The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D.E. BEAUMONT

Yes, Mrs Robert Pfeiffer, Dunbar, the way to make snow ice cream is just follow the instructions printed in The News-Press last week. Send Bob outside in the cold to get the dishpan of snow

Someday when Millie is out of the house for a few minutes, I'll dig out the one on soybeans and bacon. It's not as good as beans and hamhock, but sure runs a close second.

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We've become more conscious of starving nations and we're doing something about it.

CARE is purchasing eight million pounds of wheat, beans and other foods for immediate shipment overseas. Famine countries include India, Bangladesh, Niger, Chad, Sri, Lanka, Haiti and Honduras.

"Estimates are that more than 10,000 men, women and children are dying of starvation everyday," CARE said.

The Feed-the-hungry program is asking Americans to skip or reduce one meal a week for the rest of the year and send their food dollars saved to the aid agency.

The symbol of the campaign is an empty plate with the words, "I care." The CARE address is Room 15, 3600 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Happy Birthday, Bill Parker

Andy and Maggie Kreifels aren't the only Notre Dame fans in Nebraska City. Bill Parker graduated from the school and we're told that the old rah-rah Gold and Black made a return appearance at his home on February 12, his birthday

Bill is the only diehard Irish fan in town with a gold-painted (or yellow) toilet seat complete with the Notre Dame emblem.

Now I ask you. . . . .what better conversation piece.

"Heya folks, welcome to our home," Bill says as he greets visitors at the door. "Come into the bathroom. I want to show you my toilet seat."

. . . .now all he needs is green shhhh. . toilet paper

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Little Bucks

Now we know why Mr and Mrs Virgil Lynn, Hamburg, Ia were excited during the high school wrestling matches at Sidney — their son, Bryan, was in the finals. . . . .Who-o-o-ps! Tim Regler is a junior not a senior. Sorry about that, Tim, must have been Godspell or your imitation of Groucho Marx that threw me

. . .Mr and Mrs Kenneth Keller found a large old ring in a home they purchased. The ring is believed to have been owned by Arthur Blaylock and is inscribed "Watchateria " Anyone help with the meaning.?

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Bob Wernsman, a Peru State grad, has returned to the community as editor of the Challenge, the weekly newspaper

Bob was a frequent visitor to the News-Press when he was a student at the college and a protege of Everett Browning and the college newspaper, The Pedagogian.

Bob later worked for the Journal-Democrat at Syracuse and the paper in Wahoo. We wish him well on his new job. The man who left the job, John Schmidt, opened a tavern in the town and appropriately enough named it "The Front Page". . . .and if you've seen the play you have an opinion of editors and also reporters who receive gifts of gold watches.

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Francis Moul of the Journal-Democrat, called the other day and his folks made a couple of trips to the News-Press to have their type set after the Syracuse photo typesetting machine broke down.

The Journal-Democrat staff "punched" the stories into tape, drove to the News-Press to run it on our photo machines to get the cold type and returned to Syracuse to get out their paper on time.

Our photo computers accept "idiot" and teletype tape Idiot tape means that the computers put in the hyphens and spaces between words. The machines used to punch the tape do not have carriages like typewriters. As such, there is no end of the line.

Our photo machines accepted the Syracuse tape and produced the cold type at the rate of 30-plus lines per minute.

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Baseball in high school? It's a possibility.

A delegation of baseball enthusiasts asked the Nebraska City school board to consider a high school baseball program for next year and offered equipment that the American Legion post owns.

What the program amounts to is simply getting more boys out for the sport and getting a few games under their belts before the Legion's summer baseball program gets started.

As it stands, the Legion will not likely have a Junior league team because so few boys are interested. The delegation said it thinks that the number will grow if the program is started during the school year.

If you've got some thoughts on the subject you might contact Glen Cohn, Don Reuter, Jack Simms or Legion Commander Harold Bliss.

