The Buck Ends Here

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It's your newspaper

Thanks to Mrs Mike Stover, Supt. Jerry Regler and a host of other teachers and members of the staff at the School for the Visually Handicapped for helping us put together the special section the past week on the Centennial Celebration of the NSVH

Here at the News-Press, the advertising and layout were done by Doreen Droge, our ad sales gal. Sue Quinlan worked up most of the pictures and stories and the two women teamed to put the right picture and the right story in the right place to make the special section good reading for you.

Doreen is a graduate of the University and Sue is a Kearney State graduate.

Doreen teamed with Len Hoskins and Dick Barton and a couple days later came up with the special section on Homing Helps. The popularity of that project is a bit staggering.

You, our readers, have responded by your attendance at each session. In fact, because of you the homemaking school was repeated again this year. And for that we say thank you for reading our newspaper

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Today's tip

Got a question on your state or federal income tax? Take advantage of the toll free telephone service offered by the state and federal agencies. The numbers are listed everyday in the upper left hand corner of the News-Press. We've checked out the service and found the tax people on the other end of the line to be very helpful.

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Sports fans were hit with a bombshell recently when word got around that Dale Orton family may be moving to Iowa.

Hopefully you have been attending basketball games or reading about them in the paper "Big" Jon Orton, the towhead who sparkled on the football field again this season and is often a one-man performer in basketball, will graduate this year.

His younger brother, "Stevie Wonder" Orton, is a sophomore and the other night he pumped in 24 points in the Pioneer victory over Shenandoah. Friends say the Orton family has had a lot of offers by Nebraska Citians to house the young man so he will be around next year.

There's still Greg and Cory at home They are a little younger, but in the true Orton sports tradition, they excel like big brothers Randy, Jon and Steve. Greg is exciting to watch on the pitching mound and Cory is the killer on the Jaycee wrestling mat.

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Rod Bliss, a senior at Nebraska City Senior High, likes to do his own thing and last month when we had the big storm, he bundled and took a walk.

He told his story in the recent issue of the Otoean, the high school newspaper. The downtown area was dead, no cars were on the streets and few people were seen walking from store to store.

As he walked main street watching show removal crews at work motorists stopped and asked about the work. Rod played along and since the motorists thought he was a foreman or sumpthin', he waved his arms like he was too busy to talk and was giving instructions to the men in the heavy equipment.

One motorist asked what he was doing walking down the street and by this time Rod was getting amused at the interest so he told the driver that he was practicing for the Arbor Day parade. That went over about like a snowflake at a flower show.

His big kick was walking down the middle of Eleventh Street. "Never having walked down the middle of a four lane highway, I thought this might be my only opportunity."

Rod had one consolation. If he was going to do something foolish. . .at least he did it when no one was around. I never did hear what his dad said when son returned home. But I'll bet after Harold heard the explanation, he said something like, "Son, you've been out in the cold too long."

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The Otoe County Wildlife club supports a hunting season on the mourning dove. Joe Voges, secretary, said the dove is a wasted game bird. "Hunting pressure has little to do with survival of the bird. The dove is one of the few birds that can survive."

He said the dove will nest anywhere and has a high reproduction rate. Most states have a season on them. Nebraska is just raising them for other hunters, he says.

"We had a season on the doves 30 years ago," Mr Voges recalled.

The mourning dove is so named because of its cooing sound. Joe said it also is called the "turtle" dove taken from the Biblical times when reference was made to the dove as the voice of the turtle.

I've eaten stuffed pigeon and fried rattlesnake, but never had the stomach for dove Joe says they are delicious.

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Congratulations to the Peru Community Theater for staging an entertaining musical, The Music Man. Since the second performance was poorly attended because of the snowstorm last week, you get a chance this weekend. Final staging will be Sunday at 8 p.m in the auditorium on the Peru State campus. Tickets are $2 at the door

There were so many outstanding people in the large cast that I hesitate to single out any one individual for a super performance. Clay Kennedy's stage savvy caught my attention. He played the part of the grumpy mayor of the town. . . .then I thought. .oh, heck, Clay's grumpy one minute and smiling the next minute so I'll just check him off.

No one asked me but I think Don Miller, the financial aids director at Peru State, was overlooked for the lead part of Professor Hill. I'm just curious whether he would have swapped his cowboy boots for spats and whether he could carry a tune like he does when parents talk to him about money help for their kids enrolling in school.

. Ooops! Almost forgot. Congratulations to Mrs Miller for being named recipient of the Kiwanis community award. In Peru, it's "Yes, Bobcat, there is a Santa Claus and it's Virginia "

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Glen Houdersheldt whose job it is to tell people about the necessity of physical fitness for a national institute, puts his whole self into a presentation.

The speaker graduated from high school at Wayne and went on to college and later coached at Glendale, California. One of his faults, he admits, was playing his high school football team against that quarterbacked by a young boy named Dave Humm.

Mr Houdersheldt's enthusiasm pretty well "took in" the Optimist club the other day when he referred to most businessmen as a bit pouchy around the waistline. He said he was not attempting to lose friendship in his new acquaintances, but the truth was the truth.

The speakers point was that unless Americans do more about physical fitness they will fall under the vital statitistics of the American Heart Association as another heart disease victim.

