

Sheriff fires David Bodine

County Investigator David Bodine Friday was released by Cloud County Sheriff Dean Cairns. Reasons for dismissal have not been released from the county sheriff's office.

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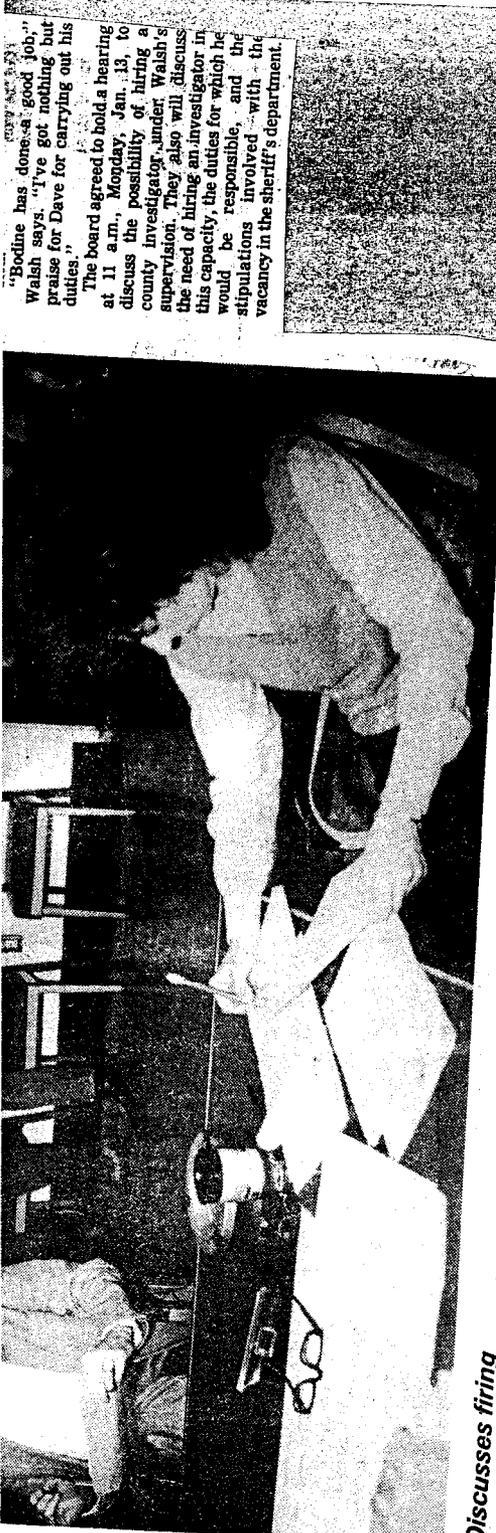
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Sheriff Cairns also withheld information from Bodine that was pertinent to a case on which he and Investigator Budreau were working.

"Budreau and I approached him (Cairns) for some files because we had an angle (on a case) we wanted to look into," Bodine says. "We couldn't do anything without the interviews that were in that file."

"Cairns said he couldn't find them. Sam and I had both seen the files in his office. We took them to him six months ago."

Bodine says his relationship with the city police department is good. "I get along great with the police department and that makes Dean mad." Bodine had just returned from a coffee break with some city policemen Friday afternoon when Cairns released him.

"All I came here for was to be an investigator," Bodine says. "These other problems came into the picture and it started getting too political. That's all it amounts to." Sheriff Cairns was unavailable for comments.

Executive session held

The Cloud County Board of Commissioners met yesterday at 9 a.m. Chairman Jack Paulsen, members Roger Nelson and Mark Morgan, and County Clerk Betty L. DeWitt were present.

Bob Sprague, weed director, presented statements for unpaid weed spraying. The statements will be added to the tax roll as liens against the property if they remain unpaid in 30 days. Sprague also presented the annual weed report, which was approved and signed.

Don Schreiner, executive director, Pawnee Mental Health Services, presented the annual contract for mental health services. It was approved and signed. Schreiner also presented a third quarter financial analysis. An annual financial statement will be presented to the board at a later date.

County Attorney Robert Walsh notified the board that David Bodine was terminated from the county sheriff's department. As was mentioned in yesterday's Blade-Empire, the board, at Walsh's request, will hold a public hearing to discuss the need for a county investigator at 11 a.m., Monday, Jan.

13, in the county commissioner's meeting room.

The board also requested the county attorney to prepare a report on the possibilities of law enforcement consolidation in other municipalities.

Bob Jager, county appraiser, reported that the Burlington Railroad is including a clause in their deeds that requires the purchaser of Burlington property to be responsible for all past, present and future taxes, and that Burlington is retaining all mineral rights.

Jager also discussed office space requirements for reappraisal and costs of the project.

Sheriff Dean Cairns requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The board agreed to meet with Cairns.

Doyle Turner, county highway administrator, presented specifications for bids for a tandem axle truck. The bid-opening will take place Jan. 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Turner also discussed upcoming meetings and equipment and vehicles that may be replaced this year.

Blochlinger certified as water operator

Dennis Blochlinger, Concordia, recently received a Class II water supply system operator certification from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Barbara J. Sabol, Secretary of Health and Environment, announced. Blochlinger qualified for the certification on the basis of training and experience, as well as passing a written exam.

"Blochlinger exhibited a working knowledge of the treatment processes, sampling procedures, laws, and some laboratory analyses necessary for the operation of Concordia's water supply system," Sabol said. "Blochlinger will continue on a training program in order to maintain certification."

Sheriff, police chief issue joint statement

EDITOR'S NOTE: Cloud County sheriff Dean Cairns and Concordia chief of police Dennis Rohr this morning issued a joint statement to help answer some of the rumors and concerns about the operations of their two departments. The text of the statement is printed below.

Recent publicity concerning conflicts between personnel working for local law enforcement has created rumors and speculations about the cooperation and effectiveness of the Sheriff's and Police Departments. We desire to place a perspective on this issue.

