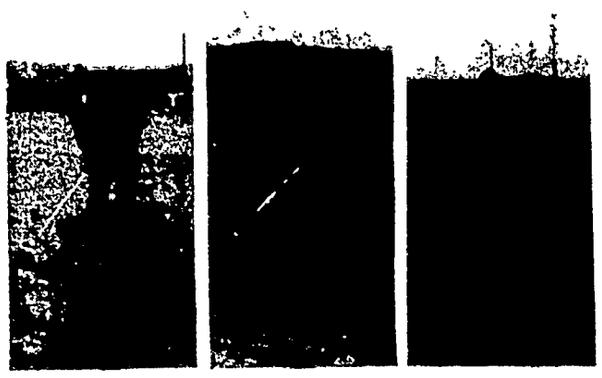
The Buck Ends Here

By Ivan D.E. Beaumont



Weddle DeJong "Hoss"

Dear Mom You ain't gonna believe this. . .That's Pete Weddle, Al DeJong and "Hoss" Hoskins playing golf on Christmas Day 1975 at Wildwood. The truth is they settled on using the tee as a driving range and probably sent some poor lil' chiluns' out in the cold to pick up the balls for a coin apiece

If this was February you'd probably believe it since we've had such pleasant temperatures But it isn't it's Christmas 1975 and Pete Weddle, Ray Hoskins and Al DeJong

Actually, if the truth was known we surmise the frosty golfers swished a few balls off a frozen tee, bought off a well bundled chile' and headed for the hothouse in comfort whilst the boy shagged the balls

We have to agree with ' Hoss" Hoskins about his game He said he really got more bounce out of a ball that day .frozen ground, of course

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Scott Mactier, Omaha Livestock Exchange executive who spoke to Rotarians and farmers the other day, didn't paint a very bright picture for his listeners In fact, his talk was anything but success

He said cow numbers were down, pointed out faults in the new grading system of cattle, cautioned about over production of grain when the price is down and warned farmers that everyone in the world was competing with them in the grain business

Maybe Mr Mactier's message was designed to hit the farmer with the truth Perhaps it hurt, but as farmers always do . they leave the room with a smile, boiling beneath their skin and return to work growing food to keep the rest of the world fat

If anyone had expected to hear a report of how great life was down on the farm, they got just the opposite Mr Mactier leveled with them telling it like it is and held the interest of his audience

You don't have to tell a farmer he's not making any money or that the government has its fingers into the farm pie again .he knows that Perhaps he appreciated Mr Mactier telling it to the Rotarians

It was a turn-around for a farmer-Rotary luncheon engineered by Verne Jones, president and Wayne Anthony, program chairman It was good .sorta the brutal truth

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Mav White our Hamburg correspondent sent a note about The Old Depression Days

The article said the depression days weren't good by any means In fact they made farmers change their ways. Poor crops and cheap cattle helped lose the battle

A $4 000 loan was a lot of money on 320 acres and there were mortgages on everything, "even the chickens that just were hatched Corn was 10 cents and hogs were two cents

Mrs White added I still read the good old News Press I look forward to it everyday "

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The fish are bitin'

The unusually warm temps have been drawing the fishermen from their homes and putting them on the banks of streams We've heard a number of reports of good fishing and the latest came from Bill Berger and Eldon Allgood, whose nooner resulted in a couple 20 pound cats in the river

Dunno if that's a fish story, but judging from the instruction I got from Grand Angler Bill about an 80 pound test line, he wasn't huffin' and puffin' about an untruth

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The Good Life —

"Vaarooom vaaroooom "

"What's that sound down the street?" Millie asked.

"Father Tom (Ozanne) "

"What? That sound?"

