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VIEWPOINT

The politics of education

Taking a close look at one politically sensitive area of rising costs, the Congressional Budget Office concludes again that there is more fear than fact to the possibility of middle-income families being priced out of higher education.

As a matter of fact, the office finds incomes in this category rising faster than are college costs.

It notes that from 1967 to 1976, median income for a family with a member (age 18 to 24) in college increased 87.3 percent while total student charges went up 76.7 percent for private and 74.2 percent for public institutions.

The report, with conclusions similar to several previous studies by the office, was prepared at congressional request to assist in the current consideration of several educational assistance proposals. Putting the facts into figures is one thing, but getting the families most immediately concerned and their congressional representatives to accept them this election year is likely to be something else again.

The two-way squeeze

Still on the subject of income, another study comes to a conclusion about the typical American family which any typical family knew all along.

In the race with inflation, it has been a case of running hard just to remain in the same place economically.

According to a study of household income and outgo since 1970 by The Conference Board, New York-based economic research organization, the average family has had to increase its pretax income by at least two-thirds to prevent deterioration in its standard of living.

For examples, a middle-income family of four with a $13,000-income in 1970 needs more than $22,500 today to continue living in the style to which it has been accustomed. At the lower end of the economic scale, a family at the $6,500 level than now needs $11,000. For the affluent, $20,000 in 1970 means $34,000 now.

The Consumer Price Index went up 56 percent in the period under study, but that is not the full story.

Taxes of all varieties are taking increasingly larger bites out of incomes. As a national average, the share of personal income consumed by taxes has been increasing and in 1977 stood at 23 percent, with the federal share (including Social Security) at 14 percent and state and local levies accounting for 9 percent.

Between prices and taxes, family income is caught in a long-term two-way squeeze.

Weighty deal

An item on the economic pages informs that Jean Neiditch, who turned her own experience in losing 75 pounds into a highly successful business, will realize $7 million from the sale of Weight Watchers to the Heinz people, who make catsup and all those other goodies, for a total $70 million plus.

This is a clear case of less turning out to be much, much more.

AS TIME GOES BY

Two men held

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1938—

A Dodge City, Kans., man and his son were in the Otoe county jail facing probably forgery charges in connection with a worthless check given in payment for corn bought at the Farmers Coop elevator in Palmyra Edmund Zimmerer, head of the venereal disease division of both federal and state health bureaus in Nebraska, spoke at a meeting held at the Methodist Church. Movies playing at local theaters included "Jezebel" with Henry Fonda and George Brent and "Mannequin" with Spencer Tracy and Joan Crawford...Four students were scheduled to graduate from the School for the Blind.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

Harmon Riggs led the Nebraska City Pioneers to their second consecutive Southeastern Conference golf title.. Don Kennell was chosen to represent the local FFA chapter at the Co-Op Recreation Youth Camp in Kansas City.. Carol Guenther, a Dunbar high school junior, was the new News-Press correspondent. Johnnie Watts opened the new Chef Johnnie's Cafe at Eighth Street and Central Avenue.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Petitions to dissolve Cass County District 20, Avoca, and merge it with the Syracuse - Dunbar school district were filed at the Otoe County School superintendent's office...Nominations for president of the Nebraska City Lions Club were Roger Davis, Don Randle, the Rev Ralph Dyer and Bob Culver . Petty Officer First Class George Dyer, who planned to succeed Navy Recruiting Chief Gordon Fosberg, arrived in Nebraska City. Deborah Kreifels, daughter of Mr and Mrs Al Kreifels, Lorton, was named Miss Talmage at the annual May program

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 14, the 134th day of 1978. There are 231 days left in the year This is Mother's Day

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1787, a convention was convened in Philadelphia to draw up the U.S. Constitution.

