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Appropriate reminder

By Don Oakley

Everybody has been so preoccupied in celebrating the Bicentennial that the quindecimcentennial has gone almost unnoticed.

It was 1500 years ago this summer that mighty Rome fell, recalls UPI writer Jack R Payton Historians agree, anyway, that A.D 476 was the year that the last western Roman ruler was deposed by Germanic invaders

Since Americans are particularly fond of citing the fall of the Roman empire as an example of what happens when a country forgets its founding principles, the reminder is appropriate in this Bicentennial year

The Romans took their own sweet time rising and falling, however — about a thousand years That doesn't even count the eastern Roman empire, Byzantium, which lasted another thousand years, until 1453, or very nearly to the discovery of America

The western Roman empire endured for half a millenium Before that, the Roman republic had been around almost as long, until Julius Caesar crossed the Rubicon and put an end to it. By contrast, the United States has been in existence a mere 200 years

If we hang on as well as the Romans did, it will be some accomplishment

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AS TIME GOES BY

Clothes bought

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1936—

New clothes were the principal purchase made by 23 students from relief and unemployed families drawing regular pay from the National Youth Administration...The Deadwood, S.D. City Council appointed a censorship committee to guard against the appearance of more than one Santa Claus on the streets of the city at one time...Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin faced a historic session of the Parliament and challenged King Edward VIII to either drop his plans to marry Mrs Wallis Simpson or abdicate.. The University of Washington Huskies, winners of the Pacific Coast title, selected the University of Pittsburgh at its opponents for the 1937 Rose Bowl.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1951—

Janet Kay Niebruegge asked Santa Clause for a Magic Wanda doll Sandra Dougherty asked him for a toy farm A B-29 crashed into a row of houses near Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado Then Avoca cagers nipped Otoe, 38-31 .Bill Schmidt and Lee Gruber scored 28 and 20 points, respectivily, as the Johnson cagers walloped Cook, 61-20 Tackle Jim Weatherall of Oklahoma won the Outland Award U.S. Senator Hugh Butler of Nebraska, 73, filed for re-election.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1966—

Syria offered arms to Jordanian revolutionaries to overthrow King Hussein.,.Dye poured into the Missouri river was tested by state and federal authorities downstream to determine the extent of water pollution Dianne Witty, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Witty, Syracuse, complimented Otoe County with her grace at the state centennial pageant in Lincoln .Nebraska City Utilities completed three years in November of 1966 without a lost time accident

SAFETY VALVE

"...chopping wood..."

Sometime ago I wrote about the transients who were always fed at our house when they asked for some food.

Back in the years when I was growing up many a man from Missouri and Kansas would follow the wheat harvest north through the Dakotas and Minnesota and in the fall on the way home they would try to get jobs husking corn In those years wheat was all cut with a grain binder and the bundles of wheat had to be shocked in piles of 6 or more and at threshing time were hauled to the threshing machine with team and rack.

Corn was always husked by hand, one ear at a time It took 100 ears to make a bushel of shelled corn, so a man husking 80 bushels a day had to throw 8000 ears into the wagon every day. I think one of the earliest lessons about life I received was from my father.

He always said form an opinion about people the first time you meet them and usually your opinion will be right. I will always remember the large wood pile in our back yard with an axe and splitting wedges close by.

At least seven out of 10 men who stopped and ate at our place would ask if we had some chores they could do or some wood to chop to pay for their food No one was ever asked to pay but father would say if you want to split some wood we would appreciate it.

I asked my father why we always kept the wood pile handy. And this was his reply.

These men are just down on their luck but they have pride and if you let them do something they will always retain that pride and self-respect and feel they earned their food. Many of these men had families back home and wanted to bring home every dollar they were able to keep. Quite a difference between then and now, eh, Ivan.

BOB KREIFELS

(ED. NOTE: Dunno about that stuff, Bob. . . .the "old man" always made his explanations with a razor strop.)

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 5, the 340th day of 1976. There are 26 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1933, prohibition ended in the United States as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment, which repealed the 18th

On this date·

In 1492, Columbus discovered the West Indian Island of Santo Domingo

In 1782, the eighth American president, Martin Van Buren, was born in Kinderhook, N Y

In 1848, President James Polk announced that gold had been discovered in California The gold rush of '49 followed.

In 1918, in World War I, German naval forces blockaded the Baltic Sea

In 1962, the United States and the Soviet Union agreed to cooperate in peaceful uses of outer space

Ten years ago It was announced that former President Dwight D Eisenhower, then 76, would undergo surgery for the removal of his gall bladder.

Five years ago In Northern Ireland, in the worst single act of violence in two years, a pub was bombed, killing at least 16 people

Today's birthdays: Republican Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina is 74. Former Army Secretary Stanley Resor is 59.