That was enough to get the attention of the two dozen men at the meeting. Understand a special fitness program will be instituted in town. Contact Ivan Boerner at Jessup's and he'll fill you in.

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Rescue squad to the rescue!

Nebraska City rescue squadsmen have their family get-togethers so that the wives will have a chance to get acquainted, but they've never really had a chance to cut loose. like now Two of the volunteers will get married on the same day, April 5.

The couples:

— Kim Kohout, son of Mr and Mrs Ben Kohout and Chris Lechner, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norbert Lechner

— Jim Rader, son of Mr and Mrs Jim Rader, Sr , Tarkio, Mo , and Peggy Warrick, daughter of Mr and Mrs Wayne Sunderman, Clarinda, Iowa.

Kim works for his dad at Haley's Chevrolet-Cadillac and Jim is the service manager for Weinman Auto company.

So .the two guys are tying the knot. So what? So. . .no rescue squadsman has ever gotten married while serving on the Nebraska City crew.

We doubt that the brides will permit the squadsmen any say-so for the wedding ceremony. . .but I'm sure there will be some "uncontrollable" effort by the volunteers to help make the day long remembered for the newlyweds. . .(Snicker, snicker).

Prisoners are said to need psychiatric care

LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — An evaluation of prisoners at the Penal Complex is underway to determine how many inmates need psychiatric care, acting state Institutions Director Jack Cleavenger told the legislature's Appropriations Committee Friday.

The study is being conducted by former Institutions Director Jack Anderson, acting as a consultant to the Department of Correctional Services, Cleavenger said.

Anderson is a psychiatrist.

Cleavenger's remarks came in response to questioning from Utica Sen. Douglas Bereuter, who expressed concern about the need for psychiatric care for prisoners

Two recent suicides at the penitentiary unit have been layed to the need for psychiatric treatment.

The Penal Complex problem was discussed during a public hearing on D PI's proposed 1975-76 budget of some $45 million

Gov. J. J Exon has recommended state tax funding of $31.1 million The legislative fiscal office proposal is $30 1 million.

The comparable 1974-75 budget is $24.7 million

The committee was told that 30 beds for psychiatric treatment will be provided at the new correctional diagnostic and evaluation center, once it is constructed, the committee was told.

Cleavenger said the security unit at the Lincoln Regional Center would be used if additional treatment facilities are needed.

Cleavenger said the Penal Complex believes about 40 prisoners are in need of psychiatric care.

He said regional center staff members have sometimes felt the complex has "sent some of their displinary problems" to the center's security unit, rather than inmates who are really in need of treatment

COURTHOUSE NEWS

District court

State vs Patrick Chaney, burglary Defendant entered plea of guilty to amended information filed by County Attorney William F Davis. Judge Betty Peterson Sharp ordered a pre-sentence investigation by Probation Officer Jack Ryder, set further proceedings for April 4 at 11 a m On October 9 defendant stole some sporting goods from The Sport Shop owned by Lloyd Barton and Art Link He was represented by John Horan

Helmet law on way despite opposition

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A bill requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets appeared to be on its way to the floor Friday with four members of the eight-man Public Works Committee saying they would vote to move the bill forward.

About 200 motorcyclists came to the Capitol Friday to oppose the bill, LB328

Sens Ralph Kelly of Grand Island, Maurice Kremer of Aurora and Harold Moylan of Omaha said they were not firmly in support of the bill, but felt that the entire legislature should decide the issue.

Sen. Irving Wiltse of Falls City, who said he was a former "motorcycle cop," was the member of the committee most strongly in support of the bill.

Sens. Jack Mills of Big Springs, Richard Lewis of Holbrook and Jerome Warner of Waverly said they were undecided Sen John Cavanaugh of Omaha left the meeting early. The supporters would need only one of their votes to move the bill out of committeee

If it reaches the floor, it is sure to face the same attacks it faced in committee.

Lewis S. Buchanan, a motorcycle safety specialist for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, came to the committee hearing Friday to threaten a $7 million annual cut in federal funds if the bill was not passed.

Sen. John DeCamp led off the testimony for the opponents to the bill by saying Nebraska was losing its freedom by not fighting threatened federal fund cuts.

The proponents and opponents of the bill argued whether helmets actually reduce motorcycle accident injuries.

The motorcyclists said that helmets cut down on visibility and caused neck injuries.

Proponents of the bill cited statistics that they said proved helmets cut down on injuries.

During the hearing, Sen Richard Lewis put on a federally approved motorcycle helmet.

Afterwards he said, "It's not what you would wear for pleasure." But he added that it might be better than having your "brains spread out on the pavement "

The committee also heard testimony on three other bills that were held in committee They would

—Prohibit alterations in the suspension of vehicles LB348.

—Require licensed motorcycle riders to accompany individuals practicing with motorcycle learners permits. LB246.

—Require certification of sewage plant operators. LB384.

Soviets, Americans to conduct joint studies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet and American cancer specialists have signed an agreement to conduct joint studies on the incidence of breast cancer.

The agreement was signed Friday at the National Cancer Institute in suburban Bethesda, Md.

It provides for a study concentrating on whether differences in the hormone levels of the yarious nationalities of the Soviet Union are responsible for differences in the incidence of breast cancer.

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