

news digest

By The Associated Press

Washington - Jimmy Carter vowed Tuesday to "stay away from the establishment" in his presidential bid and let it be known he will campaign by whistle-stop train in late September. Carter also won strong words of support from AFL-CIO President George Meany as well as a resolution from the general board of the labor organization pledging "total, complete, all-out support."

Backers to court

Omaha - Backers of independent presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy went to federal court Tuesday in an effort to get their candidate on the ballot.

Taxes rise today

Nebraskans get a September first greeting from the state Wednesday - an increase in the state sales tax and a hike in the income tax withholding rate.

Chambers hopeful

Omaha - State Sen. Ernest Chambers of Omaha said Tuesday he is hopeful that grand jury testimony on the possible involvement of state officials with gambling figures may yet come to light. Chambers said he has received an interim reply from U.S. District Judge Albert Schatz that testimony given to a grand jury in 1973 be released. According to Chambers, Schatz replied that he has been trying to determine what legal steps will be necessary before the testimony can be given to state investigators.

Utilities substandard

Kansas City - Common Cause, the self-styled citizens lobby, has released a report saying 31 state public utility commissions, including Nebraska's, fail to meet basic standards for open meetings, lobby disclosure, conflicts of interest and freedom of information.

Discount review asked

A state audit urges that the Revenue Department review the five per cent discount allowed wholesalers for affixing the state's tax stamp on cigarettes because the tax has increased more than four-fold since 1947.

Big year predicted

Omaha - A Chrysler Corp. representative predicted Tuesday that auto industry sales for the 1977 model year will total 11 million cars and 3.25 million trucks.

\$1.4 million uncollectable

An audit report covering operations at the Hastings Regional Center shows that accounts receivable labeled as uncollectable totaled more than \$1.4 million.

Emergency declared

A fish kill emergency, caused by construction of the Gerald A. Gentleman Power Plant, has been declared effective Wednesday for about 25 miles of the Sutherland Canal.



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Sales of vended vittles not so stale

That so-called stale vending machine food that has sustained many students through long nights and trying days might not be all that stale, at least not on the UNL campus.

According to Gene Meerkatz, vending system manager, all machines on campus are filled once a day to avoid spoilage.

There are 280 food vending machines scattered throughout UNL, said Meerkatz.

Meerkatz said Canteen Co., a locally owned food vending machine distributor, services the university. The university contract with Canteen, which is for four years, has a two-year option.

Meerkatz said if, after two years the service has proven to be unsatisfactory, the university will renegotiate the contract. Canteen company's contract is in the second year.

Canteen company received the university business because Meerkatz said they best met the needs of the university.

The university receives a commission from vending machines sales. This commission goes for paying utilities and a development reserve account for furniture, carpeting and draperies in lounges where machines are located, Meerkatz said.

Oldfather and Nebraska Hall lounges are the two biggest selling points on campus, he said. If a problem arises with a machine a person may report trouble to a Canteen representative in the room indicated on the machine. The room is in the building where the machine is located, he said.

Company owner Gordon Synhorst said the university is his biggest customer. Synhorst said sales from vending machines total \$6,000 a month.

He said coffee is the largest selling item, followed by Pepsi and Snickers.

Inflation also has hit the food vending machine business. Synhorst said wages, operating, repair costs and

food prices continue to increase.

Synhorst said Canteen has to absorb sales tax costs. As an example, Synhorst said, if a customer bought a cup of coffee for 15 cents in a restaurant there would be a one cent sales tax, but if he bought a cup of coffee out of a vending machine, the cost is 15 cents and the vending company pays the one cent tax.

Canteen's commissary is in Lincoln, Synhorst said he has seven female workers who prepare the food. They work six days a week from 2 a.m. to 3 p.m. Distribution of the food begins as early as 5:30 a.m.

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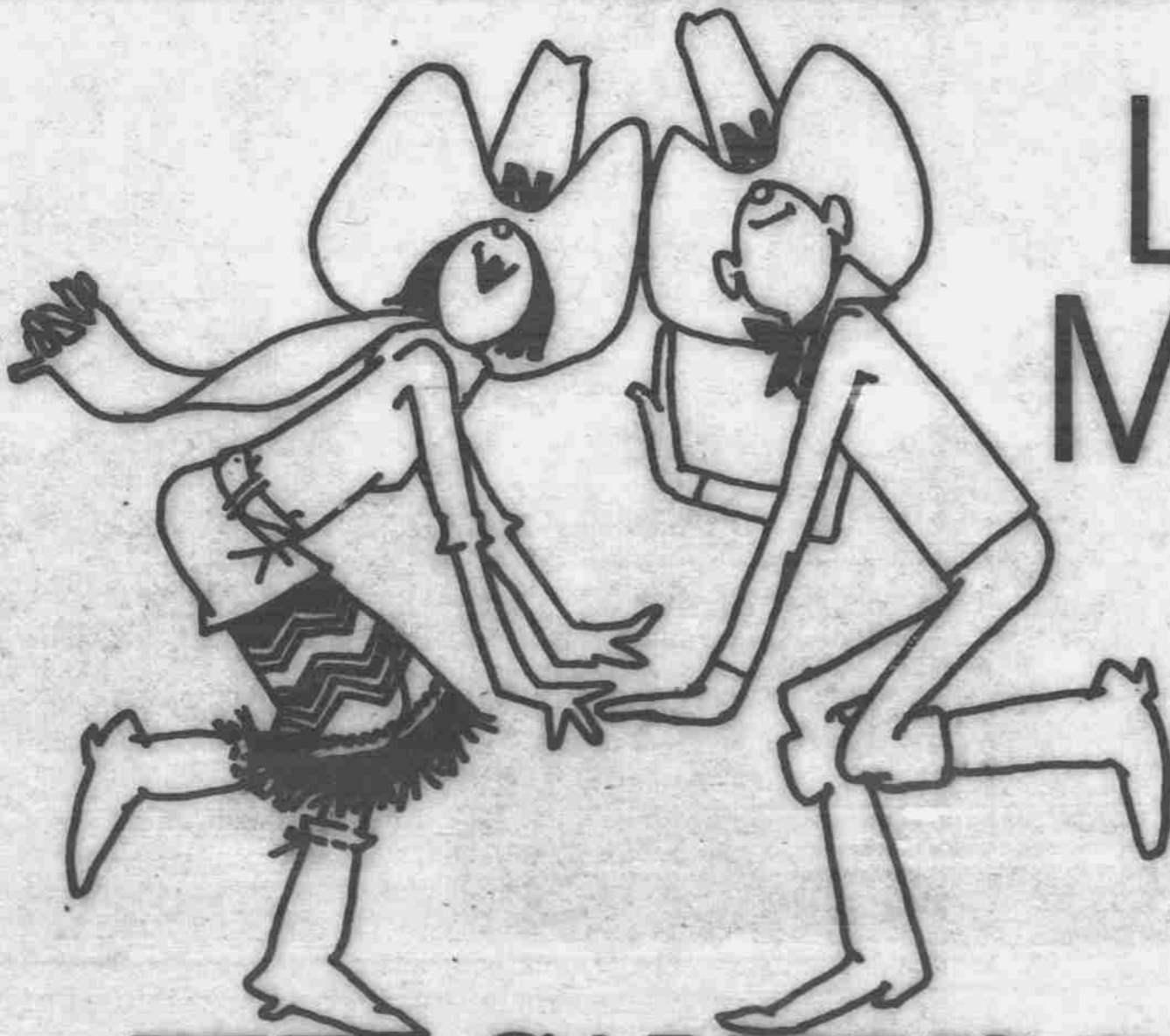
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