The change of administration in the Sheriff's department in 1985 created some changes which required an adjustment involving both departments. Conflicts did arise and problems were incurred. However, the administration of both departments has been working together to formulate procedures and agreements which will minimize the problems and secure maximum services to the public.

It is our desire to work together in the many areas which will complement and enhance our operations and service to the public. There are also areas which are specific to our individual departments which must be respected and developed individually.

We ask that the public will support us as our jobs are difficult and demanding. We, in turn, will do the best we can to provide the public with professional law enforcement service.

/s/Dennis R. Rohr
Chief of Police
/s/Dean R. Cairns
Sheriff

City annexes land

The Concordia city commission this morning passed a resolution annexing a tract of land owned by Charles and Isabell Blosser.

Before passing the ordinance the commissioners accepted a petition for annexation from the Blossers.

The tract of land runs from the Blossers hangar at the north end of the airport east of the Skyliner Motel

to a tract of land owned by F&A Sales.

City attorney David Retter said that the annexation will provide the Blossers with fire protection and is a necessary step in annexing the F&A property.

F&A is planning to build a new warehouse on its tract of land.

Insure with Bays-Erickson-Swierczinsky.

Karen Dunlap seeks city commission slot

Karen Dunlap today filed a petition to place her name in nomination for a seat on the Concordia city commission.

She is the first candidate to file for the position occupied by commissioner Bill Smith. The election will be Tuesday, April 1. A primary election will be held Feb. 25 if more than three candidates file for office.

In announcing her candidacy, Mrs. Dunlap said she enjoyed her service on the commission and that with her experience she feels as though she has something to offer the citizens of the community.

She said that if elected she would push to hold city commission meetings in the evenings. She said this would allow more citizens to attend the meetings and would allow more people to observe the workings of city government. When Mrs. Dunlap served last year, the city commission meetings were held at 4:30 p.m. because of the terms of her employment as Chief Court Services Officer for the 12th Judicial District.

Mrs. Dunlap has been active in community affairs during her 13 years as a resident of the community. She is chairman of the Community Resources Council, a member of the city planning commission, a member of the zoning board of appeals, and a member of the St. Joseph Hospital advisory board. She is past chairman of the Chamber of Commerce governmental affairs division.

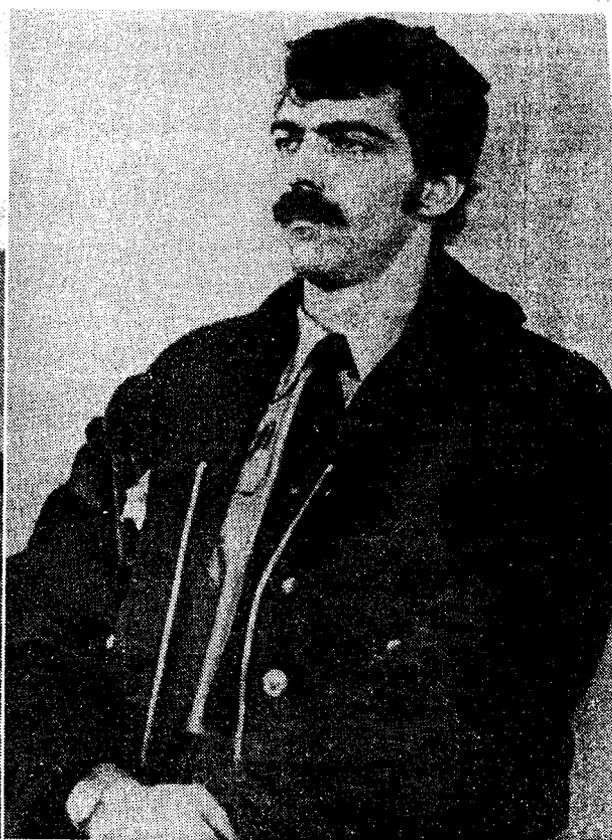
Mrs. Dunlap and her husband Marvin have a daughter, Toni, who is a freshman at Cloud County Community College.

She has a bachelor's degree in corrections and a master's degree in counseling.



Karen Dunlap

Mrs. Dunlaps served as an interim city commissioner from Feb. 20 until the April election last year when she failed in her bid to retain the position in a four candidate race.



Listen to proceedings

David Bodine (left) and sheriff Dean Cairns attended the public hearing this morning conducted by the Board of County Commissioners on a request to create the position of county in-

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vestigator in the county attorney's office. County attorney Robert Walsh made the request after sheriff Cairns fired Bodine, who had been county investigator in the sheriff's department. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

County attorney's request denied

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The Cloud County Board of Commissioners today decided not to establish a position for an investigator under the county attorney's office.

The decision came after the commissioners presided over a hearing this morning in the county meeting room.

Approximately 50 citizens turned out to voice their opinions on the need for the new position. The meeting lasted approximately one hour.

Commissioner Roger Nelson opened the hearing by stating that the purpose of the hearing was to determine the need for an investigator's position within the county attorney's office. "Who might fill that position if it is established is not the matter of the commission," Nelson said. "Our involvement will be to decide whether to establish that position in the county."

If the position were created, former investigator David Bodine,

probably would have been a strong contender for the position.

County Attorney Robert Walsh explained that the new position would require one of the department budgets to be amended. This would create more funds in his department to compensate the individual who would fill the position.

Walsh also noted that the proposed increase in the budget must come out of unbudgeted resources.

"I am concerned about the rights of our elected officials," said Concordia citizen Rod Howard. "They should have the right to hire and they should have the right to dismiss them."

"Of all the cases filed through the city this year, the subjects or cases were dismissed or the charges were reduced," says George Warburton, Clyde city marshal.

"I respect Dean Cairn's right to hire and fire an investigator," Rex Strait Sr. said. "It wouldn't prove anything to rehire him (Bodine). It would just add insult to injury. We're

full-grown adults and we're acting like kids at this meeting."

