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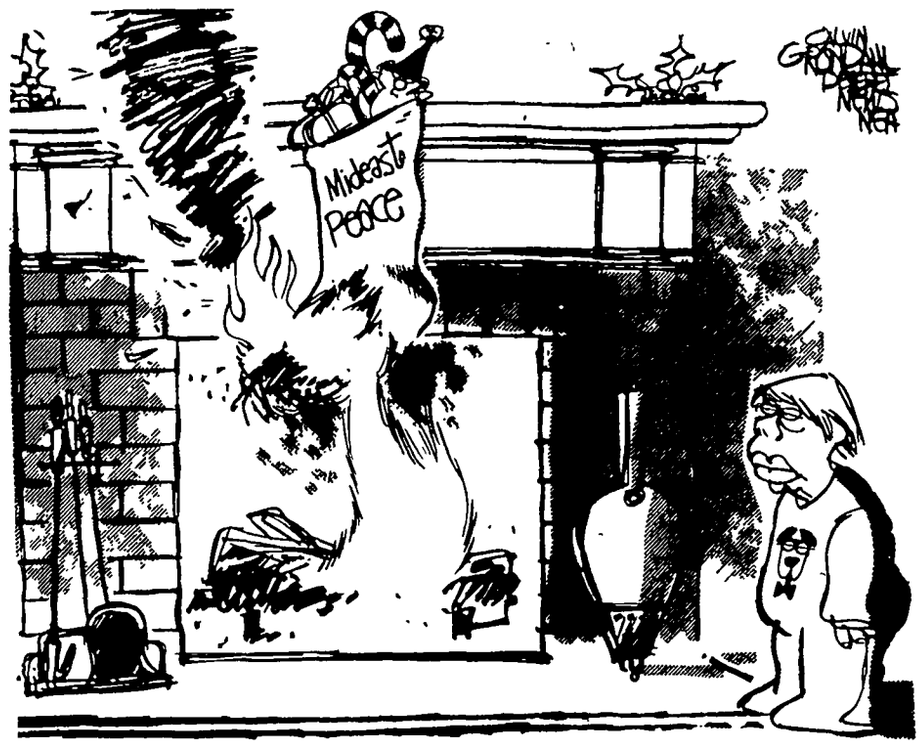
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Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Council guided

New councilman —

The Syracuse city council is bound to come up with some "guided" decisions during the next term of office.

The council has a new member and he is of the cloth.

The Rev Elmo Ellerbrake, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ at Syracuse, was seated the other night at the council meeting. Returned to the council were Ron Anderson and Wayne Zeiger

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Fire calls —

If you're wondering why rescue crews answer some of the fire calls, it's because of a ruling adopted a few years ago.

The squad decided to answer all fire calls to nursing homes, housing complexes or other facilities where there are a lot of residents

The fire and rescue volunteers know that in a fire emergency at such facilities, a lot of help is needed.

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Dear Santa —

Residents at Duff Memorial Nursing Home in Nebraska City are contributing to the happiness of the small fry by serving as telephone operators for Mr and Mrs Santa Claus.

Mrs Warren Woodruff said the residents at Duff look forward to the calls Children may call 873-5297 and ask to talk with Santa or Mrs Claus.

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Paul Stoll —

That was a fine gesture of the Otoe County Red Cross to give recognition to Paul Stoll who donated his 89th pint of blood the other day

You'll be reading more about the people of Otoe county who give blood Wilma McIntire, executive secretary of the Red Cross, said the recognition for Paul was the first of many

Miss McIntire does all the work on the bookkeeping of blood donors and arranging for the trophies and picture-taking.

Congratulations to Wilma for dusting off the records and giving recognition to some fine deserving people Thanks, Paul, and all of you other one pint and gallon donors You truly make life worth living

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The report —

Thanks to Dr Larry Tangeman, president of Peru State College, and Roger Flanders of the services department and others for permitting us to participate in the meet the press program

The senators were Bill Burrows, Adams, Calvin Carsten, Avoca, Nelson Merz, Falls City, and Jerome Warner, Waverly The other news people were Kent Thomas, Beatrice Daily Sun, Vicki Miller of Maverick Media and Diane Sefried of radio KTNC Falls City

The session was popular with the audience and listeners The senators were especially helpful in answering questions and offering different views

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The faithful —

A number of people said "let him go" when the word got out that NU Coach Tom Osborne was looking at the Colorado coaching job.

