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The Naper Historical Society

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"The mission of the Naper Historical Society is to preserve, interpret, display, communicate, promote and hanar history, original structures, special places and artifacts of the people and culture of Naper, Nebraska, and the surrounding area. The Naper Historical Society intends to accomplish this mission by operating a museum, publishing a newsletter, spansoring events, and in other appropriate ways. The Naper Historical Society will initially focus on four themes: School Days, Life in Naper Through the Years, White Horse Ranch, and Naper 28 Plane Crash."

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WE REMEMBER OUR VETERANS

GEORGE ALEXANDER

George Alexander, better known as "Bud", was drafted into the Army in 1945 during World War II. He wanted to be a paratrooper but the Army had a different idea. He became a military policeman.

George's training was in Camp Wolters, TX. He remembered the huge grasshoppers on the shady side of fence posts. He traveled by train to San Francisco where they were loaded onboard ship while a band played "Sentimental Journey." Their destination was the Philippine Islands.

The ship zigzagged the entire trip; two minutes one way and two minutes the other to keep from being a target for the Japanese. Almost everyone was seasick. George fared pretty well as he stuck to a diet of dry bread.

George's duty was to patrol Manila Harbor and act as guard for Mrs. Chiang Kai-Chek; "a nice lady" who presented him with a silk handkerchief. He and his driver had a pet monkey for a "watch dog." It was very fond of beer so they made sure it received enough to make it stay close. (The driver and his wife came to Naper for a short visit a couple of years ago and otherwise kept in touch by exchanging cards at Christmas time.)

The jungle was pretty quiet since the Japanese had eaten all of the animals and birds. The city of Manila was in shambles since the Japanese had dropped their bombs.

After the Japanese surrender, George returned to the States by ship. But this time the ship came straight through, taking a much shorter time to make the voyage.

Bud passed away February 9, 2003, in Kearney, NE, after a struggle with cancer.

MARVIN STAHLECKER

Marvin Stahlecker ws born April 2, 1924, and was drafted into the army at the age of 18. He started basic training at Fort Leavenworth, KS on November 13, 1943, and was shipped across the Atlantic to the European Theater. Actor/Singer Bing Crosby was also on his ship.

During combat in 1944, an enemy bullet hit a stone wall near him, causing shrapnel to hit his arms, hands and face. Over the years he continually dug shrapnel and cement out of his arms and face. A piece of cement approximately ½ inch thick was removed from his chin on December 27, 1962.

Marvin was captured by the Germans on January 24, 1945. He was in prison in Whiltitch until February



Color Guard L-R: Larry Allyn, Art Maertins, Tom Brauer (hidden behind Nebraska flag), Bob Schultz, Ray Fuhrer, Ken Katzer, Carl Ludemann, Keith Mayer, Ron Schumann, Leonard Schmitz, Duane Sieh, Dale Nicolaus, speaker Don Swanson, Sterling Schultz.

3, 1945, and then transferred to the Limburg Stalag VIIA. On March 8, he left Stalag VIIA and was shipped in a closed box car for seven days and six nights.

While en route to Stalag 10B near Sandcbostel, the train was attacked and the back half destroyed. Fortunately, Marvin was in a box car that was protected in a tunnel.

It was very cold and there was no heat on the train. The clothes he wore were all he had for warmth.

While in prison, Marvin and his fellow soldiers received little food. He had a class ring that he gave to a guard in exchange for a loaf of bread.

Marvin became very ill and on April 7, 1945, he was sent to a prison hospital with a sore throat. He was diagnosed with diphtheria. He was very fortunate that the war was coming to an end, or they wouldn't have sent him to the hospital. The Germans started giving Red Cross packages to the American prisoners only then.

Marvin was liberated April 29, 1945, and returned home December 3, 1945. While serving in the Army, he reached the rank of Staff Sergeant and received many decorations including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Prisoner of War Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the European, African, Middle Eastern Ribbons with four battle stars. He also received the American Theater Ribbon and a World War II Victory Medal.

