The Buck Ends Here

By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

The Scouters —

We'd like to add our congratulations to Bill Dawson and Mary Ulbrick for the awards they received the other night at the Cornhusker Recognition banquet in Lincoln

You really have to put in a lot of volunteer hours in scouting to get such high awards as the Silver Beaver for Bill and the District Award of Merit for Mary

The late Henry Flau, our own "Mr Scouter" would have been extremely proud of you

Thanks to Noel Bissell, the district scout executive, for keeping us up to date on the honorees

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There were a number of other individuals who received awards the past week The Jaycees and Jaynes recognized Mrs Carl Zimmerman, Ron Brunken, Jerry Gilliland, David Guhde, Jerry Hall, Mrs Paul Stevenson and Mrs Ray Noyes.

Congratulations to the honorees The awards were for distinguished service and as outstanding individuals in work and business for the community Who can say more .you are the greatest

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The Pack —

With the end of the school year and the graduation of Bret Harpster, the question came up — will The Pack be published any more?

The Pack is a "home" publication of a group of boys at NCHS and prints such serious things as who messed up the parking lot, the top 10 girls at the school, and random surveys conducted by a group of reporters known as the Pack Rats

Well the editor, Bret, has completed high school and the life of The Pack now comes up We are told that the newspaper will continue to be published and that a new staff will take over just like it did when "the founding father", Steve Braye, graduated

The Pack, by the way, has no connection with the Otoean which is written by a student staff supervised by Mrs Lois Berger The Pack is a fun organ, while the Otoean is a newsy newspaper and its reporters are bent on good reporting and being the first with the news

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The hills of Thurman — at night

Dan Hall who farms near Thurman is a true horseman — day or night We found that out on a visit to the Hall home the other evening

Dan has four or five horses, a colt and a Shetland for his grandchildren "Nancy" is his mare The other night we mounted the black for an evening

The invitation from the Hall home was extended seriously and in fun (you don't want to play jacky-jacky with Ivie)

"Come on over I want to show you the hills of Thurman There's no pollution, only the smell of horseflesh and saddle leather "

Dan was in the field when we arrived so we sat in the kitchen and talked with Mrs Hall and daughter, Marguerite, while the pork chops were on the stove

In a short time he pulled into the farmyard on his tractor, rarin' to dig into the evening meal and round up his mounts

When's the last time you heard someone "call" his horses? Dan has his own call .sort of a "Hey-yah .heh!" The horses came out of the hills and into the corral

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As we mounted, I admitted it has been some time Marguerite was serious don't fall off Dan laughed, Nancy lurched and I proved once and for all, the greatest thing man ever did for the horseback rider was manufacture a saddle with a horn

(By the way, the saddle is one formerly owned by Clarence Rankin betcha I've seen that before back in the old NC Saddle club and Walnut Creek school days Remember, Clarence?)

"Come on, Stranger," Dan called

"I'm coming," I answered

"No, not you — the dog "

"That dog?" I pointed "He was sitting by the door I thought he was your dog?"

"Nope," Dan answered "He's a stray .came to the place the other day I just named him Stranger "

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Dan's mount was faster paced Nancy had to trot to keep the pace

"You u u .know ow ow what at .at?" I asked

"What?" he answered

"I I think .nk .nk we we .should .ld .ld whoa, Nancy .should have shortened these stirrups "

"Tomorrow, you'll remember you went riding Ha!" he laughed

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Meanwhile, Stranger kept his distance Close, but far enough away from the hooves

By this time it was dark Dan had taken along a flashlight to watch for holes

The ride went into the back roads of the Thurman hills It was true beauty It was quiet Spooky quiet The only sound was the rhythm of the hooves, an occasional snort and the creaking of saddle leather

"Sure is peaceful here," I said

"Yeah," Dan answered "I ride in here all the time I really like it See that windmill there?"

He pointed to the side of the road where erosion had done its damage over the years The road was narrow and the banks stretched 12 to 15 feet above the roadbed

"Yeah, what about it?"

"When I was a kid there used to be a pipe across here and drinking water, for man and horses," he recalled "Just an old windmill now Pretty though "

We had to agree

Suddenly, his mount spooked

There were a few words from the rider to the mount and control of the reins

"What's the matter?" I asked

"Deer spooked her She's okay now " He looked up at the high banks along the road and the heavy foliage "sure wouldn't be any fun if an ole' grizzly popped out of there "

It was dark, man dark

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As we came out of the draw and topped a hill we could see the lights of Nebraska City

"Sure is pretty I said

"Yeah I really love this place

The trail ended on the main road and we headed for home stopping to take a look at Mones Zach's bull penned at a nearby farm

As we entered the drive, the ears of the horses perked They knew they were home Dan put the saddles, blankets and bridles away and turned the horses loose in the corral

"What time is it?" he asked

I looked at my watch "Omigosh,it's past 10 30 "

"Oh, that's not late I've ridden a lot later I'd do this every night if I had someone to go along with me."

