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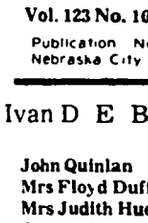
HOSPITAL CARE COSTS

The high rate of increase in hospital care costs leads President Carter to deal with the problem by proposing fixed limits With the federal government's programs of Medicare and Medicaid now representing major budget items, a ceiling on hospital charges is seen as a way to keep costs from soaring further A 9 per cent annual fee increase is proposed

One Nebraska authority in this field, Dr Roger Mason, Blue Cross-Blue Shield medical director, said it would be possible to hold increases to 9 per cent only if a lid were put on the cost of hospital supplies That is but one example of the problem with ceilings — they require other cost controls, the Norfolk Daily News said.

One special problem in the hospital field is to weigh the effects of minimum wage legislation which the new administration appears to seek, too. These wages employed widely in utilizing parttime, unskilled help in hospitals cannot be raised to $3 without directly raising total costs.

The most serious flaw in a control program applied to hospitals, however, is that a 9 per cent "ceiling" could quickly become an annual target, instead, thereby insuring costs rising that amount when with careful administration and no government control program they could be less



It's Possible!

See beauty

By Robert Schuller

The young stewardess sat down next to me briefly in the plane as I was returning home recently "Life is so great with God, isn't it, Dr Schuller?" she said, with a sparkle in her eyes,

I couldn't help but think of another young girl who talked to me recently and told me very frankly, "I couldn't be a believer and live the way I want to live " That girl had a hard, cold look in her eyes which reflected the absence of joy, love and enthusiasm

Look at the eyes of a person who is thinking negatively, lustfully, angrily or bitterly and you'll be looking at an unattractive eye Look at the eye of someone in whose soul faith lives, and you will see beauty The secret of lasting beauty is in the eyes, for the soul shines through the eyes'

Reverend Schuller pastor of the Garden Grove, Calif , Community Church can be seen weekly on his nationally syndicated TV program, "Hour of Power "

AS TIME GOES BY

Prohibition ends

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

Lytle Construction Company Superintendent G.E. Wickland reported construction of the South 11th Street overhead was one-third completed and the project would be finished by the June deadline .Alabama's 22-year era of prohibition was brought to a close when a vote on the issue garnered 89,000 votes to repeal against 79,000 for retaining prohibition .Principal Lowell C Walsh reported that the new library at the Junior High would soon be ready for student use .Current issues were the discussion topic at the fourth annual Woman Congress meeting in Chicago with prominent labor leaders on hand to address the 20,000 women on hand.

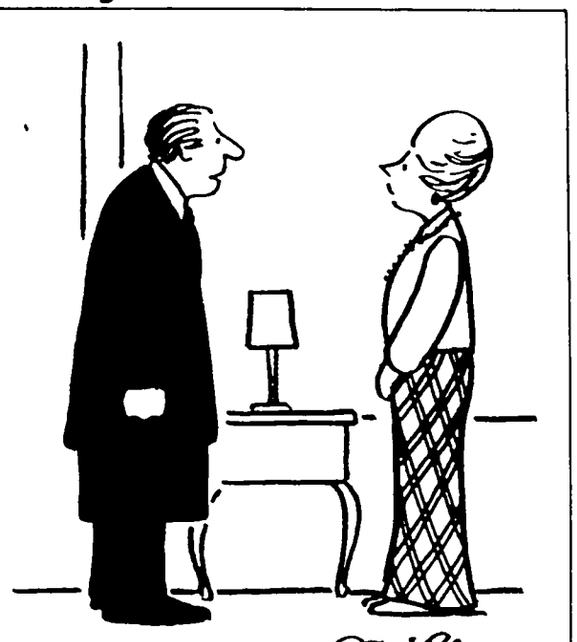
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

Top vote getters in the City's primary were Vic Bremer for mayor and Frank Erwin for the school board Also nominated for the board of education were Harold W Peterson, Dr H.D Hebard, Jack Windle, George Near and Ray Ott Other city commission candidates were Dean W Shuey, Floyd Webber, Sr , Mark Wurtele and incumbents William Seydlitz, George Verret and Bremer Gen Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen Estes Kefauver won smashing victories in the New Hampshire primary W C Solomon was elected commander of the John E Walls VFW post

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

Bob Reese, Nebraska City, was named second runner-up at the State Jaycee Oustanding Young Farmer Awards banquet at Auburn ..Governor Norbert Tiemann delivered to the legislature a $592 4 million budget by far the biggest in history .A California physician opened a nationwide drive to win the 1968 Republican presidential nomination for Richard M Nixon Pam Johnson was selected to represent NCHS in the Peru interscholastic contest in advanced algebra .French riot troops were flown to Corsica to prevent violence during a crucial recount of votes from the election

Berry's World



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"The President sent us home so we can spend more time with our families, so here I am Weird, eh?"





