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VIEWPOINT

FILLING THE SHOES

Nebraska is losing a great representative with the retirement of Roman Hruska from the U S Senate, but the man who wants to be his Republican successor is qualified and capable of doing the job

Congressman John Y McCollister is that man. He has served the Second District well and has the experience of working in the halls of Congress He also knows what it's like in the Farm Belt. He's a farmer

We're not saying that the Democratic candidate, Ed Zorinsky, isn't qualified Anyone elected mayor of Omaha surely knows the ins and outs of running a public office

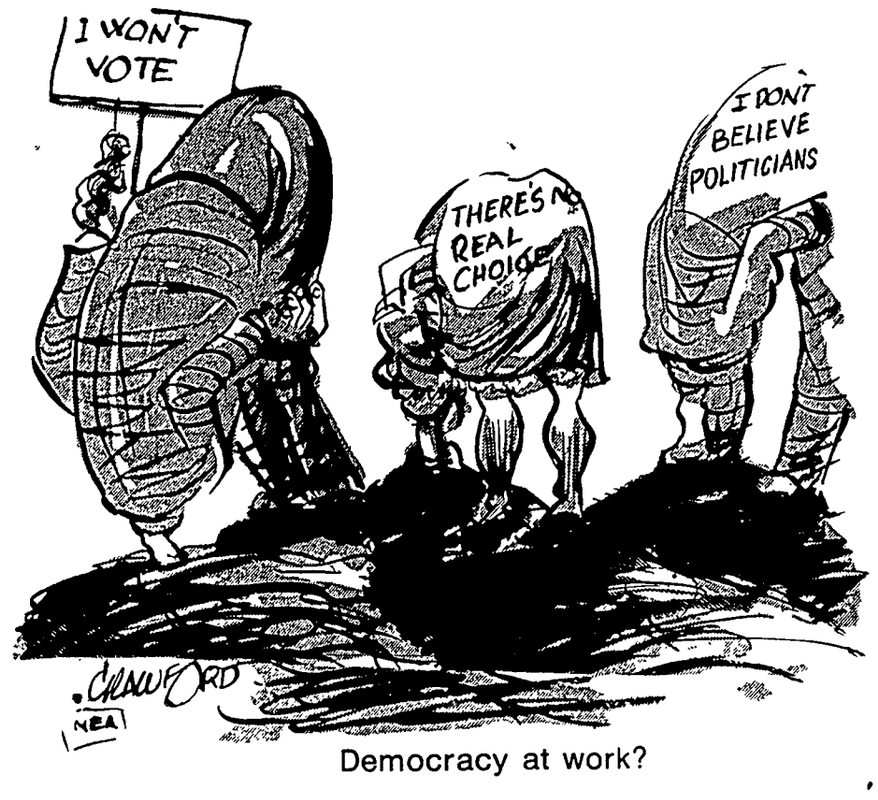
The fact is, that Omahans and many other Democrats elected Mr McCollister to the House of Representatives and they should look upon the congressman for that continued leadership in the U S Senate

The polls in recent weeks have put Mayor Zorinsky out in front but have shown that Congressman McCollister has been closing the gap. That may well be But then again, that's the polls. Just how accurate they are, or how much influence they have on the "undecided factor" is something else

Meanwhile, we have one other "factor" to consider — the voter

The American voter is a very special person He'll swing and sway to the campaign rhythms, but on election day he becomes a determined citizen He won't be obligated to anyone. He'll do as he pleases and generally he will vote with a conservative thought — we say that's McCollister

IDEB



Democracy at work?

