COURTHOUSE NEWS

Marriage license application

Kenneth Lee Davis and Joan Carole Bro, both of Avoca.

Real estate transfers

Alma Peterson, conservator of the estate of Anna Kircher, infirm, to Dale L Barrett et al for $22,900, north half of lots eight through ten, block nine, Prairie City addition to Nebraska City, 18th Street and Fourth Avenue

Elmer E Petersen et al to Arnold Teten et al for $25,000, southwest quarter and west fractional half of northwest quarter, 19-8-12, Otoe county.

Charles D Swanson et al to Robert S Marshall for an indicated $35,500, lot 18, Swanson Heights, 14th addition to city of Syracuse

Anna Gress et al to Melvin J Johns et al for $6,600, lots seven and eight, block 37, Kearney addition to Nebraska City, Sixth Terrace and Fifth Rue

Anna Gress et al to Melvin J Johns et al for $1,000, lots five and six, block 37, Kearney addition to Nebraska City, Sixth Terrace and Fifth Rue

Jerry S Westwood et al to Terry L Petersen et al for an indicated $4,000, north 16 feet of lot 14 and south 18 feet of lot 15, block 14, village of Otoe

James Phillip Marion et al to Hazel M Knapp, lots eight and nine, block 79, Greggsport addition to Nebraska City, Seventh Street and Seventh Avenue

Tom Patton et al to Glendyn M Staack, lots three and four, block one, Broadview addition to Nebraska City, 11th Street and 14th Avenue.

New cars licensed, titled

Rex A or Doris Hickman, GMC pickup, Carl or Michael Crouse, Chevrolet Blazer, Novak, Steven or Janis Sidel, Chevrolet, Professional Leasing, Chevrolet, Henry J or Grace A Bond, Chevrolet pickup, Whitehead - Rhoden, Ford Motor Company c-o Holmes, two Mercurys, Arthur or Frona Garreans, Ford pickup, Central Beverage, Ford pickup, Holmes

Virgil or Iona Hastings, GMC pickup, Virgil or Ernestine Henke, Syracuse, Olds, Albert Nieburh, Syracuse, Buick, Wilson or Ruth Ann Sigerson, Dodge, Jessup Drugs, Dodge, Dale T Harvaat, Dodge Explorer, Bartling Seed (dba Flake Seed Center), Dodge Maxivan, Rowe, James J or Doris Lee Seaton, Volkswagen, Sayers, Council Bluffs, Ia , Lester or Georgia Lee Lanqguis, Adams, Chevrolet pickup, Arnold or Dorise Meyer, Douglas, Chevrolet pickup, Brinkman, Tecumseh

George or Mattie Stilwell, Unadilla, Ford pickup, Sporhase, Syracuse, Alvin C Ross, Donahue Flatbed, Henry's Trailer Sales, Syracuse, Alvin C or Opal or Roger Ross, Dunbar, Ford pickup, Hauschild - Janssen, Syracuse, Robert Earl Schreiner, Kawasaki, Coulter, Auburn, Harvey or Annette Nash, Honda, Jerryco, Lincoln, Ron Mangel, Eagle, Chevrolet van, Rediger, Milford, Dale B or Arlene F Pope, Syracuse, Chevrolet, Misle, Lincoln

The Dionne quintuplets, claimed to be the first quints to survive infancy, were so tiny at birth that their mother was able to slip her wedding ring over their hands

The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

A longtime N-P reader

Mrs William (Alice) Seyfer, 90, sent a note along with her check to renew her subscription to the News-Press

"I think it was 1912 or 1913 when we started taking the paper. We lived in the country," she said

We remember her late husband well. In fact we took a picture of him standing on his head at a NC Saddle club meeting . .when he was about 65 years old. He prided himself in that feat

He died in 1959 and his widow lives at Milder Manor, 1750 South 20th Street, Lincoln, Nebr , 68502.

The Seyfer children are Pete of Nebraska City, Mrs Charles (Jean) Bouse, Lincoln and Mrs Dorothy Niday, Eagle

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Our friend, Betty Peterson Sharp

The death of District Judge Betty Peterson Sharp is a tragic loss for her family, the community and the Nebraska Bar Association

As an attorney she felt her clients were always right, as a prosecuting attorney she was a fireball to put it mildly, and as a district judge she was at a position where she was most qualified

We've seen her on the job More than once, a defense attorney learned she had the ability and a temper to go with it when he lost his case in front of a jury And yet, she commanded the respect of members of the Bar Association. On the courthouse reporter's beat she was "Betty " And when the State Supreme Court justices joined the governor and a host of others on her appointment to the district court bench, the appointment went to "Betty "