Don Oakley

COMMENTARY

Carter learns a lesson

Daniel P Moynihan, former ambassador to the U.N and now Democratic senator from New York, made a perceptive capsule commentary the other day

Asked if President Carter's defense of the Central Intelligence Agency in the matter of payments to foreign heads of states meant that he had forgotten his campaign promise to curb secrecy in government, Moynihan replied, "No He's just learned that it's his CIA."

In other words, the view from the oval office is the same as the view from the campaign stump There is a world of difference between being a candidate for president and actually being president, between offering solutions and programs from outside the White House and actually sitting behind the desk where the buck stops.

Moynihan might well have said, "He's just learned that it's his baby" — meaning the government as a whole

Call it "the graying of the president "

As another example of good intentions grounded by reality, consider Mr Carter's complaint that his cabinet and staff are burying him in paperwork According to his deputy press secretary, the president told a cabinet meeting that in one week he received 125 memos and additional national security papers totaling 800 pages, all of which he was supposed to study and digest in a day and a half

So vast and complex has the government become that no one man can possibly comprehend it all, much less preside over its operations in every detail Even lesser officials whose areas of responsibility are far smaller than those of the president are overwhelmed

Mr Carter has, in fact, revoked an order requiring all cabinet officers to personally read each new regulation issued by their departments — after having achieved his objective — to impress upon them the sheer volume and complexity of their departments' activities.

What is true of the president and the executive branch is equally true of the legislative and judicial branches

Senators and representatives cannot absorb all the data, information and testimony amassed by congressional committees, or read and weigh each one of the thousands of bills dropped into the hopper each session . They often leave the final interpretation of the laws they pass up to the judges, who themselves are burdened by growing caseloads

Yet somehow the government creaks along from day to day The bureaucracy functions somehow Things get done — not always what should be done — and we muddle through Most of the time.

Cars wired for future-

A decade ago, the only electronic item on an automobile was the radio. Today, most new cars are equipped with electronic egnition systems. Coming up as standard equipment are electronic fuel-metering, digital sensors to monitor combustion and exhaust and on-board computers called microprocessors to monitor the monitors

According to Cleveland-based Predicasts, shipments of automotive electronic systems for the original equipment market are projected to grow over 20 per cent annually from $1 billion in 1975 to $15.5 billion in 1990. The major reason is that electronic systems are the only methods available to achieve government pollution abatement standards

But rising consumer affluence and new products will also boost electronic "comfort" systems A 10-fold growth by 1990 is predicted for such devices as temperature controls, digital clocks, automatic seat positioners, headlight controls and fuel consumption calculators.

It's getting to the point where your neighborhood mechanic is going to have to have a degree in electrical engineering



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Carter focuses on families

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — No one paid much attention last year when candidate Jimmy Carter repeatedly deplored the "steady erosion and weakening" of the American family and promised action to reverse that trend if elected.

It sounded like more of the old apple-pie-and motherhood rhetoric so common to political campaigns, mere lip service to the virtues and verities of yesteryear

But once again, the pundits and political pros underestimated Carter's seriousness of purpose The new president has wasted no time in launching his promised effort to develop a "strong pro-family policy "

As Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, he chose his campaign advisor on family policy — former Lyndon Johnson aide Joseph Califano, who was recruited by Vice President Walter F Mondale, long the leading congressional advocate of programs to assist families

To obtain expert advice and build public support for greater government involvement in the family sphere, Carter has scheduled a full-scale White House Conference on the Family for late next year, allocating $3 million for the project in his very first budget.

And to demonstrate his concern in the meantime, the president has sought more than $1 billion in additional HEW spending above the amounts allocated by his predecessor for programs specifically targeted on children and their families

There is extra money to upgrade federally supported day care centers, train more family doctors, detect and treat the health problems of poor children, improve foster care and adoption programs, increase parental involvement in Head Start and to help middle-income families meet soaring college tuition costs, to name just a few of the programs Carter wants to beef up

"We have placed special emphasis on the needs of the children of America — our most precious national asset and our best investment in the future," Califano told a House committee last week.