HOW THEY STAND
On social security



Gerald Ford

"I am concerned about the integrity of our Social Security Trust Fund Simple arithmetic warns all of us that the Social Security Trust Fund is headed for trouble Unless we act soon to make sure the Fund takes in as much as it pays out, there will be no security for old or for young I must, therefore, recommend a 3 per cent increase in both employer and employe Social Security taxes effective January 1, 1977 "

—State of the Union Address 1/19/76

The current Social Security tax rate is 5 85 per cent for each employe and employer of covered wages Under this proposal, in 1977 the tax rate would be 6 15 per cent on a maximum wage base of $16,000 This increase will cost workers with the maximum taxable income less than $1 a week and will help stabilize the trust funds so that current and future recipients can be assured of the benefits they have earned

—Fact Sheet on the State of the Union Address 1/19/76

"I think Social Security can be improved, but under no circumstances, for example, would I invest the proceeds into the stock market or would I, in any other way, interfere with the financial integrity of the Social Security Trust Fund Those 32 million people are expecting their benefits to come from our government for which they made payments, and I am going to make damn sure they get them "

—Remarks at Fort Wayne Indiana 5/4/76



Jimmy Carter

"I pledge to you and Americans around the country that as president I will preserve, with the assistance of Congress, the financial integrity of the Social Security system to which so many Americans have contributed and are contributing To solve the current problems of the Social Security System we must energetically insure that

—We preserve the present cost-of-living benefits for those receiving benefits and stabilize the 'replacement rate' of benefits to wages, by guaranteeing to present-day contributors that their benefits at retirement will fully reflect increases in their wages Workers should be guaranteed that when they retire Social Security benefits will bear the same relationship to their recent earnings as is true for those retiring today This could be accomplished by indexing average monthly earnings under Social Security The reform I have suggested would cut in half the estimated long-range imbalance in the program

— Rather than increasing the contribution rate as President Ford has suggested, which would put an even greater burden on the average wage earner, would not insure more benefits, and would require everyone to pay more, if additional revenues are needed, I would prefer a more profgressive plan to increase gradually the maximum amount of earnings subject to the social security tax '

—Jimmy Carter on Social Security

AS TIME GOES BY
Quake hits

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1936—

A number of buildings were damaged but there were no injuries or deaths reported as an earthquake and several aftershocks shook Anchorage, Alaska...Jean Winkelman, a Nebraska City High School student, received first place in the girls division of the District 12 Young Citizens contest...President Roosevelt planned strategy for his final week of campaigning while Governor Alf M. Landon urged anti-New Deal Democrats to join their leaders in supporting his election...In another campaign development, Landon was leading Roosevelt 1.1 million to 878,526 in the latest Literary Digest poll which showed FDR ahead in only 11 states.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1951—

Mrs Albert Walch of Burr had a collection numbering 1,114 sets of salt and pepper shakers...A strike closed Omaha's major bakeries...Richard Corwine of Peru was awarded his Eagle Scout badge....A near $2 million tax bill, the largest at that time in Otoe county history, was presented to County Treasurer Henry Schemmel for collection.. Auburn whipped Humboldt, 20-6, in football .The Talmage sextet blanked Union, 33-0.

TEN YEARS AGO
-1966-

Charter members of the Otoe Precinct Extension club attending the club's 45th anniversary open house were Mrs Irl Johnson of Johnson and Mrs Gladys Beccard of Nebraska City...Some 600 parents and students representing six Otoe County high schools participated in the 21st annual Nebraska City High School Conference on Career and Training Opportunities .President Johnson and six Pacific allies put forth a South Viet Nam peace plan pledging withdrawl of all foreign forces within six months after the Communists began pulling out of the war

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct. 24, the 298th day of 1976. There are 68 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1945, the United Nations Charter went into force as the Soviet Union became the 29th nation to ratify it.

On this date:

In 1603, James I was proclaimed King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland.

In 1648, the Peace of Westphalia ended the Thirty Years War. European nations recognized the independence of the Netherlands.

In 1795, Poland was partitioned by Prussia, Austria and Russia.

Ten years ago: The British government ordered a major inquiry into the security of the country's prisons after the escape of master spy George Blake.

Today's birthday: Former pro football star Y. A. Tittle is 50.

Thought for today: He who does not enjoy his own company is usually right. — the late French designer Coco Chanel.

