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VIEWPOINT

THE HOMEWORK WAS DONE — WELL

The Nebraska City school board and the teachers association (NCEA) are to be commended for working out their own problems and not relying on a court of Industrial Relations

We re talking about the agreement by the school board and the NCEA on the wage and benefits package approved the other day

In effect the teachers will draw more pay but not as much as originally requested And the school board had to give a little but stayed close to its line

The sides differed the issue was handed to a fact finding committee It made a proposal which was ratified by the board and NCEA Specifics of the package appeared in the news columns the other day

The item that did not surface was harmony And when two people or two sides of an issue can work together to resolve a situation then friend you ve got a mighty good crew on board

Unpopular as a $2 bill

Disposing of $1 294 billion is ordinarily no problem for your average federal agency

But it's currently a big one for the U S Treasury, with that much sunk into $2 bills which as far as most Americans are concerned, it can keep

It all dates back to 1976 when the two, withdrawn from circulation 38 years earlier was re-introduced It then looked like a denomination whose inflationary time had come The old reliable one was losing the battle to escalating prices on small items A $2 alternative, so the thinking went, would be more convenient for consumers and business alike And, since fewer bills would have to be issued, the Treasury would save itself several millions in printing costs

As it has turned out, the two had everything going for it except public acceptance The Treasury has printed 647 million in two years, but the denomination is still virtually uncirculated Some have disappeared into collections But the bulk remains in reserve or with banks where, according to tellers' reports customers are as likely as not to refuse to accept twos when offered

The Treasury still isn t sure precisely what went wrong but has a number of theories

The established heavy traffic in $20 bills could be a factor, with the public preferring not to take the chance of confusing the smaller denomination with the familiar big bill

Superstition may also be at work The old $2 bill was widely considered to be unlucky, possibly through its association with betting The taint, supposedly removed by tearing a corner, may have been carried over to the new issue by a long-memoried public which nowadays prefers its currency unmutilated

Or it may be that it s simply a question of time, with a new denomination requiring a few more years exposure than the two has yet had before the public feels comfortable with it

Whatever the case, Treasury is not giving up Expectations now are that the new $1 coin will benefit the $2 bill Once the public accepts the convenience of the dollar coin as pocket and purse change, so the thinking goes, it will be more inclined to give wallet space to $2 bills

That is, unless it works the other way around and the public transfers its lack of enthusiasm for the bill to the coin

That would appear unlikely however providing there are no changes in present plans for the new dollar to bear the likeness Susan B Anthony

Considering the size and economic power of the female population and the considerable lobbying investment the feminist movement has in the Anthony selection, it is unlikely that the famed women s rights crusader would be allowed to languish uncirculated

Which suggests a possible solution for the problem of the two The folks at Treasury might consider replacing Thomas Jefferson's likeness on it with that of social work pioneer Jane Adams say or Victoria Woodhull, first woman to run for president Who knows? They just might come up with a real winner

Mass producing Susan

To head off one possible threat to wide circulation of the Susan B Anthony dollar, the Treasury is planning to be there firstest with the mostest

The opposition is the nation's army of collectors and to be sure that the new coin, a nickel-copper combination slighly larger than the present quarter, does not disappear into their safes, the Treasury will rely on overwhelming numbers

A half-billion coins are to be minted prior to issue With the circulating supply constantly replenished from large reserves, the Susan B Anthony should never become a rarity with its value as a collectible exceeding its monetary worth

Which should make it a natural for the American consumer, long since accustomed to his dollars never increasing in value

AS TIME GOES BY

Trio killed

FORTY YEARS AGO
1938

A cave-in in the Waubonsie Hills north of Hamburg Iowa claimed the lives of three farm boys Three persons were injured two seriously enough to require hospital treatment in a car tractor accident south of Nebraska City Nebraska City horseshoe thrower Howard Robinson was in training for the national tournament to be held in Des Moines, Iowa A record crowd attended the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

Phyllis Vollertsen of Palmyra and Nancy Wilson of Talmage were picked to represent Otoe County in the State Fair Style Show at the Otoe County 4-H Club Style Show Al Gibbs of the Gibbs Hatchery in Nebraska City bought Lee Clark s grand champion Angus steer for $35 a hundredweight Four draftees bound for careers in the Armed Services were John Kreifels Dale Steckly and Jack Meredith all of Nebraska City and Dalyce Ronnau of Syracuse

