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VIEWPOINT

The Chrysler crisis

A jump from $250 million in 1974 to $1 billion in 1979 might be taken as one more measure of inflation, and in a way it is

The first figure is what the federal government put up, in the form of loan guarantees, to bail out financially beleaguered Lockheed Corp. five years ago

The latter, now much in the news, is what Chrysler Corp says it must have from the public coffers to rescue it from imminent collapse

Even in an era of megabillion-dollar budgets and deficits, that is not petty cash. The real issue in the Chrysler crisis is not, however, the principal but the principle of the requested loan.

Chrysler and a covey of politicians whose districts would be littered with the economic debris of a collapse can make an impressive case for aid.

The carmaker is the nation's 10th largest corporation with some 130,000 employees on its own payroll and additional hundreds of thousands of jobs in supplier firms dependent to some extent on its continuing ability to do business. Wages and fringe benefits exceed $3 billion annually at Chrysler's major facilities in six Eastern, Midwestern and Southwestern states, in which it pays more than $100 million in local taxes.

Chrysler puts a large part of the blame for its problems on federal safety, pollution-control and fuel economy regulations that have jacked up production costs And it argues that it is in the public interest to preserve a contribution of its magnitude to the national economy

The other side of the argument is a question of far-reaching implications Is it a proper function of government to prop up private enterprise with public funds? Should government become, as consumer crusader and Chrysler critic Ralph Nader puts it, the "guarantor of last resort" for enterprises that cannot make it on their own in the competitive marketplace?

The argument now warming up will become much hotter before a decision is reached. But the odds are very long that that will be in favor of some form of assistance

The economic consequences of Chrysler's collapse would be staggering. And there is the Lockheed precedent, favorable in that Lockheed recovered its financial footing at no ultimate cost to the taxpayer National defense worked in Lockheed's favor and is also a factor in the case of Chrysler, the Pentagon's foremost supplier of tanks.

So the answer to Nader's question is likely to be a qualified yes. And that raises a further and distrubing question Is the United States heading down the same road that some of its industrialized partners have already taken, to their regret?

Subsidization of ailing industries in the cause, among others, of job preservation has long been the practice in much of Western Europe And it is often cited as a cause of much of what ails the economies of several countries, in particular Britain.



Opposing Views

The school budget lid -- yes or no

[ED NOTE: The News-Press invites letters for the Opposing Views column. All letters will be edited. Unsigned letters will not be accepted.

Lid: YES

By MR-MRS DAN SCOTT

The purpose of this letter is to state a few of the reasons why we are voting yes on the school lid proposal on August 14

It is sad that a measure such as this has to be undertaken We feel something like this is long overdue Our schools have gotten away more and more from what their true function really is That function is of course, education

But every year our students are coming out of school with a poorer education Many lack even the basic fundamentals (such as reading and spelling) They need to get a job and keep it

This is not simply our belief It is shown in the college entrance exams We feel it is time to get away from all the extras and unnecessary "fringe" benefits we now have in all our schools

Whether the proposal passes or not, we think notice will have been served that the taxpayer has had enough

Lid: NO

By MR & MRS JIM HERZOG

As Otoe county taxpayers we would be the first to say, yes, our taxes are too high. There needs to be a change in the tax structure

We also firmly believe a 0 percent lid on Nebraska City public schools is not the place to start.

The youth of the community are the future of the community Let's give them everything they need to go for further learning, everything they attain in school will be carried with them in their future

We should all agree, knowledge and experience are what gets you through life. Our schools are giving their best. Let's not tie their hands now We need to continue ahead, not fall behind in education

This is our community Let's say this with pride Let's give our schools the chance to graduate the finest in every way possible.

Let's give our town the chance to grow and prosper

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Aug. 12, the 224th day of 1979 There are 141 days left in the year

On this date in 1898, the peace protocol ending the Spanish-American War was signed after hostilities lasting three months and 22 days.

In 1530, troops of the Holy Roman Empire restored the Italian city of Florence to the Medici family

In 1658, a guard of eight men, probably was the first police force in America, was established in the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam

1851, Isaac Singer of Pittstown, N.Y., was granted a patent on his sewing machine.

