EDITORIALS

Where Did 'Bunk' Come from?

One of the most common words in the American language today is the word "bunk." We often use this term without realizing where it came from, although most of us realize what it means.

Back in 1820, the pro-slavery and the anti-slavery factions in the House of Representatives, after long and bitter argument, had reached a satisfactory compromise concerning the entry of Missouri as a State in the Union. This was accomplished through the passage of the Missouri Compromise which provided that Missouri might enter the Union as a slave state, but that future states formed above the line of Missouri's southern boundary should be free-soil states.

All of the members of the House wanted an immediate vote, with one exception — a little-known Congressman, Felix Walker, whose principal constituency was Buncombe County, North Carolina. Walker said: "I am bound to make a speech for Buncombe" to those who asked him to allow a vote to be taken.

After that speech, every time a legislator made a useless, time-wasting talk, his colleagues would shout, "Buncombe." As time went on, the term was shortened to "bunk," and became a part of our language.

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Growing to Look Alike

For centuries philosophers have mused over the question whether wives grow to look like their husbands, with the passing years, or vice versa. We think there is definitely something to the theory.

There are those who argue that husbands and wives naturally choose mates who have the characteristics they admire (the characteristics of their own mother or father) and that they naturally often look alike, sometimes this similarity becoming more pronounced in later years.

But, in addition to this logical explanation, we believe that wives and husbands tend to develop traits, facial expressions and philosophies of their marriage partner. This is only natural, since they are together so much of the time, for better or worse, and since they develop a similar mental attitude towards life in many cases, and similarities of temperament and philosophy.

One thing on this subject should be remembered. Never tell the fair lady that she looks like her husband, unless you are standing behind a batter's cage on a baseball field, safe from immediate attack. Nor is it wise to tell the male partner that he resembles his wife. This remark is seldom appreciated.

We think it is true, nevertheless, that wives and husbands do look like each other as the years pass — and the years always pass.

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The truth is the last thing most people want to hear.

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There comes a time when anything can be a nuisance.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO

Cass County Historical Society met here with a very fine program at the district court room. Dr. G. H. Gilmore of Murray presided. Miss Flora Belle Mead gave a history of the Pine school, written by William Coatman, "My Father's Work" was presented by Mrs. Martha Spriegel Young of Nehawka, telling of the work of Rev. Frederich Spriegel, one of the early ministers in establishing churches in this part of the west. The history of rural free delivery was given by Miss Myrtle Wood of Wabash. The first delivery was at Tecumseh, the first route in the state December 7, 1896. The first carriers received $25 a month and worked all day. A. A. McReynolds discussed the Cass County Historical Magazine by Glen Rutledge, telling of the ghost towns of the county — Elmwood lodge of the IOOF observed its fifth anniversary with lodges at Avoca, Nehawka, Weeping Water, joining in the observance. The lodge was organized April 25, 1888 with sixteen charter members — Mr. and Mrs. Searl S. Davis returned from Bonneville, Mo., where they visited their son, Stephen at Kemper Military academy — Randall Farris of Union received his license as a amatuer radio operator — Joseph E. Knoflicek was appointed agent for the Bankers Life Insurance Co., in Plattsmouth — Miss Lois Giles of this city was among the students of the University of Nebraska elected a member of Omicron Nu and Phi Upsilon Omicron honorary home economic society — Wilbur Hennings departed for Phoenix, Ariz., where he expects to locate. He has been here with the Hinky Dinky store.

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30 YEARS AGO

The last steps toward closing the affairs of the Livingston Loan & Building association, closed in 1923, was taken with the appoinment of Searl S. Davis as receiver, who is rounding up the real estate owned by the company and preparing to close up the assets held by the company — L. R. Sprecher, taxi operator, saved a possible dangerous fire in the office of Dr. P. T. Heineman in the Main Hotel building. "Wink" saw the blaze in the office, climbed through the transom and put out the fire, caused by a gas burner catching a small shelve afire — Mayor and Mrs. C. A. Johnson took their daughter, Gloria, to Omaha for an operation for the removal of a pus sack from the lung. Gloria and her twin sister, Norma have been suffering from pneumonia, but complications had made the recovery of Gloria more difficult — Miss Helen Donat and Mrs. Forrest Rhodes entertained in honor of Miss Marie Sedlak whose wedding will occur soon. The shower was held at the Donat home. Those attending were: Lucille and Marie Horn, Eleanor McCarthy, Marie and Elizabeth Nolting, Florence Thacker, Viola Meisinger, Jean Fitch, Rose Janca, Frances Sedlacek, Florence Terryberry, Mary Sedlak, Eleanor, Helen and Ann Smetana, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Warner and children, Vivian and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. John Kaffenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lohnes, Louis Lohnes.

