



AWARDED NEW CAR—Harvey and Jennie Jones, Concordia, were all smiles Thursday evening as Larry Henry, president of the Chamber of Commerce presented them with the keys to the 1988 Chevrolet Nova as the result of their

names being drawn in the "I Love Concordia Sweepstakes." Over 1,100 tickets were distributed in the month long promotion.

Concordians Optimistic About Prison *April 7-88*

Members of Concordia's Prison Committee are reportedly planning to be in Topeka Thursday when State Corrections Secretary Roger Endell discusses his strategy to relieve crowded prisons with the Special Committee on Problems in Prison Overcrowding.

Endell originally proposed building a 500-bed prison at an undetermined site and a 700-bed facility in or near Sedgwick County. Concordia was hopeful for the undetermined site.

The prison director may propose instead to build a new 1,200-bed prison with El Dorado as top candidate for the facility.

"I Love Concordia" Sweepstakes Winners Announced

Harvey Jones, Concordia, was announced as the first place winner of the 1988 Chevy Nova Thursday evening at the drawing for prizes in the "I Love Concordia Sweepstakes" promotion. Jones' name was drawn from over 1100 other entries in the month-long promotion.

Delores Landry, Ames, was the second name to be drawn and chose the trip to Hawaii for two. Third prize of a 6-man Octagon Hot Tub was won by Rhonda Blazek, Concordia, and fourth prize of a VCR Video Camcorder was won by Cheryl Homes, Concordia.

1. 1988 Chevy Nova - Harvey Jones, Concordia.
2. Trip to Hawaii - Dolores Landry, Ames.
3. Hot Tub - Rhonda Blazek, Concordia.
4. Camcorder - Cheryl Holmes, Concordia.
5. A Touch of Glass, plaque and figurine - Larry Doyen, Concordia.
6. Panasonic Stereo cassette deck, Alco - Michael Allen.
7. Lochenback Photo art print, Arbutnotts - Nancy Roberts, Ark.
8. Arthurs Pizza for a year - Lynn Heidrick, Beloit.
9. Radio Shack Walkie Talkie - Larry Jackson, Concordia.
10. \$100 Gift certificate to B & J Drug - Gloria Canfield, Concordia.
11. 75 Sweepstakes gift certificate - Darrell Lambert, Concordia.
12. \$75 Sweepstakes gift

- certificate - Alice Faye Hanson, Concordia.
13. \$75 Sweepstakes gift certificate - Loren & Joyce Swenson, Concordia.
14. \$100 Gift certificate to Bon Marche - Karen Dunlap, Concordia.
15. \$100 Gift certificate to Boogaarts (Aico) - Lois Cook, Concordia.
16. \$100 Gift certificate to Boogaarts (7th St.) Andy Mosher, City.
17. Portable gas grill, Boyd Oil - Beth Charbonneau, Concordia.
18. \$100 Gift certificate to Browns Shoefit - Ross Olson, Concordia.
19. \$75 Sweepstakes gift certificate - Roland Kalivoda, Concordia.
20. \$75 Sweepstakes gift certificate - Larry Starr, Concordia.
21. \$100 Tru-Test paint, Chaney's - Eldon Trost, Belleville.
22. \$75 Sweepstakes gift certificate - Delmar Aldridge, Concordia.
23. \$75 Sweepstakes gift certificate - Bertil Olson, Courtland.
24. \$75 Sweepstakes gift certificate - Boogaart Supply, Concordia.
25. Coca Cola commemorative clock, Concordia Coke - Kathy Ashland.
26. \$75 Sweepstakes gift certificate - Marvin Dunlap, Concordia.
27. Copper Back Plate Mirror, Concordia

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RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE—Concordia Mayor Rod Howard, center, was presented a plaque in recognition of his service to the community by his two fellow commissioners, D. L. "Heavy" Layton, left, and Greg Hattan,

right. The presentation was at Wednesday's city commission meeting which was the last for the mayor as his resignation from office was effective April 1.

(Kansan photo).

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Light Turnout For Election

Only 227 voters cast their ballot in Tuesday's General Election for Concordia City Commission. Isadore E. Bombardier, the lone candidate, received 213 valid votes. He will fill the position of retiring commissioner D. L. "Heavy" Layton who decided not to seek reelection.



Isadore Bombardier

Bombardier will take office later this month following the official canvass of the ballots by the Cloud County Commissioners on Friday.

Local firm plans to expand production

By Angela Havel

Big Shot rigs are a new enterprise of Kling Motor Company, Concordia, under the name Big Shot Manufacturing. They're the only manufacturer in the country of the trademark Big Shots.

Big Shots are a step above standard hot shot rigs. Hot shots are one-ton pickups designed to pull trailers to haul loads up to 20,000 pounds. Big Shot rigs use two-ton trucks and trailers, and are part of the "medium-duty" market. Big Shots can haul loads up to 54,000 pounds, more than other medium-duty rigs,

which typically haul about 32,000 pounds.

Big Shot rigs use the same components of big trucks, including a sleeper cab. They pretty much do everything a semi does, but they're smaller, less noisy, and ride better, according to Don Kling.

A controversy has arisen in the trucking industry regarding hot shot rigs. Heavyweight rig operators see them as cutting into their market.

Proponents of hot shot and medium-duty rigs say they're actually increasing efficiency by hauling smaller loads the

heavyweight rigs don't want anyway. Reports indicate that 60 percent of Class 8 tractors haul loads under 32,000 lbs., which the Big Shots can haul instead.

Hauling lighter loads with a faster delivery time will take about twice as many LTL (lighter than a truckload) rigs to equal standard freight loads. The advantages are increased revenue from fuel taxes, reduced road wear from heavyweight rigs, and increased employment in the trucking industry.

Merlin Peck, co-owner of Big Shot

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Manufacturing, said plans for the company began in 1985, and it took three years to "work out the bugs" of manufacturing the rigs. Current production is at 25 units a month. A new building addition in June should raise production to 44 units per month, with the capability for expansion.

Peck and Kling exhibited Big Shot rigs at the Mid-America Truck Show in Louisville, Ky. and Anaheim, Calif. last August, garnering interest that hasn't slacked. He's now advertising the rigs nationwide.

Endell considers one 1,200 bed prison

By JOHN HANNA

TOPEKA (AP) — The director of the state's prison system plans to propose that the state build a new, 1,200-bed prison and considers El Dorado a top candidate to be the site of the institution.

Corrections Secretary Roger Endell had originally proposed building a 500-bed prison at an undetermined site and a 700-bed prison in or near Sedgwick County as part of a \$100 million plan to reduce prison overcrowding. Endell said today that building one prison instead of two could save the state about \$20 million.

Endell said he would unveil the plan formally at the next meeting of a special legislative committee Thursday.

"We're leaning toward El Dorado," Endell told reporters after the special committee met today. "It's a good option."

Endell also expressed frustration that the Special Committee on Problems in Prison Overcrowding has not yet discussed possible construction projects.

"We're under tremendous pressure to get the population down by September," Endell said. "We're avoiding the main part of the issue. While every intention is good, time is now."

The special committee did recommend spending about \$7.2

Bulletin

Sen. Ross Doyen said late this afternoon that Concordia is still being considered as a site for a new 500-bed state correctional facility. He said that Secretary of Corrections Roger Endell told him this afternoon that he still favored building one 500-bed facility and one 700-bed facility.

million to increase the number of parole and probation officers and to expand counseling programs at state institutions. The committee already has recommended spending \$4.4 million to increase the number of inmates in community corrections programs.

Senate President Robert Talkington, R-Iola, the special committee's chairman, said he would like to have the Legislature act on the proposals before its first adjournment, scheduled for Saturday.

"These things we're talking about are matters of appropriating money and can be put into place very quickly," Talkington said.

House Speaker Jim Braden, R-Clay Center, also indicated that he wants to move quickly.

"I think we need to do it before we go home this weekend," Braden said, running out. I have to get going right

Talkington said he thinks the

Legislature could wait to act on proposed major construction projects until the Legislature's short wrap-up session, expected to begin April 27.

Currently, the state's prisons house more than 5,800 inmates in buildings designed to have a maximum capacity of 5,015 prisoners. Also, a federal judge ordered the state Friday to release about 400 prisoners from the Kansas State Penitentiary in Lansing by Sept. 1.

Endell's plan originally called for construction of two prisons and a work-related industrial complex in Hutchinson, as well as the expansion of the Ellsworth Correctional Facility, the conversion of Norton State Hospital and an increase in the number of inmates in community corrections programs.

However, Endell said today that building one large prison would cost between \$55 million and \$57 million, compared with the \$77.9 cost of building two institutions.

In addition, Endell said El Dorado was an attractive site because it already is the site of a corrections honor camp and between 600 and 700 acres of land are available.

He also said local officials seem to support such project and the site would be near Interstate 70, for transportation of prisoners to Wichita and Topeka.

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In addition, Endell said the industrial complex, on the site of a converted mobile home factory in Hutchinson, could be operating in six months. The project would cost \$5.5 million to build.

Endell stressed that he thinks the Legislature must act quickly, preferably this week.

"It's frustrating — the major problem, and not one syllable uttered on it," Endell said. "I've never run into a situation where people who are so willing to send people to jail are so unwilling to pay for it."

The committee's recommendations today would allow the state to hire 32 new parole officers by January. Also, the state could hire 75 new court service, or probation, officers, by January. The recommendations would cost almost \$3.1 million.

In addition, the state would increase spending on substance abuse, sex offender and mental illness counseling programs at prisons by nearly \$4.1 million. The Department of Corrections originally proposed increasing spending \$8.2 million, to take care of what its officials have said is a waiting list of inmates who need the programs to be paroled.

"I think we're going to heavy on that," said Rep. Don Mainey, D-Topeka, said of the agency's recommendations. "I think we need some information."



Sprucing up

A city employee was busy this morning applying a fresh coat of paint to the inside of the east shelterhouse at City Park. (Blade photo by Chris Black)



Bombardier sworn in

Appoint Layton to fill vacancy

Isadore Bombardier this morning took the oath of office for city commissioner. He was elected last week in an uncontested race to fill D. L. Layton's vacancy. Layton had announced he would not seek reelection.

Bombardier took his place on the commission and nominated D. L. Layton to fill the vacancy left by resigned mayor Rod Howard. The commission approved Layton's appointment and he was sworn in. His term runs to April 19, 1989.

The commission had put a notice in the newspaper requesting interested persons to submit a written response expressing their interest to serve on the commission. No one submitted a letter of interest.

City Attorney David Retter said a group of city officials and community members will go to Topeka tomorrow for a committee meeting with legislators to continue the effort to locate a prison in Concordia.

Utilities director Jim Mosher said drilling has begun on test well sites and though results of samples are not yet in, they will be given at a future meeting.

The commission will reorganize at their April 20 meeting.

The commission adjourned to a study session at 11 a.m. April 13.

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City grants extension

The Concordia city commission yesterday granted a 10-day extension to John Shuler, 504 E. 10th St., who has not yet removed an abandoned car described as a nuisance. Shuler now has until April 21 to remove the nuisance.

The commission appointed Greg Uthus to a four-year term on the Library Board. Uthus is filling an unexpired term which ends April 30, 1988.

Isadore Bombardier, elected to the city commission April 5 to fill

the position vacated by D.L. Layton, will be sworn at 11 a.m. April 11. Greg Hattan conducted the meeting.

City Manager said he and others from the city Thursday would be going to a special meeting in Topeka to find out more about Endell's plans regarding the building of one 1200-bed prison in Kansas as opposed to two prisons.

The commission adjourned to 11 a.m. April 11, 1988.

Insurance with Brooke Insurance.

The Cloud County Board of Commissioners Monday met with chairman Jack Paulsen, members Roger Nelson and Mark Morgan, and county Clerk Betty DeWitt present.

A. J. Detrixhe, chairman of the prison information committee, requested information on the costs of prison facilities, utilities, and roads, and the sources of funds. The board told him no county funds have been spent on efforts to locate a prison here and that no county funds have yet been committed to a prison. The board referred Detrixhe to the city of Concordia for estimates on various expenses.

Two Separate Correctional Facilities Favored by Endell

A large delegation of Concordia businessmen and professionals accompanied members of the Concordia Prison Decision Task Force to Topeka Tuesday to attend the Legislature's special committee on prison overcrowding. The group presented the special committee with petitions containing over 1,000 signatures in support of a prison to be located near Concordia.

Kansas Secretary of Corrections Roger Endell has proposed construction of a 400-bed industrial work center at Hutchinson, the conversion of Norton State Hospital into a prison, the expansion of the Ellsworth Correctional Facility and the construction of a work camp at Stockton. In addition, he has presented plans for building a 700-bed prison in the Sedgwick County area and a 500-bed prison at the site to be determined.

There has been some discussion of constructing one

larger facility instead of two smaller ones, due to costs of construction.

According to Endell, double bunking the inmates instead of single bed cells would save money. Approximately \$16 million dollars could be saved by double bunking 80 percent of the inmates in two smaller facilities. He continued that savings of \$21 million dollars could be realized with construction of one large facility double-bunking 80 percent of the inmates.

Endell pointed out, however, that the larger institution would be more difficult to control the inmate population.

Senator Ross Doyen affirmed to the Concordia delegation that he believes Concordia is "still in the running" for one of the smaller institutions.

The legislative committee will reconsider the proposals in two weeks and make their recommendations.

Commissioners refer Detrixhe to city

David Retter, Kirk Lowell, Fred Dunshie, Robert Walsh, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hatfield attended the meeting.

Applications for County Soil Conservation District cost-share projects were accepted for Vern Carver, Elizabeth Chrusciel, Alma Swenson, and Ruth Pratt Peterson.

Joint road-waterway use permits were approved for Kenneth Sanford, Cecil Brunell, and James Lervold.

Paul Koehn presented a contract from the Community Resources Council for use of alcohol tax funds which will be discussed at a later date.

Deputy County Appraiser Judy

Lambert and Field Supervisor Mike Dallman of Sooner Professional Appraisal, reported on the progress of the reappraisal program.

Mike Derousseau, custodian, discussed the drapery expenditure at the courthouse and said that assistant custodian Todd Nicholson resigned effective April 15.

Ross Olson discussed the county insurance committee and the flexible benefits cafeteria plan.

County Attorney Robert Walsh discussed the rights of county commission members to hold opinions and perform actions as individual citizens and not representing the county board.



OATH ADMINISTERED—Newly elected City Commissioner Isadore Bombardier, left, was officially sworn into office by City Clerk Verna Scott at a special meeting Monday. Retiring

Commissioner D. L. Layton and Commissioner Greg Hattan are observing the ceremony. Layton was then appointed to fill the unexpired term of Rod Howard who resigned.

4-14-88 (Kansan photo)

Bombardier Sworn In; Layton Fills Vacancy

It was a shuffle of the chairs at Monday's City Commission meeting. Isadore Bombardier was administered the oath of office by city clerk Verna Scott, to officially make him a new member of the Concordia City Commission. Bombardier is filling the seat being vacated by D. L. "Heavy" Layton. Layton completed his first three-year term of office and did not seek re-election. Prior to the swearing-in of Bombardier, the former Commissioners accepted the election results as submitted by County Clerk Betty DeWitt.

Following the new commissioner's oath of office, he nominated retired commissioner Layton to fill the vacancy created on the commission by Rod Howard's resignation. Acting chairman

Greg Hattan seconded the motion and Layton agreed to serve the one-year term remaining on the Howard position.

It was reported the vacant position had been advertised by the city and they had not received any applicant interested in serving on the commission.

The commission set April 13 at 11 a.m. for a study session and a reorganizational meeting for April 20 at 4 p.m.

Dave Retter, city attorney, informed the commission that a group of individuals and professional people were planning to be in Topeka on Tuesday to meet with legislators to continue the effort to secure a prison for the community.

Endell favors two facilities



Roger Endell

...."I strongly recommend two separate facilities."

Kansas Secretary of Corrections Roger Endell this morning told the Legislature's special committee on prison overcrowding that he preferred building two smaller facilities rather than one large facility.

Endell made the statement when asked by Sen. James Francisco, D-Mulvane, what he would recommend as a professional. "Mr. Secretary, if you had your preference of facilities, and I don't mean to back you up against a wall, which would you prefer — one big facility or two smaller facilities," Francisco asked?

Endell said, "In my professional opinion and if the state of Kansas is to address the problem professionally, I strongly recommend two separate facilities."

Endell told the committee that the difference in cost between building two smaller facilities and one larger facility with 80 percent of the inmates double bunked is only \$4.6 million, while the difference in cost

between two plans with all inmates in single bed cells would be \$11 million.

Endell said that a savings of \$11 million dollars can be realized by double bunking 80 percent of the inmates if two smaller facilities were to be constructed. He added that the savings would be \$21 million if the state constructed one large facility with 80 percent of the inmates double bunked.

From the beginning Endell has told members of the Concordia Prison Decision Task Force that he favored building two smaller facilities because the larger the institution the more difficult it becomes to manage the inmate population. He has said that a 500 bed facility is just about optimum for inmate management, while 700 is about as many as he would feel comfortable with as a professional.

Members of the Concordia task force are attending the special committee's meeting in Topeka today.

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NOTICE

The City of Concordia wishes to notify all property owners with property adjacent to the abandoned railroad property that is the property owners' responsibility to keep the weeds and other growing vegetation cut along the former railroad right-of-way. If it becomes necessary for the City to mow the weeds, the costs will be assessed against the property.

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CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS
TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT
 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1988 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1988

FUNDS	OLD		WARRANTS	NEW
	BALANCES	RECEIPTS		BALANCES
General	437,832.87	432,375.35	275,518.95	594,689.27
Library	4,994.41	40,530.15	14,000.00	31,524.56
Recreation	5,645.56	5,604.89	-0-	11,250.45
Industrial Development	31,815.93	10,266.90	4,525.56	37,557.27
Noxious Weed	3,081.56	2,936.32	-0-	6,017.88
Special Highway	39,741.65	33,706.27	27,334.92	46,115.00
Federal Revenue Sharing	14,366.61	-0-	-0-	14,366.61
Employee Benefit	46,068.99	97,127.07	63,519.18	79,676.88
Library Employee Benefit	28.27	6,239.07	5,000.00	1,267.34
911 Emergency Telephone System	642.58	1,953.16	433.53	2,162.21
Special Utility Cost	63,193.06	55,385.83	29,554.60	89,024.29
Special Park & Recreation	8,987.16	2,843.73	193.94	11,636.95
Special Alcohol Program	570.28	2,843.74	-0-	3,514.02
Special Street Machinery Reserve	27,005.00	3,000.00	2,400.00	27,605.00
Special Fire/Ambulance Reserve	32,704.72	3,000.00	-0-	35,704.72
O.U.I. Funds	2,251.65	495.00	-0-	2,746.65
Economic Development Grant	58.80	-0-	-0-	58.80
K-9E Highway Improvement	2,415.09	-0-	-0-	2,415.09
K-9M Highway Improvement	-0-	-0-	672.00	-672.00
Bond and Interest	39,810.48	124,848.23	-0-	164,658.71
Street Projects	2,281.05	-0-	-0-	2,281.05
Waterline Projects	9,055.20	50,183.04	56,949.56	2,288.68
Water/Sewer Operating	379,282.72	175,322.98	194,529.76	360,075.94
Water/Sewer Bond Reserve	26,520.89	-0-	-0-	26,520.89
Water/Sewer Connect Fees	13,140.51	1,089.35	-0-	14,229.86
Water/Sewer Equipment Reserve	24,000.00	3,000.00	-0-	27,000.00
Inventory Revolving	-0-	4,599.22	5,157.50	558.28
City Clerk's Cash Drawer	300.00	-0-	-0-	300.00
State Withholding	-0-	2,200.27	2,200.27	-0-
Cemetery Endowment	35,831.00	-0-	-0-	35,831.00
Cloud County Landfill	-0-	13,488.00	13,488.00	-0-
Payroll Fund	-0-	236,060.35	236,060.35	-0-
O'Connor Small Animal Shelter	35,224.71	418.98	2,616.87	33,026.82
Central Garage Revolving	-0-	-0-	6,398.81	-6,398.81
TOTALS	1,285,950.75	1,309,517.90	940,551.80	1,655,916.85
AVAILABLE CASH:		LIABILITIES:		
Cloud County Bank & Trust	79,785.85	General Obligation Bonds	2,510,000.00	
Investments	1,575,831.00	Temporary Notes	140,000.00	
Clerk's Cash	300.00		2,850,000.00	
	<u>1,655,916.85</u>			

I, Rebecca Leon, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Rebecca Leon
 Rebecca Leon, City Treasurer

Thursday that they have the plan to hire Ursula Meese at \$40,000 a year with money donated by the Bender family foundation.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday that a partnership headed by Howard Bender won a \$50 million lease on Justice Department offices after the Bender Foundation put up the money to pay Mrs. Meese's salary at the MS society.

Meese, in Atlanta to attend a drug conference, was asked by a reporter about the matter but declined to comment. During a later stop at an Immigration and Nationalization Service center in Decatur, Ga., he turned aside several questions about the lease arrangement, saying "that's not on the subject of immigration."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Thursday that he knew nothing about the lease but that President Reagan "still has full confidence in Ed Meese."

MS officials have said the Bender Foundation, of which Sondra is president, donated the money in October 1985 to give Mrs. Meese, previously a volunteer, the salary for three years. Mrs. Bender and Mrs. Meese are MS trustees.

Several MS trustees said they did not learn of that arrangement until newspaper accounts appeared in the last two weeks. Others, however, said the board had been advised earlier.

Susan Sikorski, wife of Rep. Gerry Sikorski, D-Minn., said she first learned about Mrs. Meese's salary when her husband read a newspaper account. Mrs. Sikorski, a trustee, said the issue of Mrs. Meese's job was never discussed in any board meeting that she attended.

Another trustee, Rimmel Dudley,

building to be renewed, earning a \$22.6 million profit on a two-year investment. The lease was crucial to the sale, the new owner said.

Berdella pleads innocent to abuse charges

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A man accused of keeping a hitchhiker captive in his home and sexually abusing him has pleaded innocent to felonious restraint, first-degree assault and seven counts of forcible sodomy.

Robert A. Berdella was surrounded by four jail guards as assistant public defender Kent Gipson entered the pleas Thursday. A grand jury indicted the 39-year-old Berdella on the charges last week.