Not Mark Eiserman .The son of Mr and Mrs Ron Eiserman, Mark graduated last spring from the University with a recreation major and he is a devoted Osborne fan

Coach Osborne is the finest coach in the country and the finest caliber of man who knows how to recruit and work with good, young men, according to Mark

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The Sun —

Thanks to Clara Witte for the Sunday copy of the Clearwater, Fla , Sun Mrs Witte was in Clearwater a week ago and was thoughtful to bring along a copy of that town's fine newspaper

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Varro and Venus —

Two of our favorite people are now gone Varro Tyler a local attorney, died several years ago His widow, Venus, died the other day

We are fond of unusual names and had mentioned how we favored the Tyler names Venus always had a way of twisting it around and making it come out a compliment for the other person It seemed that she truly exemplified the real meaning of the word, Venus

VIEWPOINT

Minnesota showdown

The once-proud Minnesota Democrat-Farmer-Labor Party, still shell-shocked from the loss Nov 7 of both U S Senate seats, the governorship and 32 seats in the state House, is scrambling to forestall yet another loss to the resurgent Independent Republicans

The DFL is putting everything it's got into a Dec. 19 special election to fill a state Senate vacancy in northern Minnesota The outcome won't affect the partisan power balance in the Senate, which the DFL presently controls by a 2-to-1 margin But both parties view the election as a test that may show whether the recent GOP sweep was a fluke or a harbinger of things to come

AS TIME GOES BY

Board plans

FORTY YEARS AGO
— 1938 -

The Nebraska City school board said it would apply to the WPA for two small schools to cost $46,000 of which the city would put up $11,000, exclusive of fixtures Pope Pius was reportedly considering steps to excommunicate German leader Adolf Hitler from the Catholic Church About 100 coal miners went back to work in Clarinda, Iowa, following a one-day strike for higher wages. "Angels with Dirty Faces" with Pat O'Brien, James Cagney, the Dead End Kids and Humphrey Bogart was showing at the Booth

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1953—

The Nebraska City Board of Education gave the Jaycees permission to use a portion of the lower football field at Hayward Park for an ice skating rink Joseph R Carter was elected Noble Grand of the Nebraska City Odd Fellows Lodge Doris Schacht and Jens Miller were elected worthy matron and patron of Clover Leaf Chapter, O E S at Cook Nebraska City joined the new Twin Rivers Conference which included Falls City, Beatrice, Fairbury Plattsmouth and Crete

TEN YEARS AGO
—1968—

Eagle Scout Bradley Sporhase received the God and Country Award at the Luther Memorial Church at Syracuse Lynette TenHulzen, 18, of Palmyra returned from the 14th annual 4-H Dairy conference held in Chicago David Zimmers and James Palmer took physical examinations at Omaha, according to Jane Dammast, clerk of the Selective Service board Del Stoltenberg, former Nebraska City high school athlete and a Peru State graduate in 1957, was named head football coach at Wayne State College

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Berry's World





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IN WASHINGTON

Justice in Arizona?

TUCSON, Ariz (NEA) The "Hanigan Case" has been a cause celebre here in southern Arizona for more than two years and that notoriety is well deserved because it represents a disgraceful miscarriage of justice

The case is virtually unknown elsewhere in the country, but leaders of every major national Hispanic organization have mounted a determined campaign to focus attention on the savage unprovoked torture of a trio of Mexican farm workers

Those who already have voiced concern about the manner in which the Hanigan case has been handled include the Bishop of Tucson, the Bishop of Phoenix, the Archbishop of Santa Fe in neighboring New Mexico and other leaders of the Catholic church

The three young victims, 21 to 25 years of age, were Mexican citizens who illegally entered the United States near the southeastern corner of Arizona in the summer of 1976 heading for work in the small community of Elfrida Ariz about 25 miles north of the border

Although commonly known by perjorative terms such as "wetbacks" and "illegals" those workers are heavily relied upon by farmers throughout the Southwest as a source of cheap labor to harvest the region's crops

