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VIEWPOINT

All that is plastic

The individual consumer these days is not on a gold but what might be called a plastic standard — the plastic in the average 5.2 credit cards he or she carries

More than 700 million slips of plastic credit certification are in use worldwide and more than 80 percent of these — in excess of half a billion — are stuffed into American wallets, according to a survey reported in the Christian Science Monitor

In second place in the world standings are Canadians, with more than 34 million cards

The majority of cards are issued by retail firms, with department stores the largest category, followed by oil companies. The single firm championship is held by Sears, Roebuck with 47 million cards in customer hands. Bank cards total some 92 million.

The survey, conducted by Spencer Nilson of Santa Monica, Calif , publisher of a credit card newsletter, covered 49 countries and suggests that on a world basis the card market has just begun to be tapped.

North America and Europe may be approaching saturation, but there are less than four million cards in all of South America and a miniscule 12,500 to assist all those Middle Easterners in disposing of their oil riches



"Hey, the Dow Jones must have gone up again — we're getting the sports section."

AS TIME GOES BY

Station is robbed

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

County Clerk Leo Chandler said he would file the Otoe county budget, first under a new state law, with the county board at its first meeting in May. Two armed robbers robbed an Auburn filling station and kidnapped the attendant. Nebraska college of agriculture agronomists said much of the green in state pastures was weeds, not grass Nebraska Senator George Norris predicted that President Franklin Roosevelt would seek a third term if "a Democratic-Republican coalition in Congress continues to block his programs."

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

Mrs William Stites was elected chairman of the Mothersingers. .Mrs Eugene Clark was installed as president of the VFW Auxiliary at Syracuse. Mrs Carl Gess was vice-president. Paul Niemann was elected president of the Mr & Mrs Club of the First Methodist Church. The John B Rogers Producing Company of Fostoria, Ohio, was hired to put on an historical pageant for Nebraska City's Centennial celebration in August, 1954 Mrs Etta Wallen was installed as president of the W.S.C S of the Unadilla Methodist Church.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Barbara Baltensperger of Nebraska City and Don Wellensiek of Cook planned to represent Otoe County in the district 4-H speaking contest in Syracuse. .Students from Lourdes attending the Junior Academy Science Exhibit in Lincoln were Diane Volkmer, Joe Zimmerer, Jane Schneider and Bobbi Thiesfeld. .Jeanie Wendeln of Syracuse was named queen of the Mustang Saddle Club. PFC Bill Gosch, son of Mrs William Gosch of Nebraska City, was stationed at a surgical casts hospital in Vietnam Leslie Carr and Harry Vondrak of Nebraska City qualified by their performance to join the ranks of the Life Insurance Leaders of Nebraska.

Routes Open

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Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Court revolution quelled

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Nothing raises the public blood pressure faster than news that some obviously guilty criminal has waltzed out of court a free man because of a legal "technicality

Resentment against the courts for their handling of criminal cases has never been higher

One survey last year by the National Opinion Research Center for instance, showed 88 percent of those questioned thought the courts were too soft on criminals, compared with 74 percent who felt that way five years earlier

What is ironic about this rising tide of public dismay is that it bears so little relationship to the actual direction of judicial decisions in criminal law in recent years

The last decade has brought a virtual counter-revolution in the criminal law rulings of the Supreme Court, and hence lower courts at all levels, a development clearly documented in a new book from the Bureau of National Affairs, "The Criminal Law Revolution and Its Aftermath"

The retrenchment has been slow and nowhere near as dramatic as the revolution wrought by the Warren Court in the 1960s But the trend is now unmistakeable

There were essentially two elements to the criminal law "revolution' of the 1960s The first, and most enduring, was the Warren Court's piecemeal application of various federal Bill of Rights safeguards to state criminal proceedings

Looking back, it seems hard to believe that until the 1961 ruling in Mapp v Ohio, few of the constitutional rights we take so much for granted were enforceable in state courts where the bulk of the nation s criminal cases are tried