On this date

In 1643, Louis XIV became king of France

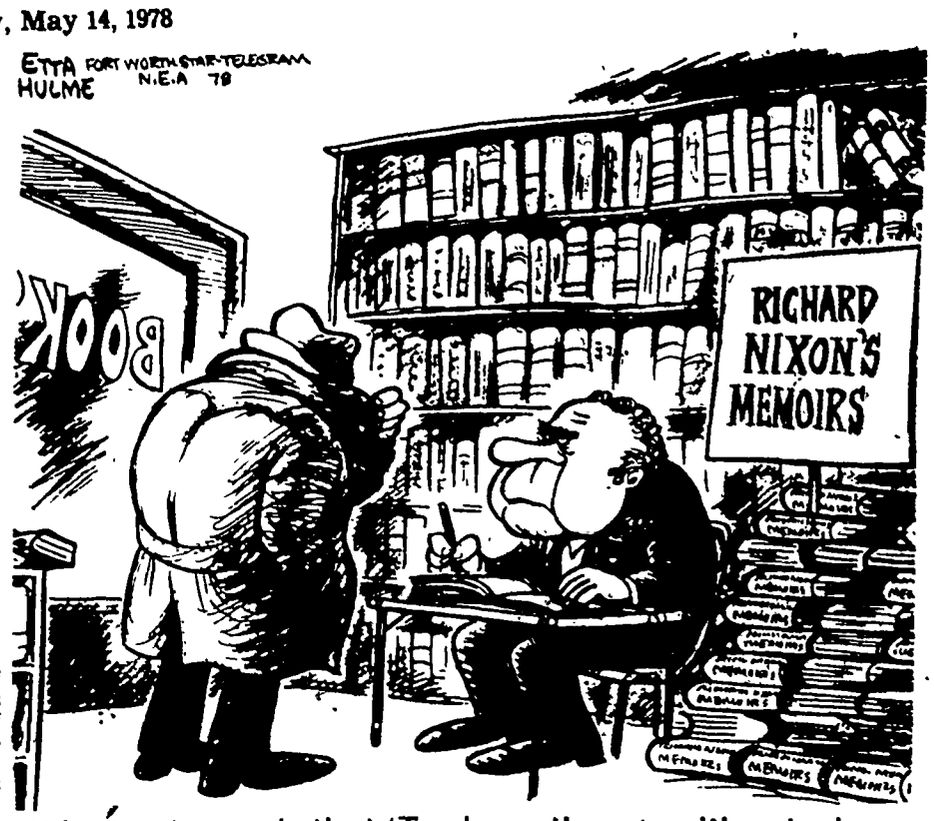
In 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set out from St. Louis on their expedition to the Pacific Coast.

Thought for today: In the duel of sex, woman fights from the dreadnaught and man from an open raft — H L Mencken, American writer and editor, 1880-1956.

NATIONAL HANDICAPPED AWARENESS WEEK



National Handicapped Awareness week, focusing attention on the social and architectural barriers encountered by handicapped people, will be observed May 14-20. One purpose of the week is to acquaint the public with this symbol, which will be seen more and more frequently in the years ahead. It marks facilities reserved for use by people with physical disabilities. The handicapped will appreciate your thoughtfulness in not blocking ramps, using parking spaces and occupying bus seats marked with this symbol, says the National Easter Seal Society.



"Just autograph that 'To deep throat, without whom all this would have been impossible.'"



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

A tale of two ex-presidents

WASHINGTON—(NEA)— In the files of the Internal Revenue Service lies the tale of a fascinating contrast between two recent former presidents, both of whom left Washington under circumstances they considered less than ideal.

One is Lyndon B. Johnson, who wanted a second full term in the White House but was forced to abandon that goal because his pursuit of a military victory in the Vietnam war became a major political liability

Johnson had a wheeler-dealer reputation, and questions were repeatedly asked (but never fully answered) about his family's ability to amass a $14 million fortune during his three decades on the public payroll.

Nobody ever nominated Johnson for sainthood, but he left Washington with his reputation essentially intact. The same cannot be said for Richard M. Nixon, the first president ever to resign under the threat of impeachment.

Both men established foundations in their names, presumably hoping to perpetuate the memory of greatness each saw in himself Johnson succeeded, but Nixon has failed thus far.