Until the White House Conference on the Family is held, Carter probably will not seek any major new legislation on the subject He remembers what happened to Mondale when the vice president championed a sweeping child and family services bill in Congress a few year ago

The initial version of the Mondale measure, the most comprehensive legislative proposal ever crafted in the family services field, was passed by Congress but vetoed by Richard Nixon, who complained of the cost of its day care provisions and charged that it would bring unwise government intrustion into family life.

When Mondale and Rep. John Brademas, D-Ind., introduced a somewhat more modest version a couple of years ago, they ran into one of the most astounding grass roots opposition campaigns — based almost entirely on anonymous, totally misleading flyers — ever to hit Congress

House members and senators were inundated with letters from parents fearful that the bill would dilute their authority over their children and put the government into collective child-rearing schemes

It would have done no such thing, as it happens, but the public reaction was so hysterical that the measure was quietly shelved and Mondale, its chief architect, never mentioned the word "family" throughout his vice presidential campaign.

The vice president learned an important political lesson from the experience, one which Carter has clearly absorbed as well.

Americans are indeed concerned about sky-rocketing divorce rates, soaring juvenile delinquency, inadequate child care facilities and all the other problems afflicting families today. But they want help, not interference, from the government in coping with their problems.

The White House Conference on the Family should permit a much-needed national discussion of just what the government can realistically do to strengthen family life in this country without encroaching upon the most personal and private relationships which can exist between individuals.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

What's up, Doc, again?

Ivan D.E. Beaumont

We don't know how accurate this is because it came from Chuck Eickhoff at Jessup's after an explosion occurred in the back room.

Wirth Davis emerged from the room and was confronted by Ivan Boerner.

"What'n blazes happened back there?" Ivan demanded.

Wirth brushed dust and dirt from his pharmacist's jacket and as he approached the counter he spoke softly to a little old lady:

"Mrs Smith, would you mind asking Dr. Fenstermacher to write out that prescription again, and this time fell him to print it."

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The band Concert.

Dale Duensing, band instructor at Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca, is excited about the Rockets hosting the Twin Rivers band clinic March 25.

Only select bandsmen will attend from the seven schools in the conference. Mr Duensing says the experience of sitting next to another of "the best" musicians in the conference is good for students.

They will be instructed throughout the day and that night at 7:30 o'clock they will present a concert. It promises to be the best music from the cream of the crop.

It will also be one of the best mixers Mr Duensing has the seating arrangements completed – each student will be seated beside someone from another town

The boys and girls will be treated royally at mealtime, too They will be served a fried chicken dinner. Music Parents are providing the extra help to accomodate the large group.

It promises to be a big day.

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Congratulations to...

... the winners in the Elks Most Valuable Student contest. Jim Hanks, chairman for the Elks, project, had his hands full. There were a lot of entries and some mighty stiff competition.

Top winners were Scott Simms, NCHS and Barbara Meyer, Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca. They each receive $200. All of the winners will be recognized at a banquet during the spring.

Other winners were Mary Ann Kempkes, Nebraska City Lourdes, $100, and Tamela Ruth, Sidney Community School, $50. The winners were all named in the News-Press last week.

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Good-by, Mrs Sand

Mrs F.O. Sand, 81, a News-Press correspondent for many years, is gone, but she leaves behind a legacy we have passed on to reporters.

She was our Nehawka correspondent and when news broke in that community, Mrs Sand called the News-Press with her report regardless of whether it was a social item or a flood. She was always looking ahead.

She retired, but continued to stop in the office or call when she picked up a news story. We affectionately call her "our favorite reporter."

At the time of her death, she had been visiting in Florida and had already picked up her tickets for a trip to England.

We learned of her death from a call. Her sister, Minnie Bischof, called the News-Press, to make sure we knew about it.

We miss our favorite reporter. She's on a new assignment now.

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Music, music, music

Ole' Bunky's done it again. This time he not only is the sound on the 45 rpm disc, but he's the chief honcho behind it all.

Eddie "Bunky" Christiansen of Nebraska City is president of a new music publishing company called Cornhusker Publishers and the first 2,000 disc jockey records are in the hands of DJ's all over the country.

Bunky is plugging his first production, "C.B. Beaver Fever" with Jimmy "Jammer" Morgan, Lincoln, a part-time disc jockey with KECK.

The flip side of the record is one Bunky has written as a sequel to 10 Little Indians. It's called "10 Little C-Bers." Larry Hart, a former Nebraska Citian and now a publisher in Nashville, is co-publisher of the record.

The songs are on the Monument label which has also had "Pretty Woman" and songs by Kris Kristofferson.

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 13, the 72nd day of 1977. There are 293 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1868, impeachment proceedings against President Andrew Johnson began in the U.S. Senate. He was acquitted on May 26th

On this date.