In 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill met at sea to draft the Atlantic Charter

In 1970, West Germany and the Soviet Union signed a nonaggression pact in Moscow and hailed the accord as marking a new era in their relations.

In 1977, the first test flight of the U.S. space shuttle took place as the craft was launched from a Boeing 747 over California's Mojave Desert.

Five years ago President Gerald Ford made a televised appearance before a joint session of Congress three days after taking office and called for restraint in government spending to help control inflation.

One year ago The National Center for Disease Control said researchers had found apparent Legionnaires' Disease bacteria in water used to air condition a hotel at Indiana University in Bloomington, where several people became ill.

Today's birthdays. Actor John Derek is 53 years old. Singer Buck Owens is 50. Mexican comedian Cantinflas is 68. Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., is 54.

Thought for today: Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has courage to lose sight of the shore — Andre Gide, French writer, 1869-1951

News in Brief

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 5-year-old government antitrust case against four steel companies has ended with an agreement that the firms won't engage in any future practices such as price-fixing and bid-rigging.

The civil suit involved Bethlehem Steel Corp, Florida Steel Corp of Tampa, Laclede Steel Co. of St Louis and Owen Steel Co. of Jacksonville, Fla It alleged that the companies conspired to stabilize prices on steel products and to divide up specific contracts in Florida.



Ivan D.E. Beaumont — THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Anderson pleases

The show—

Bill Anderson, musical star of the Sidney, Ia., rodeo packed 'em in and pleased western music fans during his performances the past week.

Mr Anderson is a popular-likeable man. On a visit to Sidney last winter he made a point of visiting personally with sponsoring Sidney Legionnaires and guests.

And the other night he even got more personal — His pants ripped.

As in the tradition of the old west, (using a hat for cover) he galloped off (on foot) into the setting sun,...-er ..under the stage spotlights to somewhere backstage where he changed his pants and returned to finish the show

The fans enjoyed the humor and their applause was the response. Super

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Arbor Day—

A number of years ago the famous singer-actor Gordon MacRae appeared at the Arbor Day celebration in Nebraska City and made an unscheduled stop in the sewing room of the mansion.

Mr MacRae's pants ripped.

With only a few minutes before the Arbor Day program was to start, Mr MacRae stripped off his ripped pants and stood in his blazing red boxer shorts while Mrs Craig Bergman, wife of the former state park superintendent, quickly did a mending job.

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Dr. DeJarnette—

Congratulations to Dr M B DeJarnette who was named recipient of the Parker Chiropractic Research Foundation.

Dr DeJarnette has received many awards over the years, for his accomplishments in the chiropractic profession

Each time he is recognized, Nebraska City is put on the map.

Thank you, Dr DeJarnette.

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The "people" board—

The membership of the Talmage board of trustees has changed in appearance and for the good. Judy Eichenberger is a member of the board.

Harold Busacker, chairman of the trustees, had to adjust his "man" talk at the board meetings with trustees Ralph Busacker, Bob Bottcher, Jim Gerking and clerk Robb Osborn

Harold has a habit of addressing the trustees on a given subject "Well, what do you guys think about it?"

The statement attracts smiles as Ralph quickly corrects himself "I mean, how do you 'people' feel about it?"

It's all in good jest and Judy's smile assures the trustees she doesn't mind.

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Little Theater—

The Nebraska City Little Theater closed another successful performance the other night with "Finishing Touches" in a dinner theater staging at the Elks.

Little Theater staffers are all volunteers. The money they take in goes into the next play with a little set aside for drama scholarships for students.

We don't know anything about theaters and amateur performers, but we can tell you they are good for the town It takes a lot of volunteer hours before curtain time Ask Kim Kohout about his time and first performance

Congratulations to the Little Theater troupe Do it again

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Rev. Rinne reports—

A Sunday school teacher asked her young class how Noah spent his time on the ark No response from the youngsters so she asked

"Well, do you suppose he did a lot of fishing?"

"What?" exclaimed a six year old "With only two worms?"