Federal law allows public examination of the annual tax returns filed by charitable trusts, and the documents submitted by the LBJ Family Foundation picture a thriving philanthropic operation.

Johnson's foundation was established in 1956, and its assets topped $1 million for the first time in 1971. They have been growing steadily, and last year the figure approached the $1.3 million mark, with common stock representing about 60 percent of the total portfolio.

In recent years, the LBJ Family Foundation has made contributions averaging more than $55,000 annually, donating hundreds — and, in many cases, thousands — of dollars to a wide range of religious, educational, cultural, medical and civic organizations.

No such generosity has been displayed by the Richard M Nixon Irrevocable Literary Trust because it simply doesn't have any funds to distribute. Unlike the Johnson family, Nixon either does not have the money to contribute to a foundation or has chosen not to make such donations.

"The purpose of the trust," says a statement filed with the IRS, "is to hold books, papers, letters, photostatic and sound reproductions, memorabilia and other like items from the official or personal life of Richard M Nixon or his wife, Patricia R. Nixon, and which have historical significance."

The most valuable materials obviously are those from Nixon's presidential years — but they remain in federal custody because of protracted and still unresolved litigation over whether they belong to Nixon or the government.

Two other foundations have been established in Nixon's name, although he does not control them. One is the Nixon Birthplace Foundation, operated by the residents of Yorba Linda, Calif. who are anxious to preserve the former president's birthplace in their community.

The local school district long held the title to the Nixon family house, however, and the foundation negotiated for almost a decade before the school district recently agreed to relinquish its hold on the property.

But the foundation now must raise at least $125,000 to buy the house, a considerable undertaking for an organization that never previously had even $10,000 in assets.

Finally, there is the Richard M. Nixon Educational Trust, established by the Pomona First Federal Savings & Loan Association, which contributed money earmarked for scholarship awards to deserving students from high schools in the Pomona-Yorba Linda area.

But that effort has just been abandoned. "We shut it down," says William F. Montgomery of the savings and loan association, "because we just weren't getting any response. It wasn't an effective thing."

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Berry's World



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"That's great about career goals and personal development. How about the girls in the office?"

News in Brief

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil companies say they will have plenty of diesel fuel to fill up new diesel-powered cars rolling off assembly lines next year The catch is that you may have trouble finding it at your neighborhood pump.

Only about 19,000 of the nation's 175,000 service stations now sell diesel fuel.

General Motors Corp. President E.M. Estes said this week that GM would triple its output of diesel-powered autos, from about 68,000 this year to 190,000 next year. The firm now produces three models of automobile for which diesel engines can be ordered.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

Give as you are able, according as the Lord has blessed you. (Deuteronomy 16:17 TLB)

PRAYER: Dear Father, guide our minds and hearts in all decisions about giving. Help us not to rationalize about giving, but to sympathize with the persons and causes that need help. May we truly believe that what we have is not all ours but entirely Thine. Amen.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Staying alive

Staying alive —

Mrs Ronal Martin who spoke the other day on oxygen and pollution, made a number of interesting points about survival.

If we want to live, we've got to do something about pollution which is killing streams, overflowing into the oceans and poisoning the skies.

"If you love your children and your country...get busy on fighting pollution."

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Grandparents —

We doubt there are any more proud grandparents in town than the Dean Gillespies and the Roy Kinnisons. Mr and Mrs Garry (Debra Kinnison) Gillespie are the parents of twins, a son and a daughter.

The picture of the mother and pair appeared on page 1 of the News-Press the other day.

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The election —

We covered the school board meetings for a number of years and few people ever attended a session, unless of course someone had a gripe.

When the filing deadline closed this election, 14 people filed for the five vacancies. There must have been something about the school board job we missed.

It's a compliment to Nebraska City that so many people are interested in the school and its programs. It bears out once again the necessity of a primary.

Four were omitted from the list on election night and 10 names will be on the November ballot. We'll still vote for five and the top vote getters will get the jobs.