Bicentennial footnote: Two hundred years ago, the Secret Committee of Congress retained the ship "Reprisal", captained by Lambert Wickes, to carry Benjamin Franklin as emissary to France.

SAFETY VALVE

". .exercise a right. "

EDITOR, News-Press A short time ago we came in contact with some figures that, quite frankly, scared us These figures represented the number of people who went to the polls and voted in the last election

Just over 50 per cent of the people voted for President and only 30 per cent for Congressmen and Governor This means it took on the average, only 16 per cent of the people to elect the governors. For mayors and local officials the figure is even more atrocious. Only about 20 per cent, on the average, of the people bothered to go down their ballot far enough to vote for the people who run the community in which they live This means that 11 per cent of the vote, in most cities, would elect a mayor.

In medicine there is a term called "atrophy" that refers to a muscle that becomes useless after not being used or exercised for a long period of time Could something like this happen to voting rights? If we continue to not exercise this right will it become uselesss to us?

How long can we expect foreign nations to respect our President when it only takes 3 people out of ten to elect him. We have, by far, the lowest voting tournout record of any nation. Thinking of the quote "you can fool some of the people all of the time" is it possible that the people who masterminded something like Watergate felt they only had to fool three out of ten people because that's all that was paying attention to what was going on anyway?? Are we encouraging other ventures such as this by not voting?

What are we going to do about it? Are you concerned enough to get personally involved. Please listen to the candidates during the next few weeks: Get involved with the U.S. democratic process, form your opinion and exercise your given right to vote on November 2.

NEBRASKA CITY JAYCEES



Don Oakley

Will democracy die by default?

By Don Oakley

There is not much point in arguing with people who say they aren't going to vote in the presidential election because neither candidate is deserving, or because it doesn't matter how you vote since nothing ever changes, etc , etc

This is the way people feel — 70 million of them, according to one survey — and there is little that can be done to crack through the rather self-righteous shell into which they have retreated Certainly, much of what they say about politics and politicians is true

But it is one thing to refuse to participate in selecting the man who will lead the nation, and the free world, for the next four years It is another to throw away the right to vote entirely.

Choosing the president is, after all, merely one decision Americans will be called upon to make on Nov 2. There will be a host of other questions on every ballot in every community in the nation

On the national level, of course, all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and 34 seats in the Senate will be in the balance

But on the state level, voters will be faced with more than 340 issues of every description — taxes, judicial reform, terms of state officers and salaries, bond issues, industrial development, sexual equality, law enforcement.

Georgians alone will be confronted with no less than 95 "ballots," ranging from a new state constitution to authorizing the General Assembly to create a small claims court in Whitfield County. In Maryland, 19 amendments to the state constitution will be on the ballot.

In Massachusetts, citizens will decide whether or not to make part of their state's constitution an amendment guaranteeing equal rights regardless of sex; and in Colorado the question will be whether or not to keep that state's 1972 equal rights amendment

Also in Colorado, voters will be asked, as they were in California earlier this year, to weigh a proposal — Proposition 3 — which could determine the future of nuclear energy in their state.

The same is true in five other states In Ohio, it's Issue 6, in Oregon, Proposition 9, in Washington, Initiative 325, in Montana, Proposition 71, and in Arizona, Proposition 200.

All of these proposals are characterized by their opponents as "anti-nuclear " By placing unrealistic restrictions on nuclear power plants, it is warned, they would foreclose the orderly development of this form of energy Their advocates, of course, argue just the opposite

Surely, questions like this ought to arouse the intense concern of every citizen They can hardly be dismissed as a matter of Tweedledum versus Tweedledee

Actually, however, therein may lie a clue as to why there is so much voter apathy Bombarded by propaganda from all sides, not only on the question of nuclear energy but everything else, the average person is often unsure and bewildered

Moreover, it is frustrating and irritating to be confronted with a lengthy ballot and to realize that you haven't done your homework and know absolutely nothing about some of the candidates for a multitude of offices Even more annoying are complicated proposals presented in such obtuse language that frequently a vote for is actually a vote against

What should one do when in doubt? Leave the box blank? Make a hopeful guess? Or stay home in the first place?