We had another glass of iced tea, visited a bit and I "mounted" my BMW 750cc motorcycle and headed across the Iowa bottpms for home .saddle sore but soothed with the thought of a pleasant evening with a friend

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Mrs Earl Wendeln

Mrs Paul Sugden, Burr, Mrs Lyman Ballard and Mrs Dell Hunt of Douglas, Mrs Bob Dunn and Mary Jane, of Lincoln, attended a shower for Robin Gaskill, at the home of Mrs Gale Dalcer in Lincoln Saturday Miss Gaskill will marry Hamilton Bock, son of Mr and Mrs Levi Wilcox, former Douglas residents

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Farm export record seen

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The value of farm exports is expected to be a record of $21.9 billion this fiscal year, slightly more than 1974-75 shipments worth $21 6 billion but less than the Agriculture Department predicted three months ago.

In February, the department estimated this season's farm exports at $22.1 billion Last November USDA forecast shipments would reach $22.7 billion

Thus, in six months the value of farm exports has been eroded by $800 million The decline, USDA said Thursday, stems from a slide in prices for some important commodities

The value of grain and feed exports this fiscal year is expected to make up $11.8 billion of the total business. Last November the department forecast those sales at $13 billion and in February revised them downward to $12.5 billion

In its latest report, the department's Outlook and Situation Board said that "declining unit prices, coupled with an over-all slowing of demand for wheat" have been responsible for the slide in grain and feed export prospects.

The export value decline can be traced back to what has happened at the farm where cash prices of wheat, corn, soybeans and some other products are substantially lower now than they were before the full impact of last year's bumper harvests were felt in the market

On a quantity basis, however, farm exports are setting records this season. The report said the volume of major bulk commodities is expected to be more than 100 million metric tons, up about 20 per cent from last year and slightly more than the previous high set in 1973-74 A metric tons is 2,205 pounds

"Expected record feed grain, wheat and soybean exports will create the increase," the report said. "These commodities will make up about 90 per cent of the total tonnage of exports "

However, the report cautioned that if the full-year export value of $21 9 billion is reached shipments during the April-June quarter will have to be worth more than $5.3 billion. That would compare with $4.74 billion in the first quarter of the year which began last July 1, $6.22 billion in the second, and $5.58 billion in the third.

"Major uncertainties for exports during the last quarter of the year are the schedule of shipments to the USSR and the pace of (Food for Peace) shipments," the report said.

The Soviet Union has bought additional grain recently but actual deliveries of some will be spread through September, three months after the department's fiscal year calculations end on June 30.

In reviewing overseas markets for farm products this year, the report said Japan, traditionally the largest market, is expected to take $3.1 billion — about 14 per cent of the total — worth of U.S. farm products this year, down from more than $3.2 billion in 1974-75

Officials said the volume of shipments to Japan this year will include an 11 per cent increase in the amount of feed grains and a 27 per cent boost in soybeans from last season.

The Soviet Union, including its round of purchases which began last summer, will be the second largest market in terms of value with about $2 billion, up from $410 million in 1974-75 the report said.

After several years of substantial U.S. purchases, the People's Republic of China has practically dropped out of the market and is expected to restrict its imports to $2.4 million worth of cotton this season Last year China bought $335 million worth of commodities and in 1973-74 shipments were valued at $889 million, the report said

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's hens are continuing a major egg-laying effort this spring, according to the Agriculture Department

"The rate of lay on May 1 at 65 1 eggs per 100 layers was a record level for that date," the department's Crop Reporting Board said Thursday. "This is the second consecutive month for a record rate of lay "

The May 1 egg-laying flock totaled 270.1 million birds, a decline of 1 per cent from a year earlier, the report said

Navajos lose $43 million

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz (AP) — The Navajo Nation had $73 6 million in federal cash reserves 12 years ago But America's biggest Indian tribe is expected to have only $30 million left at the end of this fiscal year

Several Navajo legislators and a growing groundswell of reservation Navajos are asking what has happened to the tribe's savings, compiled from such sources as mining and timber revenues and held in trust by the federal government So are authorities, who are investigating reports of fiscal mismanagement

The Justice Department has been examining tribal affairs for nearly a year, grand juries have indicted three Navajos, two for embezzlement and one for theft, and the tribal council says it may ask the federal General Accounting Office to audit its books

So far, tribal chairman Peter MacDonald has declined to give a financial report to the estimated 160,000 Navajos MacDonald, who took office in 1971, said the tribe's reserves have declined because more money is needed to provide services to a growing population

Population on the reservation in 1970 was 95,000

Dissidents have raised a number of questions about

—A lack of accounting Several tribal councilmen said the only financial data about the tribal government comes in news reports

—The $330,000 annual salary and fees received by the general counsel, George Vlassis of Phoenix

—The Navajo Housing and Development Enterprise, set up by the tribe to use federal money for reservation housing construction, that went broke It has asked $1 7 million in tribal funds to pay its bills