Sadly, Marvin passed away in March of 1986. Thank you dear friends. Your sacrifices are not forgotten... The Circuit Rider

Lovera Peterson Reber

At sundown a mysterious rider is seen drifting along the horizon. `Old timers believe he's a Sandhills Ghost or Spirit who's trying to keep the Pioneer Spirit alive. His mission: To interview favorite long-time residents of Naper, in order to help us remember our noble past. No one can actually point to specifics, but all swear, "He's out there..."



The winter is showing off its fury with a typical Nebraska blizzard as the Circuit Rider's horse plows through snow banks across the Sandhills. The pioneer home of the Reber family has a warm look from the kerosene lamps that glow through the curtains.

After the rider's horse is put up in the barn, the aroma of a hot cup of coffee welcomes the cold rider into the house. Visiting around the warm hearth, conversations turn to early family stories.

Lovera Peterson Reber was born in 1924 in the family home (as were most babies of the time).

As a youngster, she swallowed a button-scary!

Lovera's mother was born in Sweden. Skiing was very popular there. On the trip to America, the family was delayed at Ellis Island because of the children being too young.

Lovera's dad, Axel Peterson, was also born in Sweden and immigrated to the United States. He was notified to join the Army or go back to Sweden. He joined the Army and was shipped to France where he actually saw General Pershing.

Peddlers often stopped at the house to eat. At supper one time, a peddler said, "I don't like peas." (But he ate most of them!)

The neighbors hens laid eggs under the porch. Lovera was small enough to crawl under and retrieve them. In payment the neighbors gave her a doll. Unfortunately, this doll was left in the hog pen and the hogs ruined it!

Entertainment was designed for families. Pie socials and box socials were common entertainment. Buy a decorated box full of good food at the auction and you got to eat with the lady who brought it! (I bet more than a few engagements resulted from a well-prepared box meal!)

School in America was fun. Marguerite Rockholm Ludemann was the teacher in District #2 in Keya Paha County. And Hazel Higgins Determan shared a double desk with Lovera. The old Victrola phonograph would be cranked up and the song "Away for Rio" would start playing. The kids weren't fooled... They knew what was on the teacher's mind.

On one memorable occasion while in high school in 1943, Mrs. Thorley (wife of the local banker), asked if Lovera would help her cook supper for some hunters. As the hunters filed in, Lovera was surprised to see Nebraska Governor Dwight Griswold among them!

During May of 1945, the president of the school board came into the school house and announced that the War was over. "Go Celebrate!" he said! And they did!

While Lovera was attending the Brocksburg School, an airplane landed in the field next to the school. All 33 kids got to explore the plane; certainly a first for them!

After graduating, Lovera became a teacher and subsequently taught for 30 years. The first school she taught was known as the "Spotted Tail School" west of Jamison. Some of her students included Pete Wilhelmsen, Jr., Betty Wilhelmsen Fast, and Vervil Zimmerman Kracht

Years later, her son Dale Reber became superintendent in Spencer, and Lovera helped with the kindergarten class.

Lovera's husband Milo and her five brothers all served in the US Armed Forces. Son Nilo was in Viet Nam and son Dale was in the National Guard.

Milo and Lovera had five children: Nilo, Dale, Mary, Myra and Donn.

Birthdays are very important—Nilo in December, Dale in November, Mary and Donn in March, and Myra in September. Grandma Lovera has nine grandchildren. A good set of family photos is in the Sylvester Museum in Mills.

In 1954, Milo and Lovera bought the farm from Marlen Breyer. In later years, Dale moved in with his folks when Milo became bedfast with lung cancer.

Lovera states they had some great

neighbors. Grant and Ethie Reber brought a great cooked roast with all the fixings over on the day they moved in. Bill and Emma Vogt had five daughters, all of whom became friends with Myra. Other good neighbors included Harold and Marian Schultz and family, Rhiney and Bertha Fuhrer and daughter Joan, Bill and Annie Ulrich and Ward and Luree Barnes. Annie Ulrich's home-made bread made for lasting memories.

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After all the good food and fireside stories, it was time to get the horse out of the barn and head on. So, over the snow banks and a sandhill or two toward the next friends who must might put him up for the night. The Circuit Rider is mighty humbled by the people and memories that make the bygone prairie days seem a little less by gone...