Circuit Judge Alvin C. Randall denied Berdella's motion for bond after hearing testimony from a detective investigating Berdella in connection with two skulls and other undisclosed evidence recovered from his property.

Detective Ashley Hurn said police had found as many as 250 photographs of men in bondage and "more abhorrent means of torture." He said a man shown hanging by his ankles in Berdella's basement appeared to be dead.

Prosecutors on Wednesday filed a motion to seize Berdella's home and its possessions in midtown Kansas City, after Berdella signed the house over to his mother and stepfather last week.

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices declined broadly today, extending Thursday's steep slide.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, down 101.46 points on Thursday, lost .67 to 2,004.97 by 4:15 p.m. today on Wall Street.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by more than 2 to 1 in the overall tally of New York Stock Exchange-listed issues, with 457 up, 1,037 down and 417 unchanged.

Losers among the blue chips included General Electric, down 1/2 40%; Primerica, down 1/4 at 24; Merck, down 1/4 at 158 1/2, a DuPont, down 1/4 at 82 1/2.

An exception was International Business Machines, which rose 2 1/2 113 1/2. Earlier this week, the company reported a first-quarter earnings gain that drew high marks from most analysts.

Texaco rose 3/8 to 47 1/4 in active trading. The company, which recently emerged from bankruptcy protection, voted a 75-cents-a-share quarterly dividend and expanded plans for its restructuring program.

The NYSE's composite index of its listed common stocks fell .6 146.54. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index change, the market value index down 1.10 at 297.82.

Volume on the Big Board came to 177.27 million shares with two hours to go.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — W 111 cars: 1/2 to 4 1/4 lower; No. 2 3.19-3.20 1/2n; No. 3 3.04 3/4-3.44n; red wheat 3.07 3/4-3.16n; No. 3 2.3.15n.

Corn 66 cars: 3/4 higher to 1/4 lb No. 2 white 2.20-2.40n; No. 3 2.35n; No. 2 yellow 1.98-2.05 1/2n; 1.78-2.04 1/2n.

No. 2 milo 3.04-3.26n.
No. 1 soybeans 6.35-6.57 1/2n.
Hoppers 61.00-63.00.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) — Quotations for Friday: Hogs Barrows and gilts compared Thursday 50-1.00 lower; 1-3 220 41.50-42.00, 100 head 42.25; 2-3 1 lb 39.50-40.50. Sows under 1 steady to 50 lower, over 1 steady; 1-2 300-500 lb 33.00; 1-3 lb 36.00.

Concordia Country Club

Special party reservations may be made in advance by contacting the club during open hours.

This year the golf course will be open to members only and there will be no public golf days.

People who desire to join the Country Club and have not been members previously will receive a reduced price membership starting this year. Also available will be installment payments for all types of membership. The types of memberships and their respective fees are as follows:

Social Membership 125.00 plus tax / yr.
(non-golfing)

New Membership 200.00 plus tax / yr.
(includes all privileges)

Regular Membership 300.00 plus tax / yr.
(includes all privileges)

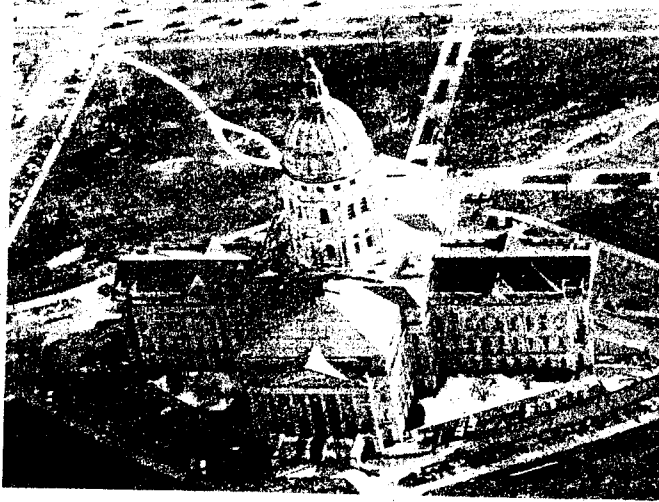


Our Next Major Obstacle To Locating A Prison In This Area

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But It All Depends On
How We Look At It!



A Decision Is To Be Made
A PRISON DECISION

Seymour Building blaze stirs up memories

by SUSAN MARTIN
Blade Feature Writer

A recent early morning fire which destroyed the old Seymour Building was just another blaze to some. To others it brought a lot of memories.

These date back to the days when Sunday dinner chicken was not eaten at a downtown restaurant, nor was it purchased from a local grocery's refrigerated section. If Mother didn't catch it, wring its neck, and proceed from there, she, at least, purchased a chicken which was not as far removed from a country setting as it would be today.

Metz employees did office work, processed cream, candied eggs, cared for live chickens until they took their last journey, plucked feathers, and worked seven days a week during "turkey season."

A large picture in the Clout County Historical Museum basement shows a merry crowd of workers, women in Mother Hubbards and dust caps, men with arms draped about someone, or holding hands with

girls next to them. All look as though they had been tarred and feathered; later pictures show the crews cleaned up for lunch, lacking feathers. There was a shower room for clean up time.

But of feathers there always was an abundance. Marie Burns, whose late husband, Bob, worked there many years, said that she thought many of the former workers who later had lung trouble suffered from the dirt in all those feathers. She worked there a short time.

She said that her husband cared for the chickens in an upstairs area during some years, and that they were fed and watered around the clock to retain weight.

They were kept in "batteries," four layers high, which were brought down as needed by elevator. When emptied these were scrubbed and whitewashed for the next occupants.

Burns said that the chickens (and turkeys in season) were hung so that two men, one on each side, cut their throats and bled them. The chickens were sent on down a line through scalding water, plucked of feathers,

viscerated, and cut into pieces before being packed. Improvements were made as time went on; they were run through hot wax, which was then cooled so that the women could peel it off, removing pin feathers with it. The wax was reprocessed again and again.

An earlier machine, the rougher, had "rubber knobs" which were supposed to help knock off feathers. However, according to Vivian Dochow, a picker had to be extremely careful, else the machine would break the skin and it would darken.

Dochow, who went to work there after graduating from country school, remained until it closed in the '40s. She remembered that everything was put to use. The feathers were washed, dried and packed in long sacks for shipment.

She said that she received three cents per chicken, for the plucking, and she perhaps did 60 a day. In turkey season hours were longer. Employees would work from 6 or 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., go home for supper, and return to work until late at night.

There were no coffee breaks. "If you went to the bathroom the boss took your place until you got back." In later years they received small vacations and Christmas bonuses. During the boom time of World War II she received \$1.25 an hour, a wage so fine that everyone bought war bonds from it.

Mentioning the war made her remember when everyone in the plant went outside to watch German prisoners get off the train across the street. "Some of them looked no more than 12 years old."

Christmas brought a dinner party. But, although turkeys were provided by the company, the women had to take them home and cook them. The dinner usually was held at the present Skyliner location, which had a dance hall upstairs, or at the old VFW Hall. They danced to music from a nickelodeon, and there always was a source from which necessary liquid refreshments were obtained.

Dochow said that she tasted Mabel Doak's sausage dressing, a new recipe for her, at one of the dinners.

One memorable time they went to the country club, which was supposed to prepare the donated turkeys. Something happened. At dinner there was not nearly enough turkey, but a surplus of disturbed guests. Thelma Hogue remembered some who were so disturbed that they passed out on the premises.

Hogue, whose sister also worked there, said that she began work at 29 cents an hour in 1934, and felt she was receiving good pay when she quit in 1937. Her pay then was 89 cents an hour. For this, women wore heavy rubber aprons and boots, stood all day in water on cement floors, and anticipated Sundays. On that day they could wash, iron, clean, bake for the coming week, and be grateful.

Velma Shepard insisted that when she began in 1932 she received three-fourths of a cent for each chicken cleaned. She, her mother and her sister were glad to

get the jobs, and grateful to their neighbor, Art Eakins, for guiding them there. She remained 14 years.

At some date Metz retired and sold to Seymour. Dochow said she candied eggs after the plant no longer took chickens. Seymour had a government contract with the army to provide eggs to Junction City. "You had a round thing with a light and a hole. You put the egg there and looked to see if it was okay to ship." There were some 25 candlers.

Later there was an egg breaking machine which sent the contents into big tankers to be shipped in bulk. Then machines were added in the basement to separate yolks from whites. These went out in 30 gallon cans.

Individual eggs were packed in 30-dozen wooden crates, provided by a box plant in Concordia. However, the company soon went to cardboard cases which a machine put together and stapled. These were patched and mended, never tossed aside.

Dochow said that they received their money in envelopes of cash until 1936 when they were told to get their Social Security numbers. Since this was a new thing, no one bothered. Then one day they were told there was no more pay until they did. Everyone lost no time in complying.

When the plant closed, most found other jobs; a few retired; and still others went with the company to a southern location. Officials said they had to go where the chickens and eggs were to be found.

As Burns reminisced she talked of Concordians, many now dead, who worked in the varied areas. They included: Timmy Menard, Mrs. Cliff Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Mullins, Dave Strait, Bernice Ramsey, Nolan Breault, who was foreman of the picking room, Laura Grittman, Minnie Sjogren, Howard Gehrette, Bob Ermpson and Melvin Cool, three who were among the USDA inspectors who went south when the company moved, Archie and Dolan Martin, and their father, Paddy Velma Gerard, Myrtle and Roy Simpson, Mabel Eakins, Mrs. Everette Mendenhall, Blossom Fisher, Anna Fease, Earnie Vignery, Elwin King, Leonard Chartier, and Andy Anderson. Her husband's father, Cap Burns, was a longtime employee.

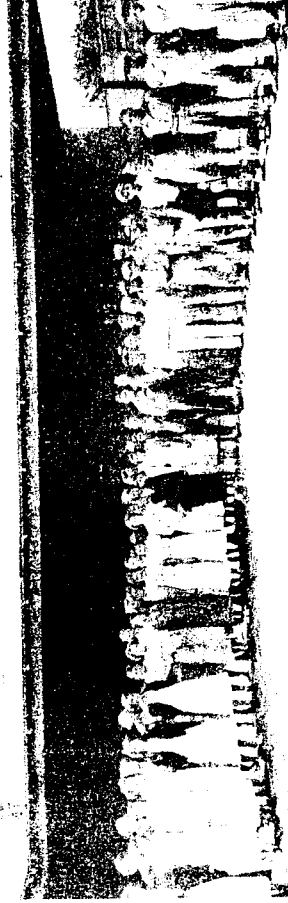
The women recalling these days agreed that everyone generally got along well and became good friends for the most part, sharing in a good bit of practical joking and banter. "You had to laugh to stand the long hours."

Many Concordians lived by the whistles—8 a.m., noon, to signal lunch time, 1 p.m., to go back to work, and 6 p.m. when it was time to head for home. The Catholic Church bell tolled at the same times.

Fried chicken had a much better flavor in those days.

But don't look around for anyone who wants to go back to taste it.

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Who is that third from left?

Old pictures reveal more to those who were in them, and former workers at Metz or Seymour

Produce probably can find themselves in this one. One thing is for sure; that's a lot of chicken pickers.

Each city has different strategy to lure prison

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press Writer
CONCORDIA, Kan. (AP) — Kirk Lowell and Randy Wetmore like to use one phrase when discussing possible local improvement projects, such as turning the sandy banks of the Republican River into a green park. It is "inmate labor."

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City officials also tout its location, near Wichita, the source of about a quarter of the state's inmate population; its proximity to the Kansas Turnpike, and its closeness to the lake which, they said, could provide work for inmates and a good water supply.

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IDA hears report on prison initiative

The Industrial Development Association met for their regular noon luncheon meeting Wednesday at the Thunderbird Restaurant.

President Leon Gennette reported \$11,480 had been raised in the prison finance campaign, plus approximately \$400 in meal service discounts. There will also be additional discounts on Thunderbird Travel and Concordia Travel Motor Coach services as needed.

Dave Retter commented that raising that much money in approximately two weeks for the prison effort made a favorable impression on a number of legislators at Topeka.

Kirk Lowell brought the group up-to-date on the prison efforts and strongly urged everyone that could to board the motorcoach at 3 a.m. April 26 at T.G. & Y. Plaza, for a free breakfast at Thunderbird Restaurant, and on to Topeka to a key meeting by a legislative committee on the prison problem in Kansas. Lowell says a large delegation from Concordia will make a valuable impression on the committee.

Gene Miller reported on his continuing effort to get two additional signs in the right-of-way of U.S. 81 to direct travellers to the NCK Tourist & Travel Center at Airport offices. Gene also said he is working with three industrial prospects and has one he is very optimistic about at this time.

Several suggestions were discussed on how best to focus on Industrial Appreciation Week in June. Final plans will be made at the May 18th meeting.

Gennette said he planned to attend the Northeast Kansas Tourism Region meeting at Wakefield Thursday, April 21.

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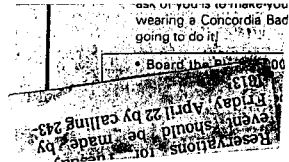
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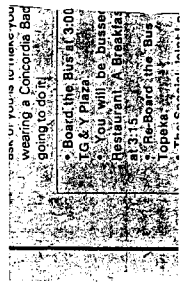
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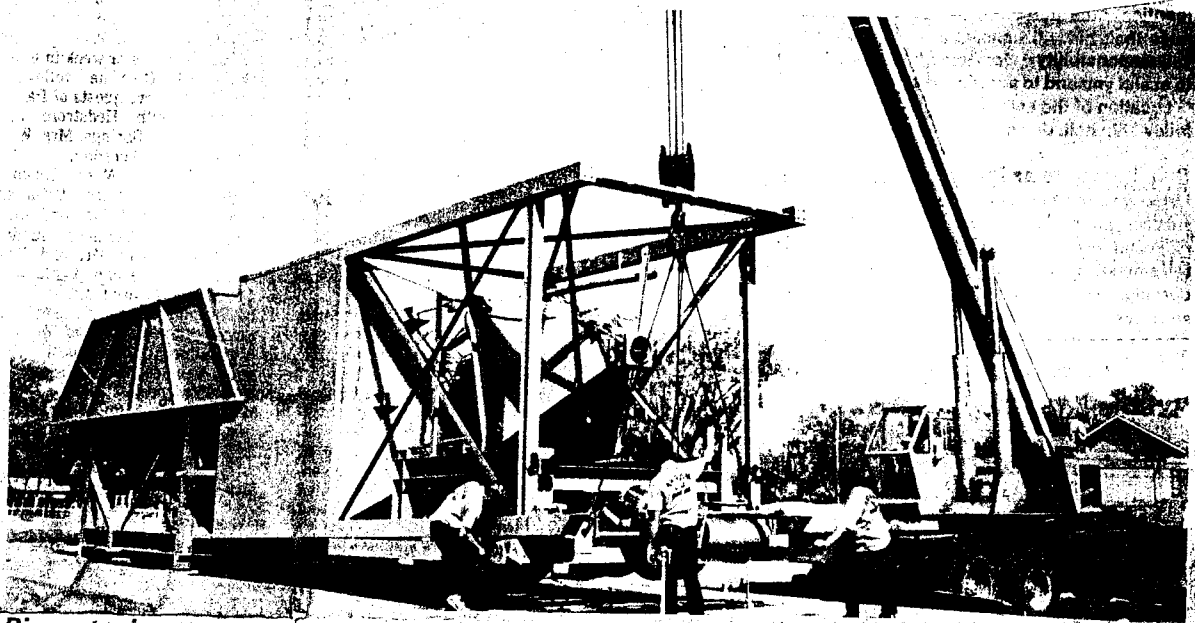
Concordia citizens also feel they need to do something to keep its economy from stagnating, officials said.

"It's taken a while for people to realize that a quiet backwater community is going to go downhill," said Van Norris, chairman of the board of directors of The Bank of Horton. "They've become more and more aware of it as the kids have left. They need something to hold them here."

"We're not a closed community, existing as an island to ourselves. Society has changed."



Board of directors of The Bank of Horton, 50 miles north of Topeka, are wearing a Concordia Bar. You will be Besser Restaurant, A Breakfast at 3:15. The Board of Directors of The Bank of Horton is meeting at the Concordia Bar.



Biggest mixer

Abram Ready-Mix has received shipment on its new portable ready-mix plant. The new plant weighs 42,000 pounds, holds 100 tons of aggregate, and mixes 12 cubic yards of concrete at

a time. The old plant used by Abram Ready-Mix was capable of mixing only four yards of concrete at a time. The new plant is said to be the largest in the United States. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

Hattan chosen mayor; accept engineer's estimate 4-21-88

Greg Hattan was elected mayor yesterday at the Concordia city commission meeting.

Hattan will serve for one year in the position.

Members of the Concordia V.F.W. sold a poppy to Hattan as a kick-off for V.F.W. Buddy Poppy Day, April 23.

Hattan also signed a proclamation for Disabled American Veterans week, beginning May 7. They will be offering forget-me-nots, blue flowers of remembrance, throughout Concordia.

In other business, the commission accepted an engineer's estimate of \$92,072 for KLINK West construction project, of which the city will be responsible for \$43,000. The commission also adopted an ordinance approving the project.

Hattan signed an agreement with the Community Resources Council, which requested \$9,200 in city funds

for programs including public education, money for school district-related programs and agency counseling. The city now receives funds from the State it had not received previously, but these funds must be used for specific programs that meet State guidelines.

An ordinance repealing all sections pertaining to juvenile offenders was passed.

The commission accepted a request for a 20-foot vacation on a lot owned by Ramona Murk to extend her property because her house is situated in the easement. There are no public utilities in the area, and it has a 120-foot right-of-way. The vacation should not cause any difficulties for the city or utilities.

Electrical licenses were approved for several area businessmen.

A 30-day extension was granted to Theodore Hale, who was using part

of Judith Cooley's property at 125 E. 3rd St. without permission, to remove or abate the nuisance created.

Lonnie Kearns requested more patrolling at the park on 2nd St. in north Concordia. He said he doesn't think the area is safe for children or elderly people, and that there have been disturbances which may result in a feud. Police chief Sam Budreau said several arrests have been made in that area, but not at the specific location Kearns described. Budreau said people in that area of town need to call and the police department will respond. Kearns said people he's talked to said they are scared to call.

Kirk Lowell said that the Clay Center city commission passed a resolution supporting Concordia's effort to locate a prison here, and thanked the city commission for their help in the effort to locate a prison in Cloud County.

The city filed their first-quarter investment report, which showed the city receiving \$22,231 in investment earnings, a 32 percent increase over the first quarter of 1987.

The commission accepted a quitclaim deed between the city and Delbert Mendenhall, which releases their responsibility to repay block grant funds used in rehabilitating their house. All grant requirements were met and there was no other responsibility to repay any portion of the grant to the city.

The members of the commission will be in Topeka April 25 and 26 to attend the joint committee meeting on prison overcrowding. They will be gathering information, not formally in session or taking any binding action.

The commission adjourned to 11 a.m. April 27.

Insure with Brooke Insurance.

Task Force To Return To Topeka 4-21-88

The Concordia Prison Task Force will make a return trip to Topeka Tuesday, April 26 in an attempt to secure a 500-bed prison for the area.

Present plans by the committee are to board a bus at the TG&Y Plaza at 3 a.m. Tuesday morning and be bussed to the Thunderbird Restaurant for breakfast. Persons will re-board the bus at 4 a.m. to travel to Topeka.

The Special Joint-Legislative Committee on Problems in Prison Overcrowding will convene at 7:30 a.m. The committee is to address the issue of "new facilities." The recommendations of this committee will be submitted to the legislature for approval.

The Concordia Prison Decision-Committee will be providing the breakfast, bus transportation and dinner free of charge for persons desiring to attend the Topeka meeting with a tour of the Statehouse. Reservations for Tuesday's event should be made by Friday, April 22 by calling 243-1313.

Friday, April 22, 1988



First Poppy

Concordia Mayor, Greg Hattan Wednesday bought the first VFW Buddy Poppy in Concordia this spring. Pictured with Hattan are commissioners D. L. Layton and Izzy Bom-

bardier. Concordia Post 588 VFW Post and Auxiliary members in the picture are Maryjo Stortz, Fedora Nobert, Damian Nobert, Jess Payton and Omar Dutton. (Blade photo by Angela Havel)

Fire damages apartment above restaurant

A fire Saturday at 2:30 p.m. caused considerable damage to an apartment above the Kountry Kitchen at 217 W. 6th, according to Concordia fire chief Philip Schlup.

Schlup said the fire was caused by a natural gas clothes dryer. The fire department is continuing its examination of the appliance.

The building is owned by Ruth Carligen and the apartment was occupied by Jim and Irene Peak, who also own the restaurant on the ground floor.

Although there was smoke and heat damage throughout the upstairs, there was no damage to the restaurant and business will continue as usual, Schlup said.

Schlup said that firefighters were able to confine the fire to the kitchen area of the apartment and that precautions were taken to make certain the fire did not spread to buildings on either side of the apartment and cafe.

Insure with Brooke Insurance.



Respond to alarm

The Concordia fire department responded to a

fire above the Kountry Kitchen Saturday afternoon. (Blade photo by Mike Reed)



Yearly maintenance

Workers this morning were repairing drainage blocks along the sides of the Concordia municipal swimming pool in preparation for the coming season. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

House gives tentative OK to prison projects

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The House gave its tentative approval today to half of a package of proposed prison projects designed to reduce overcrowding in the state's corrections system.

The House endorsed two projects, a \$6.1 million plan to build a 400-bed industrial work complex in Hutchinson and a \$500,000 proposal to build a 110-bed corrections honor camp in Stockton, in northwest Kansas. The measure containing the projects was advanced to final action on a voice vote, and a final vote is expected Thursday.

The chamber's action represents the next step in what has become a somewhat tortuous journey for a bill that once contained \$22.4 million for four projects. The House has paired the bill down because of some lawmakers' concerns about some of the projects and their costs.

The bill also part of a larger, \$68.2 million plan advanced by Corrections Secretary Roger Endell to decrease prison overcrowding. Endell wants to add more than 2,500 beds to the state's prison system.

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The Hutchinson proposal calls for purchasing a former mobile home plant for \$600,000 and spending another \$5.5 million to renovate it. Endell has said the new facility could allow the state Department of Corrections to expand work programs for inmates.

Rep. Bob Ott, R-Salina, said the project also would allow the state to move minimum-security inmates from the penitentiary and provide adequate space for work programs.