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Newcomers

Mr and Mrs Ray Rhyno are settled comfortably in their home in Porter Acres Addition and enjoying their retirement home in Nebraska City.

Ray and Alice spent a lot of years moving around during his career as a railroader. That's all over now and they've settled here. Why? Good reason — their daughter is Mrs Martin Heng

Want more than that? Grandchildren.

Welcome to town, Mr and Mrs Rhyno.

A look at the stars

I'm Scorpio and I've been having a rough time. It all started with the outlook that my daily organization would flop. (That was no real surprise). Sunday's astro-graph tells me to get on the ball with something, but at last I found what I was looking for when I peeked into the future (that means I opened the advance-for-release mail).

February 21 is my day — "Trust yourself. Do things your way."

I'm going to paint those letters on a big sign and put it up in the living room.

Economy, drug traffic show up in bank thefts

By JOHN M. WILLIS
Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—The incidence of bank robberies in Iowa and Nebraska has increased sharply over the past four years, and Edward J. Krupinsky, special agent in charge of the Omaha office of the FBI, says he thinks the economy and increased drug traffic are two of the major factors in the jump.

Krupinsky, who supervises FBI operations in both states, provided statistics on the incidence of bank robbery over the past four years.

In 1971, the two states recorded a total of 11 bank robberies. In 1972, there were 12.

The economy began a slow sag about midway through 1973, and robberies began to rise. By the time the year had ended, bandits had held up a total of 17 banks and other savings institutions in the two state area. Last year, the number jumped to 27, and since Jan 1, there have been eight holdups

If you are thinking about robbing a bank, you had better also check on your chances of not getting caught — one in four, according to Krupinsky's figures.

Unemployment figures in both states have risen rapidly over the past 18 months, with new layoffs announced nearly everyday, most of them due to a downturn in business.

"There's no question that unemployment has a relationship to crime, all crime, including bank robberies," said Krupinsky, who moved to Omaha four months ago after serving as the special agent in charge of the FBI office in Charlotte, N.C.

"I recall where a man who was unemployed committed a bank robbery, and he was caught. He readily admitted that the reason he robbed the bank was because it was Christmas time, and he couldn't afford anything for his children, and he just couldn't see them going that destitute, so he tried a bank robbery and got caught," Krupinsky related.

Krupinsky said that over his 22-year career with the FBI, he has noticed a correlation between economic downturns, rising unemployment and a rising incidence of bank robbery, but another factor has entered the scene over the past decade — drugs

Krupinsky believes that the rising cost of a drug habit is also partially responsible for the increase in bank robberies.

Krupinsky reminisced about a drug crackdown that was successful in its own right, but caused law enforcement officials some unanticipated problems

"In North Carolina, the drug problem became pretty bad. So, all the federal agencies got together, and we did everything we could — just put an extra effort into cutting down the drugs coming in, and we did a good job

"We were very proud because our informants and everyone was reporting back that it was getting tough (to get drugs)

"So we were successful, but we cut of our nose to spite our face because all of a sudden other crimes increased, especially house breakins, bank robberies and armed robberies.

"We were really shocked at that."

Krupinsky said officials did such a good job, that a person with a $25 habit might need $125 to quench the same craving, and therefore had to turn to crime to get the needed money.

There have been few injuries in the bank robberies committed in Iowa and Nebraska over the past four years. Krupinsky thinks that is fortunate, but notes that the FBI has been involved in seminars to teach bank employes what to do, and what not to do in case a bank robbery does occur.

"We just don't sit back here on our haunches. It's one thing to investigate a crime after it occurs, but it's another thing to have preventative measures," said Krupinsky.

Omaha Deputy Police Chief Glen Gates agrees that it is fortunate that there have been so few injuries or hostage situations, but he is worried that something serious could happen in the near future.

"The thing that bothers most law enforcement officers, I'm quite sure, is the fact that if this thing becomes so prevalent and appears to be such an easy thing to get away with, more and more people are going to do it."

