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VIEWPOINT

THE FARM STRIKE — GO FOR BROKE

Farmers in this part of the country are organizing one of the most dramatic efforts we've seen in an attempt to get a full price for their crops

It s called STRIKE That's not a very pretty word in the eyes of most people labor and management, nor is it exactly what the farmer wants

The point is just that — he wants a fair share

Well only a fool would disagree with that ideal

We don t know if the farm strike will work We know a lot of farmers in this community and friends on farms in other parts of the state They all generally agree on the idea of making demands and getting parity that strange word that means simply a fair price at today's inflated prices

There is a cloud of doubt cast on the effort and that comes from other farmers and townspeople who want to help They just don t think farmers are going to quit farming They are too independent they are their own thinkers

Credit must be given to the many people who have worked to organize the December 14 strike They have put a lot of their own chips on the pile and they have been gathering strength

If farmers in large numbers strike and refuse to plant crops until they get parity prices and if that surge from the present $2 corn is slow in coming there will be a shakeup of the economy right here in the Farm Belt

It doesn t matter about the $35,000 tractor with the air conditioned cab or the four-wheeled drive vehicle with the CB radio What does matter is — where is the wheat for the bread'

No one wants to pay higher prices for the food he puts on the family kitchen table Farmers say we may not have a choice because financially they are going under now and something had better change to bolster that economy

If the movement works or even if it only creates enough interest to make farm prices move off the bottom of the trough then the farmer will have won

And his victory will be shared by the farm communities It s a fact and it may well be time to stop robbing Peter to pay Paul



"It happens every time I press this button."

Farm improvements cited

The worst of the financial plight of farmers may have passed, according to Conrad Leslie, a leading analyst of farm trends

Mr Leslie told the New York Times that the farmers' problem was the story three months ago, but there has been substantial improvement since then and the outlook is now considerably better

The Times said the record output of crops and livestock is the chief reason that 1977 farm income will be the lowest in five years, down 33 percent from the 1973 peak At one time this year, prices of food grains were down about 19 percent from a year earlier, feed grains were off by 38 percent and quotations for soybeans and other oil-bearing crops were 26 percent below the 1976 levels

International Harvester reported record sales and earnings for its fiscal fourth quarter, but said the ag equipment part of its business showed a decline of 10 percent An executive of IH told the Times that agriculture should be on the threshhold of a new and greater era of prosperity

An economist at the Federal Reserve bank said farmers have been hurting this year, but added that a marked improvement in farm prices in the last two months and some government actions would tend to ease the farm situation.

The Times also reported improvement in the farm export market and some significant initiatives in Washington Prices received by farmers rose 1 percent in the month ended November 15 duplicating the preceding months advance, the U.S Ag Department reported

Another important factor, the Times said, has been the payment made to farmers by the federal government because market prices earlier this year fell so much below the target levels Farmers will receive about $1.2 billion and that could swell to $2 billion Wheat, for instance, is still selling well below the target price of $2.90 a bushel

Other optimistic outlooks are provisions for a wheat reserve and production land set aside and the establishment of higher tariffs

At the same time, lower grain production in the Soviet Union, China and Poland has improved the farm market prospects for the U.S. farmer

"If the recent trends continue in domestic farm prices in the export market and in Washington policy, the worst of this year's cyclical decline in agriculture will have passed Next year should be a better one for American farmers from the income standpoint even if it does not match this year's booming production," the newspaper said.

AS TIME GOES BY

Season begins

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

The Christmas season officially began when the Christmas lights were switched on at the Otoe county courthouse and Santa Claus paid his first visit to Nebraska City. Captain Ray Thurman reported that five recruits had joined Company A of the National Guard in the last 10 days They were Bill Hike, Bill Creek, Clair Erwin, Glen Hutchinson and Marshall McCord, Jr .Preview clips from "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" were printed in the News-Press .Fire caused by a defective chimney destroyed the Joe Phillips farm home four miles southeast of Douglas

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

City Street Commissioner Tom Seydlitz said Mr and Mrs John Q. Public didn't treat the Memorial Building too well .Nebraska City's new state highway patrolman was August Ihde The Talmage Bulldogs whipped Brock, 56-29, with Henry Gadeken posting 19 points .Robert Kreifels of Paul filed for appointment to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of First District County Commissioner Adolph Weible The Nativity Scene was erected on the courthouse lawn .Stella dumped St Bernard's Academy, 58-42.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

