The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Happy Birthday to Dennis Armknecht

A year has passed since we first met a young man from the Cook area who needed a kidney transplant.

Dennis Armknecht, son of Mr and Mrs Albert Armknecht, will celebrate his 18th birthday Sunday and it will be one whale of a happy day.

Dennis has his mother's left kidney in his left side. Mother and son are getting along fine. "I'm just working my fool head off trying to get things done," Mrs Armknecht said. I don't feel like I ever had an operation and Dennis is getting along just fine."

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It has also been almost a year since the fine people of Cook and surrounding areas chipped in with a special Dennis Armknecht Day to help finance the staggering hospital bills.

Dennis was on the blood transfer machine at St. Elizabeth's in Lincoln for months and had his transplant in Denver last winter.

There was a great deal of time involved in the recuperation of mother and son before they came home. And that wonderful time was late in May.

Since then, the family has driven to Denver twice for checkups "Now the checkups are every three weeks," Mrs Armknecht said. The trip is over 500 miles.

"I can't tell any difference in myself and neither can Dennis. He weighed 126 pounds a year ago and got down to 93 pounds Now he's up to 110 pounds and still gaining." Dennis is six feet tall

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Meanwhile the high school student from Nemaha Valley is looking forward to fall — school. He will be a senior.

On Sunday, the family will go to Omaha to be with the Armknechts' married daughter for a family birthday party.

At the moment we talked with Mrs Armknecht, Dennis was not at home Get this — he was over at a neighbor's (Eldred Niemann's) helping round up some cattle!

Happy Birthday, young man And "Mom," you're just great!

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Jim Chaney who formerly managed the Farm and Tractor Supply Store on South Eleventh Street, is content with his new job as fulltime firemen with the Nebraska City Volunteer Fire Department

Chaney shares the "duty" with Firemen Ken Wiles and "Butch" Rains Normally, firemen are on 24 hours and then off duty while the second and third men take their turns

But vacations changed the work schedule Chaney started with the fire department the last of May and has answered 11 of 13 calls Fireman Wiles was on vacation and Rains and Chaney split the extra duty

By chance and by golly, Chaney has been the man on duty when practically all of the alarms were sounded "I still like it a lot better than the store "

Particularly disturbing not only to the paid firemen, but also to the volunteers have been the recent rash of false alarms Firemen answered three of the false calls in a 24 hour period

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Mrs Joe Bataillon, 613 First Avenue, is alone Her husband died recently at the Veterans hospital in Omaha after being ill for some time

However, she has a lot of pride in the "crew" which helps with the upkeep of her home and works in her store at 602 Central Avenue. Her grandchildren, the children of Mr and Mrs Frank Bataillon are "just wonderful they just do so much to help," she said

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Her children's clothing store keeps her busy "I don't know what I'd do without the store," she says The Bataillons operated Joe's Cafe at 618 Central Avenue for 20 years and opened the clothing store 19 years ago

"I guess I haven't really gone any place except down the street a few doors "

It's not easy to be alone after so many years, but Mrs Bataillon has a bright outlook The visit made me feel good She's a grand lady.

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From Dr. Major Bertrand De Jarnette.

Why is it. a man wakes up in the morning after sleeping under an advertised blanket on an advertised mattress, pulls off advertised pajamas, bathes with advertised soap, shaves with advertised cream and razor, eats a breakfast of advertised cereal and coffee, puts on an advertised suit and hat, rides to work in an advertised car and then refuses to advertise his business, saying advertising doesn't pay

And then, if business is really bad, he advertises his place for sale!

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The picture job is done

Thanks to the coaches for helping us organize and photograph the 43 teams playing baseball and softball in the Jaycee and American Legion leagues in Nebraska City

The pictures were taken June 6 through June 21. The last picture taken appeared in the Friday paper .and that's a lot of faces and names

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Ten years ago, an Air Force captain from Tonganoxie, Kans , returned home to make his first public appearance after seven months imprisonment by the Russians

Today, he is a lieutenant colonel, serving with the Air Force at San Antonio, Tex., and working with overseas operations He doesn't fly as many hours as he did a decade ago, but he keeps up his flight time.