While there have been a number of bank robberies, chances of getting away with it are not very good.

There was a total of 75 bank robberies recorded in both states from Jan. 1 1971 through last Tuesday, when the last holdup occurred in Omaha. According to Krupinsky, 55 of the holdups, or just over 73 per cent, have been solved. Krupinsky added that the FBI's conviction rate in those cases has been "excellent."

"It doesn't pay to commit a bank robbery . . . keep in mind that bank robbery carries (a sentence of) 20 years and $10,000," Krupinsky said.

Krupinsky is impressed with the U.S. Attorneys' offices in both states, and he classifies the judiciaries as "stern, nononsense and equitable."

Krupinsky also notes that since his days as a street agent in the early 50s, the ranks of the professional bank robber have dwindled, and those now being arrested for the offense are younger and inexperienced.

"It was a rarity when a young punk committed a bank robbery," said Krupinsky of his early days in Cleveland and New York, "There were professional robbers They kind of challenged law enforcement in a professional way. He (the pro) was kind of proud of his profession.

"Today we have little of that. It's kind of a rarity when you have a professional bank robber who is proud of his profession. Today, most of them are punks."

Usury ceiling will be aired

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—A proposal which would virtually eliminate the 9 per cent usury ceiling for almost all loans is one of 66 legislative bills set for public hearing next week

The bill, LB463, lowers the maximum legal interest rate to 6 per cent, but allows individuals to avoid the ceiling by agreeing to a higher rate in writing. It is set for public hearing before the Banking, Commerce and Insurance committee at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

The Education Committee will hold a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday on the state's plans to take over Pershing College

A bill requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets is set for public hearing before the Public Works Committee at 2 p m Friday It is LB328. Another bill set for public hearing is, like the helmet bill, required by the Federal Highway Administration It is LB418 which requires licensing of ambulance attendants. It is set for hearing at 1:30 p.m. Tuedsday before the Public Health and Welfare Committee.

There are no hearings scheduled for Monday because of Washington's birthday.

IT IS GOOD BUSINESS TO READ THE WANT ADS

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Unemployment pay is $80

By The Associated Press

Are Americans too picky about the kind of jobs they'll accept? Would people rather collect unemployment benefits than accept a less-than-perfect position?

State officials answering charges that low-paying jobs are going begging despite a nationwide unemployment rate of 8.2 per cent in January say it isn't so.

The Labor Department said 5.6 million perons were collecting unemployment benefits in the week ended Jan. 25, yet several companies have complained recently that they were unable to fill jobs with pay ranging from $2 to $2.50 an hour.

Lillian Lee Deslattes of the A-1 Employment Service in New Orleans said she had well-paying jobs available, but could not find applicants.

"Never a day passes that someone doesn't say, 'I'll talk to you when the unemployment compensation runs out,'" Mrs. Deslattes said. "If people wanted to work, unemployment could be cut by 2½ to 3 per cent."

But state officials contacted by The Associated Press don't agree. They say anyone collecting unemployment benefits must be willing to accept a "suitable" job. The problem is determining what is suitable.

"We realize we can't take a professional man and ask him to do manual labor," said John J. Killeen, manager of the New Orleans office of the Louisiana Division of Employment Security.

"But if he refuses a job that we feel is suitable, we can stop his benefits immediately," Killeen said, adding that the maximum unemployment payment is $80 a week. The unemployment rate was 6.7 per cent in New Orleans during December.

Marcia Donnan, South Dakota's secretary of manpower affairs, said that while it is technically possible for someone collecting unemployment and other aid benefits to lose money by taking a job at the minimum wage, "people opt for work rather than welfare. We've seen no evidence in our programs of low-paying jobs going begging."

Don Main, a spokesman for the Indiana Employment Security Division, said some low-paying jobs do go begging.

"But this is primarily because of other factors such as location and transportation, not necessarily pay alone," Main said.