"I strongly feel that the investigator and the investigations should be kept in the sheriff's department," says Joe Gerard, of Concordia. "There is a tremendous amount done by road officers, initial officers on the scene. A tremendous amount would be lost if the investigator is over at the county attorney's office," he said.

"I agree with what they have said," David Bodine said. "There only needs to be one investigator. Some people can't work with other people. The sheriff's department's relations with the police department will continue to get worse. The county attorney has evidence from the KBI (Kansas Bureau of Investigation) that will prove this. He is the only one in this room that can make that proof public."

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County Attorney Walsh said the advantage to having the county

investigator in his office was to expedite things. This would do away with going through a dispatcher, and would allow him to approach the investigator directly on questions he has on specific cases.

The commissioners based their decision this afternoon on the public opinion that was expressed at the hearing earlier today.

"The public opinion that was expressed this morning backs up my decision," Commissioner Roger Nelson said. "The office of county attorney is a prosecuting office. There is no place in a small place like this for an investigator in this capacity. When the sheriff gets his cases put together, he brings the facts to the county attorney and then he prosecutes. I don't believe there is a place for another law enforcement arm. The sheriff was elected to do that."

Commissioner Jack Paulsen said his decision was based, in addition to the public opinion, on lack of funding for the position.

Commission Denies County Attorney's Request

Cloud County Commissioners Monday denied a request to consider the hiring and placement of a Special Investigator in the office of the County Attorney. Last week County Attorney Robert Walsh had requested the commission to consider hiring David Bodine as a county investigator for the county attorney's office, following his dismissal from the sheriff's department.

The public hearing by the commissioners Monday, to receive input on the proposal, had to be moved from the regular commission room to the courthouse meeting room to allow space for those in attendance. Approximately 60 individuals were in attendance for the public meeting.

In opening the meeting, Roger Nelson, commission chairman, conveyed the commission's feelings that they have no authority for the hiring and firing of personnel by the department heads, and were conducting the public meeting to receive citizens input as to whether a position should be created in the county attorney's office. It was their purpose to give the sheriff the best tools possible to operate his department, and that the elected officials choose their own personnel.

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Advantages of having the county investigator in the county attorney's office, explained Walsh, would be to expedite procedures, as this would allow more cooperation, plus being able to answer questions directly concerning cases.

Several of those in attendance at the meeting expressed their opinions in the matter before the commissioners and desired to know exactly why Bodine was terminated from office. Some of those present felt the Sheriff should let it be known as to the reason for dismissal.

County Attorney Walsh reported to those present he had advised Sheriff Cairns not to make any statement concerning the dismissal of Bodine pending litigation by local law enforcement individuals.

Following the public meeting, the commissioners reassembled at one p.m. to reach a decision as to the proposal by the county attorney.

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City seeks transfer of block grant funds

The Concordia city commission yesterday approved requesting an amendment to the 1983 Community Block Grant which would allow the city to use funds allocated for housing rehabilitation to reconstruct Kansas Street from 6th Street to a point beyond the alley between 4th and 5th Streets.

Ross VanderHamm, administrative assistant, said that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has indicated that it will approve the amendment. He said that HUD has said that the city must spend the more than \$90,000 remaining in 1983 funding before October 31 or return the money.

VanderHamm said that housing rehabilitation requests have been down and he does not favor returning the money to HUD. He said that six housing rehab projects are in progress at a cost of approximately \$38,000, leaving about \$52,000 for the street project.

He said the Kansas Street project was selected because it is in need of reconstruction. He said that it is the main artery to the elevator and carries a lot of heavy grain truck traffic. The project was selected after a meeting of the citizens Advisory committee, he added.

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Gail Engle, Cablecom General manager in Concordia, reported to the commissioners that the system improvement project is progressing rapidly at present because of the favorable weather. He said that it is expected that the full 32 channel system will be on the air early in February.

He said that Cablecom will open a converter store at the corner of 6th and Cedar about Feb. 1. Cablecom customers who do not have cable-ready television sets will be able to pick up their converters at the store, he said.

Engle said that customers will be receiving postcards with dates on them indicating when they are to pick up their converters. He emphasized that the customers would need to present the postcards to receive the converters.

The converters for the basis 22-channel system will be provided at no expense, Engle said.



LISTENS TO CONCERNS—David Bodine, second from right, a former special investigator for the Cloud County Sheriff's Department, listened to concerns being expressed Monday at the public hearing conducted by the County commissioners. The meeting was held to receive the public's input as to whether to consider hiring a county investigator for

the County Attorney's office. In the photo below Sheriff Dean Cairns, standing to the right, listens to the questions being asked during the meeting. He had been advised by the county attorney earlier to make no comment as to the release of Bodine from his department. (Photo by Kansan staff, Wm. DeArmond).



Release Additional Information On Arson Fire ^{H6}

Concordia Fire Chief Philip Schlup, released the following information Wednesday afternoon pertaining to the severe fire that hit Concordia, Nov. 14 in which one life was lost, and the result of their investigation to date:

The investigation into the arson fire at 6th and Broadway on Nov. 14 continues to generate a considerable amount of information and work by the investigators involved in the case. Numerous leads have been developed and researched which has resulted in obtaining positive results.

Due to the nature of the crime and situation, a tremendous amount of time and effort is required to conduct the investigation in a proper manner. Legal procedures must be followed which adds to the amount of time involved in the investigation.

One area that we are seeking assistance is to determine the serial numbers of the VCR recorders that are missing from the Bi-Lo Video store. The investigation has revealed that numerous VCR recorders have been purchased from Bi-Lo since April 1, 1985, however, the records of the serial numbers of those machines do not indicate who purchased them.

We are asking for anyone who purchased a VCR from Bi-Lo Video since April 1, 1985, to please call either the Concordia Police Department at 243-3131, or the Concordia Fire Department at 243-4411 and give us the serial number of the machine that was purchased so that we can determine exactly the serial numbers of the missing recorders.