For better or worse, this is the way it has always been in a democracy and this is the way it will be until enough people, because of their unwillingness to do the hard work demanded of good citizenship, allow democracy to die by default.

Those who refuse to vote at all are hastening the day when a select few make all our decisions for us. They are not displaying their integrity, just their laziness

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

"Let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." (I John 3:18 NASB)

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, grant that we may share with those in need and witness for Thee through our love and material aid. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Ivan D.E. Beaumont — THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Steve and Hotel Grand

Happy Birthday—

To—A.M. Stephenson. It was just 54 years ago that he became the owner of Hotel Grand.

For the benefit of new residents in town, Hotel Grand was located where Midwest Federal is today. Fire destroyed the hotel a number of years ago

"Steve" is missed on Central by his friends. He was a familiar face downtown for so many years Not only that, his coffee drinking friends had plenty of opportunities to "stick" him for the coffee tab at the adjacent Coffee Shop.

The coffee "gang" moved across the street to the Friendship Room at Otoe County National Bank. Wilma Ohnmacht moved with them and daily serves them coffee and a smile

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From Dunbar—

The entertainer was giving imitations of famous personalities when the heckler in the audience shouted for an imitation of Lassie

The entertainer calmly looked beyond the stage lights to the audience and announced, "I'll be happy to do an imitation of Lassie if the gentleman making the request will please come forward and play the role of the tree "

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The new store—

Bill Rose, manager of the Earl May store in Nebraska City, is anxious to get into his new building

The new store will open in a few days at the location on South 11th Street across from Gibson's and Larson's The grand opening will be held November 19-20-21

The new store not only offers more floor space but also something that Mr Rose has needed—an outdoor display area

Meanwhile, the building downtown will be occupied by Wayne Brown's furniture department Mr Brown said considerable remodeling will be done on the main floor and the basement

The furniture department has been located above Frazier's Mr Brown has a big sale going on now in preparation for the move The store ad ran in the Monday News-Press

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The hunters—

Baron Volkmer who visited with the Ron Volkmer family in Nebraska City a number of years ago, will return with some guests on a special trip

This time, we understand the Baron from Texas will be accompanied by some industrialists. They're going hunting for pheasant

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Steve Davis—

The young man from Oklahoma warmed the hearts of students and business people with his fast moving talks and appearances last week in Nebraska City

Steve Davis, the Sooner quarterback who whopped the Huskers last year and guided the team to 32 wins during his years, says he misses football, but that's in the past now He's looking to the future and his future is full-time for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Steve landed his twin engine airplane at Grundman airport, and spent the day speaking to groups. His last appearance was at the high school Wednesday night. He returned to the airport and left Nebraska City on a night flight home to Oklahoma.

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He's a very interesting young man. If he put his enthusiasm to music, he'd have a smash hit.

He was the No. 8 quarterback for the Sooners when he first put on the pads. The rest is football history He has been just about the greatest for the Sooners.

Mr Davis played several positions in high school football. He claims he was never a really good player and so was not much in demand by colleges.

In fact, only one college recruited him—Oklahoma.

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Now, he has a different outlook on life and he wants to spread that outlook through the FCA. There is an answer for the young and Mr Davis says that is—Christ.

He says it's not unusual today when a high schooler says he doesn't know whether he wants to go on to school. That's the sad part, Mr Davis says. "There are millions of kids who don't know where they are going."

Mr Davis wants to talk with young people He says to invest in people because God wants each person to count.

He's quite a peppy man. He talks a mile a minute, but he has a message for the young and they sure like him.

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The football contest

The football contest in the News-Press each week is sponsored by the businesses listed on the page The contests last for the football season.