And yet it is true Mapp v Ohio marked the start of the criminal law revolution In the years that followed, the high court extended one constitutional guarantee after another to defendants in state trials — the right to counsel, the right to a trial by jury, the right to confront one's accuser, the right to a speedy trial, protection against self-incrimination and against unreasonable search and seizure of evidence

By 1969 when the constitutional protection against double jeopardy was extended to state court proceedings, this phase of the revolution was over It remains intact today, unscathed by controversy

But at the same time the Warren Court was extending Bill of Rights guarantees to state criminal proceedings it was vastly enlarging the scope of those protections through interpretations that brought howls of protest from police, prosecutors and ultimately the general public

It was one thing to say that every defendant was entitled to representation by a lawyer and to protection against self-incrimination It was quite another matter, from a practical standpount to hold that a police officer must warn a suspect of his right to remain silent and his right to have an attorney — free of charge if need be — before commencing any interrogation And that is what the Supreme Court held in Miranda v Arizona, 'the most controversial broad side of the criminal law revolution

Miranda, to the surprise of many, still stands But the court under Chief Justice Warren E Burger has steadily whittled it down, as it has chipped away at other Warran Court rulings on search and seizure and self incrimination

"The court-made 'revolution' clearly has ended," say the authors of the DNA book "The few dramatic constitutional breakthroughs in favor of defense rights have been outweighed by the impact of decisions going the other way"

From his exile in San Clemente, Richard Nixon must be watching with satisfaction each time a new ruling emanates from the Burger Court he shaped to such effect It is he, after all, who is the true author of the "counter-revolution"

Safety Valve

"...indignant rebuttal.. "

EDITOR, News-Press The quotations (Omaha World Herald, April 28, 1978) attributed the NCEA's lobbyist, Herb Schimek, are an affront to the tax-payers of Nebraska His belittling remarks ought to elicit indignant rebuttal all over Nebraska from citizens who do not feel that they have been given 'misinformation by a bunch of nuts' to paraphrase Mr Schimek's remarks

Anyone knowing John Halloran, Hastings farmer and businessman and now a consumer's advocate and a calm and collected gentleman as well, will recognize the fact that Schimek's assertion is unjust, unfair, uncalled for and malicious. He is no "nut"

And neither is S H Brauer And neither has startled the electorate with "misinformation" as Schimek labels the public utterances and proposals which the propoments of the 5% LID petition drive have made recently Most of us have longed for a chance to join a protest movement effective enough to get our "stop spending" ideas across to those in charge of the purse strings.

Until the 5% LID proposition came along we had no way to go. California and other states have already had their Hallorans and Brauers and now at last we Nebraska tax-sufferers have a tangible cause to support.

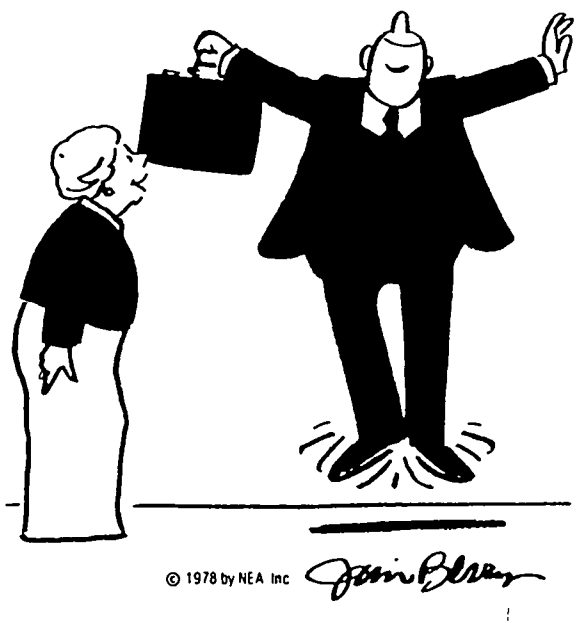
There is no justifiable reason to fear the threatened "danger to your well-being" to paraphrase again, Mr Schimek His sign of WARNING appeared outside Sen. Shirley Marsh's Statehouse office Incidentally, Mrs Marsh accepted an $800 contribution to her 1976 legislative campaign from PAGE, the political arm of the teacher's union, all perfectly legal.