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Auburn Newspapers—

Auburn Newspapers published by John Sanders are now being printed on a press recently installed in the Auburn plant

The News-Press has printed the Auburn Newspapers twice a week since the paper went offset seven years ago. An addition was put on the north end of the plant and the press moved in, erected and put into service by Goss press technicians.

The absence of Le Headley of Auburn in the News-Press plant each week will save our press boys some money — Le was always selling chance tickets on a black powder rifle

Many of you will remember Le better as the man in the buckskins carrying the black powder rifle in local parades

AS TIME GOES BY

More rain?

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1939—

The East and West Nishnabotna rivers in southwest Iowa were both bankful after heavy rains in the area In Otoe county, rain ranged from a trace at Julian, Talmage and Unadilla to 75 of an inch at Burr About 60 farmers had applied for government loans on stored wheat, according to county AAA chairman Edgar Ashton-

109 head of hogs and 60 head of cattle were sold at the Nebraska City Sales Pavilion

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1954—

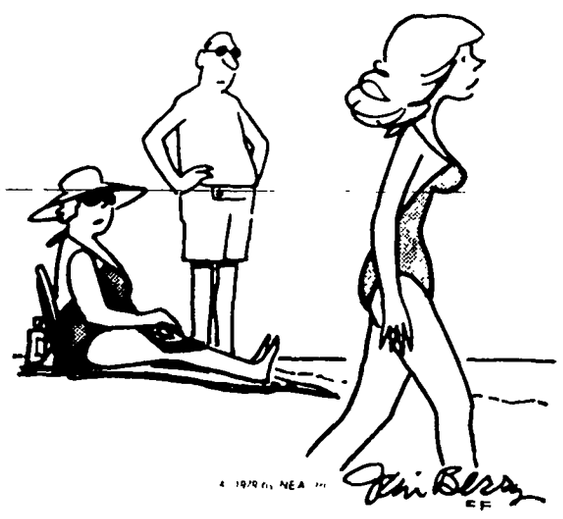
Ray McIntosh was named athletic coach and science teacher at Dunbar High School Kay Ann Phillips was named Miss Nebraska City Centennial of 1954 Ardell Wilhelm, second in the voting, was named Miss Prairie Panorama Judges were Florence Hawley, Leland Thomas and the Rev Merrill Willis Andy Garfield was elected commander of the Union American Legion Ed Morris was elected president of the Union War Dads, and Mrs Robert Harrah Sr., president of the auxiliary

TEN YEARS AGO
—1969—

President Nixon asked Congress for extensive reform in the welfare system A new post office was dedicated at Table Rock Syracuse eliminated defending champ Morrill from the State Class B Junior Legion Tournament-

The Shamrock Ranch Riders Saddle Club held a play day at Westboro, Missouri

Berry's World



"You're right That IS a good-looking bathing suit It's exactly the same as the one I'm wearing"

from
Consumer Reports

Which 35mm camera is best?

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

DEAR CONSUMER REPORTS — I'm looking for a 35mm still camera for not much more than $100 Would I be better off with a rangefinder type or with a single lens reflex (SLR) camera?

DEAR READER — SLR cameras are more versatile, but you're not likely to find one near your price By comparison shopping, however, you should be able to locate a good rangefinder model — the Canonet 28 with a Canolite D flash unit, for example — for around $100

Of course, if you have some photographic experience, you may want to raise your sights to a higher price range and go for an SLR For one thing, you can change lenses on an SLR — something you can't do with an inexpensive rahgefinder

Also, when you look through the viewfinder of an SLR, you see everything the lens takes in With a rangefinder, your view is usually a little smaller in area than the image on the print or slide

For a more advanced photographer, that may be a disadvantage But a novice might want this feature, since it reduces the chances that part of the subject will be left out of the picture.

DEAR CONSUMER REPORTS - I've found metal filings in several cans of powdered lemonade mix Is this dangerous? Is it permitted under Food and Drug Administration regulations?

