Jessie Yost at library

Mrs Jessie Yost, Senior High school librarian, will be the Tuesday morning guest at the Morton-James Public library. Mrs Yost will demonstrate how to make applehead dolls and also display dolls from her collection.

There will also be films shown, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" and "Care of Pets."

Wednesdays films will be "Pokey, the Snail" and "Zak from Dr. Seuss on the Loose" The stories to be read are "A Wise Monkey Tale" by Betsy & Giulio Maestro and "The Day The Spaceship Landed" by Beman Lord.

The story "Witches, Ghosts, and Goblins" will be continued on Thursday. The film will be "The Paper Kite."

Syracuse hospital

SYRACUSE — (N-P) — Admitted to Community Memorial hospital, Syracuse, were Selma Weisheit, Elmwood; Fred Bartling, Walter Halm, Lena Klaasmeyer, Kay Winter, Roleen Watermeier, Albert Dankleff, all of Syracuse; Judy Twomey, Genene Wade, and Don Harman, Weeping Water; Velda Stevens, Otoe; Fred Schwartman and Clara Pell, both of Unadilla and Rose Jancik, Palmyra.

Dismissed were Carl Eisenhauer, Alice Auer, and August Rosenthal, Syracuse, Jeames Wade, Weeping Water, Dale Sheehan, Manley, Robin Holscher and Mrs Freda Hahn, Unadilla, Joyce Zeorian, Murdock and John Smith, Douglas.

Rose Jancik of Palmyra has been transferred to another hospital

No marijuana

By JOHN BARRETTE
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — Nebraskans won't have to decide next November whether to legalize marijuana.

By Friday's deadline, the organization known as "Helping End Marijuana Prohibition" (HEMP) had submitted to the secretary of state petitions bearing fewer than 2,000 signatures

By 5 p.m. Friday, HEMP had intended to gather at least 31,589 valid petition signatures, with at least some coming from each of 38 counties.

The initiative petition drive was aimed at getting the issue of legalizing marijuana on the November general election ballot

"It's our contribution to the bicentennial celebration," a HEMP handbill said during the unsuccessful drive.

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Thursday was a momentous day for Imo Heebner who observed her 85th birthday with a surprise birthday party at Frazier's. Employes of the department store who showered her with gifts and a birthday cake from left are Gary Frazier, Clydene Stoll, Mrs Melvin Gress, Mrs Helen Ramold, Mrs Harlan Frazier [who operates the store with her husband], Mrs Opal Conner, Mrs Grace Sheldon and Mrs Harry Riege. Mrs Paul Rowe, seated next to Imo, many times takes a coffee break with the birthday honoree. Mrs Rowe also had some gifts for her good friend.

Imo observes day with her friends

What better way to spend a birthday than with friends?

Imo Heebner wept momentarily with happiness when Mrs Paul Rowe and employes of Frazier's showered her with birthday greetings, gifts and a birthday cake Thursday.

The momentous occasion for the long-time Citian occurred after she arrived for her afternoon coffee break Imo, who is 85-years-young, confessed that she was "dumbfounded" and "shocked beyond words" at the surprise party headed by Gary Frazier.

Others helping her celebrate were Clydene Stoll, Mrs Melvin Gress, Mrs Helen Ramold, Mr and Mrs Harlan Frazier, Mrs Opal Conner, Mrs Grace Sheldon and Mrs Harry Riege.

The spry Citian has worked in the office of Heebner Quarries in Nebraska City for her brother, Granville Heebner, since 1950. She first traveled by train each day from Weeping Water to Nebraska City and returned home by train each night. Then when the train was discontinued she and another woman from Weeping Water drove to Nebraska City each day to work.

Miss Heebner, who currently lives in Nebraska City, received her teaching certificate from Peru State College in 1915, then graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1923.

She taught school for 13 years then quit teaching at Weeping Water to care for her parents until their deaths Miss Heebner is a member of the United Methodist church and Wesleyan Guild of the church. The Citian was born 85 years ago on a farm west of Nehawka on July 1.