The basic purpose of the 5% LID petition drive in progress IN NOT TO SHOOT DOWN our teachers who should understand that, we, who pay them, do not contemplate their ouster from responsible educative pursuits The drive, if successful, is to limit SPENDING, to put a budgetary limit of 5% increase annually by ALL governmental agencies. To paraphrase another old-fashioned adage, live within your means, stop keeping up with the Joneses"

The fact that Governor Exon has stated that he would sign the LID petition puts upon it the stamp of legitimacy, respectability and decency Any misconception of purpose in the LID petition is NOT in the minds and hearts of Nebraska's taxpayers Could it be that Mr Schimek, et al, are they who should be admonished with a sign of warning?

FRED OETGEN

Berry's World



"The market was up again!"



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Police on the ball

Music Man —

We've seen the play and film "Music Man" but we've enjoyed the performances more when high schoolers do the job They have a way of putting something special into it

So does co-director Vicki Wilken. Did you read the "fraud" ads in the classified pages during the past several days?

A local law enforcement officer read them too. and called to see what the newspaper knew about the angle on investigation by "local" officers.

We suggested he buy a ticket opening night.

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Help —

The Nebraska City rescue squad has become so desperate for volunteers that it will appoint a three-man search committee

The squad does not have much trouble getting volunteers who prefer night duty

The big problem is day volunteers The men (and women) have to leave their jobs on the notice of a radio alarm There is no pay and the training is long and sometimes dry and dull (until secretary Frank Bataillon starts telling stories)

Anyone interested in serving on the squad should contact Bataillon or Chief Harold Rowe The squad's business phone is 873-3444

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OPPD looks ahead —

Thanks to Tim McIvor, an engineer with Oppd, for enlightening a group the other day on the far-reaching plans of the power district.

That growth includes a whole lot of Nebraska City The Nebraska City site could accommodate four power plants, Mr McIvor said.

The No. 1 power station will be completed and put on the line next year No. 2 is receiving serious consideration, but the "go" has not been issued.

The reason for building the power plants is demand and in the energy business, history has shown that the demand will double every 10 years.

City Utilities makes similar projections and plans. It is required on the the basis of demand. When you flip your light switch you want power. 'course it'd be more fun to call Utilities Manager Bill Brockley at 11 o'clock at night to discuss the problem.

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Club 89 —

Remember the shooting at Club 89 in Omaha? Things have been back to normal business schedules for some time, but the memory of that tragedy lingers.

Bill Glasford, owner of Club 89, was interviewed on TV the other night. Many Nebraska Citians have a closeness with the club and management.

Bill's in-laws are Mr and Mrs Ed Ransdell of Nebraska City, and many residents have enjoyed the food and pleasant people at the club.

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The Livingstons —

Mr and Mrs Jerry Livingston, 1978 Arbor Day honorees, received a special note from Secretary of State Allen Beermann recognizing them for the award.

The award is another well deserved recognition. The Livingstons worked as a team and geared the entire community for the Arbor Day Centennial and the successful celebration was the result.

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How about that —

The other day a panel of news people, news-oriented educators and news-PR people got together to answer whether the "news media" listens

The News-Press is another sounding board for readers We offer free space under our Safety Valve heading for your letters.