DEAR READER — The FDA generally doesn't take action when only microscopic amounts of metal fragments are found in packaged food

However, fragments that are large enough to be seen may be harmful, and the FDA suggests you contact the agency's local office if you find any that large. You might be asked to turn the product over to the FDA for inspection

If the agency considers the metal content to be potentially harmful, it may ask the manufacturer to recall the product in question. Depending upon the situation, the FDA could take other legal steps

Note that when you use a can opener, some tiny fragments are likely to fall from the lid into the product

DEAR CONSUMER REPORTS — How maintenance-free is a maintenance-free automotive battery? Will it last longer than an ordinary battery?

DEAR READER — Maintaining a conventional battery means adding water periodically That isn't necessary with a maintenance-free model Also, the maintenance-free batteries don't suffer from overcharging the way ordinary batteries do, although they are more easily damaged by heavy discharging.

If you take care to prevent heavy discharging — for example, remembering to turn off the lights and making sure your alternator belt is snug — then a maintenance-free battery should outlast a conventional one

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You'll find more information on automotive batteries in the January issue of Consumer Reports It also provides brand name ratings of canned tuna, clothes dryers and compact cars (To order, send $1 to "From Consumer Reports," F9012, Box 9000, Orangeburg, N Y 10962.)

You can prolong the life of any car battery by keeping the engine in tune and by making sure the battery connections are clean and tight.

If corrosion forms on the terminals, remove the clamps and wash off the deposits with a tablespoon of baking soda stirred in a cup of water. Clean the terminals with a wire brush tool designed for that purpose

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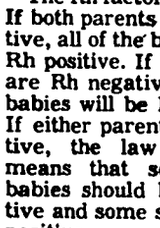
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HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Inherited Rh factor

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB — My granddaughter gave birth to a lovely, cuddly, alert, fat baby boy She has learned that she is Rh negative. So is her husband. I read where the first birth is not affected but later children will be.

Can you please explain to me about the Rh and how to prevent a problem with it if possible? What has been done about this problem and is it serious and how does it develop in the mother and father?

I know my granddaughter will eventually want another child or two and I hope she doesn't have any problems.

DEAR READER — You can rest easy if you're correct in saying that your granddaughter's husband is also Rh negative. That means she will never have a problem with having an Rh positive baby.

The Rh factor is inherited. If both parents are Rh positive, all of the babies will be Rh positive. If both parents are Rh negative, all of the babies will be Rh negative. If either parent is Rh positive, the law of chance means that some of the babies should be Rh negative and some should be Rh positive.

This doesn't pose a problem if the mother is Rh positive. The only difficulty occurs if the mother is Rh negative and has an Rh positive baby.

Being Rh negative means a total absence of the Rh factor. Such a mother can develop a form of allergic reaction to the Rh positive factor. She won't develop this reaction unless she's exposed to it. She gets the exposure from the Rh positive blood cells that are developing in her Rh positive baby.

The allergic-like or immune reaction is increased with each pregnancy involving an Rh positive baby That's why you've heard that successive births cause more problems

I'm sending you The Health Letter number 6-4, Blood Type, Rh Factor And Transfusions Other readers who want this issue can send 75 cents in check or coin 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 Considering your interest in medicine and the fact that you wanted to be a doctor, I'm sure you'll be interested in the information about the different blood types and further information about the Rh factor

You asked about what's being done In recent years it's been learned that you can give the Rh negative mother an Rh immune globulin immediately after delivery and this helps to protect her Basically, it neutralizes the effects of the Rh positive factor from her baby and helps prevent her from developing an immune reaction This should also be given to mothers if they happen to have an abortion.

Of course, if you know for certain that the baby is Rh negative, it wouldn't be necessary It might be worthwhile to add that an Rh negative woman should never receive transfusions with Rh positive blood because it helps to sensitize her to the Rh factor and can cause her trouble with a future pregnancy if she has an Rh positive baby.

Again I'd like to say to you that if you're correct in what you've told me and your granddaughter and her husband are Rh negative, they will not have any Rh positive babies.

The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

PRAYER: O Lord, teach us not to seek exemption from the storms of life, but to seek You in the midst of them. In Jesus' name. Amen.