We were there when the Supreme court justices congratulated her as the first woman appointed to the district court bench It was an historic occasion Betty was modest She smiled and thanked everyone

She was the daughter of a well known attorney in Nebraska City and she liked using her maiden name County Attorney Betty Peterson Sharp and District Judge Betty Peterson Sharp was also Mrs Sharp and a mother of three sons

Her family misses her and so do we. When we look at the courtrooms now we'll remember that feisty 100 pound prosecutor from Otoe county who graced the court with her poise and dignity

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A morning to remember

Did you happen to see the TV show in which a motorist was "Badgered" by the driver of an unpainted gasoline transport? It was a strange story And that's what it was .just a story It could never happen Ha! Lean back in your easy chair and read how The Buck almost got it!

I had to pick up a man at a motel near the Omaha airport at 7 30 a.m , so I got up before 5 a.m , had a breakfast of bacon and eggs, started the car and returned to the house for another cuppa coffee The weatherman said the roads were a bit slippery so I decided to leave a little early I drove U.S 75 in place of the Interstate That was my mistake

South Omaha streets were slippery and sanding trucks were on the streets There wasn't much traffic until I got to SAC I was in the right lane I noticed the car stopped beside me at the traffic light The driver looked at me It was dark enough that I couldn't see him clearly, but he didn't have his lights on So? So, what the heck, it was getting near daylight

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When the light turned green, we speeded It was strange, but not entirely unusual that we drove at the same speeds (35 m.p.h) and no one behind us could pass At the next light I speeded up in case the drivers behind me wanted to get around. That driver in the other lane stayed right beside me

At one point in traffic I signalled to get into another lane when there was a good opening. No trouble Just routine At least that's the way it seemed. As I pulled over, the opening seemed to collapse I pulled back It was that driver again

Well, phooey on you buster, I thought, so I stayed in the right lane and out of his way He continued to drive side by side No one could pass

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I decided that I would get away from him by turning east off 13th street and go to 10th street and then north to the airport I turned sharply off on the first street He didn't have time to do anything about that .he went on to the next block and then did the same thing

By this time I thought I was having a race with a dumb-dumb, so I forgot my gentle efforts, rammed the accelerator and sped to the stop sign at 10th street, then turned north

(I haven't done any zippety-zipping like that since I drove a 1959 sports car sideways on the Whitehead race track on a Sunday afternoon when no one was around)

The speed limit is 40 and that's what I was doing when suddenly this car, the same one, pulled onto 10th street directly in front of me It was getting kinda hairy

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I said some words that fit the occasion, pulled into the right lane and gave the nut all the road he needed This all happened in a few seconds over a block and a half

He held the side by side position and then I saw it .a parked car in my lane I honked, turned on my signal lights, looked at him (couldn't see his face) and at the last moment hit the brakes skidding some 40 to 60 feet right up to the rear bumper of the parked car

That driver wasn't as quick with the brakes as me and the moment his rear bumper was clear, I pulled in behind him to avoid colliding with the parked car

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Then I was a bit hostile I rammed the accelerator and this time was trying to get close enough for something He pulled a quickie on me, turned right sharply and disappeared down a street before I could slow enough to make the turn

That's it. That's the story. I continued on to the airport, and picked up my passenger

Cars are a hobby with me and I can usually identify them without too much trouble But what I had just gone through made me think

What if I had hit that parked car?

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What questions would the police have asked me?

Boy, I knew them all that crazy SOB dang near got me banged up But, wait a minute

I don't know what kind of a car it was It was light, a two-door (I think). I didn't look at the license plate I couldn't describe the driver

I wouldn't have been much help to the police They probably would have looked at me a bit strange and invited me to the police station to take the test Whew!

Strange .it did happen I don't know why

I drove home on the interstate

BOOKENDS

Francis was on his knees between the beds, his hat and flashlight on the floor beside him, the beam shining under the bed lighting the body of the five year old boy.

Calvin dropped to his knees, removed his hat and using Francis' flashlight, looked under. The bundle was drenched in blood, the pajamas shredded around the tiny huddled body unrecognizable as a child except for some short blond hair not blood soaked.

