The Buck Ends Here

By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Mother's advice to the teen-ager — "Clean up the world tomorrow Today just do your room"

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Mayor Edith Fenstermacher and the city commissioners are doing their part to enter Nebraska City in the national Arbor Day Foundation program, but they can't do it alone

The council directed City Attorney Wm F. Davis to draft an ordinance on Tree City USA the national contest

It would be appropriate that Nebraska City win one of the and oh yes, putting another home on the tax rolls

The truth is, there are a lot of other towns that do much in forestry that we probably won't know much about until the entries start coming in

Sen Calvin Carsten, chairman of the executive committee of the Foundation and Ellsworth Merkel, a member of the board, will need a lot of help from many of us

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The newspaperman —

Excuse me, folks, while I mention a friend

Clyde Moore of Fairbury has retired after almost 50 years of newspapering. I worked as a printer's devil for him at the Fairbury Daily News, learned the trade as a printer, linotype operator and turned in my first picture and story in the news department.

In those years the daily newspaper and the weekly were stiff competitors and I was the goat .like the time one of the printers sent me out for type stretcher to the weekly, and the printer there directed me on to the next place Clyde wondered where I had gone, and in his good humor, he passed it off .another newcomer was "initiated."

The Moores plan some traveling They have three children and several grandchildren.

Of newspapers, he says "I look on them as ongoing institutions bigger than any of the individuals working for them"

Best wishes and good health to the Moores on their retirement

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The open house —

If you missed the open house of the Wayne Brown home built by the trades and industries classes taught by Ron Booth and Paul Stevenson, you didn't get to see a true accomplishment and certainly pride by the teachers

Wayne gave us a tour of the home shortly before the opening when the final touches were being put on the project Mr Booth pointed out a number of features including the swirling texture of the ceiling in the garage. .always wanted to watch someone do that

It's a good project. It accomplishes several things — among them teaching boys the building trades, completing the project and, oh yes, putting another home on the tax rolls

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The new 'furniture' —

Thanks to my mother-in-law, I have some new furniture in the office at the News-Press

Well, actually, it's only one piece and I'm the only one who calls it furniture.

"You're not going to put that THING in the office at the paper are you?" the Queen Bee asked

"Whattya mean .that THING happens to be a reminder of yesteryear," I answered

"Well, it's awful .dirty and doesn't fit," she snorted

Our neighbors, Mr and Mrs Fred Wusk got a bang out of it.

"It sure brings memories and of not too long ago," the retired farmers said "There's one thing about it ."

"What's that?" I asked

"You've got the only one of its kind."

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The talked - about piece of furniture is a milk stool, not just any old milk stool, but a T-shaped stool that I'll betcha brings back a lot of memories to many of your readers.

It took a bit of digging to get just the right one I wrote my mother-in-law, Mrs Adela Eret, in Fairbury

Dear Mother-in-law.

How'd you like to help out your son-in-law? I need a milk stool.

Signed,
Son-in-law

She wrote back

Dear Millie:

I thought after 25 years he might change. You can still come home.

Signed
Mother

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That didn't discourage me one bit. In fact, it created some interest My mother-in-law located the RIGHT milk stool from Harold H Germer at Jansen I don't know what she told him, but one day I got a package .rather it was a milk stool in a paper sack

Today, the stool graces the office in the News-Press And I explained the situation to George Bischof

"Whattya want one of those for?"

"To sit on, George to sit on"

"Oh," he answered

We reminisced the milking days

Ole' Bessie would stand in the barn while I snuggled up to her on a hot summer afternoon seated on the RIGHT stool. It was hot .yeah, man, hot the flies were bothering her and when she swished that tail I had to duck because the tail was loaded with cockleburrs and getting swatted in the face with that was about like getting slugged with a baseball bat wrapped in sharp weeds

Meanwhile, I held the bucket firmly between my legs, pressed my forehead against her flank and grabbled ahold Sometimes. KER-POW! That meant a cold hand or I had just touched something that was tender and healing from a cut on a fence

I became an expert left-handed leg catcher that is. .sometimes she didn't get her leg into the milk bucket and knock me flat and spill milk

When that happened, the faithful RIGHT milk stool became a "persuader"

So there you have it the memory It was gone for years but it's back and everytime I look at that stool I forget about printing presses, ink and paper and daydream

.like the time Bessie stepped on my bare foot and when I opened my mouth to holler she belted me with the cockleburr tail or when I didn't do as the folks told me and did the milking in my school cothes on the same day she had eaten too much "green" stuff and I couldn't get her out of the barn before she raised her tail .and the winter days I forgot to clean my shoes and sat in a steam heated school building and wondered what that smell was

Oh, yes mother-in-law those were the days that's why I wanted the milk stool

New blood flowing into the legislature

By ERIC KRAMER
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — When the Unicameral meets in January the body will be relatively new to state government with a majority of the members dating their legislative careers back no further than 1972.

Of the 49 senators, only 14 will be holdovers from the 1960s Only three will be able to trace their legislative careers back to the 1950s

There will be a freshman class of at least eight. It could be larger if more incumbents are knocked off in the general election.

The solons will have a total of 280 years in legislative work, an average of 5.7 years each. That total is up from the 5.3 average when the 84th legislture first met in 1974

The lower average two years ago was caused by the large freshman class of 11 senators joining the ranks in 1974

The dean of the legislature, if re-elected, will be George Syas of Omaha, who has been serving in the body since 1950.

The speaker's chair, which was left vacant by the retirement of Jules Burbach of Hartington, could be filled by one of the members of the "new majority" if they prove to be a cohesive group. Traditionally, however, the freshmen tend to lose their identity and melt into the old guard soon after they reach the legislature.