Katie Oetgen, the nine year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Fred Oetgen, was one of the artists exhibiting at Steinhart Lodge with the Home Town Painters Claire Wademan rolled a 139 to lead the Junior High girls in intramural bowling .Mr and Mrs Howard Harroun moved to a farm eight miles south of Nebraska City Among new families in Nebraska City were Mr and Mrs William Fowler and Mr and Mrs James Moore and two children of Mount Carmel, Illinois .Phillip Timothy, 10, son of Mr and Mrs Gerard Timothy was the third Timothy boy to become a News-Press carrier

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec 11, the 345th day of 1977 There are 20 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States

On this date

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state

In 1848, Louis Napoleon was elected president of France

In 1936, Edward VIII abdicated as king of England, and King George VI ascended to the throne

In 1937, Benito Mussolini announced that Italy was withdrawing from the League of Nations

Today's birthday Pro football official George Sauer is 67 years old

Thought for today The most necessary task of civilization is to teach man how to think — Thomas Edison, American inventor, 1847-1931

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HEALTH
Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Seasonal ulcer attacks

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D

DEAR DR LAMB — Ten years ago in the fall, I developed a bleeding ulcer in the duodenum, and after several blood transfusions and a bland diet, the ulcer healed Last spring, I was hospitalized with another bleeding ulcer and, after six weeks, it also healed

Is it true that ulcers flare up in the spring and the fall? Do doctors really know what causes them? And, having been cured, is it necessary to avoid certain foods and drinks and continue antacids?

Any suggestions you have would be greatly appreciated, as I certainly don't want to develop another bleeding ulcer if I can prevent it

DEAR READER — As far as I am concerned, "once an ulcer patient, always an ulcer patient " That means you should adapt your life style to prevent recurrences as they tend to recur — and yes, they are apt to recur in the spring and fall This is not an old wives' tale - or, at least, if it is, it is a valid one

You should avoid caffeine-containing drinks because caffeine stimulates the production of acid digestive juice These include coffee, tea, colas and chocolate beverages Chocolate in any form contains caffeine You should avoid alcohol Alcohol is a powerful stimulant to the production of acid digestive juice

Otherwise, sensible eating habits are usually all that is required I would avoid strong spices, but moderate spices or moderate amounts are all right. A heavily spiced Mexican meal might not be The current thinking is that what an ulcer patient eats is not so important, but whenever complications arise, bland feedings are still used

You may not need to take any antacids, but your doctor may want to test your production of stomach acid to see if it is high and would warrant some regular use of such a medicine

I should add to the list of don'ts for your life style, DON'T SMOKE

Stress is important as a factor in causing ulcers If your life style includes too much stress, try to minimize it if you can If a person has a stressful life style and doesn't change it, any form of treatment is not likely to be successful

I am sending you The Health Letter number 1-5, Ulcers Duodenal, Stomach, to give you more information on your problem and what you can do about it Others who want information on ulcers can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019 If you follow the suggestions about your life style included there, you can minimize your chances of having another bleeding ulcer

I should add that you should avoid aspirin and all of the easily obtainable popular medicines that contain aspirin With a history of two bleeding ulcers, you don't need to take anything that decreases the blood's natural ability to clot.

No, doctors do not know exactly what causes ulcers, but we do know the company ulcers keep — stress, coffee, cigarettes and alcohol. We know that once an ulcer occurs that unless the excess stomach acid that is usually part of the picture is adequately neutralized, the ulcer will not heal promptly Change your life style, and hopefully you can watch spring and fall come without fear of a bleeding ulcer

News in Brief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Experts on leprosy say a drug that produced cancer in laboratory rats and was tested on U.S. soldiers in Vietnam is still the best treatment for the world's millions of lepers The benefits of the drug, dapsone, and related compounds to lepers outweigh any known cancer risk, according to doctors who treat the disease In a report released Monday, the National Cancer Institute said dapsone has been found to produce cancer in male rats But cancer experts said the tests do not prove the drug causes cancer in humans.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration, defending its opposition to Laetrile as a treatment for cancer patients, says it almost certainly will appeal a judge's order striking down government restrictions on the substance "The FDA contends that Laetrile should be illegal to interstate commerce (and) and we would fully expect to prevail on appeal ... Our case is sound," an FDA spokesman said Monday night

Judy, Joe and the Ho-Ho-Ho — by Baur and Pastoret





Ivan D.E. Beaumont — THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Congratulations, Helen

4-H recognition—

Congratulations to Mrs Robert (Helen) Nichols, Brock, who was named a state winner in a 4-H alumni recognition program She and three others in the state received plaques for their service to 4-H

Mrs Nichols is a former high school home ec teacher, former Otoe county home extension agent and is a housewife, mother and a pork producer She has been particularly active in the pork business

We have enjoyed her help in publishing the annual pork edition in cooperation with the Quad County Pork Producers and the Capitol Pork Producers.