Picket Line

NEHAWKA NEWS

Mrs. F. O. Sand — Phone 2708

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Royal returned home Tuesday from an eight day trip to Colorado and Texas. At Byers, Colo., they visited Mr. Royal's sister, Mrs. John Beetem and Mr. Beetem.

Other relatives they visited at Byers were Mr. and Mrs. Charley Vifin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Marvil Parker. At Dell City Texas, they were the guests of their son, John.

They were breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tellmian at El Paso, Tex., and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hays at Dell City. Mrs. Frank Royal and Kevin of Syracuse accompanied them.

Mrs. Oren Pollard gave the devotions Friday afternoon when the Jonathan Cass Chapter, DAR met with Mrs. Emily Olive of Weeping Water. Esther Tefft gave a program on the flag. Mrs. Lois Tefft conducted the business meeting. A new member, Mrs. F. C. Giles of Plattsmouth was present. Mrs. Henry Knaup was a guest The next meeting will be May 16 with Mrs Lois Tefft of Avoca. Those attending from Nehawka were Evelyn Wolph, Mrs. Oren Pollard, Mrs. R. B. Stone and Mrs. R. C Pollard

Mrs Amelia Balfour was a guest for the day Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ross. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Balfour visited at the Jim Balfour home near Nebraska City.

The EUB Aid met Wednesday with Mrs. Jack Hines for an afternoon of quilting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Davis and family, Sabetha, Kan., were recent guests of Mrs. Georgia Hoback.

Mr. and Mrs. Henning Johnson, Albert Johnson, Dick and Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson, Mrs. Oscar Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Johnson attended the funeral of a cousin, Joe Peterson at Ashland, Saturday afternoon. Mr. Peterson, 48, died of a heart attack. He operated the Lanoma Beach near Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Ms. Louie Ross.

Mrs. Sterling Ross, who teaches district 91 near Murray, has been home due to the illness of her children. Her substitute is Mrs. Irvin Albert of Louisville.

Harry Knabe and Mrs. Amelia Heidt took Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gansemer to Mapleton, Ia., last Saturday to visit Mr.and Mrs. Donald Staples and daughter. Monday dinner guests at the Knabe home were Mr. and Mrs. Eral Hockman of Dorchester. Afternoon callers were Mrs. Earl Murdoch, Weeping Water and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fitch. Mr. Knabe and Mrs. Heidt spent Saturday and Sunday with the Staples family at Mapleton.

Jed Kropp left Wednesday by plane for Los Angeles, Calif., where he will visit friends until the end of April when he will sail for Japan for Air Force duty.

Mrs. Wm. Jorgenson, Mrs. Robert Grunwald and Mrs. George Martin were in Plattsmouth Thursday and visited at the Elmer Haffke home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hall, Omaha, were weekend guests of the George Pollards.

Mrs. Visa Bown and Paul were guests for the day Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cooper of Nebraska City.

Fred Wessel broke his ankle ecently when he stepped into a hole as he was driving cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dickman and Mrs. Martin Ross spent Friday evening in Omaha. Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Dickman attended the past noble grand study club at Mrs. Charles Harden and Mr. Dickman attended the Jonathan lodge at Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Sand received word that Mr. and Mrs. Francis Marks and family have moved from Denver to Littleton, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Patterson and family, Corpus Christi, Tex., Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heneger, Weeping Water were guests Friday evening of Mr. and Mrs. John Dietl and family. The Pattersons came to the golden wedding anniversary of his parents at Weeping Water.

A group of ladies, Mrs. Albert Anderson, Mrs. E. Stoll, Mrs. John Chandler, Mrs. Howard Heesch and Tamyra Lu, Mrs. H. Baller, attended the Guest Day of the Presbyterian Aid of Murray Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dietl and Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Banks and Larry attended the Open House at Peru Sunday afternoon They were taken through the buildings and over the campus and later refreshments were served. Jane and Larry will enter the summer session June 9 and continue at the college in the fall. The Banks and Dietls had supper at Ulbricks at Nebraska City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meisinger of Murray were dinner guests Wednesday of the Charles Bates and observed Bates' birthday.

