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VIEWPOINT

On the job front

If you're looking for a job, don't overlook the significance of geography.

Your chances of finding something, reports The Conference Board, are currently statistically better in the Great Lakes states than in other areas of the country, with the South Atlantic states least promising of all.

This is the New York-based economic research organization's reading of figures compiled during February for a seasonally adjusted employment opportunity index.

It gets its information from the newspapers — specifically, the help-wanted pages of 51 major papers across the country. The rise and decline in volume of job advertising, it says, has proved a particularly sensitive barometer of the changes in demand for labor and of general business conditions.

Educational developments

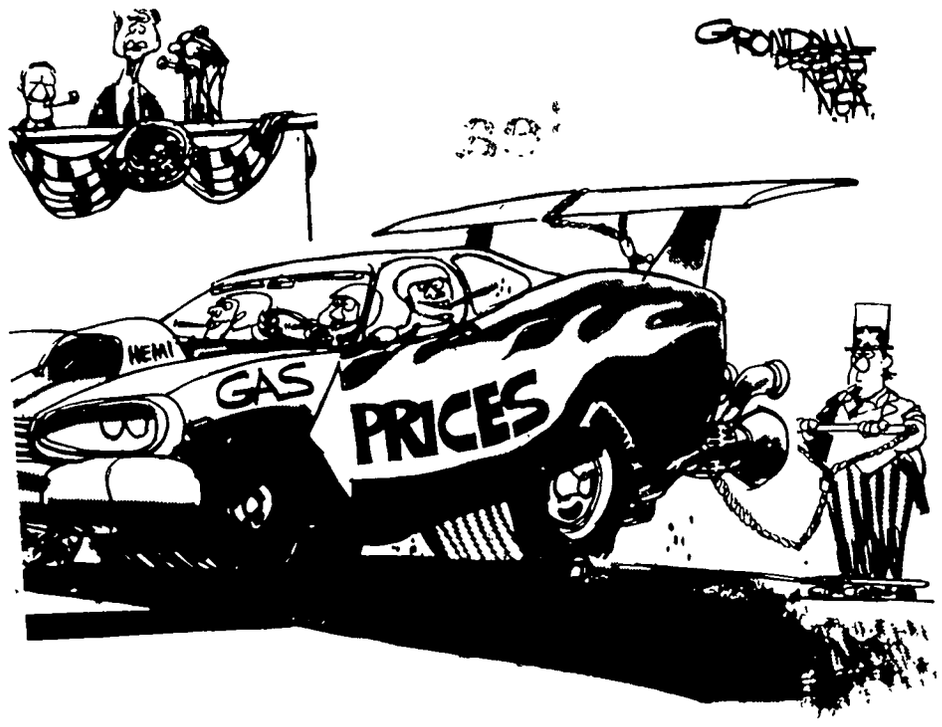
Back in 1965, there was no shortage of jobs in teaching That was when the postwar baby boom was echoing through the nation's schools, facilities were strained, some schools were on double shifts and the demand for teachers appeared inexhaustible. To meet it more than 20 percent of students entering college intended to become teachers

We all know what happened within a few years The baby boom went bust, expensively constructed but now surplus plant had to be closed and the bloom has gone off teaching as a promising profession. Enrollment of would-be teachers has dwindled by some two-thirds.

The current situation is not all bad, however. Contrary to the popular impression of a teacher glut and a job shortage, a recent report in the Council for Basic Education's "Bulletin" notes that the supply-and-demand situation is actually spotty Many openings are going unfilled in certain specialized fields. This is particularly the case in mathematics and science. Vocational courses, special education and bilingual education are also reported to offer opportunities.

While a new teacher shortage is discounted, an upturn in teaching opportunities is foreseen with a major contributor being the increasing popularity of the "lifelong learning" concept. Demand for continuing adult education in vocational and leisure fields as well as in traditional academic subjects promises to open up a wide-range of new teaching jobs. These will, however, call upon more than the usual basic education skills.

For the professional educator, keeping up with the rapid changes in education is something of an education in itself



"Gentlemen, start your engine."