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The banquet —

The Pioneer athletic banquet was one of the highlights of the year for many families and we sure appreciated the organization of the event.

The Pioneer Booster club set up the whole thing and master of ceremonies Bill Dawson ran it in good form. He had to because there were so many coaches who had award assignments that the evening could have lagged easily.

Glen Cohn, who gets a little fidgety after two or three hours in a chair, timed the coaches as they approached the podium.

All of the athletes accepted the recognition and awards with the same glow they demonstrated during their athletic years. Congratulations to all.

And especially, congratulations to the Pioneer Booster club for its fine judgment. The club eliminated an after dinner speaker and instead used the money to buy a whirlpool for the girls athletic department. You made a lot of points.

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And speaking....

of points...the other day someone at the Optimist meeting asked whether the slogan on the club's banner should be changed. It read, "Friend of the boy."

The hair stands up on the neck of Wayne Brown (he has four daughters) when he sees that banner. The club officially changed its slogan to "Friend of youth" a number of years ago, but the old banners exist.

It was pointed out (probably by a father-of-a-daughter) that the club can purchase the appropriate lettering to change the banner.

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The Toastmasters —

Know what an "uh" counter is? That's the fellow who puts a mark down evertime the speaker says "uh."

And...uh...if...you...uh...think that is a waste of time, see how long you can speak on any given subject without saying "uh."

Toastmasters train against the "uh" to improve their speech. It's good training. At one time they fined speakers a nickel for each "uh" but we understand they don't do that anymore...that's...uh...understandable...they...uh ..probably collected enough money off'n me to last a lotta years.



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Why are feet still growing

DEAR DR. LAMB — My shoe size has increased from seven and a half to a large 10. Could that have anything to do with living close to a nuclear plant?

DEAR READER — No However if your hands have also enlarged you should see a specialist in endocrinology. Hand and feet enlargement in adults may be a sign of an overactive pituitary gland underneath the brain Otherwise you doctor should look at your feet to see if you have arthritis or any other condition that is causing your problem. Adults' feet usually do not grow without a reason, but the reason is not the nuclear plant.

DEAR DR. LAMB — Please tell me what I can do to relieve my problem. I am a farm woman and need to do a lot of walking and a lot of physical work My womb protrudes at times. My doctor told me it was from childbirth but I can hardly believe him. I didn't have a sign of this until two years ago when I was 63 years old and I had my last child, my fifth, 26 years ago

I had a relative with a similar problem and she wore a pessary. My doctor says he doesn't issue pessaries and I needed an operation. Is this an unusual problem for women and where could I get a pessary or some similar help? I am a widow and don't see how I can afford major surgery and several office calls afterward.

DEAR READER — It is quite common. I think an easy way for women to understand these problems is to realize that they are hernias or ruptures. I am including in this the fallen womb (uterus), bladder and rectum.

The birth canal is a muscular tube. When the muscles near the end of the vagina weaken and the structures around the uterus weaken the cervix sags into the canal or literally ruptures into the area. So when you stand up or strain, it slides down just as a hernia of a loop of intestine slides down if a person has a hernia in the groin It is no different in principle.

If the muscles weaken and the bladder ruptures through the front wall of the birth canal we call it a cystocele But if the rupture is of the back wall of muscles and the rectum protrudes through we call it a rectocele

Childbirth does stretch and weaken the muscles around the birth canal. These overstretched muscles and other structures may cause you no problem when you are young, but as additional weakening occurs with time, then a rupture may appear

A pessary is supposed to support the uterus but it is not really very effective It has little to support it and most doctors do not recommend them I'm not surprised that your doctor does not

I recognize your reluctance to have an operation but in truth the surgical repair of the weakened and torn structures is the best treatment and probably the only effective one for you. Your letter suggests you are past 65 so I would think you could get some help in getting the surgery done. Ask your doctor about it before deciding you can't do it.

For information about the menopause, readers can send 50 cent with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for The Health Letter number 5-12. Send your request to Dr Lamb in care of this newspaper, P O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

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