The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D E. BEAUMONT

Charles Tucker, Bartlesville, Okla cast a broad smile the other day at the Optimist meeting when the men talked about the trouncing the Sooners gave the Huskers

Later, Mr Tucker revealed that his smile was not particularly for the Oklahoma University victory, but for the near victory his alma mater, Oklahoma State, almost had on Nebraska

Mr Tucker spoke very highly of his college's team, but said when the two Oklahoma schools play, the No 1 ranked Sooners will come out on top Nebraskans agreed with that

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The Oklahoma man (actually, he was born in Texas) spoke to the men on supply and demand and the success of the free enterprise system He pointed out what many of us take for granted – the consumer is the boss, or he is supposed to be

Mr Tucker's point was that free enterprise can get along nicely without federal intervention such as cattle price freezes (but no freeze on cattle feeds) and delays that are slowly being eliminated to pipe oil from the Alaskan slope Mr Tucker is with the Phillips Petroleum company

The speaker was accompanied to the meeting by his brother, Roy, also a graduate of Oklahoma State Roy owns City Garbage Service

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I found a friend

Dear Ivan

On Friday, November 22, I had grapefruit, sour cream chocolate cake (two extra large pieces) and a glass of milk for BREAKFAST Seriously, I did'

MRS RICHARD O COLE
Plattsmouth

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The American Legion has adopted a national paid-up-for life membership plan to be offered to Legion departments in time for the 1976 membership campaign, according to The American Legion magazine Annual dues at a post can be converted into a life membership for $235 a year for a veteran 45 years old or $186 for a veteran 56 years old

The plan is part of a national membership campaign being instituted by the Legion New ehgibility dates extended WWII eligibility to December 31, 1946, the Korean war to January 31, 1955, and Vietnam veterans to August 15, 1973

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Thanks to Mrs Harold Bliss at the Morton-James Library, we were able to come up with some background on the crew of the Pueblo.

We thought the picture and story of the crew held captive by North Korea was five or six years ago in a national news magazine Mrs Bliss called back after a short time to report that the item we were interested in appeared in Newsweek in 1969 She even provided us with the page number of that particular issue

We have quite a stack of Newsweek magazines along the "junk" wall in our basement The copies were saved for particular interest, the first astronauts, first moon landing, etc, just in case one of the kids needs some help with school work

I pulled a boo-boo in my saving system I forgot to mark on the covers or somewhere the particular article for which the magazine was saved Bingo! We have the copy. Thanks, Mrs Bliss

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The VFW magazine has an interesting article on Winston Churchill This caught our attention:

"Once a smart alec young diplomat noted that Sir Winston had ended a sentence with a preposition. He corrected it and got back this from Churchill 'This is something I will not up with put' "

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It was comforting to read the other day that snow removal crews have been equipped and are ready for a wintry blast. We just hope they don't have to use that equipment for a long time

City Street Commissioner Bud Wright said he has everything ready to go in his department. Commissioner Wright is in his first year as a city official in snow removal, but he has many years of experience He worked for the county for 20 years

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We are printing a series of stories in the News-Press about the signers of the Declaration of Independence The series is provided by the American Bicentennial Commission and the Nebraska Press Association

Everett Reimers, co-chairman of the Otoe County Bicentennial Commission, brought the series to our attention

Mr Reimers and his co-chairman, Mrs Allan Dose, are meeting with groups throughout the county stirring up interest in the 200th birthday of the country By the time 1976 rolls around, they hope to have the county hopping with activities And judging by the interest in Nebraska City — we already have been designated a Bicentennial Community — there will be a lot of meetings and a lot of planning in the coming months

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Congratulations to George H Stanley on his county court bench appointment Judge Stanley served as Otoe county judge for 16 years before the change in the judge system Since then he's been in private practice

We're glad he's been appointed to the bench It's been awfully hard addressing him without saying "judge "

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I had to take my driver's license exam in November Yes, I passed the test, but I read that blamed blue book from cover to cover fretting that I'd pull a boo-boo

The examiners were very helpful and I got along fine The elderly woman behind me was worried and kept up a stream of nervous chatter

"Did you read and study the book?" I asked her

"Yes," she said, "I've read it through so many times that I'm afraid I'll put down the wrong answers "

I tried to reassure her that if kids can pass the test, she and I ought to get through it

The examiner gave me the eye check with the cards and little dots, then handed me the test paper and directed me to a seat

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The woman came into the room next and she was having a hard time trying to remain calm as she went through the eye exam.