—The Navajo Arts and Crafts Enterprise, which markets Navajo-made jewelry and rugs It recently closed its shop here for lack of funds

—A $13.3 million investment of federal funds earmarked for home construction with American Funding Corp , a Beverly Hills, Calif , investment firm now in receivership

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Mrs Harry Kastens

Mr and Mrs Elmer Geldmeier and Mrs Fritz Sporhase attended a Shaklee convention in Omaha on Saturday

An open house is being planned for Mrs Bertha Koch, Nebraska City, for her 85th birthday to be held on May 23 at the First Lutheran church from 2 to 4 p.m Mrs Koch is the mother of Junius Koch and Mrs Maynard Hillman, Otoe Dallas Koch, Phoenix, Ariz , Dennis Koch of Pennsylvania, and Mrs Garth Erickson of California are expected to attended as well as Henry Reuter and Mrs Russell Dotts of Perry, Oklahoma Mrs Minnie Thoms, Van Nuys, Calif has arrived and is visiting relatives here

The Harry Kastens, the Richard Kastens family and the Harold Kastens family attended a dinner on Sunday at the Richard Koch home in Omaha, honoring Missy Koch on her confirmation at the Pacific Hills Lutheran church Other guests were the Calvin Kastens family, Papillion, the Orville Kochs and Clifford Koch, Syracuse, and the Ken Koch family of Lincoln The Harry Kastens and Jenny Kastens were Saturday overnight guests and attended the church service The Orville Kochs also attended the church service

BIRTH A son, Adam Lynn, was born May 13 at Community Memorial hospital, Syracuse, to Mr and Mrs Stan Boldt, (Bonnie Schutz) Grandparents are the Harold Boldts, Douglas and the Calvin Schutzes, Otoe and the Orville Kochs of Syracuse Great - grandparents are Mrs Edith Wenninghoff of Lincoln and Mrs Nellie Boldt of Bennett

Mrs Freda Freudenberg was a dinner guest Wednesday of the Harry Longs in Nebraska City

Christine Roettger, New Ulm, Minn and Virgil Goltz, Comfrey, Minn spent the weekend at the Myron and Harold Roettger home and attended the Nelson - Sauberzweig wedding on Saturday night

Mmes John Staack, Richard Kastens, Lloyd Witt, Bob Thummel and Harry Kastens attended the bowling banquet Monday night at Cook Mrs Kastens received a pin for perfect attendance in two leagues

School District No 74 held a picnic Friday night Mrs Walter Pohlman, is the teacher

Fred Cline quits Hand

Fred Cline, administrator of Hand Community Hospital in Shenandoah, announced his resignation Wednesday at a meeting of the hospital's board of trustees.

Cline expressed his thanks to board members past and present for their cooperation, offered to assist the board within the coming few months until a suitable replacement is found. He will be entering private business with Richard Pfeifer, providing management of respiratory therapy departments in other hospitals.

Union talked across river

An early June hearing by the State Public Employer Relations (PER) Board is expected in Sidney, Iowa in the wake of a petition for collective bargaining signed by members of Fremont county's secondary road department

A secret ballot will be taken in June to determine if the employes wish to have such a bargaining unit Under PER rules, a 51 per cent majority is required for passage

Such a bargaining unit would be composed of county road employes who would negotiate directly with the Fremont county board of supervisors concerning wages and work rules Should the bargaining unit and supervisors be unable to reach agreement, the PER board would select a person to arbitrate the difference, such arbitration being binding on both sides

Ward Scott, chairman of the board of supervisors, said that petitions he had received calling for supervisors to resist collective bargaining in Fremont county were "worthless " "That door was opened by the legislature a long time ago, and we can't sit down here and close it," Scott said

UNION

Connie Mullis

Wayne Ackley spent several days at Mead visiting the Philip Johnson family

AVOCA

Mrs Henry Maseman

Mrs Edith Maseman was hostess for the Woman's Fellowship, Thursday Mrs Flossie Freeman led the devotional on "Mary, A Woman of the Bible."

Several from Avoca attended the wedding blessing at First Lutheran church for Liz Danko and John Backus on May 15 The couple was married in Michigan and attended a reception at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs John Backus Sr

The Rev Bruce Swanson of United Church of Christ sermon topic Sunday was "Embarrassed by Excellence " It was announced the Bible school will begin May 24 and hours will be 9 to 11 a m. Mr and Mrs Calvin Carstens gave the bulletins

BROCK

Mrs Kenneth Lake and Stanley, Longmont, Colo. visited Mrs Charles Green Tuesday They visited Mrs Stella Stites in the afternoon. Mr and Mrs Lake have returned lately from visiting their daughter in Ireland

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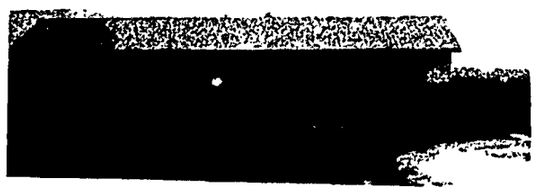
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