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VIEWPOINT

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security program includes "older" teachers during the summer months, according to the recent issue of the Nebraska Education News.

"If you're at least 62 years old, or a widow at least 60, you may be eligible for over-the-summer benefits, the NEA said. The benefits are available to any active teacher who earns no more than $230 in any month. The amount doesn't include summer payments from a nine-month teaching contract.

Those teachers could draw payments for June, July and August.

Teachers who worked several days during June or August must calculate daily earnings to determine eligibility for Social Security.

For example, a teacher earning $9,500 on a 190 day contract has a daily rate of pay of $50 He may still draw Social Security

Who says there's no free lunch?



Growing Enrollment

AS TIME GOES BY

Fire campaign

FORTY YEARS AGO
-1936-

William Powell and Carole Lombard starred in the comedy "My Man Godfrey" at the Booth...The Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department conducted a concentrated education campaign in the city's public schools as part of Fire Prevention Week...Four persons died in a fire which gutted the interior of a small frame cottage in Omaha...The fifth tabulation of the Literary Digest presidential straw vote showed Governor Alf M. Landon leading President Franklin D. Roosevelt by over 150,000 votes.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
-1951-

Stan Musial was the National League batting champ with a .355 average...George Blocher was elected president of the Nebraska City Teachers Association...The Board of Public Works decided to install fluoridation equipment in the city water system...Peru Prep dropped Odell, 31-0. .California's Golden Bears had the No 1 college football team rating in the nation...Marilyn Baucke of Nebraska City was a candidate for homecoming queen at Peru State.

TEN YEARS AGO
-1966-

Howard Baltensperger gave the icebreaker speech at the Utilities Toastmasters meeting...Dale Taylor of Nebraska City was selected as the new Cubmaster of Pack 350...The Ford Motor Company unveiled an inexpensive high-energy battery to electrically power small cars for city driving "Go Big Red" was the theme of the dinner dance of the Holiday Dance Club .Mr and Mrs Robert McDonald returned from an eight-day trip to Ireland and England.



By Don Oakley

Don Oakley

Will teachers' new power take a toll?

Under a banner proclaiming that "Teacher Power Is Now the Reporter a publication of the National Education Association notes that summer 1976 marked a turning point for America s teachers — "the time when teacher power matured into political power

Consider these signs of maturity

—At their annual meeting in Miami Beach in June nearly 8,000 teacher delegates paved the way for the association s first endorsement of a U S presidential candidate

—In July 172 teacher delegates and 93 alternates joined with other representatives of labor to become a major force at the Democratic National Convention in New York City

—In August another group of teacher delegates and alternates 50 strong traveled to Kansas City to add their views to the decision-making at the Republican National Convention

Teachers have come to recognize says the association s president John Ryor that we are a formidable force in the life of this nation Through participation in the political arena we will have the means and the will and the way to finally begin to achieve quality education in America

Now certainly quality education is something everybody wants in America, even if everyone may not agree with the National Education Association that more and more federal involvement is the way to get it, or may wonder what the association's support of the right of public workers to strike or ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment have to do with it

But there may also be some people and one hopes the majority of teachers are included among them who cling to the old-fashioned belief that real teacher power is what it has always been — the power to mold and inspire young people to instill in them the desire for knowledge and self improvement and service to their fellows that will influence them throughout their lives

Teachers have the right to organize to bargain to endorse issues and candidates and to vote and otherwise participate in the political arena just like any other citizens But it would be an immense pity if in its new-found political power the National Education Association transformed itself into just another muscle group telling itself that what is good for it is necessarily and always what is good for everybody else

HOW THEY STAND
On strip mining



Gerald Ford

Ford has twice vetoed strip-mining legislation (pocket veto in 1974).