"Yup," I assured her "I can tell by the sound that it's The Rev Thomas Ozanne of the Precious Blood Order, assistant pastor at St Mary's Catholic church, and a four seasons motorcyclist "

Of course I was right because in a moment a cyclist came roaring up the street (within the speed limit, of course) wearing a silver flaked helmet, safety visor, dark trousers, a red plaid scarf and a yeah, man . .a black leather jacket with a Christian cross affixed

The sleek motorcycle with the stylish windshield (that's called a fairing in cycle talk) pulled into the drive, the driver cut his engine, removed his helmet and said

"Hi, Ivan Whatya doing?"

"Hi Father Oh, just piddling around with my bike Been getting the yen to hit the road so thought I'd do a little tinkering "

(Clarissa's dog, Love, came charging around the corner wagging her tail and got a friendly pat from the priest. (....she also got mud on his black trousers)

"Can I help?" the priest asked "Whatya doing?"

"Sure. Hop to it I'm removing my seat and going to put on this solo " (That's a seat much larger, but shaped the same as the conventional bicycle seat).

'Gee," he said, "I don't want to be a prude, but that'll ruin the appearance of a motorcycle as beautiful as the one you have."

(Omigosh, I thought How am I ever going to top that kind of a compliment)

"Millie," I called

"I'm coming," came the reply "Hello, Father Tom, would you join Ivan in some coffee and chocolate chip cookies?" (She always finds a way to do the right things)

"I really shouldn't .no, I really shouldn't .you see I do 10 pushups every night and elevate my legs for a minute and a half I really shouldn't .oh, well .maybe just one "

Meanwhile we Great Mechanics tore into the seat job When I slipped with a wrench and smacked my knuckles on cold steel, I looked at Father, opened my mouth .and out came "oh .gracious!"

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Father Tom, meanwhile, made suggestions, took over the wrenches and improved my sloppy efforts and ever so often .he walked to the cookie jar

The little gray-haired puppy followed him wagging her tail

Now, you have to picture this to understand it

Remember the description of the priest? The friendly pup? The cookie jar?

How about this for a conversation that took place several times during the afternoon?

"Hey, look," Father Tom said, "Love is standing on her hind legs and dancing in a circle!"

"Ummm uh " I answered

"She wants something," he said.

"Ummm .huh," I answered

"I know!" he almost shouted "She wants a cookie!"

So there was the pattern for the day·

Love would do her fancy dance, Father Tom would walk over to the cookie jar, break off a small portion for the small puppy and ..wh-o-o-ps, the rest disappeared

When we got the job done (and the cookie jar supply about depleted) we sat back and looked over the solo seat project

"I don't like it," I said

'Ummm uh," the priest said. "Told you so "

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"Whatya think?" I asked.

"I think you ought to take it off and put the original equipment back on"

"Agreed," I said, "but it's getting dark Let's go see if Millie has any homemade chili "

She did Ice cream, also

"How did you two do this afternoon?" she asked

"Just fine," we answered

She picked up the cookie jar and started to offer it to Father Tom with his dish of ice cream

"What happened to my chocolate chip cookies?" she questioned

"Vaarooom vaarooom "

"Where you going, Father?" I asked.

"Gotta go uh uh .just remembered I've got to practice for a wedding tomorrow night .and do 30 pushups tonight "

Okay .you come back again .next time we'll work into some ham hocks, Navy beans and homemade bread."

The Midland View

By M. M. VAN KIRK
Nebraska Farm Bureau

Sixth place nationally

Nebraska farmers and ranchers moved up one notch, from 7th place in 1974 to 6th place in 1975, in national comparison of the value of all cash receipts from farm marketings.

The value of all crop and livestock marketings in the state for 1975 are reported by the Nebraska State-Federal Divison of Agricultural Statistics at $4,299,000,000, more than $200 million dollars ahead of 1974. The value of all crop production in 1975 (excluding some minor crops and government payments) totaled $2,441,693,000 which leaves $1,787,307,000 as representing the total of livestock and livestock product marketings.

Neither 1974 nor 1975 were great crop years in the state, nothing to compare with 1973, because drought plagued much of the dryland area of the state both years, particularly in 1974. The fact that the state could move up in the ratings in 1975 indicates the contribution of irrigation and the versatility of Nebraska agricultural production.