But some lawmakers had questions about the project. Rep. Kathleen Sebelius said she didn't think it was clear what programs, specifically, would be at the new institution.

"What are those 400 people going to be doing?" she said.

Originally, the measure contained \$9.2 million to expand the planned Ellsworth Correctional Facility from 352 beds to 512 beds and \$6.6 million to convert Norton State Hospital to a prison. All four projects were in the bill when the Senate passed it during the final days of the Legislature's regular session more than two weeks ago.

An attempt to reinsert the projects into the bill is expected when the House and Senate negotiate over its contents.

"I was suprised they didn't go ahead and try to put them back in (today)," said House Minority Leader Marvin Barkis, D-Louisburg.

Legal Notices

(First published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on April 29, 1988.)

RESOLUTION NO. 861

A RESOLUTION pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750, et seq., as amended, concerning the possible existence of a dangerous or unsafe structure in the City of Concordia, Kansas, and ordering a hearing thereon.

SECTION 1. The Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas has received a statement in writing dated April 27, 1988, from the City Manager of said city that there exists within said city a dangerous and unsafe structure described as follows: A structurally failing building with most of the roofing missing and many roof rafters and support members missing or rotten beyond repair. The structure also does not have adequate foundation and is not feasible to repair or safe for occupancy, situated on real estate described as follows: Lot Twelve (12), Block One Hundred Eighty-eight (188), in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

SECTION 2. Upon consideration of the said written report, the Governing Body of said City has considered and deemed it advisable to conduct a hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750, et seq., as amended. At said hearing the owner, the owner's agent, any lienholders of record, and any occupant of said structure may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished. The following ownership interests appear of record:

OWNER: Charles F. Robbins
OWNER'S AGENT: Norma Jean Bradley, daughter
LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD: None
OCCUPANTS OF RECORD: None

SECTION 3. The hearing shall be conducted in the City Commission room, Second Floor, City Hall, 6th & Lincoln, Concordia, Kansas at 4:00 o'clock p.m., on the 15th day of June, 1988.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to give notice of this hearing as required by law.

PASSED by the Governing Body and signed by the Mayor this 27th day of April, 1988.

(Seal)
ATTEST:
/s/Verna Scott, City Clerk

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Washington in brief

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The General Accounting Office, in a report issued Monday, Air Force contractors were given more than \$6 billion in "government furnished material" during 1986, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

Normally, the materials are supposed to be provided by contractors but the Pentagon has the option of supplying the materials when the government's best interest.

The GAO said the service should tighten up its controls.

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Prison parole bill back to committee

By JOHN HANNA
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TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The House rejected today a parole bill designed to help reduce prison overcrowding because it did not contain a provision designed to make it harder to parole some violent criminals.

Overall, the bill is designed to make it easier to parole most inmates. It would increase by 25 percent the amount of time off a sentence a prisoner can receive for good behavior.

However, the House had added a provision that would require a unanimous vote by the state's three-member parole board before a person convicted of a Class A or B felony could be paroled. Those crimes are the most violent and include murder and rape.

The Senate deleted the provision, and the bill went to a joint conference committee.

However, Rep. Robert H. Miller, R-Wellington, attempted to have the House concur in the Senate's amendments to the bill. His effort failed, 48-76, sending the measure back to the conference committee.

Miller, chairman of the conference committee and the House Federal and State Affairs Committee, said negotiators on the negotiating panel asked him to attempt the vote, as a part of the support for the parole board provision.

However, he still urged his colleagues to accept the Senate's changes, which would have sent the bill to Gov. Mike Hayden.

"It is almost all of the non-bricks and mortar solution (for the overcrowding crisis)," Miller said. "I don't think we want to lose sight of that."

The parole board currently has a policy requiring a unanimous vote to parole an Class A or B felon. However, the policy is not set in state laws, and a Sedgwick County District Court judge ruled in December that it was therefore unconstitutional.

The parole board adopted the policy in 1983 after an Iola man, Nathaniel "Yorkie" Smith, was convicted of murdering three people and brutally attacking another person near Iola. The crimes were committed less than three months after Smith had been paroled.

"Class A and B felons, of course, are murderers and rapists," said Rep. Ed Rolfs, R-Junction City, who wanted to send the bill back to the conference committee. "I think we added this as a protection."

As of April 1, the state's prison housed more than 5,800 inmates in buildings for which the designated operating capacity is 3,886 prisoners. Supporters have said the bill could result in the parole of an additional 200 inmates a year.



FIRE UNDER CONTROL—Concordia firemen quickly extinguished a fire Saturday afternoon in the apartment above the Kountry Kitchen Restaurant in downtown Concordia. Jim and Irene Peak live in the upstairs apartment. The alarm was sounded about 2:30 p.m. The fire reportedly started in a gas clothes dryer at the rear of the apartment. Fire fighters quickly extinguished the blaze

but were concerned with smoke filtering from the rafters of the buildings adjacent to the cafe. However, further inspection of the premises showed they had confined the area to the apartment which was heavily damaged by smoke. By their aggressive actions and minimum use of water, the restaurant was open for business as usual on Monday morning. (Kansas photo)

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Endell critical of lack of action by special prison panel

By JOHN HANNA

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Endell told reporters after the meeting that he felt lawmakers had strongly questioned his professional judgment. Also, he said Hayden's staff had not discussed with him the possibility that the Legislature might study prison construction projects instead of approving a project.

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"I'm going to have to think about what's happened over the last two days," Endell said. "I am going to have to reassess whether I can maintain the confidence of the legislative and executive branches."

Proposed new construction is a key part of a \$60.2 million plan Endell has advanced for reducing prison overcrowding. However, many lawmakers have said they consider the construction of 1,200 new beds too expensive.

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Endell has remained adamant in his belief that the Legislature needs to consider building one or two new prisons with a total of 1,200 beds. He has said he would like legislative approval this session so that the state Department of Corrections can begin the projects as soon as possible.

Senate President Robert Talkington, R-Topeka, the chairman of

the special committee, and House Speaker Jim Braden, R-Clay Center, said they thought the state needed to build at least one new prison, with at least 700 beds.

"I don't particularly prefer it that way, but I will go along with it," Talkington said of the committee's recommendation.

However, some of the committee's members said they were concerned about acting too quickly. Senate Minority Leader Michael Johnston, D-Parsons, noted that the committee and the full Legislature already have approved other measures, such as expanding counseling programs and other institutions, to reduce prison overcrowding.

"I have not been convinced that this is something we have to do and have to do now," Johnston said. "We have before us an order of the court, and we've taken action to meet the order of the court, in my opinion."

Sen. Gus Bogina, R-Lenexa, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee offered the compromise.

Of the total planning funds, \$100,000 would be appropriated

immediately, with another \$400,000 available with the approval of the State Finance Council, which is made up of legislative leaders and acts for the Legislature when it is not in session.

"It seems to me that my motion is where it should be," Bogina said.

However, Endell said he had expected more support from lawmakers, given the expressed feelings of legislative leaders. Endell said Monday he could accept the Legislature's approval of only 700 new beds if lawmakers were committed to future expansion.

"I expected to see people with fortitude pushing it as far as possible," Endell said. "I'm not in too good a humor right now."

Endell has given the Legislature two options for new construction. One calls for building a single, 1,200-bed prison in the Wichita area. The other calls for building a 700-bed prison in Sedgwick or an adjacent county and a 500-bed prison at another, undetermined site.

Endell said that a 700-bed prison would cost \$36.6 million to build, if

some planning costs were included. Previously, he had estimated that a 1,200-bed prison would cost the state \$57 million, but Endell said Monday it would cost almost \$42.8 million.

Endell described his original cost estimates as a rough ones and said his agency has been consistently revising its plans. As the plans become more specific, they have a tendency to decrease in cost, he said. Ironically, Endell presented a report with the lower estimates to legislative leaders shortly after Hayden formally proposed that the state build only a 700-bed prison in the Sedgwick County area. Hayden's proposal was part of a 73-page amendment to his proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

The plan does not call for spending any money for construction until fiscal 1990 when \$700,000 in bond payments would be made.

Katty Peterson, Hayden's press secretary, said Monday that the governor has not backed away from his previous endorsement of a 1,200-bed prison and would be willing to push for more beds in the future if they were necessary.

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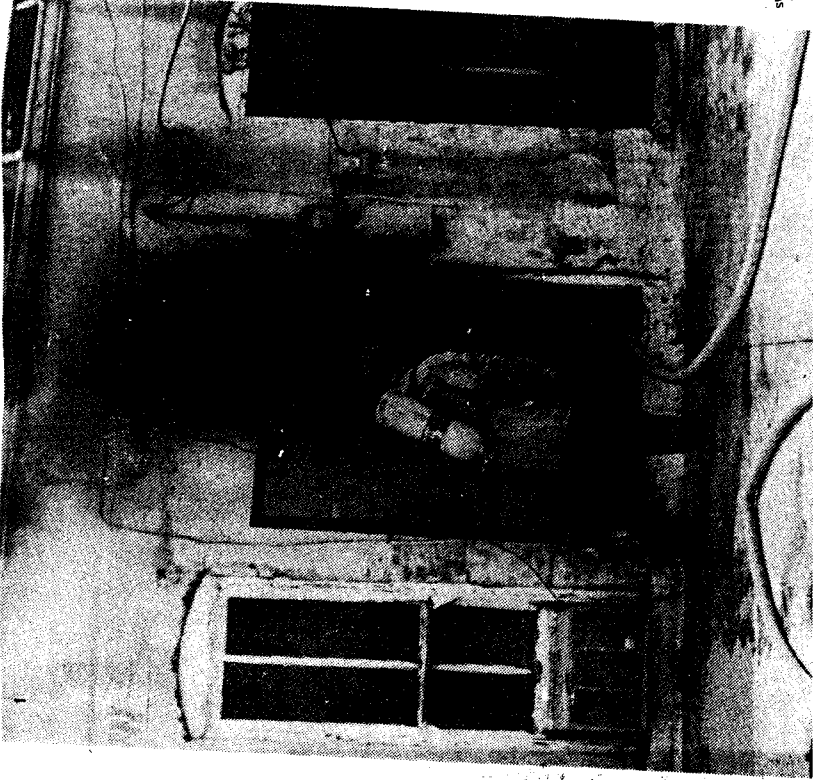
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AN ORDINANCE designating the Concordia Blade-Emple on April 28, 1988.
The City Limits as a main thoroughfare and improvement of the City of Concordia, Kansas.
ORDINANCE NO. 2532
from Cedar Street West
to the City main thoroughfare.
The City of Concordia, Kansas.
Published in the Concordia Blade-Emple on April 28, 1988.



Legal Notices

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NOTICE

Please take notice that on June 15, 1988 at 4:00 o'clock p.m., in the City Commission Room, Second Floor, City Hall, 6th & Lincoln, Concordia, Kansas, the City Commission of the City of Concordia, Kansas will conduct a hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750, et seq., as amended, concerning unsafe or dangerous structures. The City Commissioners of said City have received a written report as provided by law, stating that the following described structure may be dangerous or unsafe: A structurally failing building with most of the roofing missing and many roof rafters and support members missing or rotten beyond repair. The structure also does not have adequate foundation and is not feasible to repair or safe for occupancy, situated on real estate described as follows:

Lot Twelve (12), Block One Hundred Eighty-eight (188) in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

The following persons have interests in the above described real estate:

OWNER: Charles F. Robbins

OWNER'S AGENT: Norma Jean Bradley, daughter

LIENHOLDERS OF RECORD: None

OCCUPANTS OF RECORD: None

At said hearing, the owner, the owner's agent, any lienholders of record, and any occupant of such structure may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.

Verna Scott, City Clerk
City of Concordia, Kansas

(First published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on April 29, 1988.)

RESOLUTION NO. 861

A RESOLUTION pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750, et seq., as amended, concerning the possible existence of a dangerous or unsafe structure in the City of Concordia, Kansas, and ordering a hearing thereon.

SECTION 1. The Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas has received a statement in writing dated April 27, 1988, from the City Manager of said city that there exists within said city a dangerous and unsafe structure described as follows: A structurally failing building with most of the roofing missing, and many roof rafters and support members missing or rotten beyond repair. The structure also does not have adequate foundation and is not feasible to repair or safe for occupancy, situated on real estate described as follows:

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SECTION 4. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to give notice of this hearing as required by law.

PASSED by the Governing Body and signed by the Mayor this 27th day of April, 1988.

TESTE:
s/Verna Scott, City Clerk

/s/Gregory L. Hattan, Mayor
APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/David E. Retter, City Attorney

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Wal-Mart to Open in Concordia

According to a published report in Thursday's Beloit Call, Wal-Mart will locate in Concordia.

The Concordia location was confirmed by a telephone conversation with a Wal-Mart real estate manager in Arkansas.

The location of the new facility has not been announced at this time by Wal-Mart officials, but it is anticipated the facility will be located in the present TG&Y building.

Chamber of Commerce Concordia's Information Center

Commission Reorganizes; Hattan Named Mayor

It was reorganization time when the Concordia City Commission met Wednesday afternoon. Commissioner Greg Hattan was elected mayor and will officially represent the commission.

In other business, the commissioners accepted and approved the engineer's estimate for the KLINK West Project from Cedar Street to the city limits. The engineers cost if \$92,072.25 with the city's responsibility for 53.30 percent of the project.

Approval of an ordinance relating to juvenile traffic offenders was granted by the commission. With the change, the city ordinance now complies with state law.

Mayor Hattan was authorized to sign an agreement with the Community Resource Council for the expenditure of state funds. It is anticipated the council should receive about \$11,368.

The commission approved a request for vacation of an easement at 1702 Broadway by Ramona Murk. A 20-foot vacation was requested as the Murk residence is located in the easement.

Approval was given by the commission on several electrical license applications. The extension of 30 days each was also approved the commission on properties at 130 East Second and 125 East Third. A quitclaim deed between the City and Delbert Mendenhall was also approved by the commission.

Several members of the Concordia VFW and Auxiliary were present to witness the

signing of a proclamation declaring April-23 as VFW Buddy Poppy Day. Delbert Kieffer, Clifton, was also present for the signing designating the week of May 7 as Forget-Me-Not Week.

Members of the Prison Task Force were in attendance at the meeting and expressed gratitude for the city's support for the possible establishment of a prison in the community. It was reported the Clay Center City Council had signed a resolution supporting the Concordia area's efforts.

Greg Hattan, D. L. Layton, Isadore Bombardier and other City officials along with a large delegation of citizens from the community were in Topeka Tuesday to attend the Joint Committee on Prison Overcrowding.

NOTE—However, in a published report of the Clay Center City Council, it was reported they supported the Washington County prison efforts.

Concordia Prison Delegation Attends Special Hearing

Concordia had a delegation of approximately 90 in Topeka Tuesday morning to attend the special hearing of the Special Prison Committee. The Special Committee recommended that the legislature spend as much as \$500,000 to begin planning construction of a new Kansas prison. The money also would allow study of possible construction projects, after the 1988 legislative session ends.

City extends deadline

The Concordia city commissioners yesterday granted a 60-day extension on a nuisance abatement order issued for the old Seymour building.

City manager Randy Wetmore said that work has begun on the clearing of the property and filling in the old cisterns.

Cloud County Bank & Trust was the low bidder on the renewal of temporary notes to finance the 18th

Street improvement project from Cedar to Republican. Cloud County's bid was 6.74 percent. First National Bank & Trust submitted a bid of 7.48 percent on the \$20,000 note.

Ivon Owen, Jr., 650 E. 18th, was granted a 10-day extension to abate a nuisance at his residence.

The commissioners granted electrical licenses to Dave Retzlaff, Gregg Wiesner and Bob Dykes.

Concordia forecast

Forecast for Concordia and vicinity: Partly cloudy and windy tonight with scattered thunderstorms. Low around 55. Southerly winds 20 to 25 miles per hour. Chance for rain 30 percent. Sunny, windy and mild Saturday. High near 80. Southwest winds 20 to 25 miles per hour.

Ribbon cutting

Jill Franco, 804 Russ, has reported to the Concordia police department that the windshield in her car was broken Wednesday night while it was parked at her residence. Replacement cost is estimated to be \$250.00.

Bike-A-Thon

There will be a Bike-A-Thon for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students Sat., May 14 from 9 a.m. until noon in the Concordia city park, according to co-ordinator Mrs. Lynn Anderson. The event will benefit the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. There will be a free lunch after the Bike-A-Thon.

There will be a one-mile course marked in the city park for bikers to follow. Sign-up and sponsor forms are available at City Hall. Prizes will be given to the riders who collect the most money.

Anyone with questions can contact Mrs. Anderson after 5:30 p.m. at 243-4771.

Windshield broken

A ribbon cutting and open house for the new addition at Mount Joseph will be at 9 a.m. Monday, May 9.

Theft reported

Robert Clark, 201 E. 3rd, has reported to the police department that sometime last weekend a Pentax K-1000 camera was stolen from his residence. The value of the camera was set at \$105.00.

Will test hydrants

The Concordia fire and water departments will be testing and flushing fire hydrants next week.

During this annual program the hydrants are tested for reliability and the water lines are flushed to eliminate mineral deposits. The flushing can cause cloudy or colored water for short periods of time and the washing of clothes is discouraged in the area of flushing operations.

The schedule for the week is:
Monday—Strain Ave. through 5th Street.

Tuesday—6th Street through 5th Street.

Wednesday—8th Street through 10th Street.

Thursday—11th Street through 13th Street.

Friday—14th Street to city limits.

Flushing will begin at 6 a.m. each day and continue until the day's schedule is completed.

Will carry torch

On June 4, 18 runners from the Concordia and Beloit police departments and the sheriff's departments from Mitchell and Cloud counties will participate in the Law Enforcement Torch run which will help raise money for the Special Olympics.

The runners will run from the Nebraska border south on U.S. 81 to the Ottawa County line to link-up with runners from Salina.

Last year 80 law enforcement agencies participated with 133 law enforcement officers carrying the torch 1,300 miles on Kansas highways to raise \$55,000 for the Kansas Special Olympics.

Representatives from the Concordia police department will be contacting businesses and organizations for contributions to the activity. Individuals wishing to make a contribution should contact Officer Brown at the Concordia police department, 243-3131.

Mayor's breakfast

The mayor's annual prayer breakfast will be May 9 at 7 a.m. at the Thunderbird Restaurant.

The breakfast is being sponsored by the Concordia Ministerial Alliance and the City of Concordia. Included on the program will be mayor Greg Hattan, former mayor D. L. Layton, the Rev. Darrell Silkman, and the Rev. Don Blanton. City manager Randy Wetmore will be master of ceremonies.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$3.00 and can be purchased at City

Jamestown receives \$300,000 grant

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Seven Kansas cities will be sharing \$1.6 million from the state Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program, Gov. Mike Hayden announced today.

They are Augusta, Centralia, Great Bend, Jamestown, Junction City, Norton and Parsons.

The grants will generate another \$4.6 million in private investment for projects designed to create or retain about 266 jobs in the seven communities over an 18-month period, the announcement said.

The program is administered by the state Department of Commerce.

Projects in the seven cities were selected from 11 applications. The grants provide supplemental funding to finance business expansions. Main criteria for being awarded the grants are creation and retention of jobs for low-to-moderate income workers, spurring private investment and community need.

Cities gaining the grants are:

—Augusta, \$300,000, for diversification of Sigma Tek Inc., manufacturer of aircraft control

equipment, to create 47 jobs.

—Centralia, \$300,000, for construction of Centralia Community Health Care Services Inc., a medical arts and retirement complex, to create 38 jobs.

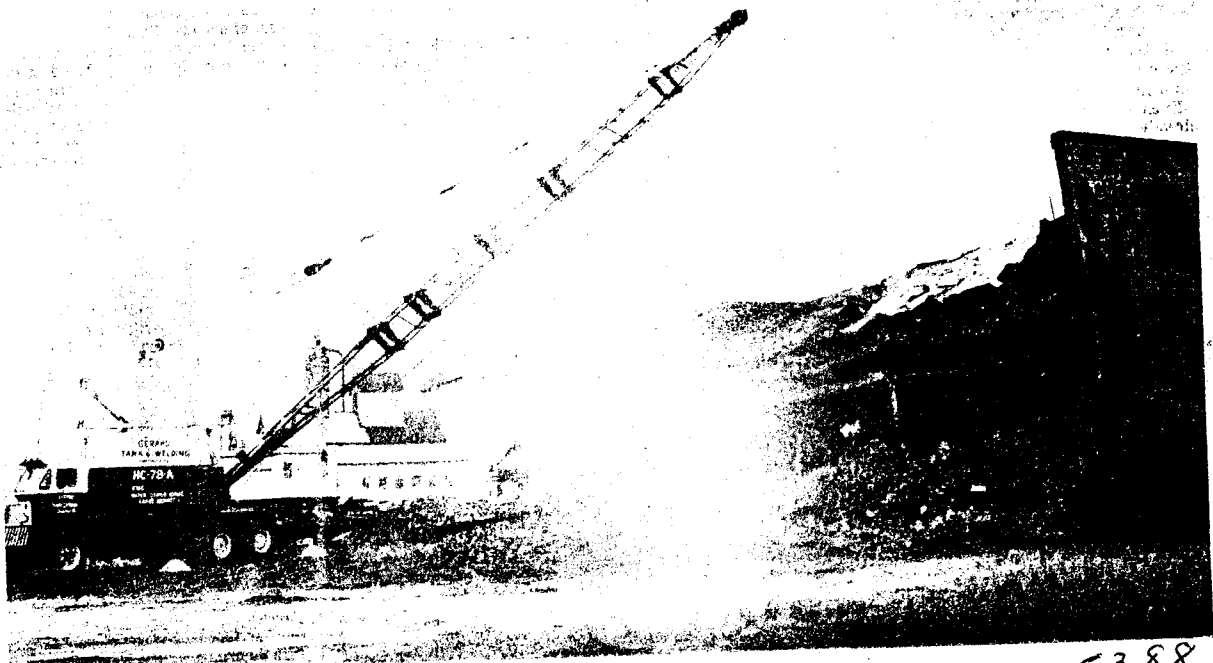
—Great Bend, \$100,000, for expanding Weeksco Inc., which manufactures wet and dry mops, to create or retain 20 jobs.

—Jamestown, \$300,000, to help pay location costs for United Controls Inc., which is a moving from Georgia and manufactures heater vents and controls, creating 26 jobs.