"Musta crawled under there to get away from him," Calvin said hoarsely. "The killer musta crawled after him and cut the kid up under the bed Just laid there under that bed slashin and slashin Musta been that way It's clean all around the outside a the bed. The little thing hidin under the bed and the killer crawlin under after him with the knife. There ain't no God, Francis' I swear there ain't!"

from "The Choirboys"
by Joseph Wambaugh

By JERRY WILSON

Some of the publicity for this book said that Joseph Wambaugh had to resign from the Los Angeles Police Department in order to write After reading it, I can testify that it is not just bookseller's hype but the truth

Most people are probably familiar with Wambaugh's work know him from the TV show, "Police Story," the first realistic police procedural on television The policemen on that show are not the super cops (a la Starsky and Hutch) but are flesh and blood men with needs and desires, and yes, failings

However far "Police Story" goes, it is still limited by the nature of the medium The good guys must catch the crook, even if he loses something else

That is not the case with "The Choirboys " The policemen and the people they deal with in the book have thief flaws, some of them which prove fatal The most fatal flaw is that these ten men think that they can keep their duty life and their off-duty forays into Los Angeles' MacArthur Park separate

And the criminals are not always caught Even when they are caught, it is hard to prove a case without having to degrade yourself in some way as three of the choirboys find out when they are assigned to work with the vice squad

This is a funny book and a tragic book Once you read it, scenes from the book will haunt your memory It is a strong book, an uncompromising book and one that I recommend wholeheartedly

The book reviewed in this column can be found at the Morton - James Public Library

Bills introduced

LINCOLN Neb (AP) - Bills introduced Friday in the Nebraska Legislature

LB799 Expands Executive Board powers, giving it authority over fiscal analysts office which would take on performance audit functions Executive Board

LB800-- Provide for county boards of extension to oversee extension education, Johnson

LB801 Regulate lotteries, raffles, trading stamp programs and insure that prizes offered are paid Kelly

LB802 Create elected civil service commission for Sarpy County, Keyes

LB803 - Provide for distribution of school funds from counties on a monthly basis Koch

LB804 - Give elderly not on Social Security or Railroad Retirement a similar tax break to those on such aged benefits, F Lewis

LB805 — Change publication notice requirements on hearings regarding sale or lease of county property, R Lewis

LB806-- Provide legal protection in mental health commitment proceedings Health

LB807 - Increase number of municipal judges in Omaha and Lincoln Judiciary

LB809 Allow formation of three insurance firms into mutual insurance association to cover hospitals for medical malpractice lawsuits Cavanaugh

LB810 Provide a $20 000 death benefit for relatives of Nebraska National Guard members killed in line of duty Anderson

LB811 Outline wage payment procedures in private industry Burrows

LB812 Allow sale of Niobrara State Park to U S Government, Burbach

LB813 Mandate state paid legal counsel for military personnel acting for state and sued unless person sued chooses otherwise DeCamp

LB814 — Provide time and a half pay or compensating time off at same rate for state employes who work overtime Labor

LB815- Appropriate $250 000 for Nebraska National Guard discretionary fund to aid in recruitment efforts and

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David Carlson

David Carlson, son of Mr and Mrs Gary Carlson, celebrated his fourth birthday at a party at his home on Wednesday

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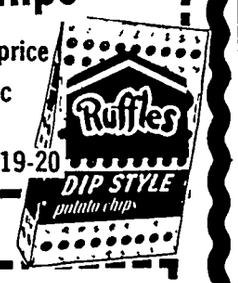
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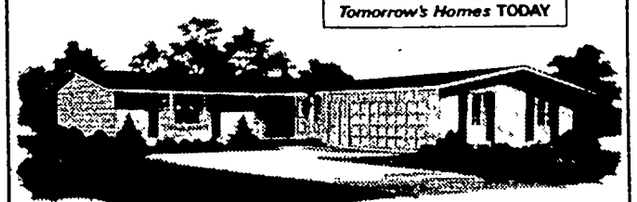
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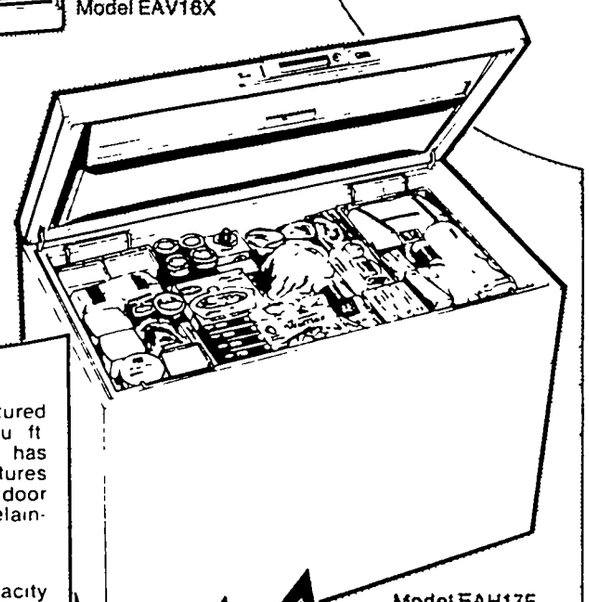
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