In addition, we want to emphasize that if anyone has any information concerning the fire, to be sure and call the toll-free number (1-800-KS-CRIME) and become eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in reward money for such information that will assist us in determining who was responsible for this act.

Fire and EMS alarms

CONCORDIA FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES 1985 SUMMARY—FIRE

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Total Fire and Rescue Responses—1985, 129; 1984, 89; 1983, 91.
Total Dollar Loss—1985, \$895,260.00; 1984, \$68,255.00; 1983, \$650,830.00.
Rescue Extrications Performed—1985, 2; 1984, 5; 1983, 4.
Average Response Time—1985, 3 minutes; 1984, 3 minutes; 1983, 3 minutes.
Fatalities from Fire—1985, 1; 1984, 0; 1983, 0.
Fatalities from Fire—1985, 1; 1984, 0; 1983, 0.
Injuries from Fire (includes Firefighters)—1985, 2; 1984, 1; 1983, 0.

FIRE ALARMS

Wednesday, January 1, 1986

9:48 a. m.—830 West 11th, St. Mary's Nursing Home, fire in kitchen. Fire contained to natural gas cooking stove due to malfunction of gas valve. No damage or injuries.

Sunday, January 5, 1986

12:35 p. m.—339 West 3rd, investigate odor. Found faulty control valve on furnace causing furnace to overheat. No damage or injuries.

Thursday, January 9, 1986

7:30 p. m.—208 1/2 East 8th, investigate possible natural gas odor. Found bottle of furniture polish spilled in downstairs apartment creating odor.

Friday, January 10, 1986

7:06 p. m.—1502 Lincoln, TGY Parking lot, reported car smoking. Found steam from faulty water pump mistaken for smoke, honest mistake, good intent. No damage.

Sunday, January 12, 1986

3:02 p. m.—702 Broadway, Frank Carlson Library, automatic alarm. Apparent power failure caused alarm to activate, no fire or damage.

Monday, January 13, 1986

7:38 a. m.—1100 Highland Drive, St. Joseph Hospital, automatic alarm. Detector activated alarm due to steam being released from appliance. No fire or damage.

1:28 p. m.—134 East 6th, Dutch Maid Laundry, reported dryer on fire. Found dryer operating properly, good intent, pilot light burning properly. No damage.

10:47 p. m.—Reported vehicle on fire near airport entrance on U.S. 81. Found pickup truck on fire on highway right of way outside of city limits. No action taken.

1985 SUMMARY EMS

Total EMS responses—1985, 393; 1984, 437; 1983, 339.
Medical emergencies—1985, 263; 1984, 292; 1983, 207.
Non-urgent and transfers—1985, 132; 1984, 145; 1983, 132.
Number of persons treated or transported—1985, 415; 1984, 437; 1983, 339.
Average Response Time—1985, 2.5 minutes; 1984, 2.5 minutes; 1983, 2.5 minutes.

EMS RESPONSES

Wednesday, January 1, 1986

10:22 a. m.—Sunset Nursing Home, non urgent transfer. Female patient age 83, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Thursday, January 2, 1986

3:33 p. m.—425 East 7th, medical emergency. Female victim age 42, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Saturday, January 4, 1986

6:22 p. m.—417 East 9th, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 75, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Sunday, January 5, 1986

12:43 p. m.—513 East 8th, non urgent transfer. Female patient age 70, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

9:40 p. m.—623 West 6th, medical emergency. Female victim age 77, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Thursday, January 9, 1986

11:08 a. m.—Concordia Nursing Center, medical emergency. Male patient age 58, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

1:42 p. m.—135 West 8th, Masonic Temple, reported medical emergency. Male victim age 25, examined only, no transport.

Thursday, January 9, 1986

1:48 p. m.—528 West 2nd, non urgent transfer. Female victim age 52, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Saturday, January 11, 1986

2:27 a. m.—Sunset Nursing Home, medical emergency. Female victim age 89, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

8:22 a. m.—Nazereth Motherhouse, 13th and Washington, non urgent transfer. Female patient age 77, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Sunday, January 12, 1986

8:39 p. m.—104 East 7th, apartment No. 1, non-urgent transfer. Male victim age 77, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

11:39 p. m.—Sunset Nursing Home, medical emergency. Female victim age 85, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Monday, January 13, 1986

11:34 p. m.—907 1st Ave., medical emergency. Female victim age 77, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

9:50 p. m.—529 West 3rd, medical emergency. Female victim age 89, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Tuesday, January 14, 1986

10:32 a. m.—407 East 12th, non urgent transfer. Female patient age 72, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Information sought on VCR sales

1-16-86

The Concordia fire and police departments are seeking the serial numbers of all VCRs purchased from Bi-Lo Video since April 1, 1985. The objective of this search is to determine the serial numbers of the missing VCRs to aid in the investigation of the Nov. 14 arson at the corner of Sixth and Broadway.

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Schlup also says if you have any information concerning the arson, call 1-800-KS-CRIME. You will be eligible for a reward of up to \$5,000 for information that will assist in determining who was responsible for the arson.

Files for Commission

Karen Dunlap, 713 East 12th, Concordia, Wednesday morning filed for the position of City Commissioner by paying the \$10 filing fee.

Mrs. Dunlap reports the reason for filing for the position was: "Yes, the position is a thankless task and one receives all kinds of guff, but I feel one needs to be involved in community affairs, therefore I will be a candidate for the position.

Dunlap, a Kansas court service officer, 12th Judicial District, had been appointed by the city commission in early February to fill the position vacated with the resignation of commissioner Armand Racette. Shortly after the appointment, the Attorney General's office ruled her appointment would end with the General Election in April.

Mrs. Dunlap campaigned as a write-in candidate for the unexpired term of Racette, but was defeated in that election.



Karen Dunlap

As of Wednesday evening no additional candidates had filed for the position of City Commissioner presently held by Bill Smith.