Thought for today: Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. — Ralph Waldo Emerson, American writer, 1803-1882.

Bicentennial footnote: Two hundred years ago today, General George Washington reported to the Continental Congress that he was continuing to move supplies across the Delaware River from New Jersey to Pennsylvania in his retreat from New York. And he pleaded for a standing army instead of militia.



Takeoff Delayed

Air Force steers clear of Carter

By NEA London Economist News Service

WASHINGTON — (LENS) — While most interest groups in Washington are struggling for the attention of President-elect Jimmy Carter, one of them, the Air Force, is trying hard to keep out of his way The decision on whether to go ahead with production of the B-1 bomber, one of the most expensive defense programs ever planned, may, the Air Force fears, be one of the first he makes

Carter has said the B-1 is too expensive and has implied it ought to be cancelled The Air Force still hoping to change his mind, realizes that an early decision would probably be negative

Earlier this year Congress, anxious to delay the decision on the B-1 production until the next administration, limited spending to $87 million a month until Feb 1 Since the Defense Department had not planned to spend any faster, the action has had little effect But it made the Air Force nervous

Almost no production money has yet been spent Some $90 million appropriated last year has been used to buy some items on which there is a long lead-time, but almost all the money going into the B-1 is for development of the four prototypes, three of which are now flying The Defense Department would be fully within the law to order production of the first three operational aircraft authorized this year and commence spending the $87 million a month up to the more than $1 billion that has already been appropriated by Congress

But the Air Force wants to avoid pressing Carter for a decision by Feb 1, only ten days after the new president takes office So the Defense Review Board meeting last Friday that could have recommended a production start was postponed Instead the Air Force proposed to continue the $87 million-a-month restriction until next June and to arrange with Rockwell the prime contractor, a limited program that could be called off or curtailed

This is window dressing A delay from February until June in lifting the spending restriction will have little real effect There is only so much money the program can absorb, and anyway the Air Force has two months' worth "in the bank" as it has not spent any since the beginning of the financial year on Oct 1

The idea is to unhook Carter from the need to make a decision in February by a solemn commitment not to start any heavy spending while he thinks things over the traditional 100 days But there is a limit to how long the final decision can be put off and June is probably it

In a curious reversal, Carter may have to decide on next year's crop of B-1s before this year's The Ford administration will leave him with a prepared budget that will probably ask for between $1 2 and $1 5 billion for eight more production B-1s in fiscal year 1978, which begins in October 1977

Under the new financial system introduced last year the budget must be acted on earlier than before Congress wants to have any proposals for change in hand in March

None of this maneuvering, however, touches the basic issue does the United States need the B-1? This is the fastest bomber and the most expensive airplane ever built Although large, it makes a very small head-on radar target, and it is designed to get through the Russian air defenses by flying very low — under effective radar coverage — at supersonic speeds If the planned fleet of 244 were built, they would cost about $100 million each on present estimates

There are serious doubts that a supersonic bomber is worth this kind of money, a combination of cheaper air planes and cruise missiles might do as much or more for less The Air Force claims that since $4 billion has been spent on developing the B-1 to build at least a few may be the most cost-effective way to force the Russians to keep up their costly air defense system (which is the best argument for keeping manned bombers of any kind) This is the decision that Carter must grapple with sooner or later

(c The Economist of London



Ray Cromley

The coming managerial revolution

By Ray Cromley

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Some laws have most curious side effects not anticipated by those who pushed them -

Scientists now see the strong possibility that regulations limiting automobile emissions, ineptly as they were written, are spurring approaches that in the long run will lead to more efficient engines and more miles per hour, once the present thrashing about comes to an end.

Even more significant is the coming managerial revolution indirectly resulting from the fair employment rules set by Congress to assure against discrimination in the hiring of women, blacks, Hispano Americans and other minorities

The connection is roundabout but clear, as the following analysis by the personnel director of one of America's largest companies illustrates

What the fair employment rules forced us to do, he said, was to look at the requirements we'd laid down for each job in the company

We had always assumed that our salesmen must have strong technical backgrounds — and we had for years hired accordingly. But our new tests revealed this was not right. What we should have been hiring were men and women good at selling — never mind their technical know-how; we could give this training once hired. Sales ability was more important by far.

The requirement which led to the hiring of greater numbers of women and blacks made it necessary, in turn, for us to take a new look at our supervisors. For the new hiring policies put strains on men used to dealing in the old ways

We learned here, too, that our old concepts on what went into making a first-rate foreman were almost 180 degrees off We're not certain yet what the ideal is, but we know the old theories are wrong We're not working on tests to discover what we do want

That's only the beginning Our look into lower management led us to look straight up the line to the top And here again we found some things that could radically change the way we and other companies go about business

There's been a great deal of talk about productivity, the need for advanced machines and constant research into new processes Technology has been sold as the key to meeting competition and to making those productivity gains which are the secret of a constantly advancing standard of living.