Detour to end soon

The detour situation that has been annoying drivers traveling I-29 in Missouri will be eliminated in late July, according to Walter Vanderlicht of St Joseph, chief engineer for District 1, Missouri Highway Commission

The final unfinished section, 18.7 miles from Craig to Rock Port, will be finished in the next couple of weeks

The situation was eased a bit this week with the opening of an 8.2-mile segment between Craig and Mound City

For several years Midland's motorists traveling to and from Kansas City and St Joseph have been faced with a winding detour that took them along nearly 36 miles of narrow, two-lane highway

Awards to Neighbors

A number of individuals from the area have been selected for the 1976 Good Neighbor Awards by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben.

Listed are some of the accomplishments of each.

Ellis Pryor, Auburn — Active in the Kiwanis Club, he has helped with every bloodmobile by putting out calls for workers and donors and then personally treated the staff

Jessie Steinkuhler, Douglas — She headed a drive to raise funds for a young man who fell 10 floors from a residence hall and is now slowly working his way back to a complete recovery

John M Rishel, Plattsmouth — John has been associated with local Boy Scout Troops since 1960 He has received the Award of Merit, Silver Beaver, Order of the Arrow, Scouter's Key and Scouter's Training Award

He has also received awards from the Junior Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service to the youth of the community He has assisted the District parole officer with problem youth and has quietly delivered boxes of food to several needy families.

Mrs Esther McClary, Syracuse — Mrs McClary organized an art guild and the members have a yearly showing both in Syracuse and in Nebraska City She has done backdrops for the Syracuse — Dunbar — Avoca school plays and has completed several murals in various public buildings

William M. Longman, Jr, Shenandoah, Iowa — Mr Longman serves on the city planning and zoning committee and was very instrumental in bringing a business to Shenandoah that employes many of the local residents.

Citian is at clinic

Mrs Frances Farson is currently undergoing tests at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, according to her step-son, Don Farson

Mr Farson said she may have surgery before returning home. Mrs Farson was transferred from St Elizabeth's Community Health Center in Lincoln to the Mayo Clinic on June 28. The Citian is the deputy county assessor at the Otoe County courthouse

BOOKENDS

A sacred cow to him was only a hunk of meat to be barbecued. Among his pet hates in life were doctors, lawyers, children, dogs, henpecking, literary and pedantic women, script writers, studio property men, churchgoers, bluenoses, bankers, and the Internal Revenue Service.

"I'll tell you my conception of heaven, young man," Woody began.

The interviewer leaned forward eagerly, thinking this would be a rich plum, a real scoop: the religious beliefs of W. C. Fields. Did he worship God of mammon? Was he an atheist? Agnostic?

"It's quite simple. I'd take a doctor and a lawyer — pick any two at random from the telephone directory — and strap each into a chair facing the other. First the lawyer gives the doctor legal advice, and when the doctor asks, 'How much do I owe you?' the lawyer is gagged before he can answer. The same is repeated with the doctor.

"In this way neither collects a cent, which is just about what they're collectively worth, and to be a witness to this would be heaven to me."

Woody, I learned, had no sentiment about Christmas, a day on which he generally gave me a hundred dollars. Probing his dislike of the holiday, he said it stemmed from childhood days. He had been saving up enough money to buy his mother a present, hiding the coins and bills inside a milk bottle in the basement, and then, "A bastard I knew stole it," he complained.

"A former friend?" I asked.

"You might call him that," he said, "He was my father,"

Dickens, Woody said, was easy to read and easy to remember — and the latter was what he wanted the public to do after viewing his films. "I like my films to influence the audience," he said. "Even if it means tripping their grandparents with a cane when they get home."

They have said he was crochety, castigating, had a jaundiced eye, was larcenous, suspicious, shifty, erratic, frugal and mercenary. I can only confirm these accusations. But he was also lovable, kind, sweet, generous, thoughtful and gentlemanly.

Combining all these characteristics, you get a very mixed bag of a man. I can't deny that he was an anomaly.

He used to say, "Carlotta is fiery and unpredictable, but thoroughly wonderful and loyal." I think I was.