Word was received late Wednesday evening from Bill Smith that he would not be seeking a second term for the city commission position.

Verna Scott, city clerk, reports that Tuesday noon, Jan. 21 is the filing deadline for the one City Commission seat to be contested in the April 1, 1986 City General Election. To file for the position, the signatures of at least 20 qualified electors are required on a petition or the candidate may pay a filing fee of \$10.00. Should more than two candidates file for the position, there will be a Primary Election held on Feb.

Law Enforcement Release Statement

The Kansan received the following statement Wednesday morning after an attempt was made to make contact with the two law enforcement officers asking for a copy of the statement released to the Blade Tuesday morning. The following is a copy of the information received.

Dear Editor:

Recent publicity concerning conflicts between personnel working for local law enforcement has created rumors and speculations about the cooperation and effectiveness of the Sheriff's and Police Departments. We desire to place a perspective on this issue.

The change of administration in the Sheriff's department in 1985 created some changes which required an adjustment involving both departments. Conflicts did arise and problems were incurred. However, the administration of both departments have been working together to formulate procedures and agreements which will minimize the problems and secure maximum services to the public.

It is our desire to work together in the many areas which will compliment and enhance our operations and service to the public. There are also areas which are specific to our individual departments which must be respected and developed individually.

We ask that the public will support us as our jobs are difficult and demanding. We, in turn, will do the best we can to provide the public with professional law enforcement service.

Dennis R. Rohr
Chief of Police.
Dean R. Cairns
Sheriff.

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Commission Authorize Amended Block Grant

Holding a public hearing on an amended Block Grant proposal Wednesday was just one of the many items on the City Commission agenda. Other items included an update of the Cablecom system expansion, the annexation of the property south of Concordia, approval of an ordinance change regulating the hours open on miniature golf courses, an agreement to provide animal kennel services to the city, and hearing the final cost of several curb and gutter projects.

Block Grant

A public hearing was held Wednesday to consider possible projects that would be eligible for HUD funding. Ross Vander Hamm, administrative assistant, reported approximately \$90,000 balance in the housing rehabilitation project, due largely to the lack of participants in the program. In meeting with the Citizen's Advisory Committee, he reported it was possible to amend the HUD funding providing it was funded by Oct. 1, 1986. As a result of that meeting, a street improvement project on Kansas Street from Sixth Street to approximately 40 feet north of the alley between Fourth and Fifth Streets was developed. Estimated cost of the project was set at

\$51,279.00 with the total cost to be funded with the Grant funds at no cost to the property owners. Vander Hamm reported approximately \$38,000 would be expended on six housing projects this spring. The project calls for the widening of the street by three feet on each side, plus new curb and guttering. Some property owners were present at the meeting to hear the proposal presented. The commission voiced approval for the amended grant proposal.

Cablecom Update

Gail Engle, local Cablecom manager, was present to update the commission with the expansion of the cable system. From all reports, completion of the new system should be on-line by the end of February. Engle reported several different crews have been working in Concordia, working on different phases of the system. An office will be opening at 401 West 6th, formerly the Greenlight building, to distribute the new converter units needed to receive the new system. He reported postal cards will be sent to their customers and they must bring this card with them to receive the new basic converter at no extra charge. An increase in the Cablecom rates will go into effect once the system is on line.

Annex Property

Approval was given by the commission accepting and adopting a petition for the annexation of the tract of land that the new F & A Sales warehouses is to be constructed upon. The commission reported this was a voluntary annexation by Charles and Isabell Blosser and Dan R. Farha. With the adoption of the property, it is officially annexed into the City of Concordia.

Change Hours

The commission approved the change in the city ordinance regulation of the hour of a miniature golf course. Mike Whelan, owner of Puttsville, had requested that he be allowed to operate later than 11 p.m. The ordinance previously governed the hours of a miniature golf course when it was an outdoor facility and lighting and noise created problems.

Kennel Agreement

Authorization was given by the commission whereby the mayor or city clerk is authorized to sign an agreement with Kenneth and Bonnie Bray to provide animal kennel service for the animals that are impounded by the city animal control officer. Authorization was for a six month agreement for the Concordia \$1,100 and then on a monthly basis thereafter. It was reported the city's own kennel is to be completed by next fall.

Project Costs

Approval of the final cost of five curb and gutter projects was given by the commission and placed on the special assessment role. The projects and costs were: Noel Nickel, 1701 Cedar, \$1,272.78; Betty Humes, 1219 Washington,



Cleanup time

Park department employees were cleaning out

dead brush at the Airport Park this morning.

(Blade photo by Chris Black)

Henderson Sales Purchases Ken's

A business transaction involving a location change for the former Ken's TV and Appliance, took place in Concordia last weekend.

Bill and Sharon Henderson of Henderson Sales and Services, purchased Ken's TV and Appliance and have moved the merchandise to their store at 301 West 6th.

Henderson's, formerly an agent for Montgomery Ward, announced the purchase of the RCA and Whirlpool franchise from Ken and Bessie Holecek. They report their store will be the authorized dealers for RCA, Whirlpool, Hoover, and Sharp Microwaves. Harry Webster, who was employed by the Holecek's for the past two years, will be a certified RCA service technician, with Holecek providing Whirlpool service for the store. Henderson's will continue to be a service center for Montgomery Wards parts and warranty work.

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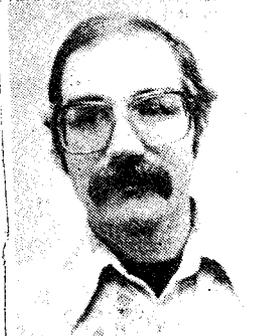
Two more candidates filed as candidates for the city commission position currently occupied by Bill Smith, assuring a primary election on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Paying the \$10.00 filing fee this morning at city hall were former city commissioner Lee Doyen and Rodney Howard. Doyen served two terms on the commission and is an instructor at Cloud County Community College. Howard has not held public office and is an employee of Constructive Playthings.