Law and order?

Jamming controversy heats up

By Ink Dipper

Modulating any CB carrier heavily with sounds will jam the frequency. Using a scanner will create synchronized jamming so that it is impossible to broadcast or receive an intelligible message on any frequency

Peter V Gureckis, a broadcast engineer in Washington, D C , says "Jamming a frequency is as old as radio, and it doesn't require any highly technical equipment " He's talking about the controversy brewing over the alleged jamming of CB frequencies and radar detection devices by law enforcement agencies

The Federal Communications Commission has issued a warning to all police that jamming is illegal

"There is a story making the rounds in Washington that an FCC field inspector was driving down a highway in one of the Southeastern states when he was arrested for speeding," says Gureckis "When the police gave him a ticket, he asked to see their license for their radar When he found it was not validated, he gave them a ticket in return "

One or two states have applied to the FCC for permission to use unattended transmitters, though these applications were probably in connection with highway safety for workers so that the crews could be alerted to oncoming vehicles At least, this is the opinion of Will McGibbon, associate in the FCC's chief engineer's office

It has been determined that these devices will also confuse a radar detector, and that they could be used for this purpose In Gureckis' opinion, however, this is not as serious as the jamming of CB channels, particularly Channel 9

"You've had several columns in the past which suggested that CB might be used by guerrillas, or robbers, or others who wanted to communicate with each other for illegal purposes," he says. "I have never questioned that even in the poorest nations CB equipment could be obtained and used. However, it is also a fact that jamming frequencies by the law-and-order people is just as easily accomplished if they know the activity is going on

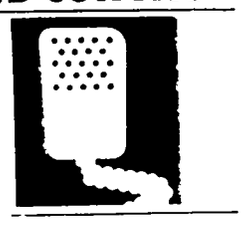
"The Communications Act of 1934 covers the use of all radio frequencies and this act is administered and implemented by the FCC Anyone who uses the medium illegally is subject to prosecution "

Gureckis points out that modulating heavily, using a scanner to sweep all frequencies with a loud noise, is exactly what the communications act outlaws "If linears are a CB disease, this is another malady that the FCC must control," he said

Edwin Schaeffer, of the FCC's chief engineer's office, said, when questioned about jamming "It is an adulterous act to use an instrument for a purpose other than the one for which it was approved "

"Anyone who uses the medium illegally is subject to prosecution."

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AS TIME GOES BY

Dinner is held

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1939—

About 30 members of the Unicameral attended a dinner held at Talmage High School with about 250 persons served dinner Sheriff Carl Ryder said G-men had offered to help in the investigation of a possible attempt to rob or kidnap Dr L D Dieter. Otoe 243 persons were injured when two subway trains collided during rush hour in New York City The German press united in a bitter attack on Great Britain as tensions between the two nations increased

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1954—

James D Skinner of Nebraska City was selected as a battalion officer in the University of Nebraska NROTC program, Quentins Casuals opened at 912 Central Avenue "Ready Made Family" was the senior class play at Union High The Otoe County Selective Service Board moved to new offices in the Meyer Building, Mrs Walburga Adams Neri, clerk, said

TEN YEARS AGO
—1969—

The Nebraska City Board of Public Works gave unanimous approval to a pension plan for all City utilities workers under 65 The vehicle safety check went back into effect again after revisions were made in the legislature Otto H Wellensiek of Syracuse was named Law Day USA chairman for Otoe County Pat Bremer was named as an alternate for a FHA convention in Lincoln

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, April 1, the 91st day of 1979 There are 274 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1939, the United States recognized the Franco government in Spain after the end of the Spanish Civil War

On this date

In 1789, the U S. House of Representatives held its first full meeting, convening in New York City The House had tried to transact business one month earlier but lacked a quorum

In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio became the first U.S. city to pay salaries to firemen rather than rely on volunteers

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was organized in Britain

Ten years ago Rescue workers were trying to find about 150 miners caught in an explosion in a soft coal mine in Barroteran, Mexico.

