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A television advertisement for Chevrolet has the speaker reciting in dulcet, dramatic voice, "We are trying to find words to describe the new Chevrolet and haven't found them." We are trying to find words to describe filling freight cars with snow and hauling, trainloads of the white stuff south to melt and haven't found them. Buffalo, New York should work out an agreement with Vail, Colorado. Buffalo has too much snow, Vail doesn't have enough. If Vail will pay the shipping costs for Grade A, No. 1 white powder, the skiers could have enough to slither and slide on from now until Easter.

Secretary of Agriculture Bergland is determined to minimize the disastrous effects of weather on crops by setting up a long-range weather forecasting bureau within the Agriculture Department. This is not the way to less bureaucratic government. Surely, there are enough official weathermen with long and short range forecasts in Washington, D. C. the Sec. of Ag. need only lift a phone off the hook and call, or have a secretary do it. What is not needed is another weather forecaster.

Government has a built-in inefficiency that probably saves the citizens much grief and suffering. Programs are proposed, passed by Congress, signed by the President, money appropriated, and nothing happens. People are hired, space and desks found for workers, ten copies made of plans which are filed in ten cabinets. The paperwork stacks up and more personnel are hired. Everyone is busy shuffling papers. Plan A becomes Plan A-a and Plan A-b and each of these divides, like living cells, into Plan A-a-1 and Plan A-a-2; Plan A-b-1 and Plan A-b-2. After a year of preparation the purpose of the program, which was to give automobile owners an income tax rebate for every gallon of gasoline they didn't buy but would have except they decided to walk, has been lost in the paper shuffle. Car-owning citizens were saved the grief of filling out another form listing their age, marital status, height, weight, number of bathrooms in the house if they own a house, how many cars owned, how many times arrested for speeding number of accidents, how many children in the family, and are they in favor of birth control?

There are five times as many generals and admirals in the U. S. military establishment as there were during World War II. We are certain this must be a frightening statistic to potential enemies. We are trying to find words to describe this situation and haven't found them. Printable words, that is.

Official rumor has it an admiral will head the CIA. President Jimmy will have caved-in to the military on this appointment if it proves true. The admiral is described as a Rhodes Scholar. We are not sure this proves anything. With Ted Sorenson there was a chance the CIA could be kept under control, but a Rhodes Scholar military man is suspect. We suspect Rhodes Scholars wherever we find them, even in Polk.

During the past week we have been on the receiving end of much criticism over the Progress handling and non-handling of local news. We have been accused of remembering the bad news and printing it; forgetting the good news and consequently not printing it. Many times reports of what is going on within the village are not printed because we don't know it. There is the view that, somehow, by a process of osmosis, the Progress is aware of everything that happens in Polk. We are usually the last to know. There is also the view that, somehow, by printing bad news what happened was our fault. We respectfully decline that responsibility. We honestly try to give Progress readers as complete a coverage of local happenings as possible. However, the editorial staff of this paper consists of one person who is also advertising manager, floorman, pressman, printer, linotype operator, bookkeeper, purchasing agent, besides being a reporter. To this list we can add our most pleasant responsibility, occasional baby-sitter.

Leanne Wins



Leanne Lind, daughter of Mr and Mrs Wallace Lind is proudly holding her two trophies won in the Elks' Hoop Shoot contest. She won an area trophy at York and went on to win the state trophy at Kearney for girls, 10-11 years old. She returns to Kearney this Saturday to compete in a regional contest with entries from five other states.

Cop Sheen Resigns; Dale Kenny Hired

Village Marshal Jimmy Sheen turned in his badge last week. Twenty-four hours later a replacement, Dale Kenny, presently of Madison was hired. Marshal Kenny has had years of police experience on the force at Madison, Winside and Atkinson. He is married and father of seven children. Two youngest are at home, both boys. One is a high school junior and the youngest an 8th grader. At present he has rented the Kelly home. This is the house that failed to sell at an auction two weeks ago, when no satisfactory bids were received.

The Progress has not been informed of Mr and Mrs Sheen's plans for the immediate future.

Farmers Co-op Grain Savings Are \$164,540

Manager Dean Myers reported net savings of \$164,540 at the annual meeting of the Farmers Co-op Grain Association held Wednesday, February 3 in the Polk Community Hall. A noon dinner was served to 177 by the Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid.

Forty percent of the savings was paid out in cash and sixty percent deferred. Dale Mach of Far-Mar-Co Grain, Dick Bristol of Farmland Industries, Kansas City Mo. and Chuck Trutna of Co-op Service Co., Lincoln, were speakers. Mrs Elton Peterson of Stromsburg talked on the energy crisis.

Donald Widga retired from the Board of Directors and was replaced by his brother, Verland Widga.

"Here I Am"

Mr and Mrs Bob Driewer are the parents of a son, Joseph Preston, born February 3 at the Central City hospital. Joseph weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. at birth. Mr and Mrs Gilbert Driewer and Mr and Mrs Jim Kortum are the grandparents.

Mrs Edna Sundberg visited in the Calmer Johnson home Sunday afternoon.

It has been a long, cold, dry winter of complaints. Perhaps spring will be warm, wet and satisfactory.