Oliver Bogenrief, Omaha and Alvin McReynolds were dinner guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kime and Marlin.

Mr. and Mrs.John Knabe were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Staples and daughter of Mapleton, Ia.

M. E. McDonald came home Friday from Veterans Hospital in Lincoln where he had a check up and treatment for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson were supper guests Sunday of the Henning Johnsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Midkiff visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moore and family and Mrs. Lydia Midkiff all of Union, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Doeden and family of Bellevue were guests Sunday of Mrs. Gerald Ackley and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Edmonds, Sr., and family. Mr. Doeden is stationed at Offutt Air Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Fassnacht, Fairmont; Mr. and Mrs. Ramer Fassnacht, Hampton, were guests Wednesday afternoon of Mrs. Gerald Ackley and the Gilbert Edmonds.

Mrs. Ed Hron (Lela Edmonds) had throat surgery Tuesday in Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Hron were guests Sunday of the Gilbert Edmonds.

Mrs. Gerald Ackley and children were dinner guests Sunday of the Wayne Greens of Plattsmouth. In the afternoon all drove to Nemaha.

School Notes

Mrs. Georgia Gilley, music supervisor at the Nehawka school, reports the following ratings at the music contest Thursday and Friday at Auburn: girls high voice, Sue Johnson, superior; girls medium voice, Bonita Lacy, superior) girls sextette, excellent; girls glee club, excellent; trombone solo, Edward Hanssen, good.

Mrs. Elmer Ross accompanied the Glee Club. those who furnished transportation were Mrs. Ed Weston, Mrs. Elmer Stoll, Mrs. Ellis Lacy and Mrs. Elmer Ross.

The 7th and 8th grades made a field trip to Lincoln Monday and made a tour of several interesting places. Mr. Peach was the sponsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hicks, and Twila, Mrs. Ray G. Nixon and Gladys visited the Victor and Enos Plunketts at Weeping Water Sunday evening.

Mrs. Bett Sheard and daughter, Mrs. Bud Elledge, Plattsmouth were guests Friday of the Howard Reddens and Rose Reddens. Ed Knabe and Mrs. George Heback were guests Wednesday of Mrs. Anita Kroll of Omaha and on Sunday of Mrs. Myrtle Tritsch of Plattsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chriswisser wer eguests Sunday of the James Chriswissers.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rice of Murray were guests Sunday of the Frank Dills.

Mrs. Frank Warden, Mrs. Maude Cornell, Mrs. A. B. Rutledge, Mrs. George Kime and Debbie Spear made a trip to the Camp Creek cemetery near Minersville Thursday.

MURDOCK

Mrs. Florence McDonald
Phone 2292

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harger spent last weekend in the western part of the state visiting Mrs. Harger's parents. They left on Sunday morning and returned home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacey McDonald went to North Loup Thursday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gillespie returning home Monday.

A mother and daughter party will be held at the church parlors May 1 at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mills of Fort Chaffee, Ark., came on Tuesday and left Friday.

Mrs. Jim Mills and Mrs. Albert Thiel attended the State Convention of the Royal Neighbors of America in Lincoln on Friday evening.

The Friendly Neighbor Club met at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Bornemeier April 16 with only two members absent and one visitor present. Program committee, Selma Lau and Evelyn Neitzel, provided the entertainment for the afternoon. Plans were discussed for the annual picnic to be held in June. A very delicious lunch was served by the hostess. Next meeting will be at Clara Zierott's.

Herb Klemme, who is employed in Omaha spent the weekend with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wilkens and son of Lincoln were Sunday guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wilkens

The Junior class play will be Friday, April 25, at the high school gym.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buck of Lincoln were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buck.

The Murdock community was again shocked Sunday afternoon when Rev. Philip Ulmer suddenly passed away. He had performed his pastorate duties Sunday morning in the usual manner. He leaves his widow and four children.

Swine Disease Danger Period Getting Near

America's hog farmers were warned today that the peak of the swine erysipelas danger season will soon be at hand and that plans should be made now to head of 1958 outbreaks.

Officials of the American Foundation for Animal Health said that in areas where erysipelas has been a problem vaccination is the best protective measure. The disease principally affects young pigs and growing hogs. It is infectious, spreads very rapidly and may occur in one of several forms.

The acute form may cause mysterious, sudden deaths. But the greatest economic loss to the swine raiser usually comes from the mild and chronic forms which stunt the growth of pigs and cause unthriftiness. Symptons of this latter type may include high fever, poor appetite, listlessness, stiff gait, distinctive skin lesions and enlarged joints.