Today's birthdays Actress Debbie Reynolds is 47 Writer William Manchester is 57 Actor George Grizzard is 51

Thought for today The best advice on the art of being happy is about as easy to follow as advice to be well when one is sick — writer Anne Sophie Swetchine, 1782-1857

CONFERENCE BOARD REPORTS

Prices are rising; buying is strong

By KRISTIN GOFF
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Government reports indicate prices are rising at their fastest pace in 4½ years and the amount workers have to spend, after inflation, is declining

Still, the consumer buying boom remains strong

The Conference Board, a business-funded research group, reported this past week that its February survey of consumers showed a 22 percent increase from the previous month in an index of buying plans for cars, homes, appliances or other major purchases in the next six months

Levels of consumer debt also remain at high levels

The reason, many economists think, is that consumers have become used to inflation Instead of scaring off buyers, rapid increases in prices encourage them to buy now to beat price increases later — and borrow more to do so. That in turn helps fuel further inflation

"The strong February buying figures indicate that the urge to buy now to avoid paying higher prices later is still pronounced and prevalent," said Fabian Linden, director of the Conference Board survey

But Linden argues that continued "hedge-buying" not only fuels inflation but represents a borrowing from future sales

"All this suggests that when the now widely anticipated business slowdown arrives, the decline may be somewhat greater than is generally expected," he said in releasing the latest results of the survey of 5,000 families.

The government reported this past week that consumer prices jumped 1 2 percent from January to February or at an annual rate of about 15 percent if that rise continued for 12 months That was the biggest inflation rise since a 1 2 percent jump in September 1974

For the last 12 months including February prices have increased nearly 10 percent But in the same period, largely because of inflation, the government said workers' spendable income declined 1 2 percent

In the face of that consumers have shown a willingness to take on more debt And, if inflation expectations are a true indication, they may continue to do so as long as they are able An Associated Press NBC survey of 1,600 people this past week found that an overwhelming 72 percent of those polled expected inflation to worsen over the next year Only five percent expected improvement

In other business developments this past week

—Commerce Department figures showed that corporate profits in the fourth quarter of 1978, which totalled $225.3 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, were up 9 6 percent from the third quarter and were 26 4 percent higher than the fourth quarter of 1977

—The trucking industry and the Teamster's union remained far apart as contract talks proceeded toward an April 1 strike deadline. The Carter administration has a crucial stake in the settlement with the nation's largest single union, because it could serve as a guide for other labor agreements.

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The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10·28 RSV)

PRAYER· Heavenly Father, forgive our foolish fears and help us to wrestle with the real evil. Amen.

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Just too noisy

The sincere one —

The Little Miss came home from school with a tear-stained face and trembling lips.

"What's wrong, dear"' asked her mother

"The teacher was angry with us," the child replied "She told us we were too noisy "

"Hmmmm," said the mother, "and were you one of those being noisy? "

"No!" exclaimed the little girl, "but it was so noisy, Miss Winsor couldn't hear me being quiet "

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The winners —

The Optimist club said it was too late, that it couldn't put together a speech contest and get the job done in time Phooey said Bill Saunders past president of the Plattsmouth club and lieutenant governor of the district He got it going

Diane Guttinger daughter of Mr and Mrs Marvin Guttinger won first and will represent the district in the zone contest Sunday at Beatrice She's an eighth grader at Nebraska City Lourdes

Second place went to Denise Graham daughter of Mr and Mrs Lester Graham a ninth grader at Nebraska City Junior High

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Good luck, David —

We join with the many friends of David Everett who has been having a difficult time since he injured a leg last fall The accident occurred during the motorcycle enduro races held at Nebraska City

David is the son of Mr and Mrs John Everett Jr of rural Union Friends and relatives contributed $1,300 through a pancake feed last week at the Methodist church in Union to help defray some of his hospital expenses

The leg injury occurred when David's motorcycle collided with a pickup truck

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Bryan signs up —

Bryan, 17, son of Mrs Judith Huebner, is a young man who wants a military career and he took the oath the other day to make it real Bryan enlisted into the National Guard