During the years I lived with him, I saved recordings, scribbled notes, and stored hundreds of incidents and anecdotes in my mind. I have attempted, with the help of a professional writer, Cy Rice, to translate them into a book.

I hope I have successfully rolled back the years

Excerpts from
"W.C. Fields and Me"
by Carlotta Monti
with Cy Rice

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Miss Monti has succeeded in rolling back the years in presenting her loving and insightful memoir of the Great One It's most reassuring to learn that Fields in real life was the cantankerous curmudgeon which he portrayed in reel life

And Miss Monti ought to know what she was talking about For the last 14 years of his life, she was Fields' mistress and loyal companion

The stories are bizarre, exclusive and hilarious Some are sad and touching All are interesting

"W C Fields and Me" is available in paperback editions at all local book outlets The film version starring Rod Steiger and Valerie Perrine is also in current release

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The Buck Ends Here

By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Serving the public —

Ron Badberg, owner of Dean's cafe, walked up to the counter with notebook in hand·

"Two eggs please," Jesse Stein said. "Don't fry them a second after the white is cooked. .don't turn them over. . . .not too much grease .just a pinch of salt. . . .no pepper. Well, Ron, whattya waiting for. . . .hustle with the food, man."

Ron's hair curled a bit more ."The hen's name is Eleanor — is that all right?"

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Keep the peace —

Who planted the state tree on the capitol grounds last May? The Otoe County Bicentennial Tree Committee? The Jolly Trippers?

If you're an "outsider" then take our advice — don't touch that question with a 10-foot pole. The groups are "separate" organizations but many of the people are the same. Everett Reimers is co-chairman of the County Bicentennial committee and Ed Bottcher is the man who has arranged tours for the Trippers for many years

There is an answer we hope will soothe the situation — irregardless of the title of the organization, the people who make up the groups deserve the "Thank You" of all of us in Otoe county

We know you as friends and neighbors There was no personal gain or self interest in the tree planting at Washington D.C. You did it for one reason only — to help people remember the Bicentennial from the people in Otoe county and Nebraska

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From George's files —

The wife exclaimed to her husband, "I found nearly a hundred empty whiskey bottles in the basement storeroom Where in the world did they come from?"

The red-eyed husband answered, "Why ask me? I never bought an empty whiskey bottle in my life "

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It don't feel that way —

Mrs Barbara Andrastek, a registered nurse from Cypress, Calif , who accompanied Nebraska City squadsmen on a call, said some flowery things about the volunteers from Nebraska City

They were accepted with appreciation by Chief Don Chapin and the 30 volunteers The truth is, most of the work is tragic. The biggest reward a volunteer receives is when an injured and ailing patient grasps the squadsman's hand while being transported to the hospital and looks at him with eyes that have a message That'll tear up any hairy chested man.

The other night was another experience Lorene Wood, an R N from the state health department and one of a crew of experts working on SIDS spoke bluntly to squadsmen about answering calls involving those infants.

The death rate is high, unpredictable Expect the worse Prepare for it

The victims in sudden infant death syndrome are smiling, bubbling infants from one to six months Last year 35 died. No reason This year 31 have died No reason

Half the infants had the sniffles or a mild cough. Some time later the infant was found dead in his crib. An autopsy reveals a minor degree of inflamation of the upper respiratory tract, but no lesion sufficient to account for the death.

Often, the autopsy reveals no evidence of illness. A doctor must tell the parents the infant died and he doesn't know why — it's called SIDS

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Nurse Wood said the peak period of deaths is at three months of age, death occurs during sleeping periods, and if the parents had been there, they probably couldn't have prevented it

Meanwhile, squadsmen have been trained in CPR to handle infants

Those babies are not the victims of a "freakish" disease As many as 10,000 die each year. SIDS also has been traced years back It was frequent in the 18th and 19th centuries In Biblical times it was referred to as "overlaying" when a mother slept with the infant and awakened to find the baby dead. She assumed she must have rolled over on him and caused his death.

