwork. He's a reporter for the Lincoln Star.

John was editor of the Peru newspaper, active in community events in Peru, capable of good writing and reporting and getting lost and stuck in snowstorms.

He has a lot of friends who wish him and his wife, Pam, the best of luck. John told the Auburn Newspapers that he just had the urge to get back into newspaper work. At present he is pecking out pronouns at Lincoln weekdays and drawing draft at the Front Page on weekends.

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The Upper Room

We've used prayers from The Upper Room on the editorial page of the News-Press for many years and thanks to Mrs Ted Hoyle we got our regular mailing from Nashville. Mrs Hoyle called Nashville to tell the publisher that the First United Methodist church did not have the books or the regular list normally sent to the newspaper. She supplied us with prayers from a copy of a 1971 Upper Room until we got our regular mailing a few days later.

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Stolen from Bob McKissick

If you attended the Chamber banquet you heard this story from Bob McKissick It's the first half; he wouldn't tell the second half. . .we will . .from the beginning.

The story illustrates the abilities and fast thinking of an enterprising young man.

He worked as a sales clerk in a grocery story and was approached by a customer who asked for half a head of lettuce.

The clerk replied that he couldn't sell half a head of lettuce. The customer said he was a bachelor and that a whole head of lettuce would go to waste and suggested the young man ask the store manager.

The clerk whisked down the aisle to the manager's station and said:

"Mr Tanking, there's an idiot here who wants to buy half a head of lettuce." And as he spoke he looked around and the customer was standing right behind him. . ."and," the clerk continued, "this gentleman here wants to buy the other half."

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Here's the rest of the story:

The company president got wind of the fast thinking clerk and called him into his office:

"George," the executive said, "we're pleased with the way you've been working for the company and we're going to reward you. Canada is yours."

"What?" the clerk asked.

"Canada," the president answered. "We're giving you all our stores in Canada You'll have complete charge."

"Oh, no," George answered. "I'd never take a job there. No way. Forget it. I'll split "

"Hold on there, young man," the boss said. "I'm offering you a big promotion What's the kick?"

"Canada," George replied.

"What do you mean?" questioned the president.

"I'd never move to Canada. There ain't nothing there but prostitutes and hockey players "

The president exploded:

"My wife is from Canada!"

"So what hockey team did she play on?" George answered.

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Jaws. . . .y-u-c-k. . . .or y-i-k-e-s!

Sid Metcalf, owner of the Pioneer Theater, has been waiting for a long time for a super smash hit. He's apparently got it in Jaws We went to the Pioneer theater 20 minutes before show time, were unable to get a box of popcorn because of the heavy business activity at that counter, so we seated ourselves for the evening entertainment.

Wow! Some entertainment, heads, eyeballs, hands, legs, blood and guts That's Jaws

The monster shark kills a young woman in the opening night scene, but the horror of it comes to you when he also gulps a small boy floating on a plastic life raft.

Sid and me agree. Jaws has probably received more free publicity than any film since Gone With the Wind.

The language? Oh, about the same you'd hear if you didn't use a dip net and let the big one get away.

Despite the bloody thrills, the popcorn sales seemed to be pretty good but I didn't see anyone leave his seat to get a second box

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If there are any of you ladies who would be interested in joining a singing group, then Mrs Ken Caldwell of Lake Wa-Con-Da would like to meet you

She is director for the Sweet Adelines being organized in the Nebraska City, Lake Wa-Con-Da and Plattsmouth areas The women meet each Monday at 7 30 p m at the Plattsmouth Manor.

She is hoping to get 30 or 35 women together for the barbershop chorus

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W. C. Fields — "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again Then quit, no use being a damn fool about it."



Pictured are the models who participated in Gibson's Fall and Winter Fashion Show held recently at Gibson Discount Center. In the back row from left to right are Paulette Bassinger, Vickie Lynn, Susan Thompson, Twila Clark, Dan Zimmerman, Mike Ladwig, Lori Snodgrass, Mrs Roy Peck, Richard Trout, Carol Gleasner, and Mrs Stan Stava. In the front from left to right are Mrs Ralph Dority, Debbie Sheldon, Theresa Sammons, Betty Earl, Julie DeHeer, Scott Ehmke, Mrs Gary Ehmke, Mrs Rick Shallenberger, Louann Griepenstroh, and Mrs Leonard DeHeer.