—Junction City, \$300,000, to complete a \$930,000 financing package for Junction City Foundry Inc., creating 60 jobs and retaining 30 more.

—Norton, \$117,000, for expansion of Natoma Corp., which operates a computerized metal fabrication plant that produces parts for the medical industry, adding 12 jobs.

—Parsons, \$181,000, to help with start-up costs for Sunny Development Inc., which will manufacture hospital identification bracelets and disposable bags, creating 33 jobs.



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Demolition time

Gerard Tank and Welding Co. was knocking down the old Seymour Packing Plant building yesterday afternoon. The city

commission had determined the building was unsafe and had directed that it be razed. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

Monday, May 9, 1988

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Ribbon cutting There was a ribbon cutting ceremony this morning to officially open the new 25-room wing at Mt. Joseph Nursing Home. Mt. Joseph also is celebrating its 10th anniversary and National Nursing Home week. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

is clear that without public support, our tasks of solving the dilemma for the State of Kansas would be extremely difficult.

There have been tremendous levels of support and assistance provided to me and to the planning and negotiation process between the executive and legislative branches of government and within the legislative branch particularly.

I appreciate the kind remarks and the moral support when it was most needed. There is clear and convincing evidence of the mutual benefits that can result from a state and local government effort to solve substantial public policy issues.

Since there are far too many people to thank on an individual basis, I hope you will help me by sharing my sincere thanks and appreciation for the excellent level of enthusiasm and support.

Sincerely,
Roger V. Endell
Secretary of Corrections

The property is commonly known as 414 E. 14th.
The public hearing will be held in the City Hearing Room, City Hall, Concordia, Kansas, on the 7th day of June, 1988, at 7:30 p.m.
A hearing will be granted to any and all persons desiring to be heard on this request on the above described property.
Terri O'Connor
Applicant

Verna Scott
City Clerk

Second prison overcrowding lawsuit expected

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"I would be surprised if the litigation was not filed within the next month or six weeks," Rich said.
Chuck Simmons, counsel for the state Department of Corrections, said Rich had told him of the possibility of another lawsuit.
"Frankly, it would not surprise me," Simmons said. "Certainly, the potential is there for more litigation."
The state's prisons house about 5,800 inmates in buildings designed for an operating capacity of 3,886. The penitentiary's population is about 1,000 more than operating capacity; KSIR's is 800 more.

On April 1, U.S. District Judge Richard Rogers, of Topeka, ordered the state to remove nearly 400 inmates from the penitentiary by September because conditions there represented "cruel and unusual punishment."
"The conditions at KSIR are in some respects worse than those at KSP," Rich

order to present to Rogers.
Simmons said the two groups will begin meeting later this week.
"We've arrived at no conclusions in that regard," Simmons said.
Simmons expressed confidence that the two parties could come to an agreement, especially in light of the Legislature's recent actions. The 1988 legislative session ended last week.
"The main concerns at the penitentiary that the plaintiffs raised were related to and the result of overcrowding," Simmons said.

Rich said. "What the court's order asks for is an effort by the parties to come to an agreement to meet the long-term problem. I'm hopeful we will be able to reach such a long-term agreement."
Rich had some praise for the Legislature's actions, but he also expressed concerns because lawmakers decided to put off building a new prison. He said he's not sure legislators provided

enough new bed space to meet future prison needs.
Corrections Secretary Roger Endell had proposed building one or two new prisons with a total of 1,200 beds, but the Legislature only appropriated \$750,000 for planning purposes and agreed a special committee will study where to build a new institution.

"By putting off the construction of a new facility, they limit the extent and the range of future options, partly just because it takes so long to build," Rich said.
Rich also warned that lawmakers and the Department of Corrections should not feel the overcrowding problem has been solved completely because of the Legislature's actions. In fact, he said such an attitude could lead him to ask Rogers to appoint a federal official to run the state agency.

"Many states with problems less severe than those in Kansas are going that route," Rich said.

Extension Granted On Seymour Building

Concordia City Commission granted a 60-day extension following a public hearing on Seymour building as an unsafe facility.
Dave Hetter, city attorney, informed commissioners of the extension and to assist in the antique car show on Saturday.
Greg Hattan to be present at Seymour building as an unsafe facility.
Bill Smith, former commissioner, requested mayor following a public hearing on Seymour building as an unsafe facility.
Burlington-Northern Railroad representatives as to the condition of the facility and their manager, reported the NCK farm show was preparing for the annual show at the armory on Saturday and urged the commissioners to attend.
The Concordia Music Club property and requested an extension of 60 days to finish the project.
The commissioners extended the public hearing until Mayor Hattan sign a proclamation designating May 18 as National Music Week.
Two bids were received for temporary notes for projects on 18th Street and the Cedar to Republican paving project.
Bids were received from Cloud County Bank and Trust for 6.74% and First Bank and Trust for 7.48%. The bid of May 8-14 as National Hospital Week.
Christine Rogers, representing the St. Joseph Hospital, witnessed the signing of a proclamation designating May 8-14 as National Hospital Week.
A nuisance abatement concerning an abandoned vehicle at 850 E. 16th, owned by Ivan Owen, was granted a 10-day extension.
Three electrical licenses were approved by the commission. They were for: Dave Reitzel dba Reitzel Heating, Air Conditioning and Electric; Greg Wisener, dba Wisener Bros. Construction; and Bob Dykes dba B & T Heating and Cooling.
Ron Crow, Central representative, was present at the meeting and addressed the commission to see if his firm could be of further assistance to the city. Crow asked the city for property being annexed into the city. He related his firm was not aware of some property being annexed into the city until some time

Letter From A Friend

City Manager Randy Wetmore
and City Commission
City Hall
Concordia, Kansas 66901

May 5, 1988

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

Please accept this letter as a personal expression of my appreciation for your patience, understanding and enthusiasm for our correctional projects. It is clear that without public support, our tasks of solving the correctional dilemma for the State of Kansas would be extremely difficult.

There have been tremendous levels of support and assistance provided to me and to the planning and negotiation process between the executive and legislative branches of government and within the legislative branch particularly.

I appreciate the kind remarks and the moral support when it was most needed. There is clear and convincing evidence of the mutual benefits that can result from a state and local government effort to solve substantial public policy issues.

Since there are far too many people to thank on an individual basis, I hope you will help me by sharing my sincere thanks and appreciation for the excellent level of enthusiasm and support.

Sincerely,
Roger V. Endell
Secretary of Corrections

Legal Notices

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NOTICE OF HEARING BY THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Concordia Board of Zoning Appeals to consider a sideyard variance on property described as follows:

Lot 5 and East 39' of Lot 6, Block 54

This property is commonly known as 414 E. 14th.

The public hearing will be held in the City Hearing Room, City Hall, Concordia, Kansas, on the 7th day of June, 1988, at 7:30 p.m.

A hearing will be granted to any and all persons desiring to be heard on this request on the above described property.

Terri O'Connor
Applicant

Verna Scott
City Clerk

Second prison overcrowded

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A second lawsuit from Kansas prison inmates, alleging that overcrowded conditions violate their constitutional rights, probably will be filed before July, an attorney for a group of inmates currently suing the state said Monday.

William Rich, also a law professor at Washburn University of Topeka, said he's talked to other attorneys around the state and received complaints from inmates about conditions at some state prisons, particularly the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson.

The Washburn Law Clinic is representing six inmates in the Kansas State Penitentiary in Lansing, whose lawsuit is currently pending. The suit led to a federal judge's order requiring the state to remove nearly 400 inmates from the penitentiary.

"I would be surprised if the litigation was not filed within the next month or six weeks," Rich said.

Chuck Simmons, counsel for the state Department of Corrections, said Rich had told him of the possibility of another lawsuit.

"Frankly, it would not surprise me," Simmons said. "Certainly, the potential is there for more litigation."

The state's prisons house about 5,800 inmates in buildings designed for an operating capacity of 3,886. The penitentiary's population is about 1,000 more than operating capacity; KSIR's is 800 more.

On April 1, U.S. District Judge Richard Rogers, of Topeka, ordered the state to remove nearly 400 inmates from the penitentiary by September because conditions there represented "cruel and unusual punishment."

"The conditions at KSIR are in some respects worse than those at KSP," Rich

said. "I know the state under

Rogers' ruling came in a federal lawsuit, which resulted in a consent decree. Rogers ruled after penitentiary inmates filed a lawsuit. The state was not following the decree to which it had agreed.

Rogers' ruling also led the Legislature to pass a \$39 million of bills designed to reduce overcrowding. The legislation expansion projects adding 900 prison system, expanding corrections programs so that inmates can be released if money to plan the construction of a new prison.

Rogers has ordered that an audit in the case be scheduled for September to assess the state's progress in reducing overcrowding. Rich said the inmates and attorneys try to work out a detailed plan of things the state will do to meet

omission of the clause. It is important.

Adequate notification is already practiced by many unions. And where it is not practiced, the lack of communication can be remedied in specific labor contracts. If organized labor that kind of protection for its members it had better get it. For it is spending time and money to no purpose because of the decline of the unions today.

Another thing that is the matter with the union political issues. And the Democratic party has been disadvantaged. It has lacked a good, tub-thumping candidate to the Republican administration it has one. Now from one end of the country to the other so many of the prerogatives have been ignored, that the Republic is under their hobnail boots. And in a little nicer way than the same thing.

Maybe on this issue George Bush had better disagree with the Reagan administration.

Way to go, Con

Concordia's effort to land the next big project seems locked in to the first stage—wild enthusiasm.

Extension Granted On Seymour Building

Concordia city commissioners Wednesday granted a 60-day extension following a public hearing regarding the structure of the Seymour building as an unsafe facility.

Dave Retter, city attorney, informed commissioners of the extension with Burlington-Northern Railroad representatives as to the condition of the facility and their attempt in clearing the property. The railroad has been working to clear the property and requested an extension of 60-days to finish the project.

The commissioners extended the public hearing until the July 6 meeting for further action.

Two bids were received for temporary notes for projects on 18th Street and the Cedar to Republican paving project. Bids were received from Cloud County Bank and Trust for 6.74% and First Bank and Trust for 7.48%. The bid of Cloud County Bank and Trust was accepted for the \$20,000 note by the commission. The present note was not part of a bond issue, therefore renewal notes were necessary.

A nuisance abatement concerning an abandoned vehicle at 650 E. 16th, owned by Ivan Owen, was granted a 10-day extension.

Three electrical licenses were approved by the commission. They were for: Dave Retzlaff dba Retzlaff Heating, Air Conditioning and Electric; Greg Wiesner, dba Wiesner Bros. Construction; and Bob Dykes dba B & T Heating and Cooling.

Ron Crow, Centel representative, was present at the meeting and addressed the commission to see if his firm could be of further assistance to the city. Crow asked the commission to notify his company of property being annexed into the city. He related his firm was not aware of some property being annexed into the city until some time

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Annual program

Members of the city fire department and city water department this week are testing fire hydrants and flushing water lines as

part of an annual maintenance program. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

Kan. May 12-88 New Fair Manager

Toby Duis, president of the Cloud County Fair Board presided at their meeting May 2 at the Chamber office. Lymon Harrington was named the new fair manager to replace Fred Dunshie who had resigned.

It was reported that The Blade submitted a bid on the Fair paper. Specifications include: 6500 copies of a 24 pg. tabloid (black ink throughout), \$1264.90; color on front and back, \$1451.99. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the bid.

Duis noted that we have not received the letter indicating our non-profit status.

Darrel Hosie discussed cotton growing/certificates. He would like to have a wheat promotion at the fair. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the fair do this. \$125 expense was allowed.

Joni Regnier reported on the Fair Premium Paper. June 1 is copy deadline. July 1 is the print date.

Bonnie Sjogren reported that the open class needs about six more showcases.

A special meeting was called for May 9. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the safety fence for the track.

Doyen Honored Brown Grand has many uses

State Senator Ross Doyer (R) Concordia, was given special recognition by the Kansas-NEA UniServ District, for his efforts to assist teachers and education in the 1988 legislative session.

Senator Doyen was named the UD 114 "Outstanding Legislator" for his instrumental efforts in increasing school funding \$7.5 million over what Gov. Mike Hayden had recommended, his support to improve teacher retirement benefits, and guaranteeing funding for the K-NEA supported Building Based Education legislation.

Kansas-NEA UniServ District 114 is affiliated with the 1.9 million National Education Association and is made up of 25 school districts in an 8-county area that includes Cloud County.

During the election of new officers, Devine Montoya, Concordia, was elected as a member-at-large.

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CONCORDIA, Kan. (AP) — When it opened more than 80 years ago, some considered the red brick and limestone building at the west end of downtown Concordia the finest opera house between Kansas City, Mo., and Denver.

The lush green interior of the Brown Grand Theatre attracted the gentry as well as the working class, and it gave this small north-central Kansas town a place on national theater tours.

Now, after some hard times, the Brown Grand is the pride of Concordia again, even if it is used for purposes its original builders had not envisioned.

"I would look at this as being our only civic center," said the theater's manager, Fran Trost. "We just rent it out to everybody. We even had a cooking school in here."

From 1907 to 1925, the Brown Grand served as a theater. For the next nearly 50 years, it served as a movie theater, until Concordians decided to raise \$500,000 and restore, a project completed in 1980.

The predominant color inside is a dark green — the color of the carpeting in the lobby, the seats and the curtains for the stage. Ms. Trost said the building now looks pretty much as it did when it opened. In fact, the only significant change is in the theatre's seating capacity, which is now 650 people but was listed as 1,000

when it opened.

"Originally, there weren't any seats in the gallery," Ms. Trost said. "You sat on the floor in stair-step seating. They were just shoulder to shoulder up there."

The Brown Grand is a reminder of an era when nearly any Kansas town of any consequence had a building designated as an opera house, said Dick Pankratz, director of historic preservation for the Kansas State Historical Society. Many opera houses were the second and third floors of buildings with stores on the first floor, he said.

"You can assume that almost any county seat had a building called the opera house," Pankratz said. "It was considered the hallmark of a civilization-conscious community."

The impetus to build the Brown Grand came after Concordia's first opera house, LaRocque's, was condemned as a theatre. It was on the second and third floors of a downtown building, above a store and had opened in 1878.

The \$40,000 for the project came from a prominent Concordia resident, Napoleon Bonaparte Brown, who reportedly had arrived in town in 1876 with his wife and two satchels full of money. Brown, a rich man when he came to town, had become even richer after establishing its first bank in 1878.

The theater opened in September 1907, with the "Vanderbilt Cup,"

advertised as "The two-mile-a-minute automobile musical comedy." Concordia became part of the theatre circuit between Kansas City, Mo., and Denver.

"A lot of our shows came on the railroad between the two cities," Ms. Trost said.

The theatre was built so that the well-to-do would not have to mix with the masses. The working-class theatre goers entered the building through separate doors that led straight to the gallery.

Wealthier patrons entered through other doors and never had to come in contact with the people in the gallery, Ms. Trost said. She also noted that the theatre's chairs had pin cushions on the back, to be used by patrons intent on displaying the latest fashions.

"When people used to come, they used to try to outdress each other," Ms. Trost said. "One of the house rules was that ladies had to take off their hats and pin them up."

However, Brown and his son died, and their estate left the opera house to the city in 1912. As the number of traveling road shows declined, the opera house became less profitable, and the city returned it to Brown's heirs in 1916. They sold it to an amusement company in 1925, which operated it until its restoration.

"It was in pretty bad shape," Ms. Trost said. "It had been used as a movie house. It was pink and blue"

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Key to the city

Concordia mayor Greg Hattan presents a key to the city of Concordia to Eldinah Mavuso of Soweto, South Africa. Mrs. Mavuso was in Concordia visiting city clerk Verna Scott. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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"Next time — my place," the guest says to her hostess. And so it is for Verna Scott, Concordia City Clerk.

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The tour will leave at 7:30 a.m. from the Thunderbird Travel office in Concordia.

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Planned stops for the second tour include the Kansas Arboretum in Wakefield, the Rock House Museum in Wakefield and the Eisenhower complex in Abilene.

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More than \$8,000 worth of grants were recommended yesterday by the Duclos Foundation advisory committee.

Grants of \$1,000 were recommended for James Mendenhall, Concordia, and Daniel Snyder, Belleville, to help with losses resulting from fires. Another \$1,000 grant was recommended for Joshua Freeborn, Concordia, for medical expenses.

A grant of \$500 was recommended for Ross Sager, Concordia, to help with medical expenses.

Grants of \$400 were recommended for baseball field and city park improvements at Republic; restroom facility construction at Moose Field in Concordia; Special Olympic Games in Wichita for the Republican Valley Special Olympics team; and a museum ceiling at Scandia.

A grant of \$350 was recommended to help pay for filter replacements at the Miltonvale swimming pool.

Three hundred dollar grants were recommended for Pawnee Mental Health Services to purchase lawn

to critics who said Kansas won because of luck. Slawson said Manning's definition of luck also applies to a college degree.

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be Saturday, May 21 in the Lift Theater of the Cloud County Community College. The program will start at 7 p.m.

"The Prodigal Planet" is a followup of the films "A Thief in the Night," "A Distant Thunder," and "Image of the Beast." Mark J. Pictures is the producer of the series.

The Teens for Christ Rally is in and opened to the public. A free offering will be taken.

For more information about the Teens for Christ Rally or any other NCKTFC activities, including the summer camp program, call Ke Otott at (913) 243-1154. A correspondence should be directed to NCKTFC P O Box 9, Concordia, Mo.

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Tourism brings dollars into Cloud County

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signs will be posted promoting other local attractions. The Concordia Area Chamber of Commerce recently formed a Tourism Committee, currently in the process of establishing ways of funding itself. The Tourism Committee, in cooperation with the Chamber staff and the North Central Kansas Tourist Information Center staff, has recently promoted and guided six tours in Concordia. These tours brought 172 persons to the city from places such as Topeka, Manhattan and Junction City.

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what is stored in the structure. There may be hazardous chemicals or explosive material inside the building. If people or vehicles are too close to the property, an individual may be injured unnecessarily.

"In order to properly fight and extinguish a fire the firefighters need to be able to position trucks, fire hoses and such without worrying about whether or not a vehicle is in the way or if people are nearby."

Despite the problems, Burns said there is a positive side to the outlooks—if caution is used.

"I like to have people see us do our job and know we are out there. It's advantageous for us. But they need to do it from a distance," Burns warned.

Therefore, Wetmore's message for Concordians: "Please stay at least one full block away from any fire."

County lawmen find large marijuana cache

May 25, 1984

Thomas Leopold, 41, rural Miltonvale, was charged this afternoon with possession of marijuana with intent to sell following a May 18 drug seizure.

Approximately 250 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$200,000 were found at a Leopold's residence approximately three and one half miles north of Miltonvale by the Cloud County Sheriff's Department, Concordia Police Department and Kansas Highway Patrol.

Officers originally confiscated approximately 50 pounds of marijuana at the home and out buildings May 18.

According to a Sheriff's Department news release, "that information and additional information resulted in the issuance and execution of a second search warrant."

That search netted approximately 200 pounds of hybrid marijuana and processed marijuana ready for distribution.

Leopold is being held in the Cloud County Jail.

Insure with Brodie Insurance.

Sheriff rams suspect

It took a ram from Sheriff Dean Cairns' four-wheel drive vehicle to finally stop an elusive Concordia resident last night.

After thinking Donald McGeoch, 36, reportedly armed, for approximately 30 minutes, law enforcement officers took the individual into custody. Charges of reckless driving and fleeing and eluding officers were filed this afternoon by Robert Walsh, county attorney. McGeoch is being held in the Cloud County Jail.

"We're going to go the route of mental commitment with McGeoch," Walsh said. "We're going to try to get him into the Topeka State Hospital." Walsh added McGeoch has been a patient there previously.

According to a report by Sam Budreau, Concordia Chief of Police, officers attempted to implement a traffic stop on McGeoch in the 1900 block of Lincoln Street at 7:28 p.m. Tuesday.

When McGeoch aided the stop, police followed and blocked off the entrances to the Alko parking lot, supposedly trapping him.

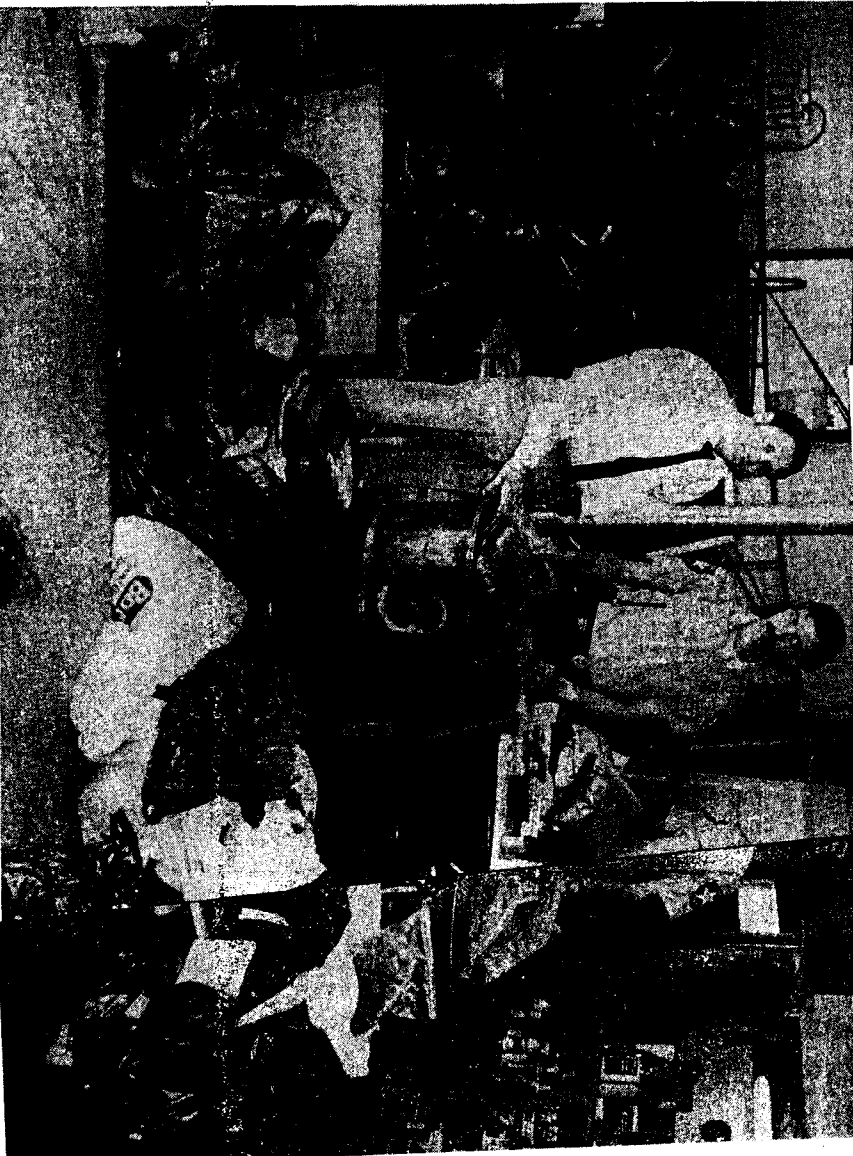
However, McGeoch escaped and nearly ran over one of the police officers on the way out of the lot, Budreau said. The officer jumped onto a patrol car to avoid being hit, the chief said.