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The deadline for filing is noon tomorrow.



Rod Howard

Files For Commission

Rod Howard, 423 East 9th, Concordia, Monday morning filed for the position of City Commissioner by paying the \$10 filing fee. Howard was the second candidate to file for the position. Previously Karen Dunlap had filed for the same position by petition.

Howard is a 15-year resident of Concordia and is employed by Constructive Playthings. He and his wife, Kay of 10 years, have a daughter, Amy, 7. He is a highly decorated war veteran.

When Howard was asked why he was running for commissioner, he responded, "I care about my community and the direction it will be taking. Although I'm inexperienced, I will do my best to serve the voters and listen to their problems and advice."

Mrs. Howard is the former Kay Marcotte.

Accident reported

The Concordia Police Department yesterday investigated an accident at the intersection of 13th and Republican involving vehicles driven by Amy Nault, 526 W. 9th, and Mahala Carter, Rt. 1, Jamestown.

The police said that Carter was headed north on Republican when the accident occurred. After stopping at the stop sign on 13th, Nault proceeded across the intersection with the intention of turning south and did not see the Carter vehicle, police said.

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Commissioner

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Bob Nicholson, 9th Street Block 106, \$8,287.25; and John Davis, 338 West 7th, \$2,304.88.

With the approval of the projects a special assessment hearing was set for Feb. 5 for the individuals affected by the project.

Zoning Appeals

Jill Casado was appointed by the commission to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term. She is presently completing a term she was appointed to last fall.

Investment Report

Randy Wetmore, city manager, reported to the commission the increase in the interest received in the Fourth Quarter was not enough to bring the interest earned amount to equal 1984's \$110,831.17. The 1985 total interest earned fell \$10,934.17 short. This was caused by the reduced interest rates paid by banking institutions, it was reported.

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Fire being investigated ¹⁻²²

Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire which did an estimated \$6,000 worth of damage to a house at 104 E. 18th yesterday.

The house is owned by William Russell Cussins. Vicky Cartwright, a student at Cloud County Community College, lived in a basement apartment, according to the police department.

After extinguishing the fire, the Concordia Fire Department requested the assistance of the Concordia Police Department and the State Fire Marshal's office in the investigation of the cause of the fire.

Samples were taken from the site of the fire and sent to the laboratory for examination. The deputy state fire marshal for the area has been contacted for further assistance.

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Lee Doyen

Files For 1-23 Commission

Lee Doyen, 706 Cedar, Concordia, filed Monday for the position of Concordia City Commission.

Doyen was elected in April 1976 to the unexpired one year term of the late Keith Chambers. He was re-elected to a full three-year term in 1977 and again in 1980. In both elections Doyen was unopposed. He was opposed by Bill Smith however in his efforts for a 1983 re-election and was defeated by 128 votes.

Doyen, a Cloud County Community College instructor, has been actively involved in many community projects, civic organizations and the Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Smith, who is completing his first three-year term in office, will not be a candidate for re-election.

He's ready

Gene Miller, director of economic development, wants to attract manufacturing,

distribution and processing industries to fill up the industrial park on the southeast edge of Concordia. (Blade photo by Carol Anderson)

Miller seeks new industry

by Carol Anderson
Blade staff writer

What Gene Miller wants is industry in this town. He wants to bring manufacturing, distribution and processing industry to Concordia.

And why does he want to do that?

It's his job. As director of economic development since January, 1985, Gene Miller's objective is to create jobs for the citizens in this area through enticing companies to locate branch plants in Concordia. Approximately 500 contacts with prospective businesses were made in 1985. He says there are approximately six to twelve companies that, in the next two-to-three years will decide on a location for a branch plant. Any one of them could decide to locate in Concordia.

Another important aspect of Miller's job is to maintain close contact with businesses currently located in Concordia.

"We've got a good location here—in the center of the nation,"

Miller says. "You could market to the country from right here."

Concordia is able to provide an attractive proposal for companies. It is indicative of the attitude here, he says.

Concordia is a well-organized community, Miller says. "It has a good industrial park and a good industrial development committee. It has recreation, business and is well-prepared for industry compared to other communities its size."

"We've been known to offer free land in proportion to plant size for future expansion," Miller says. "It would be possible to build a railroad spur if the company needed it. We also have access to community development block grant funds."

Obtaining a \$400,000 block grant for F&A Foods was his biggest accomplishment for 1985.

Miller would like to see growth in the next five years in the number of jobs in manufacturing with companies currently located here and also in new industry coming to the area.

The best type of industries to attract to Concordia would be those that process agricultural products, Miller says. Although the agricultural economy is sluggish now, he thinks that the economy in 1986 may offer support for growth in industry.

"The economy of the country plays a very important part in establishing new industry. If things stay the way they are, the growth will be enhanced because of the projected growth in the GNP in 1986, and the decrease in inflation."

According to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, 100 factory workers can mean 79 more school children, 68 more people employed in non-manufacturing, \$565,000 more retail sales per year, 97 more families and \$490,000 more bank deposits.

For those new individuals who might locate here, Miller offers them the satisfaction of quality of life.

"This area offers a great deal in recreation and quality of life. You just can't beat it."

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Fire blamed on arson

rented a basement apartment, Schlup said.

By the time the girl returned from reporting the fire it had self-extinguished because of lack of oxygen, the fire chief said.

Schlup said peculiar burn patterns on the floor and an empty charcoal lighter fluid can led fire officials to suspect arson.

The Concordia Fire Department, the Concordia Police Department and the State Fire Marshal's office are conducting the investigation. Interviews have been conducted with several persons who lived in the house as well as neighbors, Schlup said.