We ask that you sign the letter, but we'll leave it off if you wish. We invite you to write letters to us. It's free space and an opportunity to blow off steam and let the world know about it

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Congratulations —

to Bill Harshbarger and the NCHS Pride of the Pioneers bandsmen for sweeping the honors at the district music contest. It was a really big show for Mr Harshbarger He wants very much be No. 1 and his bandsmen are putting it out for him

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Will Geer dies —

We didn't recognize the late Will Geer as the old gentleman of "The Waltons" TV series, because that's not one of our favorite shows. We did, however, recognize him as the gentleman at Arby's where "they really heap on the beef"

Today In History

By The Associated Press

On April 29, 1945, American soldiers fighting in Germany in World War II liberated 32,000 Nazi victims at the Dachau concentration camp.

In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the French city of Orleans and won a victory over the English.

In 1639, the American colonial settlement of Newport, R I., was founded

In 1862, New Orleans fell to Union forces during the Civil War

In 1894, a band of jobless men known as Coxey's Army swarmed into Washington to seek relief from Congress

In 1946, 28 Japanese leaders were indicted in Tokyo as war criminals

News in Brief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Used 23-channel citizen band radios still cannot be sold in this country following a government decision to uphold a Jan 1,1978 cutoff date for sales.

The Federal Communications Commission denied several requests Tuesday to extend the date Earlier, the FCC declined to extend the date for new sets. Petitions for extension to sell repaired 23-channel radios as used were filed by the Davidson Supply Co of Greensboro, N C , and the Colorado Pawnbrokers Association.

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HEALTH
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Acne not caused by sweets

DEAR DR. LAMB — I have bad acne I'm 15 and my face looks bad. I see other people who have such clear beautiful skin but I don't understand it. They are always eating chocolate and sweets I used to have bad acne when I was 13 but I stopped eating a lot of sweets Then I started getting a few blemishes. But now I have a lot more, especially around my mouth. I don't eat that many things that cause acne because I started going on a diet and lost a lot of weight. I lost 10 pounds in two months. I heard that vitamin D is good for the skin. Could you tell me about this?

DEAR READER — Acne is not related to what you eat regardless of what you have heard. It is caused by overproduction of oily secretions — and the skin glands that produce these are activated by sex hormones. That is why the problem begins so often in teenagers. The other part of the problem is caused by bacteria living inside the skin pores that are involved.

Studies have shown that eating chocolate, or almost any of the forbidden foods commonly believed to cause acne, has no effect on developing acne. That is why you have observed those friends of yours eating those foods and still having clear beautiful complexions

And vitamin D will not help your skin at all. You are already getting plenty from the other foods you eat and if you start popping vitamin D you can cause yourself some problems. The same applies to the mistaken idea that large amounts of vitamin A will help. I am sending you The Health Letter number 8-2, Acne Can Be Treated, to give you some solid information on what will work. Others who want this information can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019

DEAR DR. LAMB — I am a 68-year-old female and have suffered for some years with osteoarthritis in both knees I have tried several different kinds of medicine and at present am taking Indocin I have been told taking 500 mgs of vitamin C three times a day will help I have always had a four-ounce glass of orange or cranberry juice each morning plus quite a bit of fresh fruits in season What is your opinion on this?

Do you recommend taking vitamin E for elderly people? There is a history of heart trouble in my family and I have been led to believe that this vitamin is helpful for this condition.

DEAR READER — No Vitamin C will not help your osteoarthritis If you have orange juice each day and other fruits it is most unlikely that you have a vitamin C deficiency and taking additional amounts is not likely to help you.

There is no evidence that vitamin E will prevent or help heart disease. This idea was propagated in the later 40s by two Canadian doctors, but it has been repeatedly studied with sound research programs and these have failed to show any value in taking vitamin E for heart disease It isn't harmful either — we think — although there are reports of fatigue and a variety of vague symptoms that have been identified in some people taking large doses of vitamin E for a period of time. It may not be as innocuous as we have thought.

Vitamin E is widespread in various foods so you are already getting a reasonable amount

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

There are three things that last forever: faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of them all is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13 NEB)

PRAYER: O God, help us to help others, so that we may better serve and please You. Amen.