His name is Lt Col John McKone. He was a navigator-radar operator on a six-man RB47 airplane flying a milk run route along the Bering Sea He and one other flier survived after their plane was shot down by a Russian MIG

He is a brother of Bob McKone, new manager of the J C Penney Store in Nebraska City

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Colonel McKone's story is told in a book, "Little Toy Dog," written by William Allen White, son of the famous Kansas newspaperman (The title "The RB47 Incident" was a favored, but not used).

The book will be available soon at the Morton-James public library in Nebraska City

Ten years ago, after his release, his hometown put out the red carpet The officer, his wife and his parents, Mr and Mrs Jean A. McKone were guests of honor at the Kiwanis sponsored event, according to the News-Press story on June 19, 1961.

He was presented the key to the city by Mayor Ed Camp of Topeka Over 500 people attended the welcome home event

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Bob (also an Air Force veteran) and his wife, Sandi, tell some interesting stories about the incident Sandi arrived this week to help her husband "house-hunt." She will move the family here the middle of next month.

.The kea, a New Zealand parrot that is crowlike in size and rusty green in color, is reputed to have acquired the habit of attacking live sheep for the purpose of obtaining the fat about the kidneys.



Darrell Seifert, Grand Island, is interning from the School of Pharmacy at the University, at Jessup's Drugs in Nebraska City. He is pictured with Wirth Davis, a Jessup's pharmacist

New pharmacist is ex-teacher

Darrell Seifert, who gave up a teaching career, is taking his summer pharmacy internship at Jessup's Drug Store in Nebraska City.

Mr Seifert will be a senior this fall at the School of Pharmacy at the University

He graduated from high school at Boelus, Nebr , and attended Hastings college for two years He worked for the power company at Grand Island for two years then returned to school, this time at Kearney State, and graduated with a major in biology and a minor in chemistry

He taught science classes in Omaha for three years and at Freeport, Ill , for a year

He returned to Grand Island and the power company and later entered the University to study pharmacy He holds a bachelor's degree in education plus eight hours toward his master's degree

Upon graduation from the University, he will be awarded a bachelor's degree in pharmacy

Darrell and his wife, Shirley, have a son, Scott, two years of age. They are living at the Stephenson apartments

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Mrs Henry Maseman

Mr and Mrs George Allen and family moved this week to the home they recently purchased from Mrs Catherine Luce

Mr and Mrs Cliff Weber and sons of Minnesota spent the weekend working at their property here

Mr and Mrs A W Hatfield, Castro Valley, Calif , Mr and Mrs Cecil Asa, Talmage and Mason McGill, Lincoln, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs H H Marquardt

Little planning was done by LBJ

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The turning point decision in American involvement in Vietnam-deployment of 3,500 Marines at Da Nang on March 8, 1965—was made by the Johnson administration "without much planning," The Los Angeles Times quotes secret Pentagon study as saying

The Times published in Saturday's editions what it said were previously unpublished portions of the Pentagon study which talk of the deep significance of the move to protect the Da Nang base

"The landing of the Marines at Da Nang was a watershed event in the history of U.S involvement in Vietnam," The Times quoted the study as saying "It represented a major decision made without much fanfare and without much planning

"Whereas the decision to begin bombing of North Vietnam was the product of a year's discussion, debate and a lot of paper, and whereas the consideration of pacification policies reached Talmudic proportions over the years, this decision created less than a ripple

"A mighty commandment of U S foreign policy—thou shall not engage in an Asian land war—had been reached "

Gen Maxwell D Taylor, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and in 1965 the U S ambassador in Saigon, had "deep reservations" about the Marine deployment The Pentagon study on American involvement in Vietnam said, as reported by The Times

However, Gen William C. Westmoreland, U.S commander in Vietnam, favored the action. The Times said. It said the study reported Taylor as cabling President Lyndon B. Johnson·

"I develop grave reservations as to wisdom and necessity of so doing. Such action would be a step in reversing long standing policy of commitment of ground combat forces in SVN (South Vietnam).

"Once this policy is reached, it will be very difficult to hold line "

The study, according to The Times' account, said Taylor's views represented a change from August 1964 when he recommended landing Marines at Da Nang following the Gulf of Tonkin incident

Westmoreland and his staff, the study said, "saw in the deployment of the Marines the beginning of greater things to come "

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Mrs Harry Kastens

Evergreen Project club met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs Walter Power Lessons for next year were discussed A family picnic is planned for August 8 at Wildwood Park in Nebraska City Next meeting will be July 29 with Dorothy Ropers

Kriss-Kross club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs John Staack The next meeting will be with Mrs Marvin Stubbendiek Mrs John Staack showed her ceramic work.