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The work goes on
City crews are continuing their efforts to thin out excesses of vegetation at the Airport Park (Blade photo by Chris Black)

Challenger explodes moments after liftoff

By HOWARD BENEDICT
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Challenger exploded into a gigantic fireball 75 seconds after liftoff today, apparently killing all seven crew members, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

There was no announcement of the fate of the crew but it appeared there was no way they could survive.

The \$1.2 billion spacecraft, one of four in NASA's shuttle fleet, appeared to be destroyed.

It was the first in-flight disaster in 56 U.S. manned space missions, although three astronauts were killed in a 1967 launch pad explosion during the Apollo program.

The explosion was a devastating setback for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration after successfully carrying out 24 space shuttle missions in slightly less than five years.

The shocking spectacle was seen by millions of people around the country who were watching the launch on television.

All 1,200 students at Mrs. McAuliffe's Concord High School were cheering for televised launch when a teacher yelled for

them to be silent because something appeared to be wrong.

As it became clear there was an explosion, stunned students murmured "This can't be real.... We can't be watching this."

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said President Reagan was "concerned" and "saddened" at the accident but had no immediate details. "We don't have any more information than what is being provided the public on television."

The House of Representatives interrupted its session at the news and the chaplain delivered a prayer for the astronauts. The House then adjourned.

The gleaming ship had risen spectacularly off the launch pad at 11:38 a.m. EST, after a series of weather and technical delays, and was climbing smoothly trailing a 700-geyser of fire when suddenly it erupted in a huge fireball and shot out of control.

A voice at Mission Control said, "We are checking with recovery forces to see what can be done at this point.... Contingency procedures are in effect."

The voice said, "Vehicle has exploded. ... We are awaiting word from any recovery forces downrange."

There were seven crew members aboard, including Mrs. McAuliffe, a 37-year-old New Hampshire teacher selected from 11,146 teacher applicants to be the first to fly in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's citizen-in-space program.

Mission Control said debris from the shuttle fell several miles out in the Atlantic and that recovery forces were speeding in that direction.

The other crew members were commander Francis R. Scobee, 46, pilot Michael J. Smith, 40; Judith Resnik, 36; Ronald E. McNair, 36; Ellison S. Onizuka, 39; and Gregory B. Jarvis, 41.

Mission Control said parts of the spacecraft fell at 23.64 north latitude and 80.28 degrees west longitude, just a few miles off Cape Canaveral.

Ships and helicopters raced to the area and the control center said paramedics had leaped into the water.

There was no indication how much of the shuttle was intact.

Half an hour after the explosion, a serpentine trail of white smoke, twisted by the upper wind, remained in the clear sky, marking the path of the shuttle's wreckage.

After the explosion, the shuttle appeared to still be flying and suddenly corkscrewed out of control and plunged toward the ocean.

The flight was the second of a record 15 shuttle flights that NASA had planned this year.

It probably will be months now before another shuttle can be launched, while engineers try to determine what went wrong.

NASA said the explosion occurred about 60 seconds into the mission, at a point when the astronauts were beginning to throttle their engines up to maximum thrust after they throttled them down to a 60 percent level at 35 seconds in order to reduce the forces of gravity during liftoff.

The explosion also occurred about the time Challenger was to enter a period of maximum aerodynamic pressure when wind and other atmospheric conditions would place the maximum force on the outside of the vehicle.

There was no indication whether the explosion occurred in the solid boosters or in the main engines fueled by hydrogen and oxygen from the main tank. When Challenger lifted off, its huge fuel tank carried 526,000 gallons of volatile liquid

hydrogen and oxygen.

Mission control reported that there was no indication of any problem with the engines, the solid boosters or any other system, and that the shuttle just suddenly blew apart.

Radio communications and telemetry abruptly ended.

There was total shock and disbelief among workers at the shuttle assembly building as they watched Challenger break up in a ball of fire and white and orange smoke.

"I can't believe it," said a young woman, almost crying, as she stood among coworkers outside the building.

"I can't see the orbiter — what happened to the orbiter," said a young technician.

The purpose of the mission was to release and retrieve one satellite to study Halley's comet and launch another to become part of the space-based shuttle communications network.

McAuliffe was to teach two 15-minute lessons on the fourth day of the mission. Public Broadcasting Service will carry the telecast live, and hundreds of schools plan to tune in.



The work goes on
City crews are continuing their efforts to thin out excesses of vegetation at the Airport Park (Blade photo by Chris Black)

IDA Meetings ¹⁻³⁰ Set for Feb. 11

Concordia's two Industrial Development groups will hold their annual meeting Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Moose Lodge, at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting will feature Roger Christianson, director, Development Division of the Kansas Department of Economic Development, as the speaker.

The meeting is open to the public and reservations are needed only for those having lunch and should be made by contacting city hall at 243-7864 by Thursday, Feb. 6, for reservations.

Fire blamed on arson

Authorities believe that fire which in estimated \$12,000 damage to a home owned by Russell Cussins was intentionally set, according to Concordia fire chief Philip Schlup. Schlup said that laboratory results indicate samples collected from the fire confirmed that a flammable liquid was used to aid the intensity of the fire which was confined to the basement of the

rented a basement apartment, Schlup said.

By the time the girl returned from reporting the fire it had self-extinguished because of lack of oxygen, the fire chief said.

Schlup said peculiar burn patterns on the floor and an empty charcoal lighter fluid can led fire officials to suspect arson.

The fire began some time before 9 p.m. on Jan. 21 in the basement of the home at 104 E. 18th. The fire was reported by a Cloud County Community College student who lives at 243-7864.

The Concordia Fire Department, the Concordia Police Department and the State Fire Marshal's office are conducting the investigation. Interviews have been conducted with several persons who lived in the house as well as neighbors, Schlup said.

1-31-86

Challenger explodes moments before landing

By HOWARD BENEDICT
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Challenger exploded into a gigantic fireball 75 seconds after liftoff today, apparently killing all seven crew members, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

There was no announcement of the fate of the crew but it appeared there was no way they could survive.