LOOKING, LOOKING, LOOKING

The Naper Historical Society is looking for information on Floyd H. Hart, Robert Gene Carr, Betty June Kroft, Harry Ellis Chase. We are also looking for information on the homesteads of John Lappens, Henry and Alle Lappens, and their daughter and husband Carolina and George Hermsen.

Send information to Naper Historical Society, Box 72, Naper, NE 68755 and we'll forward it.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

THE SCHOENEFELD FARM, 1904-2007 A Memoir of Wayne Schoenefeld

The Naper Paper continues its exploration of farms that have been in the same family continuously for more than a century.

Adam Schoenefeld, the first owner, was born in Russia in September, 1883. He came to the United States at the age of seven with his parents Gottlieb and Eva Hauf Schoenefeld. They settled in the Naper area, where Gottlieb worked as a black-smith for a short time.

In 1894, Gottlieb and Carl Hauf donated land for the Zion Lutheran Church and cemetery west of Naper, where Gottlieb and Eva were later buried.

On July 5, 1904, at the age of 21, Adam registered as an applicant to make a homestead entity for the Sioux-ceded lands of the Rosebud Reservation, South Dakota. The office for the Chamberlain Land District was located in Bonesteel, SD.

Adam and Anna Kortmeyer were married April 30, 1907, at Naper. Anna was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kortmeyer in November, 1885, in Dubuque County, IA.

At the age of seven, Anna moved with her parents to Atkinson, NE. They later established their home south of Naper on land now owned by Larry and Ann Anderson. Adam and Anna moved to their homestead in Gregory: County, SD, 9 miles northwest of Naper. This was 150.68 acres in Section 33 and 34 in Township 92. The Nebraska state line borders on the south.

Adam received his patent October 25, 1912, signed by President William Howard Taft. Adam later purchased an additional 80 acres in 1914 and another 160 acres in 1918.

The first house on the homestead was a $24' \times 20'$ building moved in from an Indian quarter north of the present location. We have good reason to believe the house was a former government grain bin at Fort Randall in the late 1800s (Unverified as of this writing). It is now a kitchen with additions to the north and south, with a deck added to the east side through the years. If only those walls could talk!

Adam and Anna had five children: Clara, Ida, Alvin (my father), Marie, and a daughter lost in infancy. Alvin farmed two miles south of the original homestead. This is where I grew up with my siblings Shirley, Dennis, and Dale.



Adam and Anna farmed the land until 1945, before moving to Burke. Over the years, the farm was rented to Alfred Broekemeier, Edgar Tech, Marvin Stoltenberg, and Howard Besmer.

Barbara Vogt and I were married June 6, 1959. We lived on the Jake Kerschman place north of Naper for seven years, before purchasing the farm and moving here in 1967. We raised four sons: Bruce and wife Karrie live at Kearney; Clayton at Herrick; Jason and wife Becky in Sioux Falls; Weston and wife Teri in Burke. Clayton and Weston are currently involved in the farming and cattle operation which also includes owned and rented land in Nebraska.

Several older buildings on the homestead have been torn down through the years. A 40' x 80' machine shed and a milk parlor were added, which we used until the early 1990's. Windbreaks were planted on both sides of the state line for winter protection. Fruit trees were planted and a big garden (that helps feed the family) is planted every year.

My grandfather and my dad talked about the Indians coming to this area to dig the cattail roots, which were used for medicinal purposes.

Once, we found a bag of bran in the attic of the house when we moved here. It was determined to be grasshopper poison which had been used in years past.

We are the third generation and second owners since 1904. We hope to live here as long as we are able. We have four grandchildren (Arhea, Danielle, Landon, and Jonathan) that love to come to the farm. When raising four boys, our yard was a constant race track for them and still is for the grandkids.

The Naper Paper wishes many more years of happiness and prosperity to the Schoenefelds, and all of the other families that maintain their property into the triple digits! You are the true embodiment of the pioneer spirit!

ENJOYING THE RIDE DOWN LIFE'S HIGH-WAYS AND BYWAYS...

On June 10, 2008, Lilibet Hagel joined hundreds of other bicycle enthusiasts on the annual Bike Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN). BRAN riders braved outrageous weather conditions, scorching sun, dehydration, and some pretty crazy road conditions... all in the name of raising scholarship funds for High School Students across the state.