According to Budreau, "Three reports then came in that the suspect was armed with a gun as he had it hanging out of the window. A roving surveillance was ordered in an attempt to cool the situation down, but the suspect continued to place the public in jeopardy with another report coming in that he almost ran over a couple of pedestrians."

Budreau and Cairns ordered officers on the scene to take McGeoch into custody because they believed him to be an extreme threat to the public's safety.

At 14th and Lincoln, Cairns successfully immobilized McGeoch's vehicle by ramming it. Police, sheriff and highway patrol officers took him into custody; no weapon was found.

Budreau added that no one was injured in the pursuit.



Display evidence
Cloud County sheriff Dean Cairns, center, along with Concordia Chief of Police Sam Budreau, left, and sheriff's department

officer Kim Demars, right, displaying marijuana found at a Miltonvale farmhouse. Street value marijuana was placed at \$200,000. (Blade photo by Chris.)

Agreement provides for another well site

May 19th

The City of Concordia now has another alternative site to place test wells should more be necessary.

At the City Commission meeting Wednesday afternoon, commissioners approved a development agreement with Keith and Jane M. Christensen and Mary and Kevin Foley to allow for a possible new well.

Randy Wetmore, city manager, said, "Under the agreement, we would have the authority to go onto this property to do some extra test drilling. I don't really think we're going to need it, but we had visited with them (the Christensens and Foleys) earlier, so we've gone ahead with it."

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Howard Vincent, Martin White and Valley Fertilizer were approved. These residents live outside the city limits, were under fire contracts last year and paid the \$100 yearly fee. If a fire arises on their property, the Concordia Fire Department will respond, with an extra fee of \$500. The commission also passed routine appropriations.

David Retter, county attorney, presented a letter from Gov. Mike Hayden responding to Retter's support for the location of a state correctional facility in Concordia.

Hayden said in the letter, "The community support that Concordia has demonstrated is certainly in the city's favor in the process of determining the location for a new state prison. The Legislature adjourned after approving \$500,000 to plan the design of a new facility, and it is my hope that they will ultimately approve funds for the construction of one, and possibly two, new state correctional facilities."

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Curious residents hamper firefighters

May 20th

The shrill siren of the fire engine echoes through Concordia. It seems to have stopped just down the block, so countless curious neighbors and even those from across town grab the car keys and rush to observe the rare incident in this small town. They only want to watch the exciting actions of the firefighters and find out if any injuries occurred—they mean to cause no harm.

But according to Randy Wetmore, city manager, residents watching a recent local fire hampered the efforts of the Concordia Fire Department.

On the evening of May 14, a garage fire blazed at 2005 South Washington. Because of what Concordia firefighter Bob Burns called "crazy psychology," vehicles and witnesses closed streets and were in positions needed by fire department personnel.

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Burns cites one instance that stands out in his mind. In the recent fire above the Kountry Kitchen, downtown Concordia, he chased two businessmen out of the building twice.

"I told them they had a chance of being arrested and finally they listened. I was doing it for their own good," Burns added.

"There are some basic reasons for keeping the area around a fire free of unnecessary vehicles and bystanders," Wetmore said. "The most basic is safety. There are very few fires where the department knows what is stored in the structure. There may be hazardous chemicals or explosive material inside the building. If people or vehicles are too close to the property, an individual may be injured unnecessarily."

"In order to properly fight and extinguish a fire the firefighters need to be able to position trucks, fire hoses and such without worrying about whether or not a vehicle is in the way or if people are nearby."

Despite the problems, Burns said there is a positive side to the onlookers—if caution is used.

"I like to have people see us do our job and know we are out there. It's advantageous for us. But they need to do it from a distance," Burns warned.

Therefore, Wetmore's message for Concordians: "Please stay at least one full block away from any fire. Your cooperation is appreciated."



County lawmen large marijuana

Thomas Leopold, 41, rural Miltonvale, was charged this afternoon with possession of marijuana with intent to sell following a May 18 drug seizure. Approximately 250 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$200,000 were found at a Leopold's residence approximately three and one half miles north of Miltonvale by the Cloud County Sheriff's Department, Concordia Police Department and Kansas Highway Patrol. Officers originally confiscated approximately 50 pounds of marijuana buildings. Accordment n formatio and exe warrant. That s 200 poun processe distribut Leop County.

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It took a ram from Sheriff Dean Cairns' four-wheel drive vehicle to finally stop an elusive Concordia resident last night. After following Ronald McGeoch, 38, reportedly armed, for approximately 90 minutes, law enforcement officers took the individual into custody. Charges of reckless driving and fleeing and alluding officers were filed this afternoon by Robert Walsh, county attorney. McGeoch is being held in the Cloud County Jail. "We're going to go the route of mental commitment with McGeoch," Walsh said. "We're going to try to get him into the Topeka State Hospital." Walsh added McGeoch into

Display evidence
Cloud County sheriff Dean Cairns, center, along with Concordia chief of police Sam Budreau, left, and sheriff's department

officer Kim Demars, right, displaying marijuana found at a Miltonvale farmhouse. Street value marijuana was placed at \$200,000. (Blade photo by Chris.)



Key to the city

Concordia mayor Greg Hattan presents a key to the city of Concordia to Eldinah Mavuso of Soweto, South Africa. Mrs. Mavuso was in Concordia visiting city clerk Verna Scott. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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South African repays visit by Verna Scott

"Next time — my place," the guest says to her hostess. And so it is for Verna Scott, Concordia City Clerk.

One year ago Scott attended the International Institute of Municipal Clerks convention in Ft. Worth, Texas. There she met a group of delegates from South Africa. The concept of an exchange program developed into reality, and Scott and Norma Robbins, Topeka City Clerk, were on their way to Soweto, South Africa.

It was in Soweto that Scott and Robbins met Mr. and Mrs. John Mavuso. Mavuso at that time was with the African National Congress (ANC). No longer associated with that group, Mavuso feels the ANC has become too militant.

Mayor Greg Hattan officially greeted Eldinah Mavuso at a luncheon Thursday noon, giving her the

Mavuso to the group present in the Thunderbird dining room, and gave her a "Concordia" cap and pin. Former mayors A.G. Swiercinsky, Betty Humes, D.L. "Heavy" Layton, and State Senator Ross Doyen watched as Representative Kent Campbell presented Mrs. Mavuso with a pin depicting the Kansas State Seal.

In halting but confident English, Mavuso thanked the group for the welcome and gifts. Holding the key to the city up, she asked the group "Am I going to open heaven?" She invited those present to come to South Africa, declaring "When you come ask for Mr. Mavuso — everybody knows Mr. Mavuso."

Note: Eldinah Mavuso has come to Kansas to attend the graduation of her son from the University of

Duclos Foundation

More than \$8,000 worth of grants were recommended yesterday by the Duclos Foundation advisory committee.

Grants of \$1,000 were recommended for James Mendenhall, Concordia, and Daniel Snyder, Belleville, to help with losses resulting from fires. Another \$1,000 grant was recommended for Joshua Freeborn, Concordia, for medical expenses.

A grant of \$500 was recommended for Ross Sager, Concordia, to help with medical expenses.

Grants of \$400 were recommended for baseball field and city park improvements at Republic; restroom facility construction at Moose Field in Concordia; Special Olympic Games in Wichita for the Republican Valley Special Olympics team; and a museum ceiling at Scandia.

A grant of \$350 was recommended to help pay for filter replacements at the Millonvale swimming pool.

Three hundred dollar grants were recommended for Pawnee Mental Health Services to purchase lawn

help pay expenses for a trip to the U.S.S.R. With the \$8,550.00 worth of grants recommended yesterday the Duclos Foundation has now awarded grants amounting to \$274,215.00 since its inception in 1977.

Duclos Foundation awards grants

care equipment to be used by the work crew; for Hospice of North Central Kansas, Inc. to purchase patient care equipment; Agenda Senior Citizens to purchase floor covering for a senior center; Cloud County Commission on Aging to help fund an Alzheimer's support group's activities; and District 16 Cemetery in Republic County for fencing.

A grant of \$250.00 was recommended for the City of Cuba to be used for city park fencing and a storage building.

The advisory committee also recommended a \$250.00 grant for the Glasco girls softball team to be used to purchase uniforms and equipment.

Grants of \$200.00 were recommended for the City of Randall to repair streets and sidewalks, City of Jamestown for library repairs, Clyde City Library for purchasing encyclopedias, City of Clyde for a shelter house construction project, and the Central Kansas Council of Girl Scouts for camping equipment.

A grant of \$100.00 was recommended for Tandy Trost to be used to

be Saturday, May 21 in the Little Theater of the Cloud County Community College. The program will start at 7 p.m.

The followup of the films "A Thief in the Night," "A Distant Thunder," and "Image of the Beast," Mark J. Pictures is the producer of the series.

The Teens for Christ Rally is free and opened to the public. A free offering will be taken.

For more information about the Teens for Christ Rally or any other NCKTFC activities, including the summer camp program, call Keith Ott at (913) 243-1154.

correspondence should be directed to Mrs. P. O. Box 9, Concordia, Mo.

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of government (including the \$10,000 in tax receipts as a result of travel.

According to Larry Blochinger, president of the Concordia Area Chamber of Commerce, local economic development groups are organizing to better take advantage of this budding industry. The Concordia Economic Development staff is offering will be taken.

Department of Commerce has said it erected six road signs to promote the Brown Grand Theatre. A good possibility exists that other

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Fishing lure business off to promising start

by SUSAN MARTIN
Blade Feature Writer

Once upon a time there was a Denver postal employee, a Vietnam veteran, who had it up to the gills with letters, stamps and city life.

So Larry Wright, a pro-bass circuit fisherman too young to retire and go fishing permanently, quit to come back to Kansas. He needed a livelihood, and what better work could there be than making fishing lures. He talked to his neighbor, Ross Olson, and the resulting partnership is off to a promising start.

Wright talked as he worked in the little building on Olson's farm. Both live south of Concordia on Highway 81. Explaining pro fishing, Larry said that competition is much as in other sports. In 1986 he qualified for a tournament in Paris, Tenn.

The fish which are caught are released back to their habitat. The fishermen, like Ozarkian fox hunters of other days, do not indulge in the sport for the kill.

Neither Wright nor Olson had made his own lures; fishing was more fun than making equipment. But when they began, in January of this year, they determined to do it right.

"At first it was touch and go." They began with one mold and two pounds of lead.

The lead is purchased from plumbers (who remove it from old traps) and from mechanics (who sell it from old wheel weights). They melt it down and cast it into ingots. Larry began by making crappie

jigs, progressing to bass, striped and wall eye. All have lead heads.

The men say they went into this venture determined to stress quality. Everything sold for bass and stripers is hand-tied and uses two-color dyed deer bucktail. This medium does not change reaction, regardless of water temperature; and, unlike plastic or rubber, it does not tangle nor cling together in certain water conditions. Neither does it melt in a tackle box which is left in summer sun.

The ingots are melted and poured into a mold in which hooks have been placed. The jigs cast from these molds are from one-sixteenth of an ounce to and including two ounce lines.

Hooks are purchased straight from the manufacturer in lots of 20,000. The lures are dipped in a base coat of paint, much like colonial candle dipping, and put on a rack to dry.

Larry then hand paints the eyes in two applications, white and black. The throat also is a two-color process. The varied colors are used for different water conditions. Light colors work better in clear water; dark jigs catch the fish in murky waters.

Larry uses an air brush to spray paint some models. After a final clear glossy coat is applied the lure cures for three to four days.

The eyelet is punched open, ready to tie onto a line, and then the lures are taken to a family which has learned the exact way the skirt is to be tied with nylon thread and finished with a weed guard.

The completed product is returned to be packaged by Larry. Olson's wife, Cher, helped in designing cards and packaging materials.

Ross says that, since April, they service some 20 businesses in Kansas and Missouri; two are in Concordia. There are two part-time commissioned sales persons.

They credit Gene Miller, Concordia Industrial Development Director, for guidance, and say that, even as they are learning, they have a goal this year of discovering what products in what colors are best sellers. The next year they hope to concentrate on growth. Larry's overall aim is to be the largest lure manufacturer in the state. Ross says he wants the venture to develop into a major Concordia manufacturing firm.

At this stage there are few titles. Larry is production manager and Ross is market manager. Larry's mother, Madeline, often can be found there, bringing coffee and inspecting current work.

The men say that they are in the right business, quoting figures that show more money is spent by consumers on the sport of fishing than on any other in the United States. "Last year Americans purchased more than 200 billion dollars worth of fishing equipment, not including boats."

Warning to the subject, the two add that fishing can be a family diversion anywhere—in the ocean, family pond or a creek. Ross wants to promote the fishing practice of

catch and release, and points to their card which says, "Take a child fishing."

He likes the now popular slogan, "Hook a kid on fishing, not drugs." Adds Larry, "Put on a life jacket, hook up your safety kill switch, and don't measure your pleasure in the pounds and ounces of your catch."



Making lures

Larry Wright, seated, and Ross Olson, standing, have become partners in a fishing lure business. Helping with the business is Olson's son, Ezra. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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Aggravated Assault On Officer *May 26 88*

At approximately 7:28 p.m. Tuesday evening, Concordia police attempted to implement a traffic stop on an individual in the 1900 block of Lincoln with the driver attempting to elude the stop.

At Alco officers blocked off the entrances in an attempt to terminate the pursuit with the suspect attempting to run over one of the officers with his vehicle and the officer having to jump onto a patrol car to avoid being hit.

Three reports then came in that the suspect was armed with a gun as he had it hanging out of the window.

A roving surveillance was ordered by Chief Budreau in an attempt to cool the situation down but the suspect continued to place the public in jeopardy with another report coming in that he almost ran over a couple of pedestrians.

An order was then given by Sheriff Cairns and Chief Budreau to on scene officers to take the subject as the public safety was in extreme danger. Sheriff Cairns rammed the suspect vehicle and immobilized the vehicle at 14th and Lincoln with other police officers, sheriff officers, and highway patrol officers taking the subject into custody. No injuries were sustained by the suspect or public.

He is being held in the Cloud County Jail pending filing of charges by the County Attorney.

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Friday, May

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In reference to Mr. Gene Miller's column in the May 20th Blade and its highly predictable future installments, I find it necessary to comment on the direction of the reasoning expressed.

With a flurry of economic development "doublespeak," Mr. Miller has described the essence of the new method for corporate finance... economic "blackmail"... and recommended our participation!

The taxpayers of Concordia and Cloud County are being advised to establish a system of corporate "welfare" in which, for land and cash, a large company allows the populace to work for them. All this under the thinly veiled threat that if they don't pay up, the company will pull out. We should help them pack, rather than knuckle under to such demands!

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made during difficult or transitional times for a business. However, they must be very short term and tied to legally binding agreements that address the communities' needs as well as the businesses. Giving a "blank check" to any modern company insures disaster. Like sharks, their appetites are insatiable.

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Retirement fund an option for city employees *May 26*

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"This is a completely different pension fund, optional for employees," Wetmore continued. "At this time there are no employees participating. Some have in the past and passing the resolution will assure that employees who choose to do so can in the future."

Commissioners Authorize Raise Sign New Agreement *May 26 88*

Concordia city commissioners approved the new employment agreement amendment at the Wednesday meeting for city manager Randy Wetmore. The new agreement extends the agreement for a year and incorporates modifications in the terms of employment and compensation.

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schedule:

—8:30 a.m., he will attend a breakfast at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Seneca.

—10 a.m., he speaks at a meeting of the Highway 36 Association at the American Legion Hall in Marysville.

—Noon, he attends a public luncheon sponsored by the Washington Rotary Club at the Golf Club in Washington.

—2 p.m., he attends a reception at the Golden Bellhaven Senior Center in Belleville.

—3:30 p.m., he holds a reception open to the public at the Farm Way Credit Building in Mankato.

—6:30 p.m., he attends a Smith County Republican fund-raising event at the National Guard Armory in Smith Center.

Law enforcement officials statewide will soon be able to identify vehicle owners more quickly and easily with the state's new Vehicle Identification Processing System (VIPS) program.

Alice Walker, Cloud County treasurer, and Bob Hughes, data processing director, discussed the VIPS at the Cloud County Board of Commissioners meeting May 31.

"With the system, we will be going on-line computer with the Motor Vehicle Department in Topeka," Walker said.

Officials in each county will have direct access to the state computer. Tentatively, Cloud County will be part of the program by mid-October,

Walker said. "I don't know if the state will be on schedule, because everything is in the state's hands. Northwest Kansas is the last district on the list. Clay County is the closest county to have it at this point," Walker continued.

Commissioners approved the use of rock stabilization for East 11th Street. Doyle Turner, county road supervisor, said the process involves incorporating crushed rock into the road base.

Turner hopes to begin works for starting at the rodeo arena corner by out-July. He estimated the cost at \$10,000.

Turner also discussed a claim for spray damage. A property owner had

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Commissioners grant pawn brokers license

If a local business owner follows through with his plan, Concordia will soon have its first pawn shop.

Danny Brake, Clyde, now owner of "The Bargain Corner" at 504 Broadway in Concordia, received a pawn brokers license at the Concordia City Commission meeting yesterday.

Randy Wetmore, city manager, said Brake has worked with Sam Budreau, chief of police, to make sure all requirements are completed.

Verna Scott, city clerk, informed commissioners that the state requires pawn brokers to ticket all merchandise and send a report to the police department weekly. The license is \$25.

Commissioners appointed Vince Bombardier, Ivan Clark and Ralph Hood to the Board of Electrical Examiners. New to the city, the board was made necessary by the adoption of the electrical code last fall. Ordinance No. 2496 outlined the duties.

Bombardier will serve one year; Clark two and Hood three. Once the board has been established, all members will serve two years, Wetmore explained.

The first of two public hearings on an Economic Development Grant Application for Big Shot Manufacturing was held. Gene Miller, director of economic development, said the grant was submitted earlier but rejected because projected cash flow was a problem. "That has been improved," he said.

The final proposal must be submitted by July 6.

Big Shot Manufacturing, an extension of Kling Motor Company, modifies large trucks in design, allowing for heavier loads, while total weight is less than semi-trailer tractors.

Sally Ann Johnson was ordered by commissioners to remove an abandoned vehicle from 436 E. 7th by June 9.

Mayor Greg Hattan was authorized to sign a Quitclaim Deed with Jeff Cook, 211 W. 2nd. Cook was a participant in the Block Grant housing program and has maintained the property for the required amount of time. The deed will release the city's lien on the property.

The commissioners will hold a study session at 11 a.m. June 8.

Wal-Mart Announces Entrance Into Concordia Market

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Ark. officials Monday announced plans to open a new Wal-Mart Discount City store in Concordia, Ks., and to create approximately 80 jobs for area residents.

Construction of the new Wal-Mart, which will be located in The Concordia Plaza in the former T.G.&Y. building on the northwest corner of Lincoln street at 17th street, is scheduled to begin in the summer of 1988. The 40,000 square-foot store is expected to open in late 1988. Lincoln Partners of Kansas City, Mo., is developer for the project.

"We are very excited about opening the new store in Concordia," said David Glass, the president and chief executive officer of Wal-Mart. "Wal-Mart plans to be an active member of the community, working with other local merchants to increase retail business in and around the Concordia area. We also look forward to contributing to local charitable causes and projects through our ongoing community involvement programs."

The new store has been

designed as a one-stop family shopping center. Name brand, high-quality merchandise, which carries Wal-Mart's "Satisfaction Guaranteed" return policy, will be featured in 36 departments including: housewares, family apparel and shoes, recreation supplies, toys, major electronics and stereo supplies, an expanded health and beauty aids department.

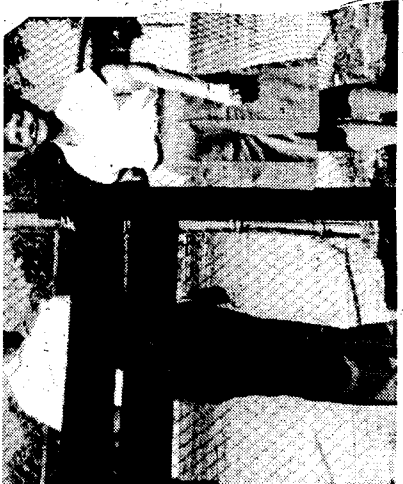
In addition, the Concordia store will include a garden center, a pharmacy, snack bar, and a tire, battery and auto service center for the customers' shopping convenience.

Concordia's new Wal-Mart store joins 36 Wal-Mart stores currently open in the state of Kansas and 1,158 stores nationally. The 26 year-old chain, which operates in a 25-state trade territory, will open approximately 125 stores during 1988. Also a division of Wal-Mart, are 86 Sam's Wholesale Clubs, two Hyper mart USAs and 12 Discount Drug Stores. The company, headquartered in Bentonville, Ark., also operates 14 major Distribution Centers across the country.

The company reported sales of \$15.9 billion for the fiscal year ended Jan. 31, 1988, and expects to exceed \$20 billion in 1988. Wal-Mart stock trades on the New York and Pacific exchanges.

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Mrs. Harris's father, Dick Taft, but the sign had been removed and was not replaced until last week. Shown with the Harris is Judy McGee, left, Concordia Parks Department supervisor. (Kansas photo by Tamera Harris.)

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Taff was a volunteer leader in the Concordia PeeWee baseball league until his death in the late 1920's. Taff was employed by the Missouri-Pacific Railroad.