In 1567, the Regent of the Netherlands, Margaret of Parma, used German mercenaries to annihilate 2,000 Calvinists.

In 1925, a new law went into effect in Tennessee to forestall the teaching of evolution

In 1938, Nazi Germany annexed Austria after invading the country.

In 1939, the Germans issued an ultimatum to Czechoslovakia

In 1962, the American First Lady, Mrs. John Kennedy, began a goodwill visit to India.

In 1974, the Arab oil-producing countries agreed to end a five-month-old embargo on petroleum sales to the United States

Ten years ago Indira Gandhi was installed anew as India's Prime Minister.

Five years ago Writer Clifford Irving and his wife pleaded guilty in New York to charges of conspiracy and grand larceny for faking an autobiography of Howard Hughes

Today's birthdays Band leader Sammy Kaye is 67 Former American Ambassador to Britain Walter Annenberg is 69.

Thought for today: Don't be conceited Even postage stamps become useless when they get stuck on themselves — Anonymous

News in Brief

CLINTON, Mass (AP) — Eva Hester's neighbors have given her 100-year-old frame house a spring cleaning and want to make homemade Irish bread and spaghetti and meatballs for Jimmy Carter's supper. But loyal Democrat Hester may be out as presidential hostess because of a political tempest over where Carter will spend the night in this mill town during his first "meet-the-people" visit March 16 and 17 A political rival said Miss Hester, 56, is not the "regular, everyday, down-to-earth person" Carter wants to meet because she's too involved in politics.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite its illegality, marijuana may be following alcohol and tobacco into the nation's catalogue of popular habits, says the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Marijuana "is more than a fad and may well prove to be an enduring cultural pattern in the United States," the institute reported. Some 36 million Americans have tried marijuana, Director Robert L. Dupont said.



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

She smokes — and likes it

DEAR DR. LAMB — I know you will never print this letter, but I am fed up with being discriminated against. I just read your column with the letter from the woman complaining about her aunt who fell asleep with a cigarette and set fire to the bed If she hasn't any more sense than to go to bed with a cigarette she should start a fire

Also, the niece said she had many wrinkles, gravel voice and coughs all the time Well, that doesn't necessarily come from smoking I don't like her term of "smoking idiots." We look like witches, smell bad, etc I RESENT that' I know a lot of BAGS who don't smoke

I am 47, have smoked for 20 years, stand 5 feet 4 and weigh 126 — NO WRINKLES I'm confident I smell pretty good I am also the mother of five children, eldest 25 and youngest 19

If the penmanship is not too good it's only because I'm very angry

DEAR READER — I hope you and the niece of the smoking aunt do not meet, and I'll not pass your correspondence along to her You can avoid being discriminated by stopping smoking whenever you want to

You are fortunate if you don't have wrinkles, the other lady has the scientific evidence on her side Smokers and non-smokers of the same age have been studied and smoking is associated with a marked increase in wrinkles — particularly of the crow's feet variety around the eyes I hope you don't develop them later

The person who goes to bed with a cigarette does not plan on sleeping That happens later The same thing happens to people who fall asleep in chairs A number of fires and deaths do occur from such careless smoking habits each year

While you and many other smokers may not have offensive breath, many others do Unfortunately heavy smokers are unaware of the smell in the clothes, the house and on their breath until they have stopped smoking Only then are they aware of what the non-smoker has noticed

Tobacco is an Important health hazard aside from its social aspects. As a mother of five children do you want your children to grow up smoking and have that handicap to their health? Did you know that 90 per cent of all lung cancers occur in cigarette smokers? Did you know that if everyone quit smoking that the death rate from all cancers in the United States would fall at least 15 per cent? Do you want your sons to have lung cancer from cigarette smoking?

Do you want your children to have three times the chance of having a heart attack, stroke or dropping dead suddenly compared to healthy people who do not smoke? Did you know that your smoking habits will have a significant effect on whether your children smoke? To give you a more complete picture of the health hazards of smoking I am sending you The Health Letter number 2-6, Tobacco Cigarettes, Cigars, Pipes, Others who want this information can send 50 cents for it with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for mailing

(Because of the volume of mail, Dr Lamb cannot answer your letters personally, but he will answer representative letters of general interest in this column Write to him in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019)

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

Praise him for the growing fields, for they display his greatness (Psalm 96:12 TLB)

PRAYER: Our Father, open our eyes to the beauties and wonders around us. May we become as little children, eager to discover and freshly aware of the world. Empty us of anything that may keep us from being filled with love, humility, and awe. In the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.