The state did very well in the major crop categories. The ranking for Nebraska corn growers in 1975 is 4th with a production of 503,200,000 bushels for grain purposes, and those bushels were listed at a value of more than $1.2 billion

Winter wheat production totaled 98,240,000 bushels with a value figured at $324,192,000, and that production puts Nebraska in 6th place among winter wheat producing states

Nebraska sorghum producers turned out 103,400,000 bushels for grain in 1975, valued at $237,820,000 and good for 3rd place in the national standings

Soybean production amounted to 33,210,000 bushels, valued at $151,106,000 good for 11th place nationally, not bad considering how many states have soybeans as a major crop

The livestock ratings are impressive Nebraska ranked 2nd in 1975 in commercial cattle slaughter at 4,777,000 head and in the number of fed cattle and calves marketed at 2,795,000 head As of Jan 1, 1976 the number of cattle and calves at 6,550,000 head was good for 4th place in the nation, and the number of cattle on feed on Jan. 1 of this year at 1,390,000 head was worth 3rd place The value of all cattle and calves on Nebraska farms this Jan 1 was estimated at $1,244,500,000 and that's 4th place in the U.S.

Hog producers saved 3,986,000 pigs in 1975, good for 6th place nationally and the number of all hogs and pigs on Nebraska farms on Jan 1, 1975 at 2,700,000 was also good for 6th place. Commercial hog slaughter in 1975 at 2,907,000 head made an 8th place finish

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter in Nebraska totaled 439,700 head, worth 4th place in this category which continues a steady decline nationally

The state had three 1st place ratings for 1975. These included Great Northern dry beans at 1,023,000 cwt , alfalfa meal at 651,000 tons, and popcorn at 135,700,000 pounds That first place popcorn crop was valued at $11,942,000.

Sugar beet producers turned out 1,776,000 tons last year, a 7th place finish nationally, but the value of the crop can't be determined until the end of the sugar marketing year The 1974 sugar beet crop was worth $69,376,000.

All hay production in the state in 1975 amounted to 6,643,000 tons, a 5th place rating, and carrying an estimated value of $305,578,000

BOOKENDS

By JERRY WILSON

Pendragon, balanced on his crutches, looked down at the man. "It will be remembered by many," he said quietly, "as the most perfect example of wartime crass stupidity; the obliteration of two regiments for no useful purpose."

Lord Lucan's face hardened. "Young man," he said coldly. "You make the mistake of inexperience by judging the whole with knowledge only of a part. Such acts of valour may not in themselves serve an obvious purpose, but consider the effects in future battles, when such known bravery will strike fear into enemy troops of all nationalities."

"Forgive me, my Lord." Pendragon stiffened until he was standing as straight and erect as his crutches would allow. "I was under the impression that the purpose of our charge was to attack and capture the guns of our enemy. Had I known it was for example, I would have ordered my own troop to form a circling star in the valley centre, and had them ride singley one at a time, to their deaths before the Russian guns. That way, the lesson would not have been driven home once, but many, many times." He gave the purple-faced Lord Lucan no time to reply. "And now if you will excuse me, my Lord, I will make arrangements for my return to England, and to sanity."

from "Pendragon: Late of Prince Albert's Own" by Robert Trevelyan

Forced to retire from the Army due to a disabling injury received in the Charge of the Light Brigade, Captain John Pendragon returns and is lionized in Mayfair society during the early years of Queen Victoria's reign. The captain, trained to a military life, becomes very rapidly bored with the high society doings

The murder of a former criminal, turned spy-catcher for Queen Victoria's war minister, Sidney Herbert provides the avenue of escape for the captain. **He is asked and agrees to find out who killed the spy-catcher and what lies behind it**

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What lies behind it is a plot devised by a treacherous Russian count and a band of Chinese smugglers. To reveal the plot would be to reveal too much.

