



'Granny' stump

"A granny with a bun in her hair" is how Mrs. Don Law, 934 3rd Ave. SE, describes a sculpture in her yard. The sculpture was made by Le Mars artist Bud Bolser, with an assist by Mr. Law. Bolser used a chain saw to carve the granny out of a basswood stump in the yard. The tree was damaged in a windstorm last spring that brought down trees and wires throughout Le Mars. The sculpture is across the street from the Westmar campus. (Photo/Dave Morris)

Mail bag

All letters must be signed. Names will be withheld from publication if directed to the "Tell It" column.

Fearless defense of O'Brien

Dear editor, We western Iowans can be extremely thankful for Sen. John Culver's outstanding work as chief spokesman for president Carter's nomination of northwest Iowa native Don O'Brien to be a federal judge. Had it not been for Sen. Culver's courage and determination, the American Bar Assn. might have been successful in its unsavory attempt to undermine the fair and reasonable process through which Mr. O'Brien was named. We don't need eastern establishment types like the ABA dictating who should be our judges in Iowa. Don O'Brien is a highly qualified and thoroughly conscientious man. He has enthusiastic support from the people of Iowa and the Iowa Bar Assn. Yet without the fearless dedication demonstrated by Sen. Culver, the O'Brien confirmation might have been delayed or defeated due to confusion caused by the ABA's tactics. We

Deeds

Mark W. & Nancy Weinreich to Joel & Deanne D. Wirth, Parcel of land in SE 1/4 in 14-90-43.
Marion & Lorne Jaminet, et-al to Marvin C. & Karen L. Jedele, Lot 3, Blk 35, 7th Add. Bensen.
Dwight W. & Berniece D. Joslin to N. Chester & Charlyne D. Joslin, Lot 12, Blok 18, Westfield, \$1.
Robert L. & Alta A. Priborsky to Joseph B. Jr. & E. Irene Vondrak, SW 1/4 of Sec. 16, NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 in 21-90-47.

Iowans would have been the real losers. Thank God for Sen. Culver. He is proud of Iowa, and we are proud of him. Irene Andreson, 515 Court St., Sioux City.

DENNIS the MENACE



"I DON'T THINK IT WAS THE SPIDER THAT SCARED LITTLE MISS MUFFET... I'LL BET IT WAS THE CURDS AN' WHEY!"

'I'm feeling much better, thank you!'

One of our community doctors insists that if people would stop worrying about their little aches and pains which nearly everyone experiences from time to time they'd not only avoid undue wrinkles, premature grey hair, and grumpy dispositions, but undoubtedly would find their medical bills a bit more tolerable.

He's one of those doctors who contends that most of us are hypocondriacs in degree and usually

are in better health than we think we are, if we'd only let ourselves believe it and act accordingly.

This doctor tells of a patient who came to his office several weeks running complaining of a "bright red tongue that feels hot."

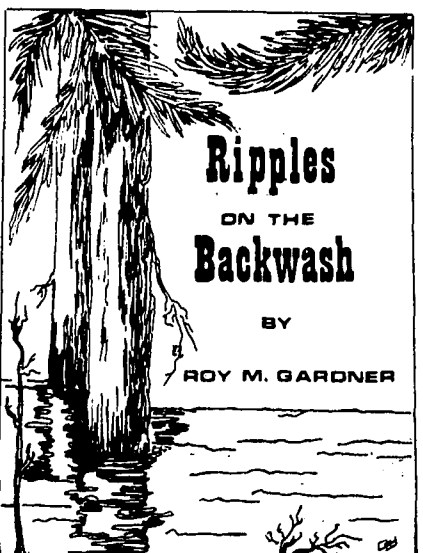
"He thought he was coming down with something dreadful," the doctor explained, "so I'd examine his tongue, take his temperature and then tell him there was nothing to worry about, to go home and forget it. Three days later he'd be back, all the more worried, and insisting I was overlooking something." "to take another look."

"Finally," said doc, "I quizzed him about his daily routines, eating habits, etc., and learned that the man was finding his new red, peppermint-flavored toothpaste a bit irritable to his tongue.

"Apparently, after brushing his teeth, he didn't bother to rinse his mouth and the toothpaste formed a coat on the tongue which discolored it as well as make it feel hot."

Doc didn't tell the patient so, but he felt that he should have been able to figure out for himself what was causing the problem and avoid four unnecessary office calls.

I recall that I visited a doctor for



comment

Welcome income tax cut

The new tax bill approved by the 95th congress just prior to adjournment Oct. 15 (and expected to be signed into law by president Carter) provides a welcome cut in taxes — \$18.7 billion on individuals and businesses.

Previously, the congress had considered a cut of \$29.3 billion but president Carter had vociferously opposed this as being "highly inflationary and not sound fiscal policy."

For individuals, the new tax bill would cut taxes a total of \$12.7 billion. This would be accomplished by raising the current \$750 personal exemption to \$1,000 and increasing the standard deduction to \$2,300 for singles and \$3,400 for couples. The bill repeals the general \$35 tax credit.