When you're judging the contest, it seems like it has been going on forever My, my, we sure do have a lot of football fans who read the News-Press

I read the other day in the Wayne, Nebr , Herald that the football contest winner there had seven misses in 20 games Whoee! That guy couldn't get fifth place in the N-P contest

Our contest runs from 193 to 249 entries each week And, we've got another FAN sending in the clippings from the paper

Mrs Merle Jensen of Bennet said she has never entered, but thought she'd give it a try. Welcome to the world of sports and competition, Mrs Jensen

And...lotsa luck.

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Go fly a kite, Frank—

The Midwest Fall Invitational for the hang gliders will be October 30-31 in the Murray Hill area of Little Sioux, Ia., 40 miles south of Sioux City on I-29.

Competition will include a combination slalom course, foul line and target area with trophies in men's and women's divisions. The event is sponsored by the Cloud Chasers Hang Glider Club in Omaha.

Why this interest in hang gliding?

We overheard a conversation in our front office one day between our want ad gal, Norma Malzer, and her husband, Frank

"Oh, go fly a kite," Norma said to Frank one summer afternoon He did. He's a member of the Hang Gliders

Wanna know something else? So's Norma "It's a real thrill," she says

.if you don't mind I'll stick to something safer like motorcycling (no, not Crash And Burn) and skiing in Riverview park



Dr. Lamb
Find out allergy's source

By Lawrence E Lamb, M D

DEAR DR LAMB — I have an allergy that has been diagnosed as allergic rhinitis and it is a year-round allergy It is worse during April May and June

About four years ago I had cortisone shots which worked a miracle but also produced bad side effects A year later I was given cortisone in pill form followed by an tihistamines which make me sleepy and out of it

For this past year I have hesitated to go to my doctor for obvious reasons, side effects of the drugs I recently heard a doctor on a TV talk show barely mention that vitamin C, along with pantothenic acid and the B complex vitamins are effective in helping the body produce its own cortisone He just mentioned it in passing but I wonder if this is true or was I mistaken?

DEAR READER — Allergic rhinitis, commonly called hay fever means you have an allergy If it is truly worse in April May and June it may mean that the allergy is to pollen from trees and grass Or if it is really year around it may mean that you are allergic to dust animal dander or other year around irritants

The first step in proper treatment is finding out what you are allergic to The second one is to eliminate exposure to that substance if at all possible If it turns out to be the family cat, the cat has to go if you want to get well If it is house dust you need to dustproof your bedroom But if you have a horsehair mattress, which I doubt you need to replace it with one with some substance such as foam rubber in it

I am glad the doctor only mentioned vitamin C and other vitamins as a stimulant to producing cortisone in passing because it isn't true We used to think vitamin C could help substitute for cortisone before it was readily available but more recent research has proved that not to be true

You do not need cortisone pills for allergic rhinitis It is too powerful and has too many side effects to be used for such a minor illness I know you are going to say it isn t minor to you and I m sure it isn't but it is not dangerous or life threatening Besides you haven't had adequate treatment yet if you don't know what you are allergic to and haven't taken steps to control your exposure to it

You can also have desensitization shots if your condition really warrants that These are expensive and must be continued for a long time if they are effective

Incidentally you can use a nasal spray of cortisteroids that is very effective Some say it is as effective or better than the desensitization program without the overall effects of cortisone The action is local where the problem is

Shrinking of the nasal membrane with some sprays, such as NeoSynephrine can lead to dependence on the medicine As the medicine wears off the boggy swollen nasal membranes may actually be worse than before

Anti-histamines are commonly used but as you have observed they make you sleepy Some are less troublesome in this regard

So you can understand your problem better I am sending you The Health Letter number 8-4 Hay Fever (Allergic Rhinitis) Others who want this information can send 50 cents with a long, stamped self-addressed envelope for it Send your letter to me in care of this newspaper P O Box 326 San Antonio Texas 78292

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"Yes, I watched all three debates, and have decided upon my choice — Elizabeth Drew!"