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Commissioners approved the use of rock stabilization for East 11th Street. Doyle Turner, county road supervisor, said the process involves incorporating crushed rock into the road base.

Turner hopes to begin work starting at the rodeo arena corner by July. He estimated the cost at \$10,000.

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Fire and EMS alarms ⁱⁿ June 88

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EMS RESPONSES

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7:12 p.m.: 3 miles west of 5 corners, injury accident. Female victim, age 18, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

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9:38 a.m.: Concordia Nursing Center, medical emergency. Female patient, age 88, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

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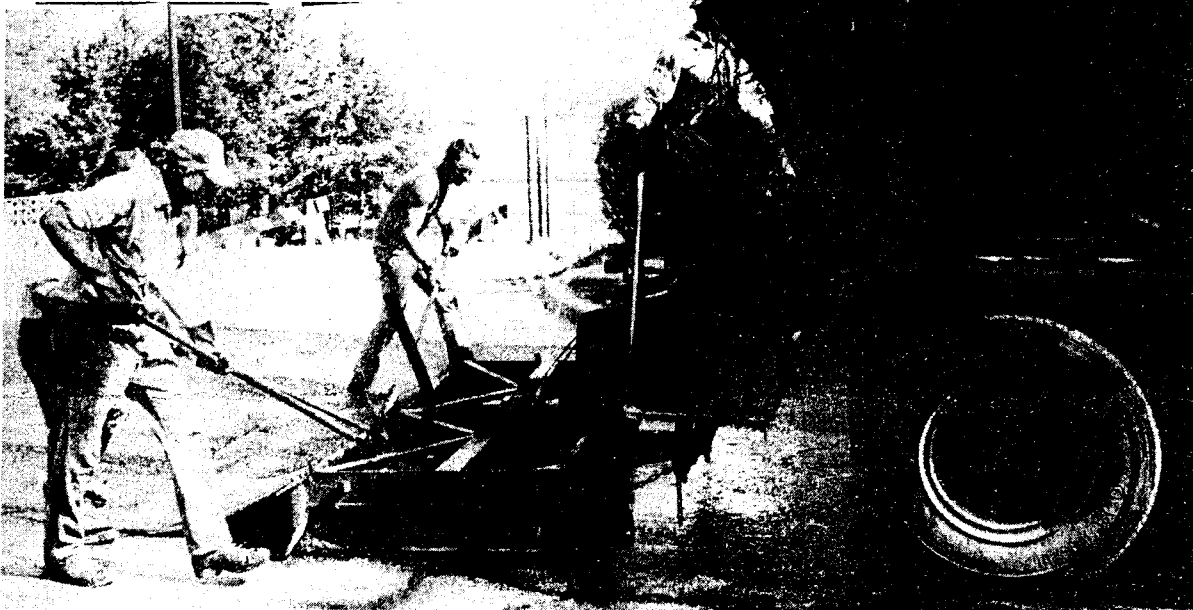
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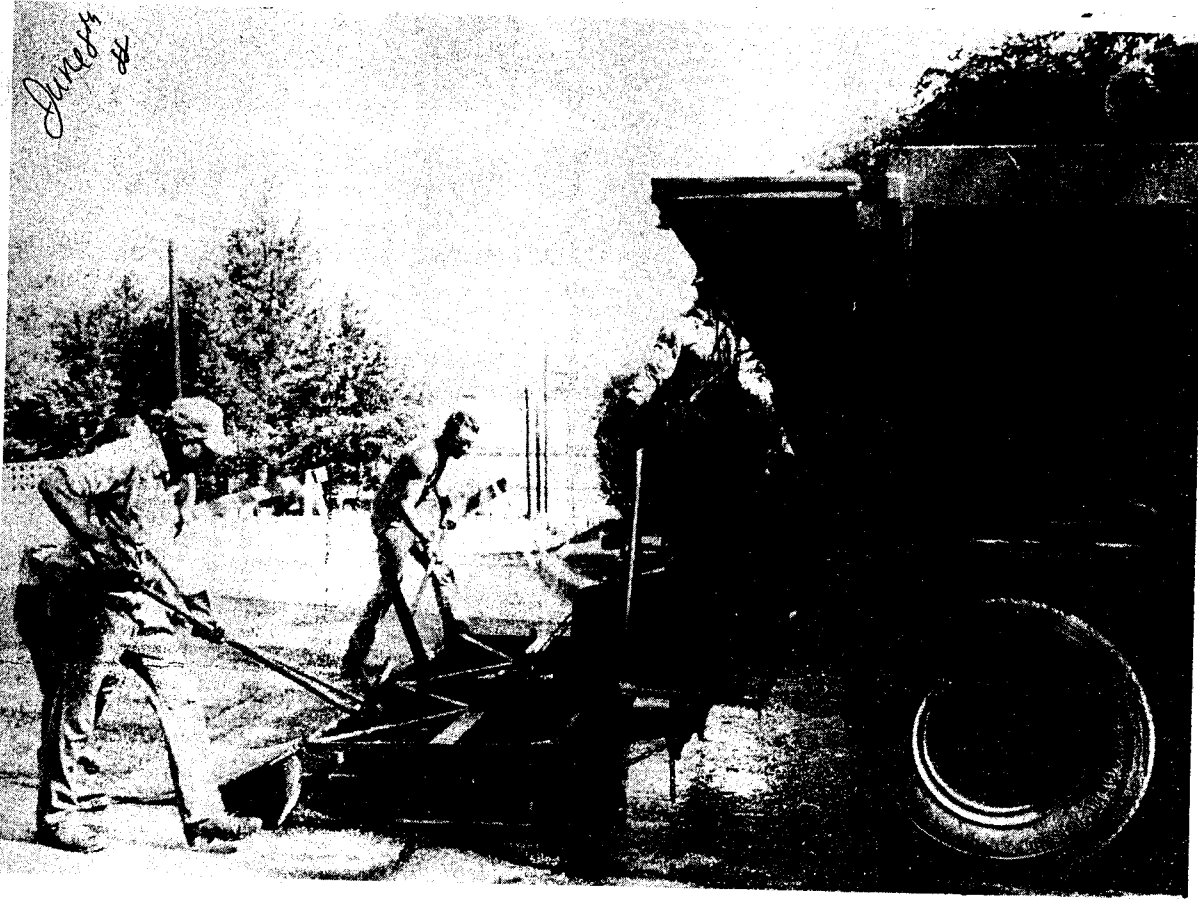
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Investigate accidents
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Kirk Lowell, Randy Wetmore, Concordia city manager and David Retter, city attorney, met with the Jewell County Commission and Mankato City Council on June 6 and 7, presenting preliminary information about the prison initiative.

Lowell said the governing bodies were told what has been done since August of 1987, when the task force formed. Buttons and a tabloid promoting the prison location in Cloud County were presented.

After asking questions and being informed on the proposed prison in Concordia, city leaders signed formal resolutions "to promote, stimulate and develop the general welfare and economic prosperity in North Central Kansas, to encourage and assist in the location of new business and industry therein, and to promote economic stability by providing greater employment opportunities."

"We are trying to build a five- or

six-county region to support the prison initiative," Lowell said. "We want surrounding counties to know that what is good for Concordia is good for them."

"We also want to create a 'two-way street' with the other counties and support them in their endeavors as they help us."

According to Lowell, creating this 40-50 mile area of endorsement is a continuing step in locating a prison in Cloud County.

"We are also gathering information about why a rural community is suited for a prison. We are developing Kansas Secretary of Correction Roger Endell's philosophy of the 'work ethic,'" Lowell said.

Within their proposal, the task force is implementing Endell's idea of educating prisoners and developing industries inside the prison to prepare inmates for life outside the facility. Lowell added the community also benefits because inmates can do things such as build small parts for larger area manufacturer's products.

This building of an areawide foundation is preparation for a proposal to the Interim Committee in

Topeka sometime in July or August. The Interim Committee, was created to research the feasibility of building a prison in Kansas. The members of the committee are still to be appointed.

Lowell said \$750,000 has been appropriated to do preliminary study, hear proposals, and visit possible sites, among other things.

While the task force visited Jewell County, commissioner John Ross said he would join the prison supporters testifying before the committee in Topeka.

"A broad base of support is important, because some state officials want to centralize everything in Topeka," Lowell said. "They are trying to take the Highway Patrol out of Salina and the Fish and Game Commission out of Pratt. All of us banding together will really help."

The task force will continue to meet with surrounding counties to build the regional support and seek people to join in presenting the proposal to the Topeka committee. Lowell said a slide show is also being created to show why Concordia is the best place to build a prison.

Ordinance redefine disorderly conduct

By Lynette Dyson
Blade Summer Intern

"Disorderly conduct" was redefined at the Concordia City Commission meeting yesterday.

David Retter, city attorney, said the change was triggered by a case in Wichita. That city's ordinance, worded just as Concordia's previous one, was ruled "unconstitutional, vague and overbroad."

The new ordinance, approved by Greg Hattan, mayor, and Isadore Bombardier and D.L. "Heavy" Layton, commissioners, includes the following acts and conduct:

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Endangering lawful pursuits; attempting to force oneself on another person; jostling any person in a public place; throwing an object at any vehicle, building or person; urinating or defecating in any public place; peeping into a private residence; wandering about and begging.

Retter said a major change is altering can now be a charge.

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A waiver of accounting principles was approved. Randy Wetmore, city manager explained this has been done in Concordia for four years so that "financial statements and reports required by the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) are irrelevant to requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of Kansas and are of no significant value to the city."

City commissioners will meet again at 11 a.m. June 22.



JAMESTOWN CITY COUNCIL met in a special meeting Wednesday evening with David Roy, center, president of United Controls, Inc., of Stone Mountain, Ga. The group met to finalize plans and get acquainted with Roy who is expanding his operation to the Jamestown community. The new building will be housed in the former Jamestown school building with start-up time projected around Sept. 1. In attendance at the special meeting were, left to right, Gene Miller, Concordia Mayor; John Kearn, Roy, Roger Barrett, Royce Brunz, and Kansas photo

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Commission authorizes application

June 22

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Gene Miller, director of economic development, submitted the pre-application for Big Shot Manufacturing Monday. He said the grant had been submitted once and denied, but improvements have been made.

Randy Wetmore, city manager said one addition is the revolving loan fund, which will give the city more points to make the application stronger. Commissioners will discuss it at the next study session.

A resolution authorizing submission of the grant was approved by commissioners.

Record Enrollment At Playground

Larry Hartshorn, Concordia, playground director, reports a record enrollment for this summer's activities. Hartshorn reports they have an enrollment of 232 boys and girls this summer, up approximately 65 over the previous year.

However, in totaling the seven areas of the activities of the playground and those who were in attendance a total of 453 youth are participating in the program.

The seven areas and the number involved this past week were: playground 93, softball 20, acrobatics/dance 60, arts and crafts 74, tennis 56, baseball 125 and track 25.

Friday, June 24, will be a special day for the playground participants. This has been designated "decorated hat day." Participants are to decorate their hats and then model it during the playground activity.

Also on July 1, Don Musick, local cartoonist, will provide a special program for the playground participants at the Concordia High School cafeteria at 11:15 a.m.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2505

AN ORDINANCE defining and making unlawful disorderly conduct, repealing existing Code of Ordinances Sections 15-24, 15-24.2, 15-26 and 15-27 and amending Code of Ordinances Sections 15-24 and 15-26.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas: SECTION 1. Code of Ordinances Sections 15-24, 15-24.2, 15-26 and 15-27 are hereby repealed.

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 - (9) Any person who shall urinate or defecate on any public street, alley, sidewalk or floor of any public building, or any other place where the public gathers or has access;
 - (10) Any person who peeps or attempts to peep into a window, door or other opening in any private residence, apartment or room; or
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Disorderly conduct is a misdemeanor.
SECTION 3. Code of Ordinances Section 15-26 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Unlawful Assembly. Unlawful assembly is the act of meeting or coming together with four (4) or more other persons for the purpose of engaging in conduct constituting either disorderly conduct, as defined by Section 15-24, or a riot, as defined by Section 15-25, or by loitering as defined by Section 15-36(3) and (4), or when lawfully assembled with two (2) or more other persons agreeing to engage in such conduct.

Unlawful assembly is a misdemeanor.
SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the Governing Body and signed by the Mayor this 15th day of June, 1988.

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ATTEST:
/s/Verna Scott, City Clerk

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Kansas June 23rd '88

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KANSAS JUNE 22

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PASSED by the Governing Body and signed by the Mayor this 15th day of June, 1988.
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Dunshie and his wife, Eleanor, have been married for 35 years and have four children and four grandchildren. The Dunshies live at 531 W. 9th.

The list of area communities endorsing the Concordia prison initiative is growing, and with it the broad regional base of support the local task force is trying to build.

Randy Wetmore, city manager, received a letter of support today from Gerald Cook, president of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce. He said, "The board of directors of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce has approved a support

statement with regard to Concordia's efforts in being selected as a location for a state prison facility.

"The Salina Area Chamber of Commerce is fully cognizant and supportive of the cooperative spirit that must exist among cities in identifiable regions for growth and development to occur. The Chamber recognizes the importance of a prison facility being located in Concordia and will stand on record as supporting your efforts."

Prison Decision Task Force members feel this adds to the region of support they are trying to achieve before testifying to the Senate Ways and Means Committee later this summer. They said the Concordia prison initiative is still very much alive. "We won't give up because we can't give up."

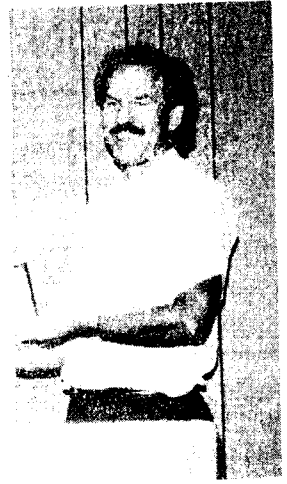
And they agree with Cook when he says, "We look forward to the day that this project comes to fruition for the benefit of all."

Time to register for second session swimming lessons. For more information call 243-1150.

July 6th



Closing down
City employees are tearing down the old pumphouse on Republican Street because the well is no longer in operation.



Greg Hattan, serving on the Board of Zoning Appeals, presented a plaque to Dr. James Moore yesterday. Moore will begin work on the new well near St. Joseph Hospital once permission has been received from the state. (Blade photo by Lynette Dyson)

July 7th

City accepts bid

As part of the Kansas LINK (KLINK) project, Fifth Street from Cedar Street west to the city limits will be resurfaced. The Concordia City Commission accepted the only bid submitted for the project at its regular meeting yesterday. Hall Brothers will ground off the road ten feet from the guttering and overlay the whole street for \$76,682.74. Work will begin Aug. 1 and be completed by Sept. 15. Randy Wetmore, city manager, said the bid was \$1,800 under the estimate. The KLINK project is based on "a highway through the city" idea and is funded 50 percent by the state. The construction compares to the work done on Sixth Street, Wetmore said.

Janet and Kenneth Stenner, 211 E. 5th, were given until July 12 to remove two abandoned vehicles from that residence. Greg Hattan, mayor, presented Dr. James Moore with a plaque for seven and one half years of service on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Moore is moving from the community and begins work in Newton Aug. 1. Tim Wellendorf, chief finance officer at F & A Food Sales, Inc., was appointed to serve until January 1990 on the Recreation Commission. A \$20,000 bond for Rebecca Leon, city treasurer, was renewed. Commissioners will meet in study session July 13.

Special Session For Commission

Members of the Concordia City Commission met Friday, July 1 in special session for the consideration of two items on the agenda. The first item was the consideration of the banning of fireworks at the Sports Complex. It was voted to ban the use of all fireworks at the complex. Consideration of the Revolving Loan Plan was the second item on the agenda. With the adoption of the plan, the commission will be able to provide additional points on grant applications providing employment for low to moderate income persons. The resolution was adopted and the city will now offer either the guaranteed loan plan or the revolving loan plan. The guaranteed loan allows the city to provide backing at a bank, with the revolving funds handled directly by the city.

Rank grass, weeds and uncontrolled vegetation growing on any property within the city are becoming a problem in Concordia. Gerald Brown, Concordia Police Department special services officer, said all owners, occupants and persons in charge of real estate allowing these nuisances to grow are in violation of city ordinance. They

are asked to cut and remove all rank grass, weeds and other uncontrolled vegetation or will be served an abatement notice. Property owners with bindweed or thistles are asked to contact the county weed supervisor at 243-4740 for the most effective way to control these noxious weeds.

Ottawa, Mitchell counties endorse Concordia effort

Two additional counties adjoining Cloud County have endorsed the location of a multi-purpose recreational facility in the county. Monday, July 11, commissioners of Ottawa and Mitchell counties said in formal resolutions that it is "the public policy of the Board of County Commissioners . . . to promote, stimulate and develop the general welfare and economic prosperity in north central Kansas, to encourage and assist in the location of new business and industry herein, and to promote economic stability by creating employment opportunities in the area." The resolutions were passed in Ottawa city.

City manager and prison task force member, said, "This is part of our continuing effort to get regional support for the prison. We now have a core of counties around us in the north central Kansas region." Gathering support is preparation for meetings with Interim committee, a legislative group which will review and monitor state prison construction projects. The local task force has not received the date the committee will begin sessions. Wetmore said he hopes it is in August, as the concerned prison supporters are still preparing for that meeting.

July 7th

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July 14th "88"

Letters to State Reps Needed To Support Fish & Game, Concordia

Concordians have seen results in the past from letters of support for specific local programs, and here's another opportunity. The North Central Regional Office of the Kansas State Department of Wildlife and Parks located at Concordia will probably be closed, leaving the entire northern half of Kansas without a regional office. This will be included in the restructuring of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. The other five regional offices located at Topeka, Hays, Chanute, Valley Center and Dodge City are apparently to remain open.

Letters of support for the Concordia office to remain open are needed immediately to Governor Mike Hayden, State Senator Ross Doyen, State Representative Kent Campbell, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Secretary Robert Meinen in Topeka, and Assistant Secretary Alan Wentz with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in Pratt.

The address for Doyen is Room 442-S, State Capitol, Topeka, Ks. 66612; Campbell, Room 284-W, State Capitol, Topeka, Ks., 66612.

Regional boundaries will be set by approximately July 19 so there is a sense of urgency for the correspondence.

The business economy of the Concordia area will feel the effects if this closing causes Scott Deutscher, fisheries supervisor; Gene Deutscher, law enforcement supervisor; and Jeannette Deneault, secretary.

A delegation is planning to attend the commission meeting July 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mid America Inn in Salina. The determined regional boundaries are expected to be announced then.

A letter by City Attorney David Retter was recently sent to Senator Ross Doyen and Representative Kent Campbell and stated in part:

I am enclosing a recent article from the Topeka Capital Journal which discusses economic development "triage." The essence of the discussion is that, with limited resources, certain Kansas communities are simply going to fall by the way side. The chances of this happening are certainly enhanced when consolidation occurs, and state-controlled jobs are removed. Administrative efficiency and cost saving are admirable goals, and there is probably some short term savings in the proposed reorganization; however, in the big picture, Concordia loses four jobs, a reliable tenant in a large building, and one of six regional offices which, being located in Concordia, gives support to Concordia's being a true regional economic, social and employment center. Shouldn't economic impact be at least as important as administrative convenience? The Concordia office is

strategically located in the center of the Northcentral Region, consisting of the following sixteen counties: Smith, Osborne, Russell, Jewell, Mitchell, Lincoln, Ellsworth, Republic, Cloud, Ottawa, Saline, Washington, Clay, Dickinson, Geary, and Morris. Twelve wildlife areas are located in the region: Blue River Wildlife Area, Council Grove Wildlife Area, Geary Wildlife Area, Glen Elder Wildlife Area, Jamestown Wildlife Area, Jewell Wildlife Area, Kanopolis Wildlife Area, Lovewell Wildlife Area, Milford Wildlife Area, Ottawa Wildlife Area, Washington Wildlife Area, and Wilson Wildlife Area.

Sincerely,
David E. Retter
City Attorney

According to a news release from Gene Miller, Concordia Economic Development Director, the Northcentral Region contains more Wildlife and Parks Commission controlled land and more commission managed water than any other region. The region

contains 16 counties and 12 wildlife areas. This regional office would be a good candidate for expansion, not elimination.

Please write to the Secretary and Commissioners. Their names and addresses are as follows:

Secretary: Robert L. Meinen, 900 Jackson St., Suite 502, Topeka, 66612-1220, 913-296-2281.

Commissioners: Dr. Gerald W. Tomanek, 1503 Oakmont, Hays, 67601, 913-625-9390; Edward B. Anderson, 159 Hilltop, Box 1071, Elkhart, 67950, 316-697-4311; William A. Anderson, Jr., 5733 Reinhardt Dr., Fairway, 66205, 816-842-2300; William R. Browning, MD, Rt. 1, Box 645, Madison, 66860, 316-437-2200; Kathy Brown George, Rt. 3, Box 36A, Spring Valley Road, Junction City, 66441, 913-238-7652; Ronald Hopkins, 255 N. Water, Wichita, 67202, 312-263-2206; Ronald A. Vine, 2330 Brookfield, Topeka, 66614, 913-295-3838.

If you have any questions, or plan to attend the Tuesday meeting, please call Gene Miller, 243-7864.

Kansas July 16

KLINK Project Approved by City

Approval of the bid by Hall Brothers Construction was approved by the Concordia City Commissioners at their meeting Wednesday for the "KLINK" west project. This resurfacing project is from Cedar Street west to the Concordia city limits. With a bid of \$76,682.74 for the project, Hall Brothers, the only bidder, will begin construction about Aug. 1 and should be completed in 45 days.

Tim Wellendorf was appointed by the commission to serve on the Concordia Recreation Commission. His term will expire in January 1990.

Dr. James Moore was in attendance at the meeting and was honored with a plaque on behalf of his service as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals committee for the past seven years. Dr. Moore will be moving to Newton, Aug. 1 to be associated with a medical clinic.

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A treasurer bond in the amount of \$20,000 was approved for city employee, Rebecca Leon.

Weed and Rank Grass Control

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Kansas July 16

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Concordia among possible sites for prison

By JOHN HANNA

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — State Department of Corrections officials have asked for information from nine communities as a part of the agency's continuing search for a site for a proposed new prison.

Gary Stotts, the agency's executive manager, said Monday the department sent letters last week to communities that had previously contacted the agency about the proposed prison. Formal proposals are due by Sept. 20.