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Mrs Harry Gobleman, Mrs Charles Attebery, Mrs Richard Mougey, Mrs Robert Kendall Sr., Mrs Cecil Kline and Mrs Carl Everett were Union Legion Auxiliary members attending the Cass County fall meeting of American Legion Auxiliary held at the United Methodist church at Elmwood. The Union's unit advanced the colors. Six month reports were given. Union units received several citations.

A Halloween party was held recently at the Baptist church, when the adults entertained the young people. The adults were losers in a Sword Drill contest between adult and the youths at the church, so they had to host the party.

Mrs Roy Becker of Nebraska City, a former Union resident, is a patient at the Bishop Clarkson hospital in Omaha.

Mr and Mrs Lester Hathaway and Kristy of Commerce City, Colo. were house guests of her parents, Mr and Mrs Earl Herman, for a several days visit.

Mr and Mrs Bryce Halstead of Lincoln spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs John Foster and family.

Mr and Mrs Harold Johnson spent the weekend in Minnesota visiting relatives.

Mr and Mrs Steve Roberts and Edward of Abie spent Thursday visiting Mr and Mrs Ed Ruby and Mr and Mrs Jeff Ruby and family.

Mrs Verna Iske of Nebraska City, Mrs Carl Peters of Nebraska City, Mrs Joe Banning and Mrs William Porter of Union and Mr and Mrs Garrett Taylor of Omaha spent Friday visiting Mrs Hattie Keedy of Omaha, who had a birthday.

Mr and Mrs Jack Meredith of Lincoln were visitors Saturday at the Donald Meredith and Bob Meredith homes in Union.

Mrs Deloss Bond and Debbie were among the guests at a baby shower honoring Mrs Gary Bond of Nebraska City at the Marvin Heiser home at Dunbar on Sunday.

Dennis Dickman, Darrell Antholz and Julie Garrett, students at Peru State college, were dinner guests recently of Mr and Mrs Henry Dickman.

Dennis Dickman was a Friday over night guest at the Donald Dickman home at Lincoln. Saturday they went pheasant hunting at York.

Mrs Jane Roddy and Mrs Fred Clark spent Friday in Omaha where they visited Margaret Roddy and Mary Shelby.

The Rev. and Mrs David Hall of Omaha were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs Horace Griffin

Guests at a family dinner at the home of Mrs Clifton Garrison were Dorothy Hoback and Harry Stiles of Lincoln, Mr and Mrs Dean Nutzman and Mark and Mr and Mrs Gene Lindsey of Nehawka, the Frank Mook family of Millard, Mr and Mrs Dale Nutzman of Plattsmouth and the Dennis Hoback family

Mr and Mrs George Rhodes of Auburn were Sunday visitors of the Harry Goblemans. Mrs Royal Smith and Mrs E. J. Lutz of Plattsmouth were Monday visitors of the Goblemans.

George Gibbany of St. Josephs, Mo. spent Friday in Union visiting the Evan Hickey family and Ross Gibbany and the Don Gibbany family in Nebraska City

Mr and Mrs Tom McMullen spent a week in Albuquerque, N M on a pleasure and business trip

Con Watkins, who was a patient in Bishop Clarkson hospital in Omaha, has been discharged.

Mr and Mrs Bob Easter entertained their card club Saturday night Mr and Mrs Arvin Madsen were co-hosts. The group made plans for a holiday party.

Seal design is by Mitch

Mitch Berger, a Ralston first grader, created one of the designs being used in the 1975 Christmas Seals issued by the American Lung Association. The design depicts a mother and father snowman around a colorful Christmas tree in a field of snow. The Nebraska seal is the second from the left in the bottom row on the sheet of seals.

This year's Christmas seals include 54 separate seals, one from each state and one each from the District of Columbia, Guam - Samoa, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Mitch, the Nebraska representative, received a certificate and an engraved plaque at the annual meeting of the American Lung Association. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Berger, Ralston, and is now a third grader at Wildwood School. He originally submitted the art work in December 1973.

The original artwork for all the Christmas Seals designs, including Mitch Berger's, will go on display at the Smithsonian Institutional in Washington on November 13. The national project to select the designs for the Seals was co-sponsored by the American Lung Association and the National Art Educational Association.

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Recent visitors of the R. S. Harrises were Mrs Bill Shrader of Martinez Calif. and her twin brother, George Wright of Lincoln and Mr and Mrs Fulton Harris Mrs Shrader and Mr Wright were celebrating their 55th birthday.

Mr and Mrs Joe Henderson and Tony have moved into the farm house on the Wurtele farm northeast of Union.



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