The Buck Ends Here

By Ivan D E. Beaumont

The Big Red —

Rod Cushing the University student who handled the picture jobs for the News-Press last football season, called the other day and offered to do it again

We worked closely with Rod last season and brought our readers lots of action pictures of the home games of the Huskers

So with a little planning and some luck, we'll have the NU student back on the sideline with camera in hand this fall Rod was also our cameraman at the Shrine Bowl He is the son of Mr and Mrs Don Cushing

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And speaking of football the time is near

Jim Brockhaus, NCHS athletic director, has scheduled physical exams Monday for school sports and football practice will begin later this month

Coaches have been having special meetings with boys and girls making plans for the sporting season and conducting clinics inviting athlets and other coaches to meet with the athletes

It sounds like a busy sports year coming up

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One of the biggest events you're going to have a chance to see is the Applejack Festival and the Apple Bowl game scheduled for Saturday, September 18, in Nebraska City

Ron Jay general chairman, has his work cut out for him and has held several meetings to get the planning under way There will be many, many bands from the area competing in the contest Saturday afternoon For the spectators, that will mean a whopper of a parade on Central Avenue

Other highlights are a king and queen contest, cross-country run, and a water fight under the direction of the NC Volunteer Fire Department

The big show will be the football game that night at Hayward park pitting Peru State and Tarkio

Gilbert Wilson of the music department at Peru State says the 'early band contest is good Dr Wilson has judged the contest in previous years He said the early contest gives the bandsmen and the band director a chance to get the students going in competition so they'll be better prepared for later contests

Ron's other committee members include Neil Hayhurst, Marv Eaton Steve Harvey and the DECA club at NCHS

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The Big Thompson river —

I had heard about the Big Thompson river and Estes Park Colo , when I was a grade schooler in Kansas Someday, I thought, I'll go there to see what in the devil people were talking about

It was some years later that our family of four drove the 1959 Rambler up the winding highway along the river Our two daughters were old enough to appreciate the beauty of the rushing waters

The village of Estes was pure delight for tourists. There was just about every shop imaginable with trinkets and toys for little boys and girls and plenty for the moms and dads

Millie chickened out and wouldn't ride the tram, but No. 1 son and 2 daughters were rarin' to go.

Later that day a sudden rainstorm whipped through the village. It was a little more than we "flatland" people were accustomed to, but we shrugged it off when the townspeople went about their work Some swept water out of their store doorways.

Several inches fell in that few moments, but then the sun came out and it was a beautiful and bright afternoon.

So what the heck..just another rain Later we drove down that now non-existent highway marveling several times at the lodging and cabins along the way Wow, we thought. . what a place for a whole summer

The tragedy that occurred last week can't help but affect anyone who has visited that beautiful area

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Tree City USA —

The announcement in the News-Press last week that the U.S Forest Service joined in the Tree City USA program is a real boost to the program

Ellsworth Merkel, a member of the executive committee of the Arbor Day Foundation, said the agreement will give the project much encouragement

Under terms of the agreement, the U S Forest Service will provide technical assistance to further Tree City USA and will assist in coordinating with state foresters in helping them to implement the program

Mayor Edith Fenstermacher and the city commissioners have acted on the program and a tree board is already working on it. That tree board and the town as a whole need to work on this project

When they give the Arbor Day Foundation awards next year the logical town to receive the top honor is Nebraska City, the town that gave the world a great idea — plant trees

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Congratulations to Roger Kennell who was selected to receive the Ed Harshbarger Memorial trophy as the No 1 ball player in the Jaycee league The selection is always difficult because there are so many good players

Roger is the son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Kennell The trophy was presented to him by Charlie Doeden, Jaycee baseball commissioner

The one statistic that stuck with me when I read that story was his success at batting He struck out only twice in 15 ball games

You might be interested .Scott Simms received the award in 1973 and last year he pitched the Legion team to the state championship

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August bargains —

The current issue of the Elks magazine points out to readers that the month of August is a good time to watch out for bargains

Boy, have we got 'em in Nebraska City

The annual Sidewalk Bazaar will be Wednesday on Central Avenue. Several streets will be blocked off so merchants can display items for a mall sale

The Sidewalk Bazaar in Nebraska City was started many years ago and its success has resulted in an annual event If you've never shopped Nebraska City during the big sale, you will want to take advantage of the event this year Bill Dammast is the general chairman