Stotts said the agency hopes to have a recommended site or sites at the beginning of the 1989 Legislature, which convenes in January. A special committee on Ways and Means is considering whether the state should build a new prison this fall.

Stotts also acknowledged that sites in and near Wichita may receive heavy con-

sideration because about a quarter of the state's inmate population comes from there. However, he stressed that the department is considering all interested communities.

"No one has been ruled out to my knowledge," Stotts said. "It (a new prison) was No. 1 on our priority list for the July 1."

In the letter, the department asked for detailed information about the size and location of proposed sites, the capacity of local utilities, the access to transportation services, the quality of local roads, community services and availability of housing for workers.

Officials from communities contacted said they thought the deadline could weed out less serious proposals from the more

serious ones.

"If any community is just getting started, just decided in the last couple of weeks or month, I think they waited too long," said Jim Sperry, president of Horton Inc., a group trying to bring a prison to that city.

Stotts said the corrections department has been contacted by officials from Washington County in north-central Kansas, as well as eight cities:

—Concordia, with about 6,800 residents, 55 miles north of Salina.

—El Dorado, with about 12,200 residents, 30 miles northeast of Wichita.

—Great Bend, with about 16,600 residents, 50 miles northwest of Hutchinson.

—Horton, with about 2,100 residents, 45 miles north of Topeka.

—Liberal, with about 14,900 residents, 70 miles southwest of Dodge City.

—Newton, with about 16,300 residents, 25 miles north of Wichita.

—Pratt, with about 6,800 residents, 75 miles west of Wichita.

—Wichita, the state's largest city, with about 200,000 residents.

"We're building an economic model now," said Kirk Lowell, the leader of a "prison decision" task force in Concordia. "We've been very active all summer. We're still excited."

Earlier this year, Corrections Secretary Roger Endell proposed building two new prisons with a total of 1,200 beds at a total cost of \$62 million. He has said building one, larger prison would cost \$57 million but maintains that two smaller ones would be easier to manage and would allow for

future expansion.

Endell proposed the new projects as part of a plan to help reduce prison overcrowding. State prisons house about 5,900 inmates in buildings designed for 3,786 prisoners. In April, a federal judge ordered the state to remove nearly 400 inmates from the Kansas State Penitentiary in Lansing by September because of overcrowding there.

The 1988 Legislature put off a decision on whether to build a new prison, but did allocate \$750,000 for planning such a project.

"I think (Endell's) taken the approach that his real recommendation still remains the two smaller facilities," Stotts said. "But after going through the last (legislative) session, he recognizes it may not be possible."

Wednesday

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Meinen says north central region will likely be eliminated

by LYNETTE DYSON
Blade Summer Intern

Robert Meinen, secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, told a Concordia interest group yesterday it appears at this time that the north central region of the department will be eliminated through a reorganization plan.

Sen. Ross Doyen; Rep. Kent Campbell; Fred Dunshie, former city commissioner; Gene Miller, director of economic development; Larry Blochinger, Chamber of Commerce president; D.L. Layton, city commissioner and David Retter, city attorney, met privately with Meinen prior to an evening meeting of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Commission at the Mid-America Best Western Inn, Salina.

Miller said Meinen cited a "change in management philosophy" as reason for the probable elimination of the Concordia office.

That management revamping stems from the merger of the Kansas Fish and Game Commission and the Kansas Park Authority in 1987 and the new Department of Wildlife's

reorganization plan finalized June 30. Under the plan, the current six departmental regions will be reduced to five—and it looks as though north central Kansas is the prime target for removal.

After the meeting, Meinen said it was a good "give and take" session. They made me aware that the community is sincere and willing to look for ways they can help with our problems."

Retter said that was the point of the meeting from Concordia's perspective. "I am doubtful that we can salvage a regional office, but we asked him what we could do to retain a level of enhanced services in north central Kansas."

Retter said a district office or personnel in the area are a possibility if the regional office is closed.

"We need to be positive," Retter said. "Meinen showed no animosity to Concordia; in fact, he discussed opening up private area land for hunting. His job is not to look out for north central Kansas, but to do what is best for the department."

Meinen said that exactly. He ap-

preciated the concern but "irrespective of that, I've got to look at the entire organization."

Retter said Meinen cited the recent executive reorganization order, budget restraints, needed consolidation with other government agencies and public education about resources as determining factors of regional boundaries.

Dunshie said he did not see much of a response from Meinen during the private meeting. It appeared to Dunshie that the secretary recognized their concerns and thought, "Yeah, fellows, you've said your piece. Just trust us."

During a public comment period at the commission meeting, additional support for the Concordia regional office was voiced before the six members and Meinen.

Miller spoke first, complimenting the department on management and providing places to hunt. He said less service in the area is "something we hate to see."

Roger Demanette, Concordia, represented the avid sportsmen of the area. He confronted the com-

mission, "Are we going to lose the office or not?"

Ronald Hopkins, committee vice chairman, responded, "I don't think there has been a final determination."

Demanette quoted one of the reorganization plan objectives, to "develop adequate funding and cost control measures." He said, "You're going to move the office out and put these personnel in Topeka and run them up and down the road? That's not very cost effective."

"I can't take off work and spend two hours of road time to Topeka to find out why a problem exists or what's going to be done about it when we have the guys there (in Concordia) to handle it," Demanette added.

Doyen said legislators receive "a lot of mail and a lot of complaints. But I have failed to receive one letter complaining about the services rendered in Concordia."

"I think it would be a mistake to move that Concordia facility and spend more windshield time driving to Topeka or Hays, wherever the line divides."

and its recommendation for creating new positions.

"If you're going to create new positions... I think the north central region is doing a good job given the limited number of funds. I don't think I understand your cost-cutting measures," Burr said.

Meinen responded that a reallocation of personnel to different positions will occur under the plan. "It would be tough to give you the personnel north central Kansas will have," he said.

Meinen and Hopkins assured those attending that all comments would be taken into consideration but they would have to act in the best interest of the state.

Meinen said people from the different regions have been appointed to study the new regional boundaries. Division chiefs will be appointed and regions will be established "within two weeks," he said.

John Harron, special assistant for the department operations office in Pratt, said once that occurs, temporary and then permanent regional supervisors will be named.

Doyen's comment of "if you need more money to run this agency, ask for it" triggered applause from the audience.

Maure Weigel, Salina, representing the Prairie Rapids project, said he had spoken to six or seven organizations within the Salina area who are concerned about losing representation. He pointed out that the Concordia office is actually the only one north of Interstate 70. The other regional offices are in Topeka, Hays, Valley Center, Chanute and Dodge City.

"The Concordia office has been magnificent to us," Weigel said. Steve Burr, Salina, asked the commission how the large acres of land, water and other resources in north central Kansas would be managed without a regional office in Concordia. Meinen said no details were developed yet.

Burr said, "You are talking about eliminating a regional office without any idea of what your district structure is. I don't understand that."

Like Demanette, Burr also discussed the reorganization plan

NOTICE OF HEARING 1989 BUDGET FOR CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS

July 29, 88

The governing body of the City of Concordia will meet on the 10th day of August, 1988 at 11:00 A.M., at 135 E. 6th, City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information is available at City Hall, 135 E. 6th St. and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

The Expenditures and the Amount of 88 Tax to be Levied (as shown below) establish the maximum limits of the 1989 budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Fund	1987		1988		PROPOSED BUDGET 1989		
	Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget or Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 88 Tax to be Levied	Est. Tax Rate*
General Fund	1,245,613	11.09	1,425,229	13.46	1,483,760	253,253	15.34
Library	72,732	3.67	81,897	4.00	79,162	66,028	4.00
Library Emp. Ben.	9,690	.58	12,214	.63	15,649	13,550	.83
Recreation	35,938	1.47	12,611	.50	14,611	6,993	.42
Industrial	19,309	.98	43,674	1.01	43,506	0	xx
Noxious Weed	222	xx	6,350	.30	5,900	1,987	.12
Special Highway	104,457	xx	138,186	xx	134,768	0	xx
Spec.Parks & Rec.	11,724	xx	18,334	xx	19,346	0	xx
Spec.Alcohol & Drug	4,636	xx	11,368	xx	13,418	0	xx
Bond & Interest	233,000	6.16	254,970	6.06	264,406	122,518	7.42
No Fund Warrants	8,860	.20	0	xx	0	0	xx
Water/Sewer Utility	761,514	xx	931,908	xx	963,738	0	xx
Spec.Ambulance & Fire	9,436	xx	44,705	xx	47,255	0	xx
Spec.Street Mach.	22,400	xx	39,005	xx	46,205	0	xx
Spec. Wt/Sw Equip.	0	xx	36,000	xx	48,000	0	xx
Fed.Rev.Sharing	28,301	xx	13,000	xx	0	0	xx
Employee Benefit Fd	270,934	5.95	303,382	6.17	305,448	100,826	6.11
Special Utilities	112,620	6.12	138,993	5.22	138,500	88,763	5.38
Wt/Sw Prin. & Int.	64,145	xx	0	xx	0	0	xx
911 Emergency Tele.	0	xx	4,000	xx	4,000	0	xx
Totals	3,015,531	36.22	3,515,826	37.35	3,627,672	654,088	39.62
Net Expenditures							
Total Tax Levied	36.22		37.35		xxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation							
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,	1986		1987		1988		
G.O. Bonds	1,425,000		2,575,000		2,510,000		
No-Fund Warrants	16,000		8,000		0		
Revenue Bonds	445,000		0		0		
Total	1,886,000		2,583,000		2,510,000		

*Tax Rates are expressed in mills.

Verna Scott
City Clerk

NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDING THE 1988 BUDGET

The governing body of
THE CITY OF CONCORDIA

will meet on the 10th day of August, 1988 at 11:00 A.M., at

135 E. 6th St., City Hall

for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at

and will be available at this hearing.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

Fund	Adopted Budget 1988			Proposed Amendment 1988 Budget
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax to be Levied	Expenditures	Expenditures
Federal General Revenue Sharing	xx	0	13,000	15,000

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Pete Pellant

Advice from the top
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also toured the U.S.D. 333 school district's fields. City manager Randy Wetmore and Judith McKee, director of Public Grounds, were listening intently to Toma's advice. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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By Marion Ellet

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When our Philippine bases go (and they surely will go) the Philippines senate has already forbidden nuclear weapons on nuclear powered ships in her harbors. We will just about have to get out of the South China Sea to Russia's magnificent new Pacific Fleet already holds our former base at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam, virtually controls the vital trade line through the Strait of Malacca into the South China Sea and across the Pacific. OPEC crude oil follows that route and is then piped across Pan Caribbean refineries.

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Primary election Tuesday

Only the Republican nomination for sheriff is being contested in the primary election Tuesday, Aug. 2. In that race GOP voters will choose from incumbent Dean Cairns and former deputies Pete Pellant and Dean Fouquet. The winner will appear on the November general election ballot as the Republican Party nominee.

County Clerk Betty Musick said that the polling places will be: Knights of Columbus Hall in Aurora for Aurora City and Aurora and Colfax Townships; Clyde City Hall for Clyde City and Arion Township; Shirley Township Hall for Shirley Township; Wesleyan Church, 1517 Cent Wesleyan for Buffalo, Cent Concordia, East Lincoln and Lincoln Townships; American Legion in Concordia for Concordia First and Fourth Ward; First United Methodist Church for First and Second Precincts of Second Ward; Wesleyan Church for the Third Ward; and Silver Arrow School House for Silver Arrow School House for

Polls open at 7 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m.



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Whatever you may think of the man—and there are able attorneys who think that he is an able attorney—one must admit that it took raw guts for him to face the sleaze charges and to stick it out until a no-indictment

Authorize Use Of Bleachers

Members of the Concordia City Commission Wednesday authorized Mayor Greg Hattan to sign an agreement with the Cloud County Fair board for the use of the city owned bleachers at the Sports Complex.

The agreement sets out the responsibilities of the two units, city and fair board, and that the fair board must be responsible for any damages done to the bleachers while being moved or in use. In addition there will be a \$50 per day charge if the bleachers are not returned by Aug. 16.

A report was given to the commissioners on the second quarter investment report showing an increase of \$16,768 compared to the same period last year. Part of the increase was attributed to the higher interest rates being paid by the financial institutions this year.

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Concordia—One of Nine Competing for Prison Site

According to a report that was released last week, Concordia is one of nine sites that have been asked for additional information by the State Department of Corrections as they attempt to seek a site for a proposed prison. The information is due Sept. 20.

The State department is asking for detailed information about the size and location of proposed sites, capacity of local utilities, access to transportation services, quality of local roads, community services and the availability of housing for workers.

Gary Stotts, the corrections executive secretary, reports the agency hopes to have a recommended site or sites by the time the legislature convenes in January. A special committee on Ways and Means is considering whether the state should build a prison this fall. The executive secretary acknowledged that sites in and near Wichita may receive a heavy consideration because about a quarter of the state's inmate population comes from there, but the department will consider all interested communities.

Other communities besides Concordia competing for the prison are: Washington county, ElDorado, Great Bend,

Liberal, Horton, Newton, Pratt and Wichita.

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Fire departments receive money from relief fund

The Concordia Fire Department yesterday received a \$10,700 check from the Kansas Insurance Commission, fire chief Phil Schlup said.

The money is used each year to buy health and accident and life insurance for all Concordia firefighters, he said.

Other local firefighting units receiving money from the fund include Clyde, \$2,050; Cloud County (outside Concordia city limits), \$2,960 and Cloud and Republic Counties (near Jamestown), \$1,240.

The Insurance Commission is required by state law to collect three percent of the fire and lightning insurance purchased in Kansas. The law requires most of that money be

returned to city and county firefighting districts to be used to purchase insurance or relief payments to firefighters injured or physically disabled by job-related accidents.

To qualify for the program a firefighting unit must provide detailed financial statements to the Insurance Commission, Schlup explained.

The Commission also uses some of the money to provide a \$50,000 benefit for every firefighter and an education fund for regional training and seminars, he said.

Schlup said Kansas is one of 17 few states in the nation with such law.

August 2, '88

City proposes mill hike

by LYNETTE DYSON
Blade Summer Intern

A mill levy increase of 2.27 mills is being proposed to finance the 1989 City of Concordia budget, but Randy Wetmore, city manager, said it is the first time since 1981 that the levy has been above 37.86 mills.

"Even though the mill levy is higher," Wetmore said, "it's taken us eight years to get there."

Wetmore said the sales tax increases in past years has kept the mill levy down, but now costs are beginning to add up.

The proposed budget, published on page 9 of today's Blade-Empire, also requires a 1.88 mill increase in the general fund.

The 1989 Property Tax Lid Act is

responsible for 1/2 to 3/4 of a mill of the increase, Wetmore said. In a letter to the mayor and city commissioners, Wetmore said, "The property tax dollars raised for the 1989 budget will set the limits on how much can be raised in 1990. Because of the act, it is essential to look forward to 1990 when preparing and adopting the 1989 budget."

For the first time since 1973, Concordia and all other cities will not have Federal Revenue Sharing monies. "The loss of Federal Revenue Sharing has been gradual. However, with its loss, expenditures that had been made from these monies have been either deleted entirely or now come from the ap-

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Beloit endorses prison

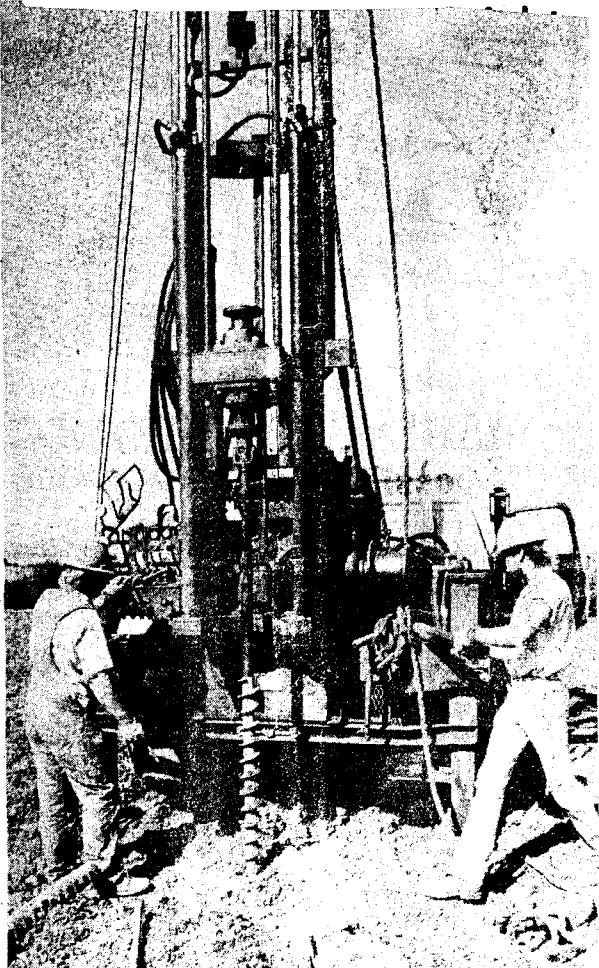
The city of Beloit has joined other surrounding communities and counties in supporting the endeavors of the local prison task force.

July 19, Edward L. Specht, mayor, and George D. Colby, city clerk, signed a resolution stating the policy of Beloit is "to promote, stimulate and develop the general welfare and economic prosperity in North Central Kansas, to encourage and assist in the location of new business and industry herein, and to promote

economic stability by providing greater employment opportunities."

This latest resolution brings the total to five counties and seven communities in favor of building a correctional facility in Cloud County. Cloud County Community College, Concordia Chamber of Commerce, Salina Chamber of Commerce and the Concordia Industrial Development Company have also submitted letters of support.

Insure with Brooke Insurance



Big Shot Manufacturing Receives Grant

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Big Shot Manufacturing of Concordia, was one of six that will receive Economic Development grants totaling \$1.5 million. The grants, which are available through the Kansas all Cities Community Development Block Grant Program are administered through the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Assistance to the establishment of Big Shot Manufacturing, Inc., will be provided with a grant offer of \$200,000 to the city of Concordia. The Company will convert smaller trucks to over the road vehicles. The project plans to create and retain 25 jobs within 18 months.

Gene Miller, Concordia's Economic Development Director, prepared the first application for the firm last spring which was not funded. Another application was resubmitted this summer with some alterations and additions.

The grant received will now be placed in a revolving loan fund by the city. As the manufacturing firm repays the city, additional funds will be available for other industrial development in the community. The city already has a revolving fund established with a similar grant to F & A Food Sales for

the expansion and construction of their new facility south of Concordia.

Cities receiving grants were: Concordia, Chanute, Clay Center, Dodge City, Clay and Graham Counties. The \$1.5 million of public monies will leverage approximately \$1.8 million in private sector investment and will create and retain over 245 jobs within an 18-month period.

The Clay Center grant is to assist in the retention of G. T. Inc., a farm equipment manufacturer. The grant of \$300,000 will complete the financing and provide for the retention of 86 jobs.

Clay County grant of \$200,000 will complete a \$304,250 financing package for Land of Ahs, Inc., a popcorn manufacturer. The expansion will result in the retention of 10 jobs and the creation of an additional 10 jobs for the county.

The six projects, selected from seven applications, provide supplemental financing for business expansions in each of the communities. The major criteria upon which project applications are rated include job creation and retention for low-and-moderate income persons, leveraging of non-CDBG funds, and community need and effort factors.

Letter to Editor

To the Editor: 8-12-88

The recent cooperative effort by our city and county in putting an asphalt overlay on East 11th Street south of the Sports Complex and Industrial sites is certainly a great improvement.

Many thanks to those involved for getting this accomplished.

I am also aware the city has been requested to extend Broadway further to the south. This would also be a big improvement to relieve some city traffic off of U.S. Highway 81. I do hope this is forthcoming.

Concordia is on the move, let's keep it going! It just takes community effort and working together!

Leon Gennette, President
Concordia Industrial

Prison effort receives two endorsements

The Minneapolis City Council and Ottawa County Commissioners have passed resolutions supporting the location of a multi-purpose correctional facility in Cloud County.

The resolution was passed August 2 by the Minneapolis City Council, and there was no opposition, according to Bruce W. Barefield, Minneapolis city attorney.

"The city council expressed its support of this endeavor and will cooperate in any way that it can," Barefield said.

The Ottawa County Commissioners passed on July 11 a similar resolution in support of a Cloud County prison.

City to Sign Consulting Agreement With Jamestown

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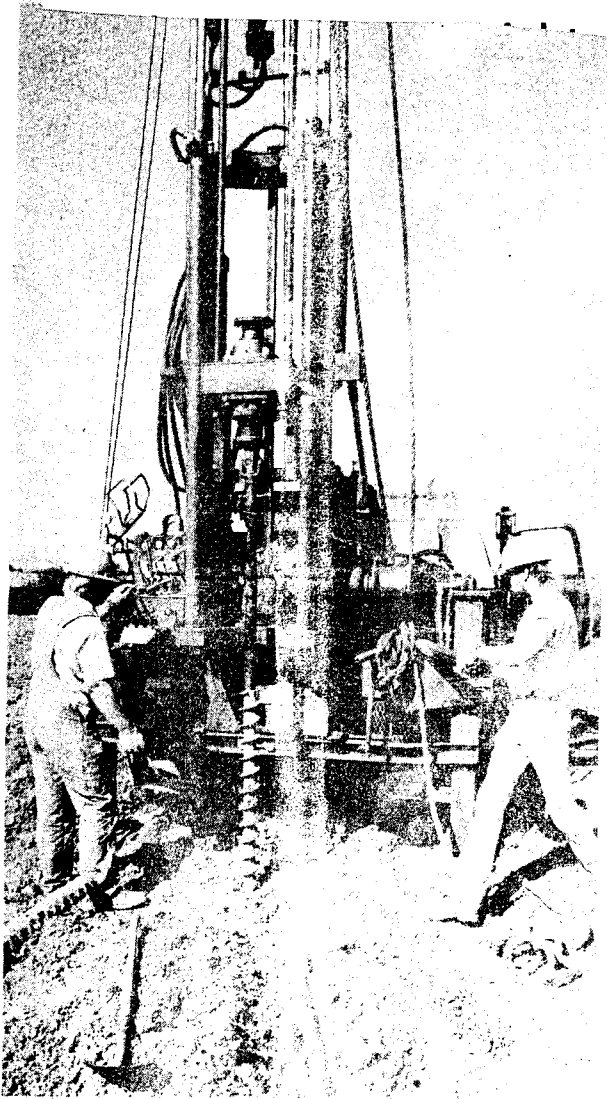
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Checking the soil

Core samples were being drilled this morning at a site southeast of the municipal airport. The core samples along with other information will be submitted to Kansas Secretary of Corrections Roger Endell. Endell has requested the information from Concordia as part of the search for a site for a proposed new state prison facility. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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FAMILY GATHERING FOR THEATRE OPENING—It was a "family affair" last Friday night when the new Apollo 2 opened its doors to the general public. Apollo 2, a second theatre in Concordia, is located adjacent to the present Apollo 1. Entrance to the new modern theatre is through the existing entrance. Present for the opening of the new theatre in Concordia was the complete Smith family who own and

operate the theatre chain. Shown front row, (l-r) Rich, Mark, Michelle, Jimmy and Bobby; back row, Bill and Gloria Smith, managers of the local movie house; Robert and Karen Smith, manager of the Marysville theatres, and Mary Louise and Richard Smith, owners of the theatre chain. A grand opening for the new theatre is being planned at a later date.

