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VIEWPOINT

RUFF, RUFF!

Falls City Mayor Dale Shaffer cited a few figures during a discussion at the city council meeting.

He said that a town with a population of 5,000 normally has between 800 and 900 dogs.

Last year, 145 dogs were licensed in Falls City, according to the Falls City Journal.

Nebraska City issued 336 licenses.

GASOHOL — SHADES OF SORRELL

The potential demand for gasohol has been given an added boost with troubles with oil producing nations and scare talk of gas rationing in this country.

It's enough to rile a quiet citizen.

Meanwhile, the marketing of gasohol has been restricted because of a shortage of 200 proof alcohol. There are bright prospects, according to a talk given to Falls City residents by Steve Sorum of the Nebraska Ag Products Utilization committee St. Paul is looking into a 2 million gallon plant. Columbus, Holdrege, Harting and O'Neill are moving in similar directions.

So is the Nebraska City area. A gasohol plant will be built near Rock Port, Mo., just south of here on the interstate.

The late Frank Sorrell who tried unsuccessfully to engineer the state into gasohol many years ago, would be excited at the thought of everyone jumping on the train now

A Sihanouk solution?

One of the most promising developments — maybe the only such of late — in the Southeast Asian snake pit could be Prince Norodom Sihanouk's decision on his place of exile

The former Cambodian chief of state is returning to Peking There's logic in his decision since he knows the city well It was to the Chinese capital he went following his overthrow in the 1970 American-supported military coup. That, it may be remembered, was incidental to the decision of Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger to let some light into that once much-discussed tunnel by carrying the Vietnam war into Cambodia. What happened was that the tunnel soon fell in on both Vietnam and Cambodia

Sihanouk was said to have had Peking originally in mind when, following the Vietnamese invasion, the Cambodian Communist regime released him from detention to plead its case to the world. But after his semi-dramatic appearance at the United Nations, Sihanouk pronounced a plague on all houses in the dispute and announced he would settle in France

The latest change of mind is reported to be the result of a private conversation with Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping during the latter's U.S. visit. Teng is said to have argued that China would lose face if Sihanouk now chose to remain in the West.

Face, of course, carries a lot of weight in the East. But other considerations could be involved here, having more to do with power politics than image. Sihanouk has refused any association with the Cambodian Communists, in exile or otherwise But in Peking he would be on the scene should his person and services be required.

With Vietnam's blitzkrieg in Cambodia already turning out to be considerably less than total victory, there is a growing possibility that the two sides will eventually buy a compromise solution.

Sihanouk could be it. His return to power would get the Vietnamese out of a no-end guerrilla war and save some face for the Chinese, who have lost plenty of it to date in Cambodia. A Sihanouk solution, returning the situation about to where it was politically in 1970, might get everyone off the Cambodian hook.

Except, possibly, Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger

AS TIME GOES BY

Convicts die

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1939—

Vernon Lee, 20, Nebraska City, and Wilbur Miller, also 20, Eldorado, Ill., died in an automobile accident after they and three other convicts escapted from the Nebraska State Reformatory The Otoe county board went on record as opposing two bills on county budgeting law pending in the Unicameral .Fire and a fuel tank explosion destroyed an insane asylum in Quebec, Canada .George Brent starred in "Wings of the Navy" at the Booth with Robert Young starring in "Honolulu" at the Overland.