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The Sidney rodeo —

The Sidney, Ia , rodeo opens Tuesday and could well be one of the most successful rodeos in many years The rodeo talent has always been good and the livestock outstanding, but the super event this year is Pat Boone People like him

We think you will find many people going to the rodeo this year for the first time They will be going to see Pat Boone and undoubtedly they will get "hooked" like most of us and be rodeo fans

Boone became known to many as the young singer on the Arthur Godfrey show His wife and daughters add brilliance to his career They're a Christian family and they all sing

The Sidney Argus-Herald reported a rush on advance ticket sales A total of $30,000 in tickets were sold by July 26. Boone is the big attraction

Meanwhile there's a lot of other things going on among them a honey of a queen contest There's more about that elsewhere in today's paper

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Arrested at Rock Port

WICHITA, Kan (AP) — Police standing by at Missouri Beef Packing Co facilities arrested two men Friday and charged one of them with impeding traffic into one of the firm's three plants which are being picketed

The men were identified in police records only as Gregg V Carter, 20, who was charged with impeding traffic by loitering, and Fred Rhodes, 35, charged with loitering They were released on their own recognizance, police said

Another source said one of the men was an officer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters union, and that he was arrested for physically blocking a driveway into the plant

Pickets have been maintained at the plants since Monday by striking Missouri Beef Packing Co meat cutters from Rock Port, Mo

Company spokesman Curtis Jones said more workers were hired Friday to replace union workers at the plant who refuse to cross the picket lines Eighty-seven replacements were hired Thursday

Jones said 75 per cent of the Wichita workers were on their jobs Friday morning, which he described as an increase over Thursday's attendance

'Our Boarding House' team



Lester Carroll





Tom McCormick

By R Terrance Roskin
(Last in Series)

Les Carroll living in the suburbs but hanging on to a streak of bluegrass wide enough to back a John Deere baler across Tom McCormick he's 22 years of Winooski, Vermont, away from his Boston origins urbane but homey (one can't get much homier than a family of

Les and Tom, who respectively draw and write 'Our Boarding House with Major Hoople" are as different in lifestyle and personality nuance as two individuals can be, but share mutual respect and — Egad! — Major Amos B Hoople

McCormick s home maintains the pace and focus of a recreation center and boasts a kitchen table not unlike the boarding house dinette of the Hoople Manor Around the huge table the six McCormick boys and their two younger sisters discuss their endless flow of activities with Tom and his wife Therese

We spend a lot of time just talking Everyone always has something going on around here " he says, interrupting his sentence twice to answer a phone and to find Therese to identify two birds which have landed in the backyard birdhouse I should have known what they were as I was saying, things are pretty lively around here all the time "

Our Boarding House, which introduced Major Hoople in 1922, was created by Gene Ahern, who was succeeded on the strip by several cartoonists including the combination of Red Braucher as writer and Bill Freyse the artist McCormick took over the writing in 1958 upon the death of Braucher, who had written OBH nearly 20 years

McCormick reminisced 'When I first started writing the strip I was just trying to meet the challenge of doing it Then I began having revelations about OBH I noticed Our Boarding House has always held its particular popularity while other more popular strips would come and go One reason of course is this tremendous character in the person of Major Hoople Also everyone seemed to know a Major Hoople I came to the conclusion that there s a little of the Major in all of us

Q Beyond Hoople himself, kaff-kaff, how can you explain Our Boarding House's survival in an age when boarding houses are pretty much defunct?

McCormick With all due respect, I d have to reply that our comic is not about a boarding house but about people and about life

Q How much of it is your life?

McCormick Well I don t especially relate to any one character in Our Boarding House but really, any writing you do is based on your total life experience You have certain bits of knowledge that are reflected in your writing — writing can be sort of an X ray of your makeup

Q What preceded Hoople in your career?