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By Stella Wilder

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Cons workers were pouring concrete this morning at the site of the new Wal-Mart Store. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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Concordia regional office to be closed

by JANE NELSON
Blade Staff Writer

The north central regional office of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will be eliminated sometime between October 1 and January 1, Steve Sorenson, supervisor, said today.

Sorenson said he was notified last week that the Concordia office will close, leaving Topeka or Hays as the closest regional office.

The Wildlife Department has not set a specific closure date in order to give the four Concordia employees an opportunity to apply for jobs elsewhere in the department, Sorenson said.

"There are jobs available, but there are a lot of people applying for them," he added.

A change in management philosophy has been cited as the reason for the elimination of the Concordia office by Robert Meinen, secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Earlier in the summer, Meinen said that management revamping stems from the merger of the Kansas

Fish and Game Commission and the Kansas Park Authority in 1987 and the new Department of Wildlife's reorganization plan finalized June 30. Under that plan, the six departmental regions would be reduced to five.

Sorenson said the biggest effect the closure will have on Concordia will be "less access to employees, like the meeting last night about the Jamestown refuge."

As a result of last night's meeting, Sorenson said he will probably modify his recommendation for the waterfowl refuge to include the entire south lake instead of just a portion of the lake.

"We still have some people completely opposed to the refuge. I have to talk to some of my staff and take it all under consideration," he said.

The local office should be notified about the refuge by September 1 because if it is created it will go into open October 15, he said.

He also noted that the waterfowl season setting meeting will be at 7 p.m. August 15 at the Holiday Inn in Great Bend.



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Water rates, mill levy increased Blade 8/10/88

An operating budget of \$3,627,672 for 1989 was approved by the Concordia City Commission during a meeting Wednesday morning.

Commissioners D.L. Layton and Isadore Bombardier voted to approve the budget. Mayor Greg Hattan was not in attendance.

The mill levy rate for the 1989 budget will be 39.62 mills. That is up from 37.35 mills from 1988.

Total expenditures for all funds are projected to increase 3.18 percent of \$111,846 over the 1988 budget.

A public hearing was held prior to the approval of the budget but there was no one in attendance.

Also during the meeting they approved Resolution 2508 calling for a 21 percent increase in the city water rates.

The increase is the first in approximately five and one half years and is part of a plan that was established back in 1980.

A water study was done in 1980 by Wilson and Company from Salina.

Following the study an increase of 46 percent was adopted in December of 1980 for 1981.

A second increase of 21 percent was approved for billing beginning in 1983.

The fourth increase recommended in the Wilson Study was for 21 percent and was to be implemented in 1984.

The increase was not approved in 1984 and was put on hold until now.

The new rates will take effect on the first billing date of November.

Two reasons have been listed for

the rate increase.

The first reason is water production capabilities.

With the recent dry spell the city is in need of new water well capacity.

A study done by Layne Western and the State of Kansas indicates that the next well will be anywhere from a half-mile to a mile from the city.

Estimated costs associated with building a water line from the well site to the city range from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

The second reason listed for the rate increase is the increase in the day to day operating costs.

Pay increases of three percent for classified and non-classified city employees were approved by the commission during the meeting.

The pay increases have been calculated into the budget.

In other action during the meeting the commission voted to authorize Mayor Hattan to sign a sublease agreement with Concordia Medical Arts Building/Concordia Family Physicians, P.A.

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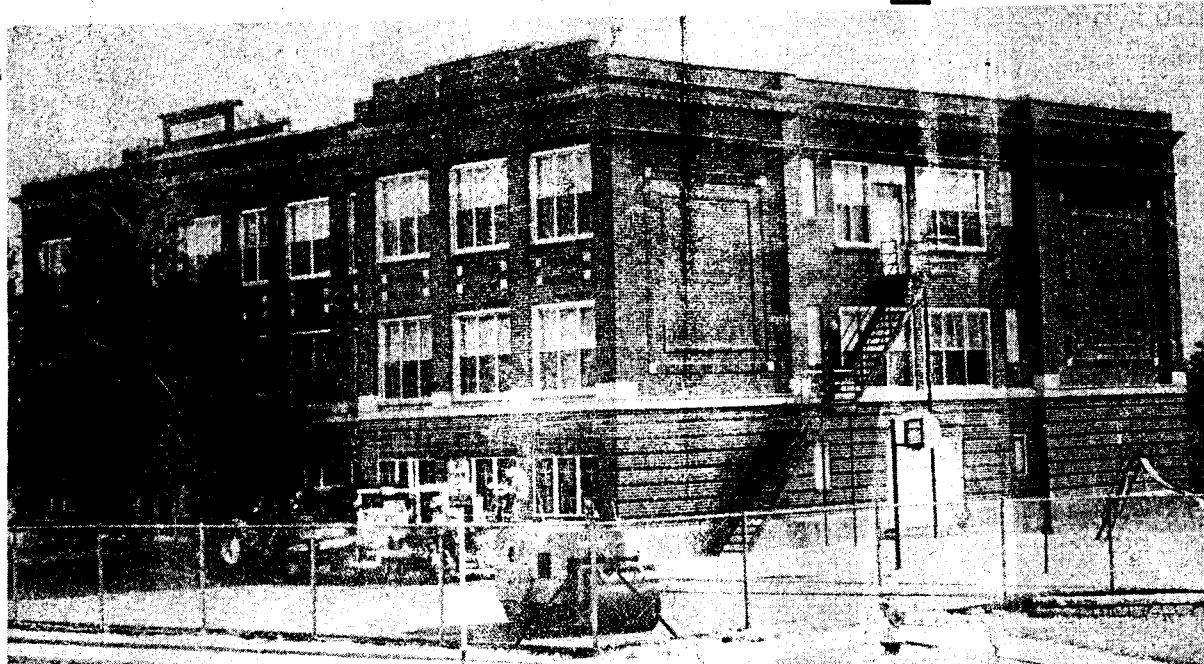
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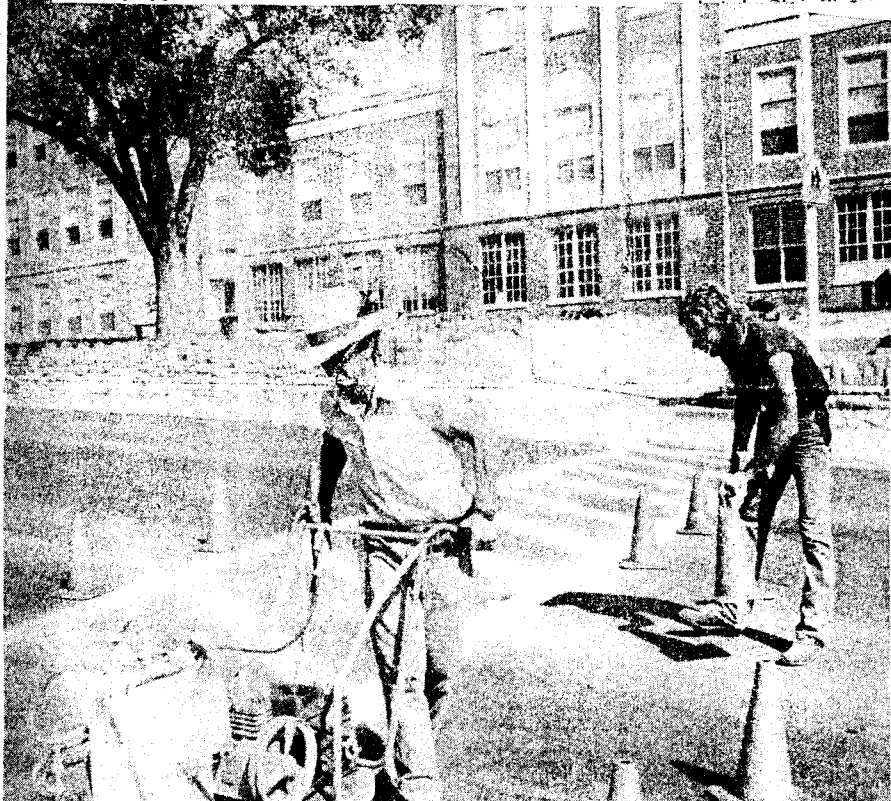
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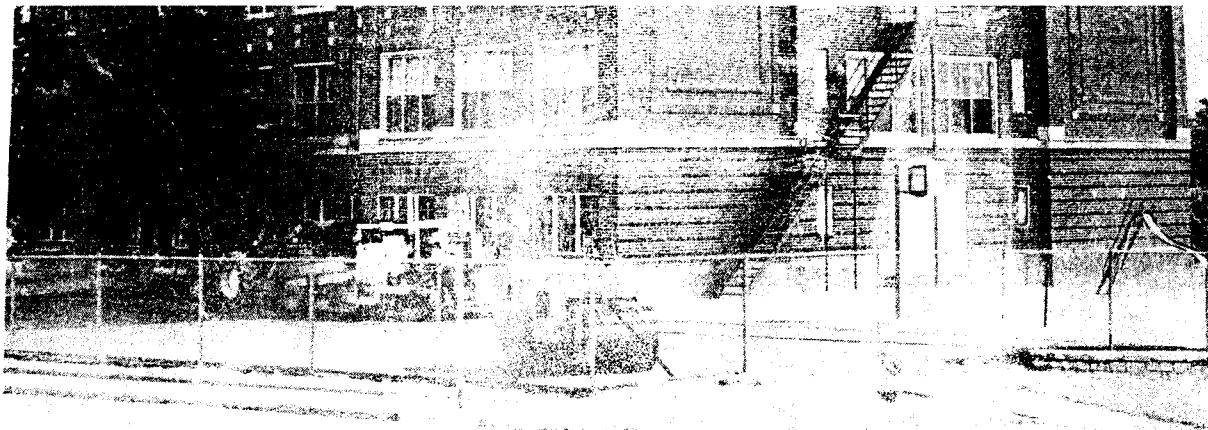
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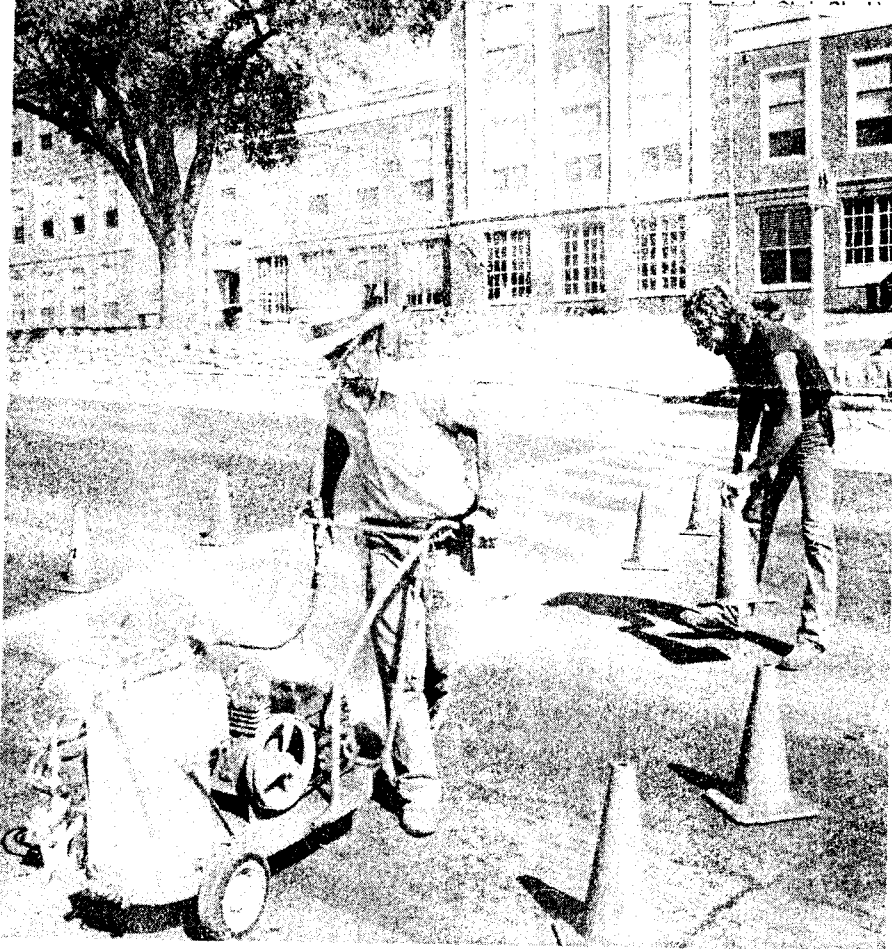
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Pedestrian crossing

City street department employees were painting the pedestrian crossings at Concordia

Junior-Senior High School this morning. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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Concordia Police Department is presently seeking applicants for the position of full-time patrolman. Applicants must be at least (21) years old, have a high school diploma or GED, and have a valid Kansas driver's license. Applicants must be able to pass background investigations, and have no criminal record. Applications for position may be picked up at the Concordia police department, or city hall. Cut-off date for turning in applications, is August 23, 1988. For further information regarding the position, contact Chief Sam Budreau. The Concordia is an equal opportunity employer.

Concordia businesses would benefit from prison

Concordia businesses could expect to receive \$4,100,000 in new sales should a proposed 700-bed state correctional facility be constructed in Concordia, David Darling of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University, yesterday told Concordia city commissioners.

Darling reviewed the findings of his study of the economic impact of the proposed facility on Concordia and Cloud County. He pointed out that should the prison materialize there also would be new costs for city and county governments and for the school district because of the additional population.

Darling told the commissioners that his study was based on the assumptions that the new prison would cost \$32.5 million to build; that the prison would spend \$6.144 million a year in payroll expenditures; that

the prison would spend \$4.3 million a year to operate the facility; that 230 people will work at the prison; that between Concordia and Cloud County, local government will invest about \$1 million to prepare a site of the prison; that five new houses will be built by prison employees; that the city, the county and the school districts have excess capacity and services to accommodate this new development and the new residents. He said that of the 230 employees, 130 are projected to live in Concordia, 20 in Clyde, 40 in the rest of the county, and 40 outside the county. He added that 40 new families would move to Concordia with 20 children.

The KSU economist projected that a one percent county-wide sales tax would generate \$900,000 of additional revenue. The establishment of a sales tax is being considered by city and county officials to pay for the

purchase to be borne by the county. The bond attorney said traditional financing methods such as general obligation bonds and revenue bonds could be issued to pay for the improvements. However, he said that the city and county might better be served by considering alternate financing options such as the issuance of revenue bonds payable solely and only from the issuance of a local sales tax option.

He said the issuance of such bonds must be approved by a referendum of the electors. If the sales tax issue is approved on a countywide basis, the revenue would be shared proportionately by the county, the City of Concordia, and the other municipalities in the county, he explained.

The referendum could be written in such a way as to trigger the sales tax collection when the decision to construct a prison in Concordia is reached, he said. The referendum also could state that the special one percent sales tax would be eliminated when the prison bonds were paid off, Norton told the city commissioners.

Norton also said that state law also provides that a joint entity could be created by the city and county to issue the sales tax revenue bonds. The entity would issue the bonds on behalf of the city and the county in accordance with the terms and provisions of the interlocal cooperation agreement with the city and county pledging the sales tax receipts to the repayment of such bonds, he said.

A determined amount of sales tax receipts would be accumulated in excess of the debt service requirements of the bonds to protect against a revenue shortfall, Norton said. The commissioners also passed an ordinance re-establishing the 911 emergency telephone number tax rate at two percent. Retter explained that the 911 tax must be re-established on a yearly basis.

The excess can be used to retire the bonds in advance of the maturity, he added. City attorney David Retter said that the sales tax referendum has a hidden benefit for the other communities of the county because they would be benefiting from the sales tax collection in that they would not be pledging their share to the retirement of the prison bond issue.

In other business the commissioners passed resolutions directing that nuisances be abated on five different properties within 10 days. The properties involved are owned by Laura McGeoch, Lyte Lewis, Leo Niremire, Roy Hoffer, and John Eakins.

City Approves Mill Levy And Water Rate Increase

Concordia city commissioners approved the 1989 proposed budget as published during their public hearing Wednesday and also approved the ordinance increasing the city water rates by 21 percent. Mayor Hattan was authorized to sign a sub-lease agreement with the Concordia Medical Arts Building/Concordia Family Physicians, P. A. The original construction of the building was financed by Industrial Revenue Bonds in 1979. The city of Concordia maintains ownership of the real estate until the bonds are paid in full, then it will be decided to the tenants when all obligations are met. The major factors for the water rate increase is the water production capabilities and grading costs. The approval of the agreement will allow for the amortizing of the bottom floor of the building. The increase in pay grades for

POSITION OPEN

Director of Planning & Zoning Admin. Assistant: Concordia, Kansas, population 6,800. Salary \$10,000. Requires any combination equivalent to graduation from post secondary school with degree in planning or related fields or three years of professional planning experience, including one year in a supervisory position. Responsible for code enforcement, zoning regulations, advising City Manager on planning and development. Some knowledge of micro computer applications desired. Submit letter of application, including resume and references to: Randy Wetmore, City Manager, P.O. Box 503, Concordia, KS 66801. Application deadline Sept. 15, 1988. Concordia is an EOE.

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Concordia PD offering crime prevention cards

The Concordia Police Department will offer Kansas City Chiefs Crime Prevention Cards beginning Sept. 5. This year's cards feature Pro-Bowlers Deon Cherry, Bill Maas, Carlos Carson, and Albert Lewis. Also included in the set is Chief's Head Coach Frank Ganzs along with Stephone Paige, Bill Kenney, Mark

Adickes, Paul Palmer and Christian Okoye.

The only way to receive a card is from a police officer. The program is designed to encourage positive interaction between youths and police and promote crime prevention in a non-authoritarian manner.

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Under Hamm accepts city manager position

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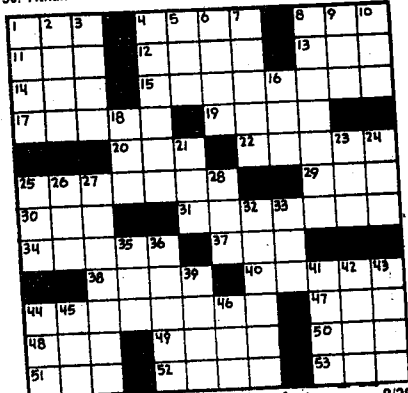
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Hundreds apply for new jobs at Wal-Mart

More than 500 applicants are vying for 90-100 jobs at the Concordia Wal-Mart, now slated to open between mid-October and Nov. 1, said store manager Ryan Hoage.

"We have interviewed several hundred who are qualified. The quality of applicants has been very high," Hoage said.

The physical set-up of the building will be finished Sept. 20 and "we will start receiving fixtures that week," he said. Merchandise will arrive the following week, he added.

The 40,000-square-foot store will open four to six weeks after merchandise begins to arrive, he said, which would put the store's grand opening sometime between Oct. 18 and Nov. 1.

Wal-Mart has added a garden center and another loading dock to the existing building.

The Concordia store will be "about average (in size) for a town the size of Concordia," he said. "The Marysville and Fairbury stores are smaller and the Salina store is larger," he said.

"It seems that Concordia used to be something of a regional shopping area, and we hope to draw in people from the surrounding area. We think we will help bring traffic back into Concordia instead of them (shoppers) going to Salina," he said.

Hoage said many applicants have been "people who have been out of the work force for awhile." He cited "retired military, farm workers, housewives and people over the age of 50 as making up a large per-

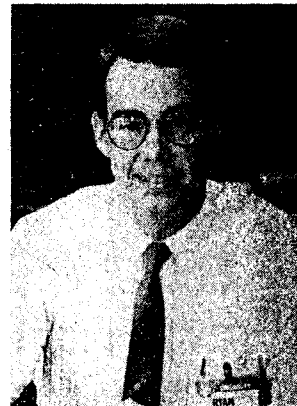
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Jobs with Wal-Mart are in demand because the company offers competitive wages, good benefits and an established reputation, he said.

"Our company believes in promoting from within, and people know that," he added.

Three employees will be moved into Concordia by the company and all others will be hired from the local pool of applicants, he said.

Hoage, a Lincoln, Neb., native and graduate of the University of Nebraska, trained in the Salina Wal-Mart before working in Hiawatha, Kan., and Seward, Neb. He, his wife and two little girls moved here from Norfolk, Neb.



Ryan Hoage

Monday, August 29, 1988

Wetmore leaving for city manager position in Ottawa

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Hayden will push 1,200 bed prison

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press Writer

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Hayden made the remarks during a news conference, as attorneys for the department and a group of inmates at the Kansas State Penitentiary in Lansing prepare for a "status" hearing in federal court Friday.

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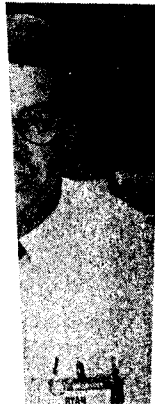
First District Representative Pat Roberts Friday afternoon cut the ribbon to officially open the Republican Party headquarters for the 1988 general election. Roberts also was the featured speaker at a GOP rally attended by candidates and party

members. Holding the ribbon for Roberts to cut were (left to right) county commissioner Mark Morgan; Fred Dunshie, candidate for state representative; county clerk Betty Musick; state senator Ross Doyen; and county GOP chairman Kirk Lowell. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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