TEN YEARS AGO
1968

Tom Hiskett and Police Officer Don Cockerham were appointed firemen by the City Commission A barn on a farm two miles west of Julian belonging to Cal Gamboni of Nebraska City was set on fire by lightning State Trooper and Mrs Don Niemann and son planned to move to Syracuse William "Bill" Mead former Nebraska Citian was named outstanding Legionnaire of the year at the Wyoming department convention held in Cheyenne



"I can still afford the luxuries — it's the necessities that blew me out of the tub."



Martha Angle and Robert Walters

IN WASHINGTON

Raising the wrong fuss

WASHINGTON (NEA) The Carter administration, unwilling or unable to tackle the really significant governmental contributors to inflation, continues to zero in on side issues of symbolic importance only

A prime example is the hand-wringing now going on among Carter's inflation fighters over a Labor Department proposal to raise white collar minimum salary standards by an image-rattling 45 to 47 percent

Unlike the hourly minimum wage rates which Congress establishes by law, white collar minimums for administrative, executive and professional employees are set by the secretary of labor

In practice, they are normally raised whenever the official minimum wage goes up — as it did last year and will again in January The Labor Department tries to keep the salary minimum high enough to discourage employers from evading the overtime requirements of the minimum wage law by arbitrarily designating workers as 'professionals' or 'executives" exempt from coverage of the minimum wage act.

The Labor Department's wage and hours divison has proposed increasing the salary minimum for executive and administrative personnel from $155 to $225 a week, and the minimum for professionals from $170 to $250 per week

There has been no increase in the white collar minimums since April 1975 and department officials insist the proposed boost would have little real effect since a majority of employees in such jobs already earns more than the new minimum salary

"The numbers involved here are very small, insignificant in terms of the work force as a whole," one Labor Department official said

Nonetheless, Labor Secretary Ray Marshall has not yet approved the new minimums and probably won't for some time because White House inflation watchers are worried about the psychological impact of blessing 45 to 47 percent increases for any group of workers.

"Those figures are sure as hell not within our guidelines," grumbled one White House official "Think what George Meany will say if we allow that "

There's only one problem with such solicitude Its misplaced

For inflationary impact, the white collar minimums are virtually meaningless — while the increases in the hourly minimum wage voted last year by Congress and approved by the president have a far greater effect because millions more workers are involved

Yet the administration has made no move to seek a slowdown or halt in those rates, which went from $2 35 to $2 65 an hour last year and will reach $2 90 an hour in January Why not? Fear of the political consequences from organized labor

"It s bad enough that we couldn't achieve some of their objectives like labor law reform" one administration source said, "without trying to undo what they've already achieved."

The other single most important inflationary act of the federal government during Carter's presidency was the increase in Social Security taxes voted by Congress last year — and that boost won't even take effect until January

Government economists fear the higher Social Security taxes, which business will undoubtedly pass through in price increases, coupled with the minimum wage boosts will add another full percentage point to inflation next year

Carter, however, has no present plans to seek a rollback of the Social Security tax increase either — again because of the political difficulties involved. Many members of Congress who voted for the tax hikes last year have had second thoughts, recognizing the damage those increases will do to inflation rates, but not the White House

Many of the underlying causes of today's inflation are essentially beyond the reach of government action but it's little wonder that Carter gets such poor marks for his efforts to fight the spiral when his administration swings at the little problems and ducks the big ones

News in Brief

NEW YORK (AP) — Doris Del Zio, who sued a doctor, a hospital and a university for the emotional damage done her five years ago when her test tube embryo was destroyed, has been awarded $50,000 by a federal jury But her husband, John, was given only a token award — $1 from each of the three defendants. Dr Raymond Vande Wiele, chief of gynecology and obstetrics at Columbia Presbyterian, the hospital, and Columbia University, which administers the hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's economy runs a real danger of sliding into a recession unless Congress enacts a tax cut of at least $25 billion, says a top business leader Reginald H Jones, chairman of General Electric Co., said that the $16 3-billion tax cut approved by the House wasn't enough to hold off an economic slump.