Lilibet is pictured here with Logan, Macy, and Blake Ahlers on the bike route east of Naper. She pedaled her way along 454 miles of roadways in the name of bringing a better future to Naper's leaders of tomorrow. Way to go Lilibet!





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WHITE HORSE RANCH MUSEUM DEVELOPING

The former Wm. Krotter Lumber Co. in Naper is now the White Horse Ranch Museum. Countless hours of work from dozens of volunteers has changed the building into a tribute to Cal and Ruth Thompson's lifetime achievement: the White Horse Ranch, the school, the performers, and the horse registry.



NAPER HELPS BROCKSBURG CELEBRATE By Marilyn Sieh

July 4, 1904, was a very nice day and at least 1,500 people gather at the Brocksburg pavilion to celebrate the Patriotic Holiday. The Naper Coronet Band played several selections, followed by an opening prayer by the Brocksburg Glee Club.

G. F. Slaughter of Naper was the orator of the day. His address theme was "Americanism Before Party Feeling." A short talk was given by Naper's new attorney Roy R. Gazen. Both men received appreciative audience.

Part of the afternoon was spent playing ball between Naper and Riverside; Riverside winning 23-12. The winners got \$35.00 There were horse races followed with another ball game between Brocksburg and Riverside. Following all this, dancing rounded out the day.

Ed: Fritz and Hertha Sieh had their honeymoon in Brocksburg. They were married in 1929 and went to the hotel in Brocksburg. Dances were held in the upstairs of the store building. The floors shook and the interior was lighted with kerosene lanterns. Now all that's left of Brocksburg is a chunk of an old schoolhouse and the pilings of the old Keya Paha River Bridge.



Thanks to our children, Teresa Tim, and Tammy. Also to Tuffy and Della, and all that made our day so special.

> Melvin and Phyllis Schock Schrader

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Ol' Homesteader returns with another heap of news and happenings from in and around our fair town...

We've been some busy folks around here. You know these small towns--nothing ever goin' on. The kids are glad school's out for the summer. Reckon the teachers are just as glad. Here's what the KIDS DID:

Elizabeth and Paul Honke (children of Keith and Gina Honke, grandchildren of Gertie Honke), Erica and David Engelhaupt (Leonard and Karen Bechtold Engelhaupt's children. Ella Bechtold's great-grandchildren). Alix Mashino (daughter of Dustin and Tammy Mitchell Mashino), Brooke Reiman (Casey and Lisa Ahlers Reiman's daughter, Jack and Jean Reiman and Wayne and Virginia Ahlers granddaughter), Kendall McCarthy (son of Kevin and Angie McCarthy, grandson of LeRoy and Maxine Windmeyer McCarthy), Luke Zeisler (son of Richard and Sheryl Zeisler), Alex Bendig (son of Kelly and Monica Bendig, grandson of Herman and Grace Faatz Bendig), Jon Alford (son of Jim and Becky Alford, grandson of Ed and Lois Alford), and Samantha McCarthy (daughter of Darrin and Connie McCarthy, granddaughter of LeRoy and Maxine) all were on the West Boyd Honor Roll! Yessir, just like the Ol' Homesteader used to do!

Haily Cline, daughter of Hoyt Cline and granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Hoyt Cline, and Matthew Levi Bengtson, son of Matthew and Ellen Bengtson, grandson of Janet Cline Eggert, both graduated from West Boyd on May 10. Jake Brauer, son of Tom and Sandy Brauer, graduated May 24 from Nebraska Lutheran High School in Waco. Erica Engelhaupt, Jon Alford, Dylan Reiman (son of Casey and Lisa), Alex Bendig, and David Engelhaupt received honors at the Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show.

Brooke Reiman, Haily Cline and Elizabeth Honke received honors at the Niobrara Valley Speech Meet.

Brooke Reiman, Erica Engelhaupt, Luke Zeisler and Alix Mashino attended the Scholastic Contest at Northeast Community College and did us proud. Just like the Ol' Homesteader! Yep!