— Congressional Quarterly 1/17/76

In response to a question on the strip-mining bill, Ford said, "If the same bill came before me of course I would veto it because of several things One, it would have slowed down our answer to the energy program It would have slowed down significantly the development and expansion of our coal mining throughout the country at a critical time when jobs were important. There could be a strip-mining bill that I would sign and I have indicated about 10 different amendments to the legislation If they were adopted, yes, I would accept them in the meantime, it has been interesting, there have been a number of states — not a number, but a few states — that have moved ahead in their own strip-mining legislation, and I think this could be a very good alternative "

— Northern Illinois Newspaper Assn 3/12/76



Jimmy Carter

In response to a question on how Carter would reconcile the differences between the environmentalists and the coal companies, Carter said, "I favored the strip-mining bill that was vetoed by President Ford, with a couple of exceptions "

— Business Week 5/3/76

Carter says that he would "support efforts to place reasonable limits on strip mining We must require reclamation of land as a condition of strip mining "

— Presentation to the Democratic Platform Committee 6/76

Speaking about the search for other sources of energy, Carter said, "We have about 200 years worth of coal that's clean burning, it can be mined with strict strip-mining laws which I favor "

— CBS Face the Nation 11/30/75

"Substantial increases in coal production and utilization will only come with a stable regulatory climate The recent veto of the strip-mining bill merely prolonged the present climate of uncertainty "

— Carter News Release 7/11/75

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THE BUCK ENDS HERE

We missed the goodies

Oops, sorry. I missed the Otoe barbecue. I chose the shelter of the home during the most pleasant rain and later got into a prone position to check the fly specks on the ceiling in the living room.

Later when I came out of never-never land, I realized we had missed the goodies. A check of the rain gauge was comforting It measured better than an inch and a half Up on the North 40.

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You question the living room floor for snoozes?

Mercy sakes, folks Can you think of a better place for a catnap and still in the middle of things?

"Shhhhh," I heard the Queen Bee

"What's the matter?" saith the boy with the clunky feet as he dropped his stinky, smelly bag of football gear on the kitchen floor and banged the door

(Snort .snort. they thought I was asleep)

"Your father is taking a nap," she answered.

"I suppose that shhh...shhh... means that Dad is konked out on the living room floor," he said.

"Yes," the mother-of-the-house said. "Now hold your voice down "

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Pretty soon there came another alarm This time it was the volleyball girl.

"Mom!" she said

"Shh .shhh ," hushed the queen.

"Where's dad? I gotta talk to him We need the Ranchero to haul stuff for the homecoming," said the lowest form of life at high school (That's any sophomore)

"He's sleeping .it'll have to wait,"

"Yeah, can't you tell that, dummy?" snapped the boy

"Okay smarty .you "

The Queen wound up her stinger and interrupted

"Be quiet! Both of you! Your father is taking a nap "

"He started it," said one young child

"Yeah, but she "

"Enough! Be quiet!" she said as she snapped the stinger

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Snort snort I was truly enjoying the company After a few moments, I rolled over, groaned and put on an act like I had been sleeping (snicker, snicker) and called to the family "hello anyone around?"

"Hi Dad," was the response "Man, do you sleep soundly "

"Yeah," I answered "Learned that little trick from President Kennedy "

"Huh?" one young child asked

"Oh, he was the master of the catnap and I just practiced until I got it all down Sound sleep Never hear a thing "

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The last big fling

Mrs John Staack helped me to recall the big night held in Otoe when the school basketball team went to the playoffs

They didn't win the playoff crown but when the boys got back to town, you'd have thought they did

Reporters Jack Andersen and myself went to Otoe that night Jack had followed the Otoe boys through the season and was called upon for a few words at the big banquet that night

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Mrs Staack I looked this up in the News-Press files of February 1957

The first string included Roger Witt who averaged 30 points a game and was an All State center, Jerry Gorton, Junior Kirchhoff, Roger Fey, Dick Steinhoff and Duane Hillman. Bob Ihrig was the coach.

