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place a Department of Economic Development field office at Wayne State College to work in tandem with the college's Bureau, the college's Nebraska Business Development Center and the college's other public service outreach programs such as the Center for Cultural Outreach.

The DED field office director will be Connie Justis, who was formerly with the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce. The DED office will open on Jan. 23.



Connie Keck

## Vahlkamp

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language. The school will be given their instructions through the English language.

She also hopes her actions will send out a message to people in the area. "I found that as a widow, there are so many things so worthwhile that still can be done. Sure it can be lonesome, but there are other things to think about," Gertrude said.

## Program offered at Concord

With the growth of the financial advising industry in recent years, many people are not sure who to turn to and how to be a financial product shopper. The program, "Financial Advising: Who, What, When and Where" will be offered to the public today (Monday) at 1:30 p.m. at the Northeast Research and Extension Center at Concord.

Areas that will be covered include check sheets that can be used to evaluate and shop for mutual funds, annuities and life insurance. Credentials that financial advisors may have such as degrees and licenses, what type of recommendations you might expect from an advisor, a brief overview of credit counseling services and how to utilize financial literature available in the library, magazines and newspapers.

Karen Wermers, Extension Agent - Home Economics/Family Finances, will be teaching the program that is designed for a participant to take back to a group or enjoy for their own use. Mrs. Wermers has experience as financial consultant.

## Letters

### Take for granted

All too often we take for granted the contribution individuals make to an organization or institution. I believe this to be the case with the Wayne High School cheerleaders. The group recently returned from the Dynamic Cheerleaders Association National Cheerleading Championships in Kansas City. In hand, was an award for outstanding spirit. This award along with numerous others received by these people this school year are indicative of their dedication and hard work.

We are proud of them. If you choose to attend future WHS athletic events why not applaud them for their efforts. Acknowledge their hard work. Participate in their cheers. I know they would appreciate your cooperation.

Donald V. Zelss, Principal  
Wayne High School

### Fuel argument

Rising prices for propane and heating oil are causing a lot of discomfort for the public and an opportunity for much ballyho by politicians. Any investigation into the causes for the price increases should include the names Dukakis and Coumo for two reasons — Seabrook and Shoreham. These two state governors have each blocked the operation of a nuclear power plant which could have substantially reduced the demand for heating oil and propane.

Normally utilities in the northeast burn a heavy grade of oil (bunker oil). The political climate has been such that new power plants using this fuel have not been built, gas turbine powered generators have been used instead. These plants require natural gas or heating oil for fuel, putting the utilities in direct competition with home owners for a limited supply of fuel. As a result, the price goes up. An executive of Consolidated Edison Co. of New York is quoted in a Dec. 22, 1989 Wall St. Journal article as saying "We're buying oil like crazy. We're in the market every day." The supply of natural gas is limited so the utilities must burn fuel oil during cold weather. Normally the utilities would use the gas turbine generators for a few weeks in January or February but the unusually cold weather has forced them to run earlier and longer than usual.

Seabrook and Shoreham enter this picture because these two nuclear power plants could supply the power that is having to be generated by the gas turbine plants. Neither plant has been allowed to operate, even though both have

been fueled and ready to operate. Seabrook, located in New Hampshire, has been kept from operating by actions of Gov. Dukakis of Massachusetts because it is only a few miles from the Massachusetts line. Shoreham, located on Long Island, NY, was purchased by the state of New York and shut down even though it was complete and had operated at low power.

Governor Coumo assured the people of New York that alternate power sources were available so Shoreham wasn't needed. Hydro-electric power would be available from Canada. This winter Canada has not been able to supply power to the New England area, they have asked the United States to send power into Canada. They have had a dry summer and fall and hydro-electric power depends on rainfall. What Governor Coumo didn't tell the people was the price they would have to pay for the power from these alternate sources. Unfortunately, it is not just the electricity users that are having to pay, anyone using oil or propane

is having to pay. Unfortunately also, it is not just the people of New York and Massachusetts that are having to pay, people all over the country are paying.

Shoreham is capable of generating 820 megawatts of electrical power, equivalent to 23,335 gallons of fuel oil per hour or 31,115 gallons of propane per hour. Since the gas turbine plants normally operate at 50 percent efficiency or less, the figures for fuel consumption to generate the 820 megawatts of power should be doubled to 46,671 gallons of fuel oil per hour or 7,840,840 gallons or 245,026 barrels per week.

Seabrook is capable of gener-

ating 1150 megawatts of electrical power, equivalent to 32,727 gallons of fuel oil per hour or 43,636 gallons of propane per hour. Using the same efficiency figures as for Shoreham, operation would save 10,996,300 gallons or 343,634 barrels of fuel oil per week.

American Petroleum Institute figures for the week of Dec. 15 to Dec. 22, 1989 show fuel oil stocks went down by 3,976,000 barrels. Operation of both plants could have saved 588,660 barrels, a significant saving in a tight market and could have had a very significant effect on prices.

John C. Veburg

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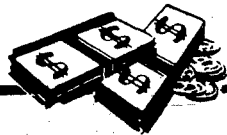
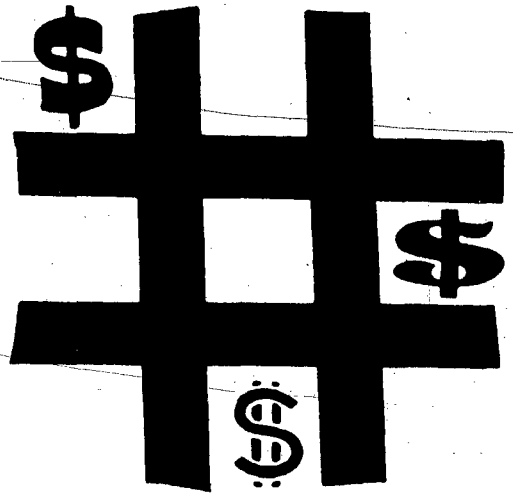
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