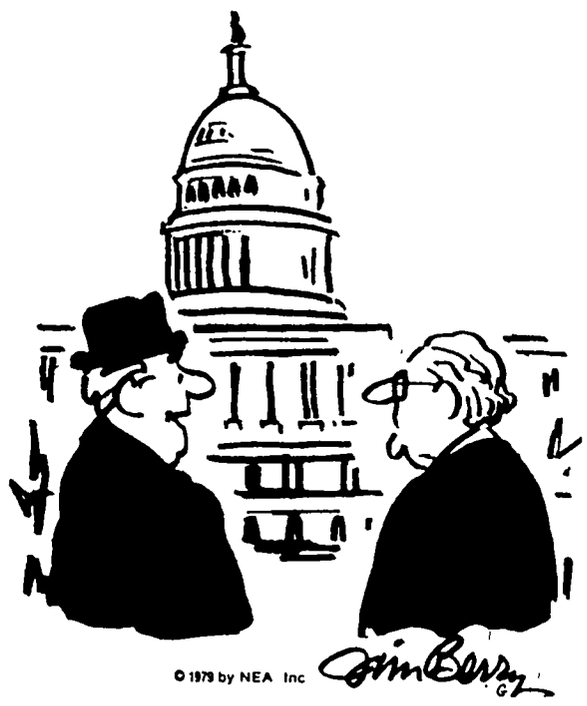
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1954—

The steering committee of Nebraska City Centennial, Inc , adopted a program for the year Tools valued at $150 were stolen from the Arlo Moyer farm Paul Wellensiek Sr of Lorton said beavers were at work on Wilson Creek. They built a dam 12 feet high on the Ralph Bade farm ..The Nebraska City Centennial birthday cake was being erected on the northwest corner of the courthouse lawn Ed Sasse's 20 points boosted the NC Flying Eagles to a 68-48 win over Percival High.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1969—

The President's Club Invitational Membership Drive of the Chamber of Commerce was coming along with excellent results. Captain Garry Ailes' squad continued to lead with 48. His top producers were Bill Brockley and Jim Olsen who had a team score of 16 holes in one, membership cards and dues returned. There were 122 residents of Otoe County enrolled for the second semester at Peru State College, according to Dr Kelly J Liewer, registrar .Jim Ricketts, son of Mr and Mrs Don Ricketts, of Nebraska City, received the Ad Altare Dei award at the Cathedral of Risen Christ in Lincoln with Bishop Glennon P Flavin officiating at the service

Berry's World



"You don't suppose Taiwan would be interested in becoming the 51st state, do you?"



"Ahh .., Leonid, I think Teng just backed his rig over your chicken truck."



Donald F. Graff

COMMENTARY

Son of Proposition 13

Never underestimate the power of a popular movement to panic the political establishment — particularly a movement concerned with something as popular as money

California s Proposition 13 is perhaps the most recent spectacular case in point But that tax-slashing measure, affecting directly only one state and the result of a mere referendum is bush league compared to the movement now underway to impose a balanced budget upon the federal government

The means would be a constitutional amendment

And with approval already having been voted by more than a score of legislatures, the movement is almost in sight of the 34 states necessary to summon a constitutional convention for the purpose

California's Gov Edmund G Brown Jr , from whom new highs — or lows — in political trendiness come as no surprise since Proposition 13 opened his eyes to the relationship between wallets and votes, joined up early He is reported preparing to launch a nationwide "balance the budget" campaign which only incidentally might also enhance his presidential availability Right on, Jerry!

Other political names, especially of the governor's own Democratic persuasion, take notably different views of the prospective amendment President Carter finds it "dangerous," to Sen Edward Kennedy it is "ominous" and from labor's George Meany comes the definitive evaluation of "a very dangerous right-wing legislative threat "

The predominant response in Republican ranks is handwringing On the one hand, there is concern that Democrats could pre-empt a traditional Republican issue — economy in government. On the other, there's recognition of the dangerous oversimplicity of the idea and the possibility that as political issues go, it might well turn out to be more effective as a boomerang.