Boys And Girls Basketball Teams Both Win And Lose During Busy Four-Game Week

The Polk Cubs are 12-4 after Friday and Saturday basketball games. They handily defeated the Osceola Bulldogs on the home floor, 64-45, Friday night. With the Hordville Bulldogs Saturday night the story is different. The Cubs lost, 60-55.

Coach Mike Fleming's proteges fell behind in the first half of the Osceola game. The County Seaters led 30-27 at halftime. Predictions of an Osceola victory were greatly exaggerated. The Cubs poured in 37 markers during the second half while limiting the Osceola team to 15.

Vernon Tallman was high point for Polk with 18. Tom Carlstrom had 16 and Dave Shenk 11. Daryl Johnson topped the loser's scoring with 17.

The Cubs failed to hack it Saturday night hosting Hordville on the home maples. They lost a first quarter 16-9 lead when Hordville pumped in 24 points during the second 8 minutes while the Cubs' 13 was barely half that total, giving the visiting Bulldogs a 33-29 halftime lead.

Fleming's stalwarts went ahead momentarily in the third quarter at 35-33, 37-35 and 41-39. Three consecutive buckets by Brian Blase, Brian Timmons and Bill Anderson put the lead definitely in Hordville's favor as the quarter ended at 51-45.

In the final stanza the Cubs pulled up to a 53-54 deficit with 3 minutes left, but couldn't go ahead. They got into a fouling situation towards the end of the game, trying to control the ball.

For the Cubs Tom Carlstrom had 23 and Mark Clymer 18. Dave Shenk 8, Scott Hudson 4 and Vernon Tallman 2, completes the tally. For Hordville, four players were in double figures: Bill Anderson 26, Brian Blase 13, Brian Timmons 12 and Rodney Blase 11.

This Friday the Cubs host Palmer in their last home game.

COMMUNITY CHORUS TO PRACTICE FOR CONCERT

Attention all persons who like to sing, Community Chorus practice for the Palm Sunday Concert will begin Wednesday, February 16 at 8:45 p.m., under the direction of Miss Lynn Fletcher. Come and give it a try, you just might like it!

NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

James Lindgren, son of Rev. and Mrs Clifford Lindgren of Benedict, is among students named to the dean's list at Midland College.

To Observe Golden Wedding Date



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blase of Polk will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Polk Community Hall, Sunday, February 20 from 2:00 to 4:30 p. m. with a short program at 2:30 p.m. No invitations have been sent and the couple requests no gifts. The open house will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Max Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis VanHousen. Photo by Rich Bicker

Have You Noticed Ladies

By Marsha Redman

If you have kids you know that it is very difficult to keep them clothed. Not only difficult but expensive.

The littlest never have clothes that fit. No matter how many sizes too large I buy their clothing, they've outgrown them before I get home from town. Pants come in two lengths. Dragging the ground and two inches above shoe top. Never anything in-between. Shirts and blouses either hang to their knees or expose their belly button. One moment they're flapping along like circus clowns in shoes large enough to last maybe two Sundays and the next thing I know all efforts (short of chopping off their toes) fail when I try to force their feet into leather confines. Shoes it would seem, come in two sizes: Donald Duck and Too Small.

So another pair of "almost" new shoes is packed away in a box to be kept in readiness against the day I muster enough courage to defy my pediatrician who warns against hand-me-down shoes. One should never force a child's delicate foot bones into a pattern other than his own he claims. He's probably right. Perhaps the reason I walk like a two-hundred pound, six-foot-two football player can be traced to the day my mother made me wear my brothers out-grown baby shoes.

Of course with older children there's never the problem of what to do with out-grown clothing. They never out-grow anything. Garments in size three to twelve are fashioned of tissue paper and angel hair. Fortunately, children in this age group are not particularly bothered by a constant state of raggedness. Apparently they thrive on it. Why else, when they have five pair of ragged every day jeans in the drawer, would they put on the last good pair to play crawly-crawly on the cement playground thereby racking up a total of six pair of ragged jeans. I realize the preceding thought is hard to follow but read it again and you'll see what I mean. Or go count the ragged jeans in your kid's drawer.

Another cause of high clothing bills in this particular group is lost articles of wearing apparel. Of course every mother expects a mitten (always only one) to be dropped along the way somewhere. And it's not unusual for a jacket to be mislaid. And it's a fortunate child indeed who has mates for all his socks. However, we have a lost article at the present time that I must admit has me baffled. One of the boys has lost a pair of jeans. A new pair of jeans. At first I assumed they had merely been shuffled into someone else's drawer but that hasn't been the case. I even went so far as to look through the back ironing though never in my wildest moment have I ever considered ironing a pair of jeans.

"How," I asked him, "could anybody lose a pair of jeans?"

"I dunno."

"Think!" I insisted. "Where did you have them last?"

"At school?"

"Don't you think someone might have noticed if you'd lost them at school?"

"I dunno."

Well, anyway, if one of your kids come from school with an extra pair of jeans, would you give me a call? Don't be discouraged if the line's busy. I have a list of nudist colonies I plan to call. Gonna see if anybody offers family rates.

Pam Willits was a Friday supper guest of her grandmother, Mrs Mildred Willits.