The trio's trek was halted when a young white man confronted the Mexicans at gunpoint about eight miles west of the border community of Douglas, Ariz and ordered them into a pickup truck

After the two other Anglos joined the original abductor, they returned to an isolated spot in the desert and began to systematically and sadistically abuse their captives

According to the Cochise County sheriff's office, the Mexicans were stripped of all their clothing and their hands were bound with rope They were hit and kicked, then threatened with assassination and castration

After being beaten, the Mexicans were untied and told to run As they fled, each man was fired upon with a shotgun One escaped injury, but the second and third had a total of 174 birdshot pellets embedded in their backs

One of the victims later testified about the pain he experienced while fleeing naked across the desert after his feet had been seared by the abductors' hot poker.

"The dirt was too hot I would sit down and cut off the pieces - the shreds (of flesh) that were bleeding The sand could get into them and so I cut them off so it wouldn't hurt"

Within hours of hearing of the attack local law enforcement officials arrived with a search warrant at the home of George W Hanigan, a prominent rancher and wealthy businessman in the Douglas area

Less than two weeks later, a Cochise County grand jury indicted Hanigan and his two sons, aged 22 and 17, on 14 counts of kidnaping, conspiring to kidnap, assault with a deadly weapon and other charges

The father died of a heart attack in March 1977, but his two sons were tried at the county courthouse in Bisbee, Ariz in September and October of 1977 While deliberating on a verdict, the jury asked the presiding judge if it could convict the defendants on reduced charges of aggravated assault

When that request was rejected, the jury — comprised exclusively of Anglos in a county that has a large Hispanic population — acquitted the Hanigan brothers of all charges

Hispanic leaders who are indignant about what passes for justice in Cochise County include officials of the National Council of La Raza, Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, American G I Forum and League of United Latin American Citizens

Their Washington-based coalition is pressing for federal prosecution of the case, but Justice Department officials claim they lack jurisdiction That conflict remains to be resolved, but this much is certain Without further action, those who tortured the hapless Mexicans will go unpunished

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec 10, the 344th day of 1978. There are 21 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history

On this date in 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War and ceding the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Guam to the United States

On this date

In 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the Papal Bull excommunicating him from the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1607, Capt John Smith left Jamestown, Va , on an exploration trip. He later was rescued with the help of the Indian princess Pocahontas.

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted to the Union as the 20th state

In 1896, the Swedish chemist and philanthropist, Alfred Nobel, died The first Nobel Peace Prize was awarded in 1901, the fifth anniversary of his death.

In 1941, in the Pacific War, Japanese planes sank two British battleships — the Repulse and the Prince of Wales — in the South China Sea

In 1964, Dr Martin Luther King Jr became the 12th American and the third Black to win the Nobel Peace Prize

Ten years ago U S and North Vietnamese negotiators in Paris failed to break a deadlock on conditions for starting peace talks with the South Vietnamese and Viet Cong taking part

Five years ago Austria closed its transit center for Jews leaving the Soviet Union

One year ago More than a score of dissidents were put under house arrest in the USSR to prevent them from attending what was to be a silent demonstration observing the UN's Human Rights Day

Today's birthdays Prime Minister Michael Manley of Jamaica is 54 Democratic Senator Harrison Williams of New Jersey is 59

Thought for today Almost any man knows how to earn money, but not one in a million knows how to spend it — Henry David Thoreau, American writer, 1817-1862

BEAT THE BUREAUCRACY

Howard K. Ottenstein

Homebuyers get special aid

By Howard K. Ottenstein

Are you finally ready to invest in a home of your own? The government may be able to help you with that purchase

First, write for a free copy of the Department of Housing and Urban Development booklet, "Wise Home Buying," which can help you make what is probably the single largest purchase of your life The booklet can be obtained from the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colo. 81009

Millions of Americans have purchased homes with loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), which is now part of HUD Many other Americans have renovated their existing homes with FHA loans.

Down payments on FHA home loans are low and repayment periods can stretch to 30 years (or 35 years in special circumstances) The agency can now insure home loans of as much as $60,000; before October 1977, the maximum was $45,000.

The maximum interest rate allowed on such loans is 8.75 percent, plus 0.5 percent for mortgage insurance.