If you wish more information on the subject, contact Mrs Wood at the state health department, 1003 'O' Street, Lincoln

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New subscriber, new resident

Mr and Mrs John Carley, Albuquerque, N M , are getting the News-Press every day

"We're going to retire and we want to live in Nebraska City," Mrs Carley said. She is originally from Lincoln The couple started a subscription to the News-Press and is looking for a home

Their address is 2903 Rio Vista Crt S W , Albuquerque, N.M. 87105

(Hey, hey .Mary Bell .did your Road Runner go "beep beep" too much or too loud?)

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Flipping a lid —

Iowa motorcyclists no longer have to wear helmets. The law was repealed effective last Thursday

Nebraska does not have a law requiring helmets

Congress threatened to withhold federal highway and safety money from states which did not require cycle operators to wear protective head and eye gear However, the 1976 Federal Aid Highway Act specified that federal safety programs could not require passage of such laws

We ride a motorcycle We wear a helmet

Last weekend we rode the bike on I-29 to the "dead end" and on to Brownville We saw a lot of other cyclists and all wore helmets

On the way back we watched the cloud and accompanying rain so we stopped at Trail's End until the storm passed (Mr and Mrs John Ehmke drove in the lot and we visited a few minutes and then headed for home)

One of the biggest kicks "road" machine riders get is from the passengers in cars, particularly children They all wave and we return the greeting

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A special report

"Days . . .bound to each," a publication of the School of Journalism at the University, is one of the more interesting packages of Nebraska history

The free land of Nebraska and Daniel Freeman's first claim is the story by Sue Beach of Syracuse

A cross of gold is the story of William Jennings Bryan by Nancy Stohs, the News-Press legislative correspondent

The stories begin with 1833 and the opening of the Overland Trail to the northwest and give a very fine and interesting report through Gov Norbert Tiemann's administration of 1970.

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Did you hear the one about the man who was bitten by a dog and some time later during a physical examination he was informed by Dr McFadden that he had rabies.

The man's blank expression changed to an "idea" and he took out a pad and pencil and started to write.

Dr McFadden assured him that he didn't need to write his will "We'll pull you through "

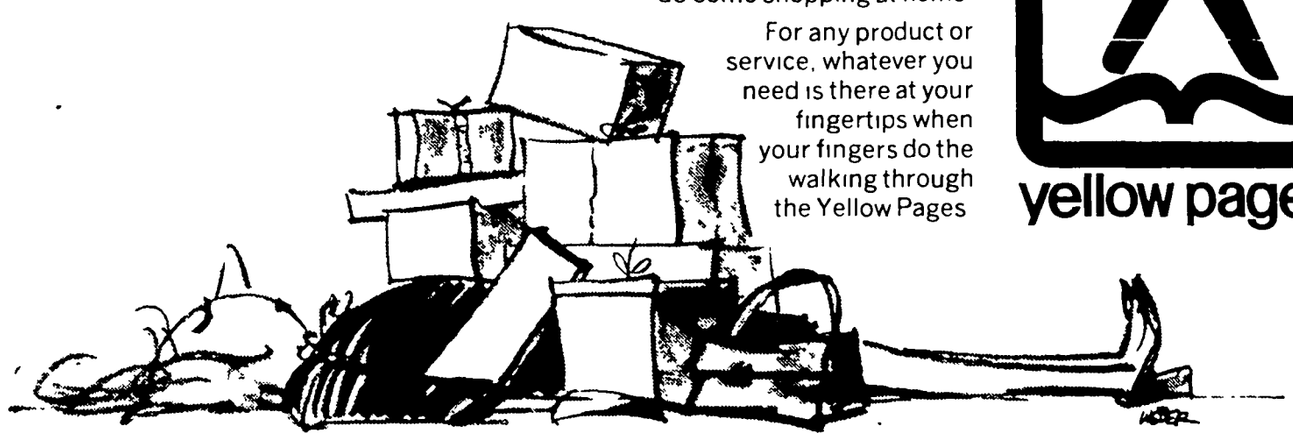
"Oh, I know that, doc," the man said, "I'm just making up a list of people I'm going to bite."

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