It is not necessary to oppose fiscal responsibility on the federal level to be able to shoot holes in this proposal for achieving it. A constitutional convention is a cumbersome approach, has not been utilized since the original gathering and conceivable could become a "runaway" — rewriting the entire document

The foremost consequence of a constitutional budgetary limitation might be fiscal chaos, depriving an administration of the flexibility necessary to meet economic and political crises. The entire nation could become a Cleveland. Further, it is no service to the nation to clutter the Constitution with matters better handled through the existing political processes An amendment would not be an adequate substitute for responsible performance in the public interest on the part of an administration and the Congress, or of state government

The latter has not been showing up too well on the amendment business. The kindest word for the haste with which many legislatures have endorsed the convention call is "unseemly " Less thought and debate has been devoted to the issue in several chambers than to changes in local speed limits — considerably less, since deviations from the nationwide 55 miles-per hour could cost a state funds from the federal highway program

Which brings us back to money and a possible do-it-ourselves way of easing federal budget problems As a New York congressman, Rep Peter Peyser, suggested to Governor Brown, California might consider giving up the funds it receives from Washington under the myraid state and local aid programs That at a stroke would cut the budget deficit by close to $4 billion And if all the states renounced their federal doles, it could be wiped out altogether

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday Feb 18, the 49th day of 1979 There are 316 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1932, Manchuria became Manchukuo, a Japanese puppet state

On this date

In 1546, the German religious reformer, Martin Luther, died

In 1562, a group of Huguenot colonists left France for Florida

In 1685, the French explorer, La Salle, established the first settlement in Texas

In 1915, in World War I, Germany began a submarine blockade of Britain

In 1945, the Pacific War Battle of Iwo Jima was beginning

Ten years ago Communist China withdrew from diplomatic talks with the United States in Warsaw, angered over the defection of one of its diplomats

Today's birthdays Former Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny is 76 Guitarist Andres Segovia is 85 Republican Senator John Warner of Virginia is 52

Thought for today A good husband should be deaf and a good wife blind - a French proverb

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all fears. (Psalm 34:4)

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, we are so happy in the knowledge that You really love us and that no matter how often we call You are never too busy to answer and to listen. Amen.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

More manpower?

More manpower —

The giant industrialist asked his small son what he'd like for his birthday

"A baby brother," the little shaver said.

The father smiled and said, "but that's only a few weeks away You don't give me much time."

The little guy returned

"Can't you put more men on the job?"

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Someone special —

There's somebody special out there on the interstate.

He's a graduate of Nebraska City high school and a former News-Press carrier boy and now works at a service station at the Milford exchange.

Others can attest to this young good samaritan

He is Darrell Rulla, son of Mrs Helen Rulla and Harvey Rulla of Nebraska City

A few years ago we heard about Darrell's goodwill from Roy Tucker a state officer of the Lions club Roy had car trouble and thanks to Darrell received special attention

The goodwill happened again and this time to a former resident, Mrs Bob (Carolyn Conkling) Balfour of Sidney, Nebr

Mrs Balfour was driving from her home to Nebraska City on an emergency trip. Her mother, Mrs Elmer Conkling, was hospitalized at St Mary's in the intensive care unit

Her car developed trouble along the way and she was unable to get the necessary repairs She was directed to the Milford exchange Someone else knew about Darrell Rulla

He was unable to get her car on the road immediately and when he explained the trouble, she told her story of the necessity of getting to Nebraska City

When Darrell found out that Mrs Balfour was the daughter of a former Greggsport school teacher, he loaned her his pickup truck to make the trip to Nebraska City

Later, he made the repairs to her car and drove it to Nebraska City

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Smile —

I think this one came from Optimist Bruce Eppenbaugh who was talking to a woman who had just given birth to triplets

"Yes, isn't it wonderful," the new mother said "And just think It happens only once in 15,000 times "

"Good grief!" Bruce exclaimed "When did you have time to do anything else?"

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And speaking of smiles

The Optimist club had its annual Valentine party the other night It has been held at the late Harry Vondrak home and in recent years at the John Eilers home This year it just got too big and was moved to Midwest Federal S&L Community room

Thank heavens

Bill Peterson (that's the grade school principal, folks) staged a show and tell skit and directed the first appearance of the Optimist men's chorus (there ain't no women in the Optimist club)

The voices were Garry Ailes, the Rev John Green, Jim Brockhaus, Dr Jim Stuart, Ivan Boerner, Paul Rowe, Dennis Kennell, Gary Friesner, Jim Wood, Ed Thomas, Bill Saunders and Marv Penning and I hope I didn't miss anyone

There was also a Dolly Parton skit with emphasis on the upper structure Mrs Ivan Boerner who was taking pictures for the Opti-Mrs Club laughed so hard at the skit she forgot to snap all the pictures she wanted

The evening ended with crazy bridge which was sort of m-keeping with what had been presented earlier in the evening.