Roland Luedtke, a Lincoln lawmaker since 1966, is running for speaker, promising reforms Reforms in the legislative process have been promised before, but have been unable to avoid the seemingly endless debate and procedural quagmires.

If Luedtke runs for speaker, some other member could claim the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee Luedtke has used the chairmanship in his efforts to update Nebraska's court and prison systems.

Axtell Sen. Gary Anderson, chairman of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, is also leaving Robert Clark of Sidney, who is unopposed for reelection, has expressed an interest in the chairmanship. Anderson's departure from the Unicameral is the clearest example this year of a senator simply not being able to support his family on $4,800 a year

Sen Thomas Kennedy of Newman Grove, chairman of the Public Health and Welfare Cmmittee, is also retiring. His traditional rival for the chairmanship, Sen. John Cavanaugh of Omaha, is leaving the Unicameral to run for Congress

There is nothing to insure that the chairmen who will not be leaving the Unicameral will be able to keep their chairmanships

A. Badberg dead at 81

Services for Albert B. Badberg, 81, who died Friday at the Johnson County Hospital in Tecumseh will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Talmage with the Rev. William Dressen officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery in Talmage. The body will lay in state at the Casey-Witzenburg Mortuary in Talmage from Saturday afternoon until the service.

Mr Badberg was born on February 6, 1895, the son of Mr and Mrs John (Wilhelmine Lohmueller) Badberg. He married Mabel Wellsandt, who survives him, at the home of her parents in Talmage on December 19, 1917

Mr Badberg was a board member of Trinity Lutheran Church (now Faith Lutheran) for many years and was a retired farmer He lived in the Cook area all his life

The Badbergs had no children. Mr Badberg is also survived by one sister, Mrs Sena Marshall, Talmage

BOOKENDS

By JERRY WILSON

"Maybe I'll be seeing you around the jungle from time to time"

With that, Robert Ringer closes "Winning Through Intimidation," a unique how-to-manual The book has been on the hardcover best seller lists for months and has just been released in paperback

Ringer formulated his theory — in reality, a series of theories such as the iceball theory and the organic chemistry theory — from his experience working in small second mortgage loans and large property sales However, he emphasizes that his theories can be used in any type of business of other social endeavors

A self-proclaimed Tortoise, Ringer describes the humilating experiences as well as the highlights of his education in the School of Hard Knocks, called Screw U by the author The writing, supplemented by cartoons by Jack Medoff, is effective in bringing these incidents to life

Reality is a keyword in the Ringer theories As to the title, Ringer says (quoting Ayn Rand) that the world intimidation antagonizes so many people because they are afraid of it

I won't tell you anymore about the book because I've got the advantage of reading the book Or as Chevy Chase would say, I'm an intimidator and you're not

The book is available at the Morton-James Public Library in hardcover and in paperback at most local book stores But look out while you're buying, because the Nebraska City tortoise is going to try and buy every last copy — and what could be more intimidating than not being able to find a book you'll really need. See you in the bookstore, folks — hee, hee, hee

Hays improves

BARNESVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Rep Wayne Hays, rapidly improving from an overdose of sleeping pills, was on his feet and "complaining about everything," his physician said.

Hays, center of the congressional payroll-sex scandal, was moved Friday from an intensive care unit to a private room Dr Richard Phillips said Hays took an overdose of sleeping tablets that may have been up to 10 times the normal dosage

Phillips said he did not know whether the overdose was a suicide attempt or accidental

Hays is "his old self again, complaining about everything," the physician said

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Mercenary left problems?

BY HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

LUANDA, Angola (AP) — Gary Acker, an American mercenary on trial here for his life, told a court "I didn't come for money I didn't come to fight Communism I came because of problems with my family and myself"

Acker, 21, of Sacramento, Calif, testified on the first day Friday of a show trial being held by the Marxist Angolan regime against him, Daniel Gearhart, 34, of Kensington, Md, and 11 other mercenaries who fought in the closing days of Angola's civil war All were charged with murder, pillage and "destruction of Angola's property and natural resources"

The prosecutor demanded the death penalty

Acker denied a prosecution allegation that he "hated Communists" but admitted he wouldn't have fought for the winning Soviet-backed popular Movement (MPLA) faction In a soft-spoken voice, Acker said the Russians after World War II "killed three of my grandfather's nephews, put one of his nieces into a military brothel and sent another relation to Siberia"

The defendants besides Acker and Gearhart include 10 Britons and Agentine-born Gustave Marcelo Grillo, 27, from Tom's River, N.J They were recruited in Britain, fought for the losing pro-Western side in the civil war and were captured in the closing days of the war

Acker and Gearhart deny they ever fired their weapons or killed anyone in the Angola conflict, which erupted last year after Pourtugal granted its former colony independence

Acker said his problems began with his "strict disciplinarian father" who at one time "rigged up a shotgun and put the barrel in my mouth" but couldn't go through with it He later served in the U.S Marine Corps where he said he ran afoul of a platoon leader whom he accused of persecuting him

The court denied the defense's request for a psychiatric examination of Acker

Two American lawyers, Robert Cesner Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, and Bill Wilson, of St Louis, Mo., are defending Acker and Gearhart The others are being represented by court-appointed Angolan lawyers but two British lawyers said they would fly here to defend the 10 Britons

Acker's testimony followed ex-British soldier Kevin Marchant's account of how fellow defendant Costas Georgiou, known as "Col Callan," shot one of his own men with a pistol then ordered the execution of 14 other mercenaries

Georgiou sat imperturbable in the court, shunned by his fellow prisoners

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