He directed his boys to 18 consecutive victories before they dropped it 46-53 to Elmwood. They made a comeback, however, dumping Elmwood in the Class D district 60-48 and went on to capture the district title defeating Springfield 54-40

In the playoffs, they lost a chance to go to the state tournament in a 55-54 game with Verdon Witt scored 33 points that night

There was a lot of good basketball in the county that year Palmyra won the Class C title and Talmage captured the E crown

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Sitteritus

One of the things that makes newspaper work interesting is the opportunity to hear many speak It also creates sitter-i-tus

The other night we listened to a man speak on a single subject His topic was interesting He talked an hour and a half

The next night we attended another meeting The speaker held his audience for over an hour and a half

The third night we attended a meeting involving a number of speakers That lasted over two hours

I don't know how much of the subjects I absorbed I know how much "body" abuse I had taken No matter, the point is, everyone was giving the speakers the attention they richly deserved

At those long winded sessions do you ever look around at what other people are doing? I do A lot get droopy eyed, some just plain snooze, some take notes, but most just sit and listen

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I've missed most of the premiers on TV I did catch the end of "Airport '75" and helped that stewardess fly that 747 over the mountains and most of "Big Jake" and helped John Wayne rescue his grandson

I have second thoughts about TV this fall During the previews of coming shows was one about a teen-age prostitute I wasn't too sure whether that was prime time family entertainment.

No matter The family rules the roost When I flip my bic it's to another channel

Did you read the other one in the VFW magazine about a father who took his daughter to New York and to one of those plays which made a father blush a bit?

"I'm sorry, honey," the father said, "that I brought you here This is hardly the place for a girl of your age "

"Oh, that's all right daddy," she answered, "it'll probably liven up a bit before long "

THE FAMILY LAWYER
by Will Bernard

Holding Junior-Liable

Suppose that little Willie, who lives down the street, heaves a brick through your picture window. Unless he is a habitual troublemaker, chances are you cannot collect damages from his parents.

But what about suing Willie himself? Even if he has no money of his own, he might well be covered by the family's liability insurance.

Most courts say a child is indeed liable for wilful destruction of property. For example:

A six-year-old boy deliberately stomped on a neighbor's fresh bed of geraniums. The neighbor filed suit against the boy and won a judgment. The court pointed out that the main purpose of a damage suit is not to punish the wrongdoer but to reimburse the victim for his loss.

A child may also be liable for inflicting personal injury. Another six-year-old boy, seeing a four-year-old girl approaching, announced to his playmates:

"I'll take care of Lucy."

He thereupon gave her a hard shove that sent her spinning to the ground. Result. injury to Lucy's arm and, in due course, a damage verdict against the boy.

On the other hand the child is usually not liable if his action, even though intentional, even though harmful, lacks a mischievous motive.

One affectionate four-year-old grabbed a woman visitor just below the knees, causing her to fall over and get hurt.

But when she sued him for damages, the court found no wrongful intention in the child's mind. Rejecting the woman's claim, the court said the hug was not an act of mischief but an act of love.



By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D

Dr. Lamb

Women carry more fat

DEAR DR LAMB — Having retired to Florida six years ago, not only do I find that my husband and I differ in toleration of heat but many "couple" friends have this problem too In 99 per cent of the situations it is the woman who cannot tolerate the heat. Is there any physical, medical explanations for this? I have met native Floridians who have lived here their entire lives in these situations and the woman never tolerated the heat.

Relying on air conditioning in the home was not a factor in my findings, for many women of whom I speak do not have air conditioning in their homes.

Thank you for your trouble and any information you can give me

DEAR READER — You may be right. Women tend to have more body fat than men. This is a fundamental difference in males and females. We accept more body fat on the female as normal. This body fat characteristic provides for the curves and feminine figure. While the absence of fat in the male results in the sharply defined muscular body.

The fat pad acts as insulation. It makes it harder for the body to cool off In a sense it is as if you already had on clothing to provide insulation.

Now this isn't all there is to it but it is a frequent factor in why some people feel hot before others do.

I am sending you The Health Letter number 7-6, Body Temperature and Fever to give you a more complete discussion of how the body temperature is regulated Others who want this information can send a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope with 50 cents for it. Just send your letter to me in care of this newspaper, P.O Box 326, San Antonio, TX 78292.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Please give me some information about tubular pregnancy after surgical removal of the uterus. I read years ago that it is possible for a woman to be artificially inseminated and conceive a child in a tube and have this child if she receives hospital care during the period of the tubular pregnancy. Is this really a possibility?