Paul Honke, Alex Bendig, Jon Alford, Logan Titus-Ahlers (daughter of Dan and Tara Ahlers), Brooke Reiman, Elizabeth Honke, Samantha McCarthy, Alix Mashino, and Katelyn Haney (daughter of Mike and Tammy Wentz Haney, granddaughter of Bob and Barb Wentz) were working hard at the track this spring.

Erica Engelhaupt and Brooke Reiman were inducted into the National Honor Society. Way to go, kids--just like the Ol' Homesteader. You bet! Really! (Aw, who'm I kidding!)

CONGRATULATIONS

Andy Bernt, son of Ron and Joyce Bernt and Bill and Linda Schultz, and Abby Kuehler were married April 5. They live in Bloomfield.

Dion Neumiller, son of Herman and Betty Neumiller, graduated from the recruit class of the Nebraska State Patrol. So be watchin' your speedometer, folks.

Terry McNair (Irene Maertin Weickum's grandson) won a prize in the Frozen Foot Ice Fishing Derby--all the winners were from South Dakota. Do they know something we don't know?

Cody Claussen and Anne Sachtjen (daughter of Terry and Michaela Sachtjen) were married April 19.

Julie Frost and Hoyt Cline were married May 3.

Dennis and Mary Reber Schoenefeld celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary! Wow-that's a long time!

Former Naper residents Cliff and Jackie Osbahr (Linda Goodman's parents) celebrated 60 years together May 28. That's really a long time!

Jon and Jennifer Riesselman Schmaderer welcomed Drew David to their family March 3. Merle and Leola Riesselman are grandpa and grandma.

Kara Amanda Camin was born to Wade and Amy Camin April 29. Phyllis Camin is grandma.

Brad and Stacy Vogt welcomed Carl Anthony on May 6. Clyde and Jane Vogt are grandparents.

COMIN'S AND GOIN'S

The Blood Drive (thanks to Rindy Zink and donors), Bingo and card playing (both of them thanks to the West End Club), Easter Egg Hunt (thanks to VFW Auxiliary), Spring Roadside Clean-up (thanks to Naper Historical Society), Naper Firemen's Steak Suppers (thanks to the firemen and other food fixers), Easter Bake Sale (thanks to Naper UCC Women's Fellowship), Rummage Sales (thanks to a lot of families), Spring Mountain Oyster Feed (thanks to VFW members), Alumni Banquet, Memo-

rial Day program, Naper Library Open House, White Horse Ranch Museum... the list goes on and on! Yup, nothing goin' on in a small town.

AND WE SAY GOOD BYE:

Natella Jeffords Hamling passed away January 20. She and husband Jerry had operated a dairy north of town for many years.

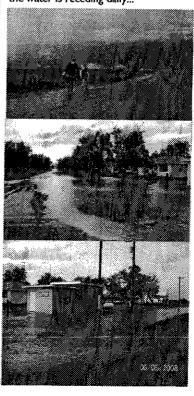
Theresa Stoltenberg left us March 11 at the age of 97. She and husband Frank farmed east of Naper.

Ernest Zeisler passed away on February 7.

Connie Sattler, Jr., passed away February 9. Graveside services were held April 26.

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The heavy rains and rising flood waters have had severe effects on the fine folks in some of our neighboring states during the spring of 2008. Here are some photos of local Naper neighborhoods that had to deal with some less-than-dry conditions! This is a common problem in farm communities across the country; along with drought, tornadoes and insects. Folks will be happy to know that the water is receding daily...





Still Beautiful After All These Years! Marguerite Rockholm Ludemann, Class of 1928!

Class of 1948 L-R: Lester Neumiller, Velda Sieh Stahlecker, Lucille Vogt Sieh, Delores Zeitner Stahlecker, Roy Goodman, JoAnn Cerny Jons



Back L-R: Duane Kibby, Bob Wentz, Marvin Cline, Ken Stoltenberg, Bill Schultz; Seated L-R: Margaret Bendig Heien, Lorna Sieh Dutton, Shirley Bechtold Olivier, Lois Kibby Chittim



Class of 1958



Class of 1988 Tammy Wentz Haney, Tammy Mitchell Mashino

Class of 1978 LeAnn Audiss Hilgert, Keith Honke, Ellen Reiman Boshert, Kem Ahlers, Nancy Schmitz

Class of 1968 Mary Ellen Moody Ellwanger,

Barry Schochenmaier, Marsha Sparks Fyler





Letters to the Naper Paper

Send your cards and letters to:
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I enjoy your paper. I was married to Henry Sattler September 5, 1935, during the "dirty thirties." We left for California the 17 of September and spent 2 ½ years in Lodi.