You may see more of young people joining the Guard The organization pays $1,500 or more cash to each new recruit and will pay 75 percent of his college and offers other benefits Sgt Allen Barrett of Company A hopes a lot of young men will look at it that way He's got a recruiting program going full blast

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Congratulations —

Ron Jay and his FFA boys and girls for a successful year The awards and recognition earned by the students showed they had put in some time on projects

Mark Poeschl Mead the University freshman who is finishing a year as state president of the FFA, is a fine example for others He set goals and attained them

He's also an interesting conversationalist and an especially fine banquet speaker His delivery and voice inflections were acquired by training, part of which we believed he reaped from Roberts Rules in his FFA chapter

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The Science Fair —

Science and engineering exhibits are on display this weekend at Senior High during the annual Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair

The fair originated in Nebraska City and was a success its first year That interest has grown over the years and registrations for the weekend were even larger according to Director Mary Jane Hawkes

Although the fair is to test the talents and energies of students it's a good show for visitors Your attendance is part of the success

News in brief

OMAHA, Neb (AP) State tax returns have been coming in faster this year than last according to state tax officials

The Nebraska Department of Revenue has received about 10,000 more returns this year than last said Greg Richter administrator of the revenue operations division

And Barbara Baird of the Internal Revenue Service district office in Omaha said more returns have been filed this year in Nebraska and other states served by the IRS Service Center in Ogden Utah than last year

Mrs Baird acting public affairs officer of the Omaha district office said that the taxpayer assistance line received 119 378 calls between Jan 1 and last Friday

She said the busiest day for calls so far was the last Monday in January with 3,658 calls received The slowest day was March 9 with 1 117 calls

During peak periods there are 19 toll free lines to offer taxpayer assistance



HEALTH
Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Petite mal in children

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D

DEAR DR. LAMB — My 13-year-old granddaughter has been given a diagnosis of having petit mal She has never had it until now and is still in puberty She is not menstruating as yet My question is will she always have it or can it stop when she starts menstruating? Thank you for any information you can give Should her mother take her to a gynecologist instead of a regular M D ? She is taking medicine for this

DEAR READER — Petit mal is one form of epilepsy Actually, the term comes from French and means little sickness This form of epilepsy is not associated with convulsions

During an attack the person appears to have a momentary loss of attention span The child may gaze off into space and not be aware of his surroundings I said "child" because the episodes usually occur in children and it is rarely present in adults At the outside limit, it is seldom noted in individuals over 30 years of age

One has to be careful not to label every lapse of attention as petit mal, or there would be a lot of us running around with that diagnosis The diagnosis needs to be made as a result of a careful medical examination, as I assume has been done in the case of your granddaughter

I would not expect your granddaughter's attacks to stop merely because she starts menstruating However, her attacks may be controlled by her medicine and, eventually, they should disappear

I see no reason for her to see a gynecologist for this problem since it is not really related to menstruation or female reproduction in any way If she needs to see a specialist, she should see a neurologist who is a specialist dealing with these problems and other disorders of the brain

Often petit mal causes no significant problems for the child unless the attacks occur so frequently that they cause confusion and lack of ability to concentrate

To help give you a better understanding of epilepsy as a disorder and what can be done about it, I am sending you The Health Letter number 10-8, Epilepsy You Can Have It Too Others who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it Send your request to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019

No one really knows what causes petit mal, but then that shouldn't be too surprising because no one knows the cause of many epileptic seizures that people experience The total complex of epileptic disease is not nearly as rare as you might think A significant amount of grand mal, the form of epilepsy associated with convulsions, is related to brain injuries That's why people who have been in an automobile accident and have had a brain injury may develop epilepsy

The more that is learned about epilepsy, the more clear it is that it encompasses a variety of disorders of the brain, including injuries as I just mentioned I predict that the time will come when the term "epilepsy" will almost be lost as a more specific diagnosis is made in each individual case With that specificity will probably come better forms of treatment and management

Meanwhile, it's well to keep in mind that many of history's greats had epilepsy, including Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, Socrates and Tchaikovsky

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