Patience is essential in obtaining an FHA loan. Not only is there the usual government red tape, but an agency inspector must visit the home to see that its construction and location meet FHA standards.

To set things in motion, visit your bank and fill out the loan application. The bank, in turn, will coordinate the matter with the FHA.

FHA loans can also help finance mobile home purchases. HUD recently raised the ceiling on mobile home loans from $12,000 to $16,000. The maximum interest rate that can be charged on such loans is 12 percent.

The same rules that apply to loans for single-family houses apply to condominiums. If you're in the market for a condo, you might also wish to request the free HUD booklet, "Questions About Condominiums," from the Consumer Information Center.

HUD will also back a loan of as much as $15,000 to improve your current home. These loans, which cover improvements to enhance the utility or liveability of your home, can be repaid over as many as 15 years at a 12 percent interest rate. But you can't use one of these loans to build a swimming pool.

Are you low on cash but handy with home repairs? There may be a HUD program especially for you.

If you are found eligible, you can buy a somewhat run-down house from HUD and spruce it up via a low-interest rehabilitation loan that can be paid back over as many as 20 years.

Does the blood of the pioneers run through your veins? Then you might wish to investigate the new urban homesteading programs that HUD has helped set into motion. If you qualify for this program, you can buy an older, inner-city house for as little as $1, provided you renovate it and move in within a specified period of time. For details on urban homesteading, contact your local government's housing agency.

For more information on all the above loan programs, write the Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street S.W., Washington D.C. 20410. Or you may contact local or regional HUD offices.



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

After heart failure.

DEAR DR LAMB — I had heart failure and was rushed to the hospital That was 18 months ago and every checkup they tell me my heart and lungs are perfect, but I still take Lasix

In the mornings my ankles are normal, but by night they are double in size I am 78 years old, do not smoke and do not use salt So why do my ankles swell?

My doctor doesn't seem to be concerned about the swelling and there is no congestion Is this normal and will they always stay that way? They really pain me at night Please send me your Health Letter on swelling

DEAR READER — As you probably know, Lasix is a medicine to wash salt out of your body When you eliminate the salt, it also takes water with it It is commonly used in patients who have swelling because of heart failure

There are many causes for swelling and I am sending you The Health Letter that you requested, number 11-6 Other readers who want this issue can send 50 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it Send your request to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019 This issue will explain to you the factors associated with common swellings, including those from injuries

Heart failure means a weakening of the heart muscle. It doesn't pump strong enough to move the blood along as it should. Because of this, pressure builds up in the veins That increased pressure in the veins causes fluid to seep out of your veins into your tissues The swelling you are describing suggests that you have an excess amount of fluid in the tissues.

There is a difference in whether it is the left side of the heart or the right side of the heart that fails When the left side fails, people experience shortness of breath This may occur with exertion but if the condition progresses, it may occur even at rest

Failure of the right side of the heart causes fluid to ooze out into the tissues, and this is the form of heart failure that can cause swelling in the feet and ankles I'd like to add again that you can have swelling of the feet and ankles from a variety of other disorders

At night when you are lying down, the fluid in the tissues of your legs is partially re-absorbed When you sit up all day or stand up, your feet and ankles are below your heart level. The fluid tends to accumulate in the downhill direction, specifically in your feet and ankles

Your doctor may be content for you to have a mild amount of swelling of your feet and ankles as long as your lungs are clear of fluid and you are able to get along well otherwise Some doctors think it is better to have a little bit of swelling than it is to run the risk of washing out too much salt and water from the body, which can cause weakness and fatigue

You are wise to limit your salt as much as possible If your swelling really bothers you or increases more, you might talk to your doctor about it and ask if there are some additional medicines you might take.

Many patients with heart failure also take digatalis — which you didn't mention — or one of the digatalis preparations This medicine enables the heart muscle to contract more strongly When the circulation is improved, this will pick up the fluid that accumulates either in the body or in the lungs. This can result in a marked disappearance of symptoms

The Prayer For Today From The Upper Room

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. (Lamentations 3:26 RSV)

PRAYER: Our Father, please help us to wait patiently for You, knowing that Your timing is always best. Amen.

WHY CHRISTMAS ALMOST WASN'T — *By Jack Kent*