Main said the state's maximum unemployment benefit for someone with four or more dependents is $100 a week. He said workers collecting unemployment benefits are required to accept jobs that provide comparable pay and conditions to the ones they held before.

Transportation is a factor. Main said. For example, if a man had been commuting 30 miles to his job and was offered another position that required 32 miles of travel, he would have to take the job or lose the benefits. If the new job required 50 miles of travel, he wouldn't have to take it.

Lionel L. Blakesley, a spokesman for the Utah Employment Security Department, said employers who complain of trouble in filling low-paying jobs may be setting their standards too high.

He said such employers frequently require applicants to have stability and experience and people with those qualifications can find better jobs.



(One of a series of articles about the signers of the Declaration of Independence).

With only two to three years of formal education, John Penn, born in Virginia, was a self-educated lawyer and politician. With a small inheritance, he studied law and was admitted to the bar and moved to North Carolina where he became a leader of the state's patriotic movement.

Unobtrusive and unassuming but remarkably efficient, likeable, and discreet, Penn quickly won the respect of his congressional colleagues. As a delegate to Congress, Penn said very little and was at first, hopeful of a peaceful solution — but in time swayed and supported and signed the Declaration of Independence.

In 1780, the Governor of North Carolina recalled Penn from Congress to sit in the emergency Board of War which assumed the state's defense against the British. Shortly after the war his health failed and he resigned from all public positions. His last years were spent peacefully as a country gentleman. He died young — only 47 years old.

Feeders advised to wait on buying

GREELEY, Colo. (AP)—Cattle feeders who are considering the purchase of American Beef Packers' plant at Fort Morgan, Colo., have been advised they might be better off financially to bide their time.

Joe McCool of Fort Morgan, a member of the steering committee on the purchase, said the group might fare better by waiting to see if the firm goes into full bankruptcy.

The firm has filed for protection of the federal courts under the bankruptcy law while trying to workout a plan to pay its debts.

The American Beef packing plant at Fort Morgan closed early this week after a custom slaughtering contract ended.

Bar membership is said unfair

LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — Omaha Sen. Ernest Chambers said Friday compulsory membership in the bar associaton represents a "closed shop" for lawyers, an arrangement which would be unconstitutional for labor organizations in Nebraska.

In order to attempt to break up that "coercive" machinery, Chambers said, the people of Nebraska should be allowed to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment stating that attorneys shall not be required to belong to the bar in order to practice law in the state.

That proposal is contained in LB249, a bill which Chambers presented to the legislature's Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee.

Bar Association spokesmen opposed the measure and it was held for later action.

Man with rifle shot to death

SEATTLE (AP) — Albert Loges carried his rifle with him everywhere, even to the grocery store.

But when police came to question him about it Friday, the 58-year-old transient holed up in his $50-a-month hotel room. He was shot to death an hour later after firing on the officers, police said.

Grocer John Kovacevic telephoned police and said he asked for a plainclothes officer to investigate Loges, who had been trading at his store for three or four months and always carried the M1 carbine.

Kovacevic said he finally told Loges on Friday to take the weapon home, "leave it home, come back and do your shopping later." Loges began to shake violently, paid for his groceries and left.

Loges also had talked recently about killing the police, said Kovacevic, owner of the J&K Grocery a half-block from the hotel.

Police said Loges fired through the door at two policemen who had come to question him after the call. He also fired through his window at a police car in the alley, but no one was hit, police said.

The officers called for assistance and a special assault team and other heavily armed police arrived.

They laid down a fog of tear gas in the hotel and tried to talk Loges out of the room

"He yelled something at us, but we couldn't understand what he said," Farrar said. "It sounded like he was screaming."

After failing to kick in the door, officers chopped a hole in it with fire axes. Loges fired at them again and officers stuck a pistol and a shotgun through the hole and opened fire Loges was fatally wounded in the chest, police said.

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