Trevelyan very accurately recreates the world of Victorian London as he takes the readers through not only Mayfair society but also through the brothels and taverns of London. This book is an excellent history guide as well as "the novel of adventure" that the publishers call it

For the fan of Errol Flynn movies or books by Rafael Sabatini ("Captain Blood"), this is a return to a swashbuckling era where courageous men did battle with dastardly villains and winning the hand of lovely damsels.

The author has left open an avenue to Pendragon fans hoping for another book as Herbert sends the soldier-turned-spy to France Who knows what damage or benefit a man like Pendragon could do in France? Only Trevelyan knows

The book is available at the Morton-James Public Library

Robb Edwards

A1C Robb Edwards, son of Mr and Mrs Floyd Edwards, Nebraska City, who is based at Lowry, AFB, in Colorado, has been selected as Squadron Airman of the Month for February

Robb was selected by students and instructors for the honor This is the highest honor the students in a squadron can bestow on a fellow airman, Mrs Edwards reported He received a certificate

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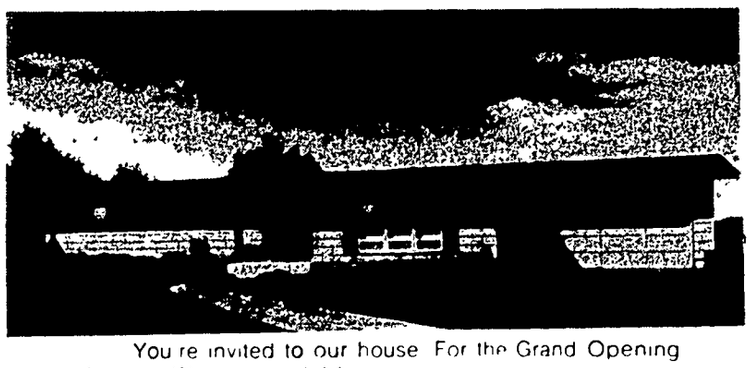
JUNE 3 Democrat County Convention to be held in the Community Room of the Nebraska City Federal Savings and Loan building in Nebraska City at 8:00 P.M

PRECINCT	NUMBER OF DELEGATES
First Ward, Nebraska City	6
Second Ward Nebraska City	11
Third Ward A, Nebraska City	8
Third Ward B Nebraska City	6
Fourth Ward A, Nebraska City	13
Fourth Ward B, Nebraska City	8
Berlin, (Combined with North Branch)	5
Delaware, (Combined with Belmont)	6
Four Mile	3
Hendricks,	4
McWilliams, (Combined North and South)	4
Palmyra, (Combined North and South)	7
Russel, (Combined North and South)	6
North Syracuse	8
Osage	2
Otoe	2
Rock Creek	2
South Branch	3
South Syracuse	
Wyoming	4

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Gilliland in Nevada

Jerry Gilliland, President of Weinman Auto, Inc , Nebraska City, is currently attending the 59th annual convention of the National Automobile Dealers Association in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr Gilliland is also a member of the Nebraska New Car Dealers Association

The meeting features 30 workshop-seminars on the automotive industry in relationship to our society, with emphasis on the American consumer's basic desire to keep his or her "freedom of mobility "

CB thefts

Police are investigating the theft of two citizens band radios which occurred Wednesday night.

The radios were taken from a vehicle owned by Dick Schobert, Percival, Iowa, while it was parked in the parking lot of the V-Lanes, and a vehicle owned by Virgil Martineau while it was parked in front of the Martineau residence at 401 South Sixth Street. Schobert's radio was valued at $100-$150 and Martineau's radio was valued at $50-75.

Both vehicles were locked at the time of the thefts and the thief or thieves broke into the vehicle through the left vent window in both cases.

UNION

Connie Mullis

Mrs Gearld Paasch has moved from rural Union to Nebraska City.

Mrs Jack Dabney of Omaha was a Sunday caller at the home of Mrs George Comer.

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