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State educator —

Congratulations to Duane Choutka on being selected as an outstanding young educator by the Nebraska Jaycees.

Duane is a popular football coach No one has a voice any stronger He also has a soft voice and warm heart when he works with young, teaching them first aid and CPR

Duane will be leaving the Nebraska City schools at the end of the term and leaving a teaching career He will return to his home to farm

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Catfish Neal —

This was overheard at Allen Paap's sport shop in South Eleventh Street.

The expert fisherman, Neal Martin, was recalling some exciting adventures "My muscles were knotted, but after three hours of fighting this monster of the deep, I was determined to win. I landed the precious fish "

"You forget," Allen chuckled "I was with you and that fish wasn't more than six inches long."

"Awright," Neal conceded, "but in three hours of fighting a hook a fish can lose a lot of weight "

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Hello, from Miss Pete

Miss Pete (Amelia Peterson) writes from her home in Lincoln that she remembered well last week's comment about the aroma of baking from Rose Gilson's kitchen seeping into her music classes at NCHS

"The choir members weren't the only ones with hunger pangs," she said. "The director suffered along with them "



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Nosebleed problem

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR LAMB — Two years ago I had a nosebleed I had a nose doctor cauterize it. About two months ago I seemed to have a dizzy feeling for about five minutes and then it went away The doctor checked me and found I had neither high nor low blood pressure

Two weeks ago, I had another nosebleed The nose doctor packed it at the hospital I stayed in the hospital six days My blood pressure was taken four times a day, and it was neither low nor high

I asked the doctor what could have caused this, and the only reason he could give was pollen in the air I am concerned about this What do you think could have caused the nosebleed?

DEAR READER — The doctor who examined you would be in the best position to know the real cause of the nosebleed Most nosebleeds are caused by injury

In young people the injury may involve the tip of the nose. The tip of the nasal septum is very vascular A small injury here may cause bleeding.

A common cause for injury is picking the nose. This may be a habit, but it's more apt to occur if the secretions in the nose have dried and are irritating

Drying the tip of the nose can be avoided by gently rubbing the inside of the tip of the nose with Vaseline each day Some people recommend baby oil, but I don't like it because it's too fluid and there is a possibility that a little may be inhaled through the nasal passages into the lungs

In middle-aged and older people a nosebleed may occur from a crack in a diseased artery These are higher up in the nose and there's not much you can do about them

You do not have to have high blood pressure to bleed from such a crack in a diseased artery Of course, if the pressure is high, bleeding may be a bit more profuse

What should you do if you have a nosebleed? Unless you feel faint or are in a shocklike condition, the best procedure is to sit upright. I recommend patients lean forward a little so that any bleeding does run out the nose instead of down the back of the throat.

You should go to a doctor unless it's a minor nosebleed at the front of the nose which can be controlled readily by pinching the tip of the nose tightly for about five minutes

The nosebleeds further back in the nose associated with small arteries can be rather profuse These are all best treated by inserting a nasal pack

If you have recurrent nosebleeds, a redoubled effort must be made to locate the exact site of bleeding If there is a dried spot in part of the nose (turbinate), an operation may be required to correct that area.

In rare cases it may be necessary to tie off an artery that is supplying the area that bleeds

In any case, these are all individual decisions that must be made in conjunction with where the bleeding comes from and how severe the nosebleeds are

NOISES IN THE EAR bother more than 30 million Americans Those who want information on what this means and what can be done can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for The Health Letter number 12-10, Help For Tinnitus Noise Or Ringing In The Ears 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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