About 36.3 percent of the \$12.7 billion in individual reductions would go to the 8.6 percent of those with incomes above \$30,000 a year. Persons in that income class pay 49 percent of taxes under current law.

To the disappointment of many parents with sons and daughters in college, the new bill was passed without the proposed \$250 tax credit for college tuition. It is also minus another provision that would have provided additional tax cuts of \$164.5 billion in 1980 through 1983 if congress held down the growth of federal spending.

The elderly of the nation undoubtedly approve that provision of the new tax bill which provides for persons over 55 who sell their homes and don't buy another costing at least as much as once-in-a-lifetime tax-free profit of up to \$100,000. The home sold must have been occupied by the seller for at least three of the last five years.

A person of any age could continue to defer profits from a home sale as long as a new home costing as much or more was purchased within 18 months.

The new tax bill reduces the current 49.1 percent maximum tax on capital gains to 28 percent.

It is our prediction that the new tax bill will be well received by the majority of the American citizens and that it will also prove a "political lift" for president Carter.

Some economists think it will prove inflationary in that it will put more money into the hands of the people to spend, thus encouraging further price increases.

We believe the overall benefits to the people will outweigh the price increases that will result. And this is especially true of low income people and the elderly.

Prices have a way of increasing no matter what taxes are charged. Wage and salary scales and the amount of profits made largely determine the level of prices — not taxes.

Hopefully, a large percentage of taxes saved by the people and businesses under the new bill (when and if it becomes law) will go into savings and into capital investments.

But even if this is not the case, there will be benefits. Business will be stimulated, certainly. And when businesses remains economically strong and sound, prosperity reigns — at whatever level!

by Roy M. Gardner

Young woman's body found near Des Moines

The decomposed body of a young woman was found Tuesday afternoon in heavy underbrush in an area known as the Flint Access north of Des Moines, authorities said.

Identification through dental charts confirmed identity of Camille Njus, 20, who was reported missing Aug. 4 after failing to arrive at the family home in Grinnell.

Authorities said the young woman was about 5 feet 6 inches tall, had reddish hair and was wearing a dark-colored sweater and a diamond ring.

Polk county medical examiner said he was sure the death was foul play. Njus was last seen at a beauty salon. She was employed by the department of transportation.

from Des Moines Register

the small society

by Brickman



Insanity comes with civilization

The more civilized we become the more insane we become.

Look at what we did to our highways!

We replaced narrow roads with wide roads and immediately started to build wider caps so the new "safe" highways would become too narrow.

Then when cars started to be made extra small again we took away the trains and placed them on auto highways and called them trucks.

One local couple can testify that big city vacationing is expensive.

It seems they flew to a big city to be told by the hotel desk clerk that their reserved room had been rented to someone else.

They stayed in the hotel anyway, dozing in chairs in the lobby until around 3 a.m. when they were informed that there was a room now available.

It was a one bed "special" room that was never mentioned in the hotel brochures. Rent of this room was by the hour!

Be positive in all things. If your favorite team loses every game just say they are consistent.

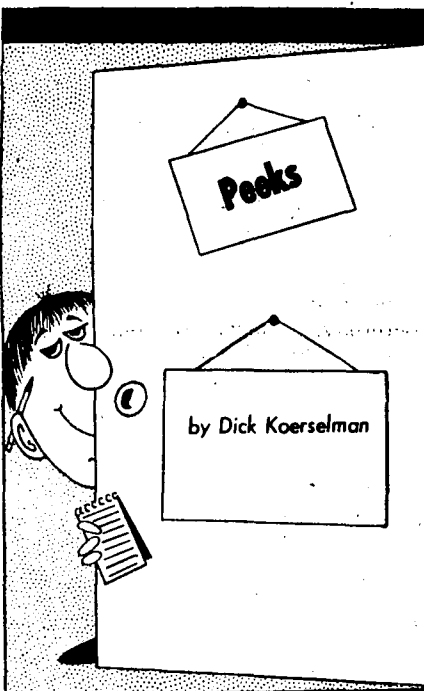
Be careful on the road these evenings. Over each hill there is the

Dissolutions

Two dissolution of marriage decrees were issued in Plymouth county district court.

Nora Lou Bowman was granted the decree with Kenneth Allen Bowman as respondent.

The couple has two minor children. Debra Rigsby was granted a decree with Donald Rigsby as respondent.



possibility of coming upon farm vehicles and harvest machines. Don't be reaped!

Open house at Christopher Portraits gave us a chance to make the acquaintance of Pumpkin the resident cat at the former Naef studio.

Pumpkin is no stranger though. Each evening when we walk our dog, Pumpkin presses against the studio window to see a dog walking two people.

It just did not seem like there was a world series. No one tried to sell me pool chances.

Congress does keep its promise. They promised themselves raises and gave them to themselves.

Little wonder there is so much inflation. Professional seminars no longer have speakers informing us how to do a better job or make a better product. The only message preached is sell,

7:15 and 9 PM! Must End Thurs!

THE BAD NEWS Bears GO TO JAPAN

See the Bears wreck the hotel suite & do in a Sumo wrestler!

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