Foundation officials said that because the time of vaccination is an important factor, and also certain of the protective vaccines are live-culture types which may spread the infection if not used properly, vaccination against erysipelas should be done by a veterinarian.

The Foundation also suggested that newly-purchased swine should always be isolated at first, to eliminate the possibility of the disease being spread by healthly appearing "carrier" animals.

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Capitol News

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LINCOLN — The tax dollar, budgets and government spending, are coming into the limelight once again in the Capitol.

The reason is twofold: The state property tax levy will be set in Auguest, and there is a primary election May 13.

Gov. Victor Anderson, seeking a third term on the Republican ticket, broached the subject with a statement that he hopes to chop the state property tax levy by 2 cents for every $1,000 valuation.

That would put the tab at $8 per $1,000. The governor said he would like to reduce the tax to below $8 but he doesn't know if he can cut it that much, or even 23 cents but that he is going to try.

Gov. Anderson is chairman of the State Board of Equalization which sets the property tax levy.

Percentage-wise as an average state property taxes account for only about 15 per cent of the total paid by a property owner.

The governor reckons that tightening of the economy belt in the Capitol can be accomplished without reducing the level of services, and bring about enough savings to realize a property-tax cut.

The governor also has urged that a state comptroller be established to control state spending.

Gov. Anderson made the proposal before a committee of the Legislative Council studying the problem of budgeting.

He said that cash funds are not spent as wisely as tax funds but he added he did not have a simple solution to the problem However, he told the committee, headed by Sen. Willard Waldo of DeWitt, that the way to best control waste is with a comptroller who has authority over all state agencies.

State Auditor Ray Johnson also appeared before the group. He recommended cash funds be put -in -the general fund and then appropriated in the required amounts to agencies who collect the money.

Another high state official, Tax Commissioner Fred Herrington, told the committee that the Legislature should spell out in more detail exactly what cash funds can be used for to eliminate problems.

In many cases now, the tax commissioner is called upon to approve expenditures from nontax funds and he has nothing to go by as to whether such an expenditure can be authorized.

Nebraska Roads

The record Nebraska road building program for the next fiscal year has been given a shot in the arm by the federal government.

A bonus program of $6.6 million for the regular road network and $2.9 million for the Interstate will be immediately available to the state.

That will put the amount on hand for the 1959 fiscal year which begins July 1, at $52.4 million.

State Engineer L. N. Ress said the bonus program, enacted by Congress as an anti-recession measure, will cause some difficulties in his already heavily burdened staff.

But, he said he feels the department can handle expenditure of the extra money which, under the federal law, must be under contract and work completed in a year.

Ress is slated to attend a meeting of state highway officials in Chicago later this month to find out details of the program, especially whether the funds should be made available to cities.

Labor Force

There were more workers receiving unemployment checks in March of this year than for the same month in 1957.

That is the report from the State Division of Employment Security.

The division said a weekly average of 13,091 got the paychecks in March of this year, as against 10,025 for the same month a year earlier. Payments this March totaled $1.3 million, compared with $991,931 in March, 1957.

However, non-farm job openings increased by 23 per cent over February, the division said. It noted that much of the hike was for temporary employment, such as snow removal.

New applications for work in March totaled 4,443, a substantial drop from the 5,154 total for February.

Population Markers

State Engineer L. N. Ress said the highway department has developed a new policy on a matter sensitive and close to most Nebraska communities.

That is the problem of listing population of a city on a state highway marker at the city limits. Ress said the department was criticized for not changing one city's marker and so he is changing the policy.

Signs were revamped, as a courtesy, for Lincoln, Omaha, Kimball and Sidney before the change. The towns submitted a large amount of data which the department compiled, then it changed the 1950 census figure to the newer one.

In the future, Ress said, only the official census figure will be listed.

The department, the engineer said, is far too busy trying to build roads to be "saddled" with the job of keeping track of the growth of a community, oftener than once every 10 years.

Pollution Council

The State Water Pollution Council has taken steps to urge cities to file plans for sewerage treatment plants with the State Health Department.

The council, newly created, adopted a policy requiring cities to submit complete plans and specifications within 180 days after federal grants in aid to them are approved.

If this is not done, the council said, the federal funds allotted a city will be taken away. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, the state expects about $685,000 for use in sewerage treatment plants in Nebraska.

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