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Meri Christmas—

Our ad crew has had an especially pleasant job the past week working on a special Christmas sale with Nebraska City retailers and Becki Young

Becki is a sophomore at Peru State and she literally filled the boots to help Gene Stark, Jill Gill and Mike Neemann of the News-Press ad staff as they worked with retailers

You'll see a lot of Meri Christmas (that's Becki) in the Monday News-Press She is wearing a Santa outfit (a skirt, guys .not long-legged jeans), turtle neck sweater, vest and cap with a tassel

And thanks also to Mrs George Golden, Jr , for stepping in with the pattern, sewing equipment and know-how to produce the attractive garment We think it looks nice and we think you'll agree when you see Becki in the outfit in the Monday paper You're invited to take the shopping tour with Becki

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Boar's Head Feaste—

I looked at Dale Sharp and he was enjoying it I looked again at the boar's head mounted on a wooden slab, then looked again at the apple in its mouth I wasn't sure

No matter, I put my trust in Mrs Everett Browning Well, I knew I couldn't trust her husband, my Hudson Bay walrus bone hunting partner

When the cute waitress put the plate down in front of me, I felt better .roast beef, beans, etc.

There was a room full of fun people at Peru State the other night for the annual Boar's Head Feaste, an English Christmas dinner party And it was a fun night of music, dancing and toasting

The new Peru State president, Dr Larry Tangeman and his wife, also attended and were introduced to many people

Hosts were Becki Young and Dr Royal Eckert of the drama department You perhaps know Dr Eckert ever see the Rhoden Chevrolet ad on TV in which the man in overalls and straw hat is jumping in and out of a trunk of a car? That's Dr Eckert

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Hello, Mary Heng—

We enjoyed the stories in the News-Press and World-Herald on Mary Heng, executive director of the Omaha Girls Club Mary is a graduate of Nebraska City Lourdes and her very proud parents are Mr and Mrs Delmar Heng

Mary was one of our favorite people when she was in school in Nebraska City She was a regular baby-sitter with our children (Wow, where did time go) We had another "super" sitter in those years .Mary's mother

Oh, yes, when the Hengs lived at 916 North 10th, we'd call for Mary and if she was unable to do the job, her mother showed up As a matter of fact, it was her mother who said we had a house with more "spooky" noises Oh, those were happy and fun days

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Congratulations—

Del Stoltenberg, coach at Wayne State, was recognized the other day as the coach of the year He guided the Wayne State football team through a 7-3 season

Del is a Nebraska City boy He went to school here graduating about 1953, went on to college and a successful coaching career His record is 105-61-9

He is married to the former Dolores Smith, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Smith 415 South 14th St

He was an outstanding football player and hurdler with the Pioneers

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Gift time—

It isn't difficult to obtain a Christmas gift in Nebraska City, we've observed. The other day we read where Mrs Helen Rulla won $100 in scrip money (that's spending money at participating stores), and a host of shoppers won $25 gift certificates

This giveaway happens every Saturday in Nebraska City Someone is going to win it it just as well be you

Then, the other day we attended a luncheon meeting at the Elks where they announced four other winners, Earl Story, Jerry Klavans, Orville Riege and Eileen Uchytil won from $100 to $25 in a grocery shopping spree sponsored by the Optimist club

There really is a grand giver .you just have to get out and take a part in the goings on

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They remember—

Art Sweet enlightened readers the other day on Jane Morris and her job at the News-Press As he said, no one at the N-P now probably remembers George Near and some of the former News-Pressers except maybe Pat Osbon

Got another for you, Art

Ralph Ziels, 1221 Third Avenue, is a member of the News-Press family and he recalled a lot of the former employes of the newspaper Ralph is our faithful right hand around here cleaning up after our usual daily newspaper messes

By the way, Ralph quipped the other day that he's enjoying the cold weather people wear gloves in cold weather and that's a lot fewer fingerprints on the doors and glasses

Pretty tricky, Ralph Pretty tricky.

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the Father of mercies and God of all comfort who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God (2 Corinthians 1 3-4 RSV)

PRAYER Heavenly Father thank You for Your loving concern for our needs Thank You for Your children who love in the name of Jesus Amen

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