We discovered, as we already knew, that these technological advances are important But we found that major increases in productivity, more often than not, are the result of managerial decisions made by the top men of the company in the selection and mix of products, in organization, in the handling of the work force, rather than from the introduction of new, more efficient machinery.

In these studies by one company and another it has been discovered, in fact, that the great productivity gains in the future in many fields likely lie in finding a new breed of managers — whose characteristics are as yet not clearly known — who will make revolutionary changes in the manufacturing and distribution process This will involve technological changes, of course. But it will involve, even more, changes in the concept of what companies buy and what they produce themselves, the organization of their suppliers, and of the parent company itself, how they sell, distribute and service the products they're concerned with, whether those products are goods or services

The companies involved don't themselves know where they're going They only know they've got to look at the innards of their firms and start remodeling from the bottom Some of these changes will be traumatic A goodly number of firms may not survive in the competition

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither left them be afraid." (John 14:27)

PRAYER: Our Father, we know that You are at the beginning and ending of our lives. May we accept death as the beginning of a better and fuller life with You. We pray in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Dave's gone a long way

Ivan D.E Beaumont

Congratulations...

to David Patton, son of Mr and Mrs Loran Patton, who has been selected as the chapter member of the month for the Nebraska City FFA chapter

Dave has gone a long way since the "green hand" days All of us who have been members of the FFA admire the accomplishments and the recognitions so richly deserved by boys like Dave

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The new camera

Ivan Boerner gave an interesting demonstration of the new Kodak instant camera the other day The Kodak system is similar to the Polaroid quick-picture system

Many recall the first Polaroid cameras and how amazing it seemed at the time to have a picture in a minute or less Today, the picture comes out of the Kodak camera on a power driven motor and you can sit and watch it develop—in color

Ivan used the camera and film in an interesting way He took pictures of the people at the Optimist luncheon and sent them home with the "samples" His assistants were Colleen Carroll, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Carroll of Jessup's and Steve Harvey, a professional photographer

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Bicentennial edition

We still have a number of copies of our Bicentennial Edition for 50 cents each

The special edition contains 48 pages of pictures and stories about the histories of 32 towns in the area. The information for the stories was gleaned from thousands of words from many fine people in the surrounding area. We appreciated the loan of the documents and the pictures in putting the special section together

All of the information was compiled by our news staff directed by John Quinlan, our managing editor He was assisted by Dorene Duffey, society editor and reporters Sue Quinlan and Jerry Wilson

Jerome Keran, our plant superintendent, headed up the complex page makeup and everyone in the plant had a part in putting out the final section

We printed a number of extra copies and we have so far been able to fill all orders If you would like one, better stop in sometime and pick it up If you'd like one mailed to someone, send us 50 cents for the paper, 30 cents for postage and the name and address and we'll handle it for you

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Big Red travelogue

Art Sweet said in his column the other day that 16,000 people were going to the Hawaiian Islands for the Husker-Hawaii football game

I've been banned from all out-state football games I've only attended one out-state football game .guess which one Yup, Iowa State, and Big Red fan that I am I really had to whoop it up when the Dirty 30 pulled it off and upset the Huskers

'course you realize that on the way home no one in the car would talk to me

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Congratulations

to Paul Rowe as chairman of the retail trade committee for 1976

If you've served on the retail committee you are well acquainted with the work involved by Nebraska City businesses The many members of the committee are guilded daily by Dorothy Melchert, Chamber executive and somehow, they readily admit, they manage to put it all together and chalk up another year of events for children and moms and dads

Mrs Maxine Fitzekam, manager of Tober's is the 1977 chairman and she will be organizing soon for her year

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The new family

Society Editor Dorene Duffey had an interesting column several days ago about an evening with the Quang Tran family Dorene and Floyd were dinner guests of the Trans and she wrote about the Vietnamese meal and the family history

Doesn't that stir your interest when a family can pull roots from a native country, come to the U.S and work so hard at trying to share their lives with so many others?

Wonder what it would be like if we did the same?