In April, 1938, we came home for a visit and during that time, Henry's father passed away. We stayed on the farm with Henry's mother. Henry passed away in November, 1992, the last of Connie and Johanna Gretchman Sattler's family.

Enclosed is a check for expenses.

Ada Sattler

I did appreciate the picture you sent of the marker for Naper 28. I keep it on my fridge. I am enclosing a check for the Naper 28 Fund. I got an acknowledgement from the Nebraska Community Fund. Thank you again for all you and the people of Naper have done. Hope I can visit again.

DeLores Henchan

Keep up the work on a fine paper. We just had 12inches of rain in the last 24 hours (letter dated 3/20/08) and everything is under water, except where we live up on a hill. But things will dry out some day. Enclosed a check to help with expenses. Keep happy.

Orland Cline

Enclosed is a check to keep my Naper Paper a-coming. Sure do like to read all the news. Keep up the good work. You guys do wonderful work. We enjoy the letters that are printed. Hope everyone has missed the flu.

Allen and Lavonne Boes

Thanks to all who make this paper possible. I can hardly wait for the next issue.

Gary Reber

I received my copy of the Naper Paper yesterday and really enjoyed it. That picture of Opal Becker McFayden was great. She was my first-through-fifth grade teacher in elementary school. It was great to talk to her at the Naper class reunion (2007-Ed.).

I was there with my cousin Iona Carstens; it was her 60-year reunion. Enjoyed talking to a lot of people I hadn't seen in years. I would like a copy of the Naper '08



calendar and the rest of the money can go to the Naper Paper. Keep up the good work. I always enjoy reading it as I've known some of those people or heard about them.

Norven D. Mayer

I'm sending a check for the paper and for the 2008 calendar. My mom had a picture of the Naper Café fire back in 1941. I'll try to look it up so you can copy. Harold and Marian Schultz ran it back then.

Velda Hannahs

Pictures and stories for the paper are always welcome. Thanks. Ed.

Please direct my contribution to the proper person. It's not very much but it will help. My appreciation and thanks for sending me the Naper Paper. As usual, I enjoy receiving it. I liked the poem about "The Goose on the Sattler Farm." It is such an effort by everyone to remember (and convey to others) historical situations.

Helmi Ludwig

The Naper Paper is the perfect "little something" gift idea. I'm enclosing a donation to help out with all the extra expenses incurred while restoring the Krotter Building and asking you to please add my friend's name to your mailing list. See you around the "Naperhood."

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JUST FOR LAUGHS...

"Why, I do declare," said the outraged Southern Belle to the brash young Cowboy in the town saloon, "Sir, you are no gentleman at ALL. Why, if you were my husband, I would put poison into your whiskey glass!"

The loutish young man calmly drank down the last of his whiskey, fixed the proper young lady with a devilish grin, and replied, "Why ma'am, ifn you was my wife, I do believe I would DRINK it!"

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The Naper dictionary defines "BIG SHOT" as "A little shot what kept on shootin"."

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It happened that Ol' Zebbediah Stump-doht was out late at the saloon one evening, when he got into a shoving match with a feller twice his size, and built as strong as they come.

In his mind, Zeb prayed to the Good Lord, "Dear Lord, I don't know if you can hear me, but ifn you get me outta' this, I swear I'll give up drinkin' and go to church every Sunday just as long as I live..."

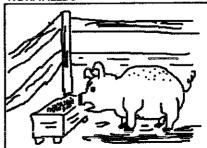
Just then, the big guy smirks, looks Zeb straight in the eye, and says, "Aww, you ain't worth it..." and he walks away.

So quickly, Zeb prays, "Well, thanks anyway Lord, but..."

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My cousin Virgil was the shortest man ever to go into the family garbage-haulin' business. So I guess you could say he was the runt of the litter!

KORNFIELDS



"He expects me to eat this SLOP?!"

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