SEATTLE (AP) — Persons with sickle cell anemia — the blood disease which afflicts as many as 50 million people, most of them black, and kills half its victims before they reach age 20 — may live longer with the help of a new machine that treats their blood with a poisonous chemical.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

"If I only touch him, I will be healed." (Matthew 9:21 TLB)

PRAYER Lord, help us to remember that a loving touch so often says more than words. Help us to remember the many times You healed and blessed with just a touch Amen.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont — THE BUCK ENDS HERE

George and his cave

John Brown Country —

George Rowe and his late wife developed a deep longing for telling the story of John Brown They did it through John Brown's Cave at the west edge of town on No. 2 highway

All the Rowes worked at the cave and George has continued his dedication even after retiring as manager of the Woolworth store

Today, the John Brown facility incudes an historic tour that takes visitors back into the 'oldtimes' or in the case of the younger generation, it takes them back to the Old West

We hadn't visited John Brown's for several years so when we hosted three little girls and their parents during the weekend, we walked the paths of history

We wondered at the large collection of everything George has accumulated. His displays include the Whitten, Bartling and Gaskill collections That alone is worth the chips

The John Brown story is told in pictures, fixtures, furnishings and the cave The cave is set up with good lighting and yet gives off that feeling of being in a darkened cave 100 years ago.

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Football —

The annual News-Press football edition will be published Monday The edition will also be distributed in 30 communities in the trade territory

The same day we will publish the first football contest It will be published each Monday and you're invited to pick the winners There's cash for winning.

High school football opens September 1 The Pioneers will host Norris on the new football field at NCHS at, get this — 8 p m

And here s what football fans have been wanting — NC Lourdes will host Weeping Water — at 8 p.m., on the new NCHS football field...Saturday night!

and away we go into the Nebraska Craze

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The egg and I —

The shopping housewife complained to her grocer "These eggs surely are small "

He replied, aiming to please her 'They came straight from the farm this morning," Mrs James

That's just the trouble with these farmers," she exclaimed "They're so anxious to get our money they even take the eggs off the nest too soon."

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Stonecypher's diary —

If you bought something today, you got a bargain by the time you get home the price will have gone up.

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The speakers —

The membership of the Nebraska City Toastmasters Club is groomed for speaking engagements and available on call The club hopes to get a few speaking jobs to qualify for a special Toastmasters award

Toastmasters is a training program for public speaking. It involves local people and weekly training sessions that always prove themwelves worthy

Randy Eastwood of First Federal S&L is president of the club Give him a call. .see if you can catch him with an "uh " — 873-3367

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Congratulations —

to Tim Nelsen on his Eagle Scout award Tim is the son of Mrs Betty Nelsen and is a member of Troop 343. The special Eagle Court of Honor will be Sunday at 2 p.m , at the First Christian Church

The story on Tim's scouting efforts and community involvement appeared in the News-Press several days ago In addition, to the items, Tim served the City as dog catcher and was heard at the City Council meeting in reference to dog pound sanitation

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The Troxler Files —

In a parish, the pastor asked his class "Why do we love God?"

His questions drew a variety of answers, but the one that caught him most was from the little fellow who answered "I don't really know, Reverend I guess it just runs in our family "

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 1978 There are 126 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1945, American troops began landing in Japan at the end of World War II It was the first foreign occupation of that country in modern history

On this date

In 55 B C , Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain.

In 1776, the British were victorious in the Revolutionary War battle of Long Island in New York

In 1859, the first oil well in the United States was drilled near Titusville, Pa

In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact to outlaw war was signed in Paris.

In 1939, Nazi Germany demanded the city of Danzig and the Polish corridor.

Ten years ago U.S commanders in Saigon reported 7,-500 enemy soldiers killed in nine days of fighting.

Five years ago An exploding letter bomb blew off in the hand of secretary at the British embassy in Washington.

One year ago Officials said relations between Washington and Moscow had become less strained because of cooperation in dissuading South Africa from proceeding with a nuclear bomb test.

Today's birthdays. Economist Walter Heller is 63 years old.

Thought for today The emotions may be endless. The more we express them, the more we may have to express — British novelist E.M. Forster.