DEAR READER — That's a bit far out. A tubular pregnancy means that the fertilized ovum has implanted in one of the small tubes rather than the body of the uterus As the pregnancy progresses the enlargement usually causes a rupture or presents a surgical problem.

Once the uterus is out there is no way to get healthy sperm from the vagina to the tube to induce fertilization, even through artificial insemination The vaginal vault is literally a dead end street with no remaining openings

The only possible way a pregnancy can occur after the uterus is removed is in that rare chance that a woman may have healthy sperm in the tube already, just before the operation to remove the uterus. Then if she ovulates within two days there is a chance of a pregnancy without a uterus.

To avoid this one need only avoid sex for about two or at the most three days before surgery to remove the uterus. Then once the uterus is out you have 100 per cent effective birth control thereafter. The treatment for tubular pregnancy is surgical removal as soon as the diagnosis is made.

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Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, October 3, the 277th day of 1976. There are 89 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1952, the British exploded their first atomic bomb in a test off the coast of Australia

On this date:

In 1866, war between Austria and Italy was ended by the Treaty of Vienna

In 1932, Iraq joined the League of Nations as a British mandate ended.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops cracked the Siegfried Line north of Aachen, Germany.

In 1974, Frank Robinson became the first black manager in major league baseball as he took over the Cleveland Indians.

Ten years ago: The British colony of Basutoland became the new independent African nation of Lesotho.

Five years ago: An unmanned Soviet spacecraft, Luna 19, went into orbit around the moon.

One year ago: The U.S. Senate approved a bill to partly lift an embargo against arms shipments to Turkey.

Today's birthdays: Writer Gore Vidal is 51. Orchestra conductor Stanislaw Skrowaczewski is 53.

Thought for today: To change one's mind is rather a sign of prudence than ignorance. — A Spanish proverb.

Bicentennial footnote: Two hundred years ago today, a Continental Congress committee that had investigated George Washington's army in the New York area reported that some officers had permitted their men to plunder and commit other offenses.

CAPITOL COMMENT:

State will start year in good field position

—CAPITOL COMMENT—
By JOHN BARRETTE
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Deputy Tax Commissioner Gary Chumka uses football terminology to report in glowing terms the state's recovered financial health these days.

"I think for the next three months, people will understand this," Chumka said as he likened the state's treasury to a Nebraska "Big Red" football offensive drive that begins with "good field position."

Chumka reported that as the state began closing its books on September's revenue picture, more than $10 million was in the general fund till.

When the fiscal year began July 1, the state treasury had nearly a zero general fund balance.

"We're over $10 million and we haven't collected one dime of the tax increase yet," he said.

Because of the drought and lagging tax recipts in July, the state Board of Equalization increased state-level tax rates from 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent on sales and from 15 to 17 per cent on the individual income tax, which is figured as a percentage of federal liability.

Chumka indicated the $10 million was more than $5 million higher than earlier anticipated, which means the state goes into next calendar year with funds to meet political subdivision aid payments with an adequate margin in the treasury, or "good field position "

Moving from financial capital to the Capitol building, some items of note include:

—A cockroach problem is being stemmed on the south and west sides of the structure's second floor

—A dictaphone repairman was startled recently when he found nests of cockroaches in equipment in the attorney general's office as he began working on the malfuntioning equipment.

—John S. Stiles, 78, who was with the construction firm that originally put together the dome of the Capitol building, died recently.

His death served as a reminder that the statehouse, labeled one of the world's architectural wonders, is getting along in years.

Various lawmakers have expressed concern over Capitol maintenance, especially members of a subcommittee of the Executive Board who are trying to formulate a preventive maintenance program for all state structures.

—Depite the Capitol's aging beauty, or perhaps because of it and the bicentennial year celebration, visitors to the statehouse through August exceeded 83,000 this year. That compares with visitor records for 1975 showing about 73,000 vistors toured the Capitol all last year.

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

"Thou hast delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. . . .What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?" (Psalm 116:8-12 RSV)

PRAYER: O Lord our God, pour Thy spirit upon us that we may render unto Thee even a token of the gratitude we owe Thee for Thy goodness toward us. We pray in the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.