I read the questions carefully, then marked the appropriate box.

The woman sat next to me and with the determination that only a woman can have, she picked up the pencil and tore into the test paper

A few moments later as I was studying over the next question on my test, I looked up and she was talking to the examiner

"Now take this to the county treasurer's office and she will issue you a permit," he said

I turned back to my test paper only five more questions to answer. . . .

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Stolen —

Bill Brown was applying for a driver's license "Write your last name first and your first name last," the examiner said.

"How's that again, sir?" asked Brown

"Backwards, I said," the examiner replied. "Put your name down backwards."

Brown proceeded to write, "lliB nworB."

BROCK

Mrs Ruby Lockwood

Saturday evening Mrs Ida Metcalf of Pekin, Ill., and her grandson, Kenneth Hierman, of Zion, Ill., arrived to visit Mr and Mrs Everett Lockwood. Sunday afternoon they visited Mrs Hulda Steen of Pawnee City and Mr and Mrs Jim Weddle. Monday evening dinner guests of the Lockwoods were Mrs Mary Schlange and Marcia of Glenwood, Iowa.

Mr and Mrs Jay McMaster of Lincoln were recent dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Charles Boellstorff.

Charges filed in grain swindle

LINCOLN, Neb (AP)— Charges have been filed in two Nebraska counties and a civil action was filed in U S District Court in connection with a grain swindle now believed to involve about $330,000 worth of grain

Lancaster County Attorney Paul Douglas said Friday that authorities are renewing last week's alert for grain elevator operators

The operation, according to Douglas, involves about a dozen persons believe to be from Oklahoma who "hit these grain elevators by giving checks out of Oklahoma banks "

The operators then sell the grain to another grain elevator at a lower price and stop payment on the checks paid for the grain

At least three possible swindles were stopped last week by the news media's cooperation in issuing the alert, Douglas said. He said that criminal felony complaints of obtaining property under false pretenses have been filed in York and Otoe Counties

McCook Equity Exchange has filed a suit in U S District Court naming Elvin Woods, doing business as Redwood Farms of Sallisaw, Okla , as the defendant

The action seeks $187,000 in connection with allegedly obtaining corn by fraud

Boston man is released

BOSTON (AP) — A Boston area industrialist who was kidnaped by three hitchhikers Thanksgiving Day and driven to Canada was found unharmed early today by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Edmundston, N B , the FBI here reported The FBI said two of his abductors were arrested

The FBI said Galen McLaughlin, 64, was rescued aout 5 a m

Reached at her home in Acton, Mrs Mabel McLaughlin said, "I got the good news about 5 30 this morning He called collect said he was fine and that he had been taken for a ride That's all He said he was OK, that he wasn't hurt "

Asked when she plans to see her husband, Mrs McLaughlin said she did not know "First he's going on with his plans to see his mother in Bradley, Maine," she said

The two men arrested today were identified by the FBI as Andrew Dodge and Richard P Knowles The FBI said it had no ages or hometowns for them

Canadian authorities earlier had arrested a third man in connection with the kidnap Acton police and James O Newpher, special agent in charge of the Boston FBI office, identified him as Ronald G Valente of Haverhill, Mass

Newpher said Valente "was wearing the victim's clothes and carrying his identification" when arrested

Engineer says get approval

OMAHA, Neb (AP)—The Omaha District Engineer of the Army Corps of Engineers says any work planned on a navigable stream in the district must first be approved by the Corps

Col Russell A Glenn says Congress has given the Corps responsibility for protecting and preserving the navigable waters of the nation under the River and Harbor Act of 1899

In effect, Glenn says, the law provides that no work may be done in, over or under a navigable waterway without first getting a permit from the Corps

Included in the permit program, he says, are such items as dams and dikes within waterways, wharves, docks, piers, dolphins, booms, weirs, breakwaters, bulkheads, jetties, etc, as well as dredging, excavation, fill work and pipelines or cables above or below the surface

Glenn says there are three rivers in the district which are considered partially navigable They are the Missouri River from Rulo, Neb , to Fort Benton, Mont , the Big Sioux River in Iowa to a point 3½ miles beyond its confluence with the Missouri River and the Yellowstone River from its confluence with the Missouri upstream to Intake, Mont

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