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Lose excess fat

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR LAMB — Is there such a thing as high blood pressure which doesn't respond to medication? I'm a 55-year-old mother of a large family I'm 5-feet-7 and weigh 135 pounds For the past five years I've been taking Aldoril. I have been watching my salt and cholesterol intake. I do a lot of walking because I don't drive and I drink between three and four cups of regular coffee a day Is there anything else I can do or not do?

DEAR READER — The management of high blood pressure has to be individualized. Some people with mild blood pressure elevation respond to mild medicines.

Some people with rather marked elevation of blood pressure respond well to weight loss So once again I would like to emphasize that if you have any excess fat under your skin that you could possibly lose, get rid of it and it may help your pressure.

Sometimes the doctor has to try several different combinations of medicine before he finds the one that is best suited for an individual patient Aldoril is a good medicine and is very effective in many patients, but it may not be the proper choice for your particular case.

Don't underestimate the influence of tension and emotional factors in your life as a cause of elevated blood pressure That's one reason why some patients do well when they are given tranquilizers or sedatives They take the edge off life enough that the nervousness disappears and the blood pressure behaves better.

In this light, I think you should stop drinking coffee Every cup you drink has a certain amount of caffeine in it which has the opposite effect and tends to increase your nervousness and edginess, which in turn may increase your blood pressure If you like the taste of coffee, you should switch to a decaffeinated brand

To give you more information about blood pressure I am sending you The Health Letter number 1-8 Other readers who want this issue 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

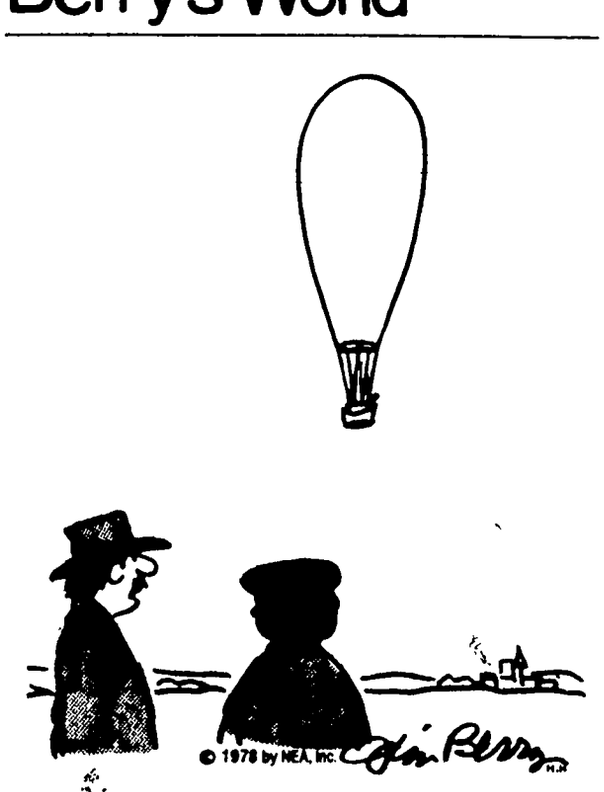
DEAR DR LAMB — I distinctly remember reading a while back that there is a vitamin, I think probably one of the B complex vitamins, that helps tighten the tissues around the eyes and mouth Any information will be appreciated

DEAR READER — There isn't any vitamin that will tighten up your skin The loss of elasticity of the skin is associated with aging which is inevitable to all of us It is more marked in some people, just as some individuals get gray hair sooner than others

Excessive exposure to the sun and cigarette smoking are two factors that lead to wrinkling of the skin, particularly around the eyes A heavy cigarette smoker may look 10 years older than a nonsmoker of the same age Of course, weight loss in the face contributes to wrinkling of the face but none of these conditions are alleviated in any way by applying vitamins to the surface of the skin or by swallowing them

The best thing you can do for the skin around the eyes — short of cosmetic surgery — is to use a moisturizer You can use baby oil if you want and spread it smoothly over the areas around the eye once or twice a day to help the skin retain its moisture. The retained moisture puffs up the skin and helps to eliminate the appearance of the wrinkles

Berry's World



"Probably more Americans with their worthless dollars!"