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Rescue call

The Nebraska City Rescue Squad is working on a program of how to get enough money to pay for a $25,000 emergency vehicle

The squad has saved up $12,000, but it has a long way to go and still must meet expenses during the five or six months before the vehicle arrives once it is ordered, that is

The goal is $15,000

The squad has authorized the asking for bids, displaying a great deal of confidence in a little item it doesn't have—money with which to pay for the machine

For the record—the Nebraska City rescue squad is not a part of any government agency The city pays for the gasoline, gives the squad free housing at City Hall and pays the premiums on life insurance ($5,000) policies directed by the Nebraska Legislature The county pays the insurance premiums on the vehicles

The rest of the costs are paid by the sick and injured The squad bought a unit two or three years ago and shelled out $14,000 cash for it Now, it wants to phase out its 1967 International and purchase a new forward (they call it No 1) unit No 2 would then be the Dodge van and No 3 would be the Chevrolet The Chevy by the way, has 45,000 miles on it

You might ask—Do squadsmen get paid? The stock answer is sure on meeting nights they get a shredded beef sandwich and a can of beer

News in Brief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Jimmy Carter is faced with a difficult decision over production of the controversial B1 bomber, potentially the costliest bomber in the nation's history The Ford Administration Thursday awarded contracts to start production of the B1, putting Carter in the position of having to cancel a project that is already underway if he decides against it. An aide said he hasn't made a final decision

TOKYO (AP) — Huang Hua, China's leading diplomat, has been named foreign minister in a government shakeup expected to buttress the policy of rapprochement with the United States Huang, formerly Peking's U.N ambassador, replaces his old friend and longtime associate Chiao Kuan-hua

BOSTON (AP) — Offshore oil development will bring air pollution to the beaches and rocky inlets of New England — but not enough to threaten the way of life in its seaport towns, a federal report says And the financially depressed region would gain thousands of jobs and billion of dollars worth of investments if a large oil strike were made in New England's continental shelf The report is far more optimistic than a congressional study of proposed energy projects off the shores of New Jersey and Delaware released Thursday in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Denver criminal courts have become the first in the nation to test a new method of ending disparity in sentences for the same crimes The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, describing the project today, said judges in several other states are watching the Denver experiment with an eye toward applying it to their own communities The experiment involves a formula developed specifically for Denver in which points are awarded according to the seriousness of the crime and the offender's lack of stability



Dr. Lamb

Blood sugar tests can be misleading

By Lawrence E Lamb, M D

DEAR DR LAMB — Can a person be a diabetic with a normal fasting blood sugar level? I have several well-meaning friends who tell me the glucose tolerance test doesn't mean anything

After a two-hour glucose tolerance test my blood sugar always goes high and spills sugar in the urine My fasting blood sugar is always near normal

My last two glucose tolerance tests were 109 fasting and 230 after a two hour glucose tolerance test and three months later, 110 and 218 How high does it have to go before medication is needed? My weight is a normal 115 pounds

DEAR READER — I hope your well-meaning friends are better friends than they are doctors Many diabetics have normal fasting blood sugar levels In these patients the challenge with glucose results in an abnormally high and sustained level of blood sugar If you mean your high levels were present at the two hour interval after taking glucose you are definitely in the diabetic group

Terminology changes and one can never be sure even what another doctor means, it has changed so often But in a person with an abnormal diabetic type response to a glucose tolerance test the term chemical diabetes is sometimes used Such individuals may be entirely asymptomatic

Glucose tolerance tests can be misleading unless the patient is properly prepared If he avoids sweets and carbohydrates before the examination he may have a diabetic type (starvation diabetes) response that could lead to an incorrect diagnosis

How high does one's blood sugar have to be before beginning treatment? Opinions differ but in an adult with no symptoms or evidence of damage most doctors prefer not to use insulin or medicines if the levels can be reasonably controlled by diet. Weight reduction helps in obese patients

When obesity is not a factor as may be true in your case it is still wise to change the diet so that you do not get any concentrated carbohydrates specifically sugar sweets honey jellies jams candies and sweets that cause the blood sugar to rise sharply You should use vegetables fruits and cereals though The meals should be equally divided to avoid an overload on your insulin production system

Then if you are spilling less than 20 grams of sugar in your urine for a 24-hour period you are probably still doing all right Most doctors do not like your blood sugar to be too high as that leads to complications including vascular changes in the eye that could lead to blindness

In normal kidneys glucose starts spilling into the urine when the blood level is around 170 If the rise above these levels is of short duration you don t lose much glucose Even normal people may have sugar in the urine after taking in an extra large amount of sweets

Since your fasting blood sugar is normal it is probable that your blood sugar level is within near normal levels before each meal That is usually satisfactory

Since you are not taking medicines you might get some real benefit out of exercise which also lowers the blood sugar Individuals taking medicine though should be aware that exercises may decrease their requirements for the daily amount of medicine

To give you more information on diabetes I am sending you The Health Letter number 3-11, Diabetes, Diagnosis, Prevention, and Management Others who want this information can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it. Just send your letter to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019

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