McCormick I d never written any fiction before OBH I d dropped out of Columbia Medical School to get into journalism — causing a lot of people to think I was crazy — and eventually landed here in Vermont I learned photography and did front page makeup and probably could do just about any job in the editorial room

Q Tell us about your partner

McCormick Would you believe that I've never met Les Carroll? I do know he s one of those hard workers who puts extra into the picture The little things he adds means so much

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Les Carroll works with the silence and riveted concentration of an artisan laboring at fine detail His quiet mien belies the pick'n'grin bluegrass banjoist who is another part of Les Carroll

Contrasting the McCormick residence-cum-YMCA, the Carroll home-studio ("If my house is my castle, my studio is the dungeon ") seems a bit more sedate "The most common distraction I have is the sound of grass growing in the summertime, necessitating my taking time out to hide the lawnmower, and the sound of snow falling in the winter necessitating more time out to hide the snow shovel

Q What led to your drawing "Our Boarding House"?

Carroll Going all the way back my parents said that instead of 'crayoning coloring books I would copy the pictures, and later I would copy the funnies' in the daily newspaper I began freelancing while I was working in the office of an auto parts manufacturing company I kept with it and eventually went to work for Newspaper Enterprise Association doing general drawing and a weekly farm strip I used to draw "Boots and Her Buddies" and also "Alley Oop" I returned here from Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1969 to draw Our Boarding House

Q Do you relate to the characters you draw?

Carroll I personally relate to Major Hoople in that most of my inventions don't work, either But I see no relationship between my family and friends with the rest of the Hoople cast Hallelujah! But in that I do no writing for the panel, my avocations or interests aren't particularly reflected

Q What are your feelings about comic art?

Carroll The comics are very important People need and enjoy seeing their neighbors, associates — especially their bosses — in the comics and laughing at them The comics mirror the foibles of humanity and will be much more interesting and revealing to archaeologists eons from now than the hieroglyphics and caveman pictures they study today Now that I've explained our historic importance you'll see why we should be more handsomely rewarded for our contributions to future generations

A thread of logic Amos B Hoople would follow and, umyass, even toast

THE MEN BEHIND THE COMICS

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Americans still in Nam

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — About 20 Americans and Vietnamese with American passports are believed still in Vietnam following the arrival in Bangkok of 49 Americans and dependents of Americans from Saigon

One of the arrivals, Frederick Gulden, 54, an architect from Chicago, Ill , reported that Vietnamese who were moved out of the cities to new agricultural areas being opened up are "dyig like flies" from disease and lack of medical care

Several of the evacuees said the Communist government wants to get rid of all the several hundred foreigners still in Vietnam

Many of the Americans were glad to leave Vietnam, some were not

The Americans remaining include Richard Hughes, who set up a foundation to help abandoned children, Teresa Ann Reed, and two men believed in jail in Hanoi, John H Gay and Tucker Gugelman

BURR
Mrs Earl Wendeln

On August 15 a special services will be conducted by Rev Ralph Staples, Nebraska Director of CROP at 10 a m at Hope Lutheran Church Pastor Staples has visited various countries who have received gifts of grain and cash and he will show a series of slides relating to the CROP program He will also answer any questions or misconceptions about the program Burr Methodist and Hopewell Presbyterian congregations as well as any other interested parties in the area are urged and invited to attend this service

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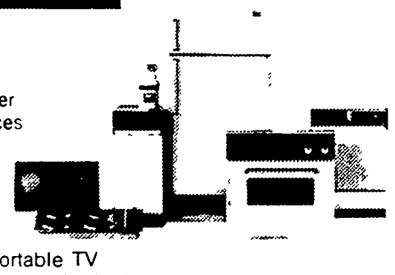
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The Alvin Ludwigs received a call from their nephew, Captain Charles Hagemeister, wife and two children have arrived home in Kileen, Texas, after serving three and one half years in the army in Germany

Mrs Louis Tritsch, Syracuse, fell in Nebraska City and broke her arm

SYRACUSE
Mrs Ernest Severs

Mr and Mrs Harold Schlewder of San Jose, Calif were house guests for a week of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs Henry Reuter, while visiting with relatives

Mr and Mrs Ellis Dann of Lincoln were recent visitors of the Carl Swansons and Mrs Oscar Granneman

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Mrs Ruby Lockwood

Mr and Mrs Richard Gilbert and Brian returned Thursday from a visit with Oreene's mother, Mrs O A Jones, and sister, Mrs Marie Benton, at Denver Iowa

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Mrs Earl Wendeln

Mr and Mrs Harold Moss spent several days recently with the Delmer Mosses near Holyoke, Colorado Kelly Moss, daughter of Delmer's, visited relatives here for three weeks She has returned home

Mark Twain is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira N Y

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