SYSTEM IS 100 TIMES MORE SENSITIVE

Heroin detection test

By FRANK CAREY
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new heroin detection test now administered to all GIs leaving Vietnam has already proven itself an effective, hard-to-beat means of finding hard drug users, its developers say

The test, pioneered by a civilian laboratory in the nation's capital, was described Thursday by its developers as 100 times more sensitive than previous methods

It can reliably detect heroin up to five days after a user has had a "fix," they say

The test is the key to "a revolutionary mass screening technique for the detection of narcotics in the body on a scale never before achieved," said officials of the Washington Reference Laboratory (WRL)

They said the rapid highly sensitive process, in combination with the best of older methods, is already used by their technicians to screen more than 2500 urine samples daily

Mrs Bette Hamman, the laboratory's chief toxicologist, said many of the samples come from patients already under treatment, or about to enter treatment, at centers dispensing methadone, a chemical designed to wean addicts away from heroin

Dr. Lawrence H Vineburgh, director of WRL, said he believes the Army's decision to introduce the system in Vietnam June 20 was inspired, at least in part, by information furnished to the Defense Department by his laboratories at the request of Rep Robert H Steele, R-Conn

Steele, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, along with Rep Morgan F Murphy, D-Ill , made a 22-day, nine-nation tour several months ago, studying international traffic in drugs. They were among the first to stress the problem of drug addiction among American troops in Vietnam

An aide said Steele urged the Defense Department to use test equipment in South Vietnam and throughout the United States

Whatever the inspiration, the U.S command in South Vietnam opened up detection centers at Long Binh and Can Ranh Bay employing the new "FRAT" technique on June. "FRAT" stands "Free-Radical Assay Technique "

The system originally was developed by the Syva Research Institute of Palo Alto, Calif , which builds the electronic instruments required. The Army says only about 10 such machines are available, three of which are now in South Vietnam

The method involves mixing a small urine sample—less than 1-20th of a drop—with a special reagent When the reagent is mixed with a sample containing heroin, a recordable configuration of electrons is produced and in seconds, a pen describes lines on graph paper showing the amount of drug in the specimen

Submit county office budgets

Two county officials have presented budget requests for the coming fiscal year to Clerk Gerald Schmitz, budget making authority for the county.

This covers the period from July 1, 1971 through June 30, 1972

Register of Deeds Helen Morton has submitted a tentative budget of $14,700; salary, $7,500, deputy, $5,250; telephone, $200; office equipment repairs, $100; mileage and travel expenses, $50; supplies and stationery, $1,200; and office machines or equipment, $400

County Superintendent David McPherson has submitted a proposed budget for $15,960; salary, $7,500, deputy, $5,250, postal service, $10; telephone, $225; office equipment repair, $100, travel and mileage expense, $400, convention expense, $50, publications, $75, miscellaneous, $100, supplies and stationery, $150, school district supplies, $1,500; audio-visual aid, $400; and new machinery and equipment, $200

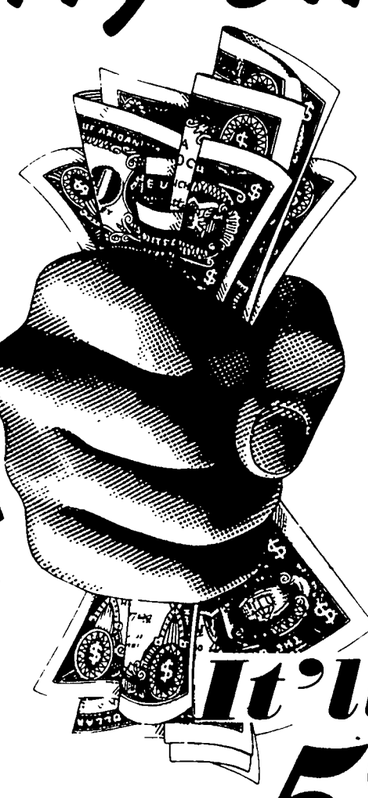
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