The \$1.2 billion spacecraft, one of four in NASA's shuttle fleet, appeared to be destroyed.

It was the first in-flight disaster in 56 U.S. manned space missions, although three astronauts were killed in a 1967 launch pad explosion during the Apollo program.

The explosion was a devastating setback for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration after successfully carrying out 24 space shuttle missions in slightly less than five years.

The shocking spectacle was seen by millions of people around the country who were watching the launch on television.

All 1,200 students at Mrs. McAuliffe's Concord High School were cheering the televised launch when a teacher yelled for

them to be silent because something appeared to be wrong.

As it became clear there was an explosion, stunned students murmured "This can't be real.... We can't be watching this."

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said President Reagan was "concerned" and "saddened" at the accident but had no immediate details. "We don't have any more information than what is being provided the public on television."

The House of Representatives interrupted its session at the news and the chaplain delivered a prayer for the astronauts. The House then adjourned.

The gleaming ship had risen spectacularly off the launch pad at 11:38 a.m. EST, after a series of weather and technical delays, and was climbing smoothly trailing a 700-geyser of fire when suddenly it erupted in a huge fireball and shot out of control.

A voice at Mission Control said, "We are checking with recovery forces to see what can be done at this point.... Contingency procedures are in effect."

The voice said, "Vehicle has exploded.... We are awaiting word from any recovery forces downrange."

There were seven crew aboard, including Mrs. McAuliffe, a 37-year-old New Hampshire teacher who was the first to fly in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's civilian program.

Mission Control said debris from the shuttle fell several miles out in the ocean and that recovery forces were en route to that direction.

The other crew members were Commander Francis R. Scobee, 40; Judith A. A. McInnis, 35; Ellison S. S. Onizuka, 39; and Gregory B. Jarvis, 41.

Mission Control said the shuttle fell at 28.64 north latitude and 80.28 degrees west longitude, about 15 miles off Cape Canaveral.

Ships and helicopters race to the scene and the control center said they had leaped into the water.

There was no indication how the shuttle was intact.

Half an hour after the explosion, a trail of white smoke from the upper wind, remained in the air, marking the path of the wreckage.

opinion

Mugwump Musings by Marion Ellet

NICE TERRORISTS

"They are nice people. We don't like their methods of tossing bombs around. Bombs are dangerous, but basically they are nice people with convictions, and they should be treated with consideration."

No, my dear, those are not the words of an Arab apologist for the terrorists who massacred at Rome. They are the words of an adult American responding to a TV reporter after a mob scene in front of an American abortion clinic. The American was saying, in effect, that the terrorists who bomb abortion clinics and risk dozens of lives are moral fighters with convictions, and so deserve our consideration.

And, asked by an anti-abortion fanatic if he would pardon moral fighters who are now in jail, the President of the United States said he would review each case separately. Then an administration

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By JACK
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WASHINGTON — The San Nicaraguan Embassy in Washington is being brazenly treated with a brazen disregard for the American Department of State. Last month, a local empirical interrogator security police with death threats for the American Women's details of the one was humiliated and stood naked. All the ample long interrogations — f

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Ribbon cutting

Larry Letourneau, Chamber of Commerce president, this morning cut a ribbon to officially open the Cablecom General distribution center. Holding the ribbon are Gail Engel and his wife, Jan. Engel is manager of Cablecom General in Concordia. The cable television company will be distributing converters to be used by customers with television sets which

are not cable ready. Cablecom customers will be receiving cards which tell them when to pick up their converters. Customers must present the postcards to receive their converters. Engel said that it is anticipated that it will take a month to distribute all of the converters and the new rates will not take effect until March 1. The distribution center will open Monday. (Blade staff photo)

1-31-86

Fire and EMS alarms

FIRE ALARMS

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4:16 p. m.—301 West 6th, Henderson Sales and Service, smoke and odor in building. Investigation revealed light fixture ballast burned out. No sustained fire or damage. Used smoke deodorizer to neutralize odor.

Monday, Jan. 20

7:17 a. m.—1100 Highland Drive, St. Joseph Hospital, automatic alarm. Unintentional false, steam activated detector, no fire or injuries.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

12:58 p. m.—104 East 18th, reported fire in basement, fire extinguished upon discovery. Investigation revealed extensive fire damage to basement and had self-extinguished due to lack of oxygen. Cause under investigation. Damage estimated at \$6,000.00. No injuries.

Thursday, Jan. 23

1:13 p. m.—1100 Highland Drive, St. Joseph Hospital, Automatic alarm. Unintentional false. Investigation only.

Monday, Jan. 27

9:46 a. m.—US 24US 81 Junction, reported injury accident. Rescue response with EMS, extrication not needed.

TOTAL FIRE ALARMS YEAR TO DATE—13

TOTAL FIRE ALARMS LAST YEAR TO DATE—7

EMS RESPONSES

Tuesday, Jan. 14

8:01 p. m.—207 East 2nd, medical emergency. Male victim age 85, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

8:28 p. m.—6 miles south on US 81, injury accident. Female victim age 15, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

10:27 a. m.—3 miles north on US 81, 2 miles east, 1 mile north, 1/4 mile east, medical emergency. Male victim age 86, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Sunday, Jan. 19

3:26 p.m.—421 West 16th, medical emergency. Male victim age 90, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Monday, Jan. 20

1:28 p. m.—St. Joseph Hospital, non-urgent transfer. Male patient transported to Concordia Nursing Center.

Thursday, Jan. 23

11:11 a. m.—516 East 16th, Apartment No. 1, medical emergency. Female victim age 82, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Sunday, Jan. 26

7:52 a. m.—814 West 4th, medical emergency. Female victim age 34, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Monday, Jan. 27

7:03 a. m.—15th and Lincoln, injury accident. Male victim age 29 transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

9:46 a. m.—US2481 Junction, injury accident. Male victim age 26, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

TOTAL EMS RESPONSES YEAR TO DATE—24

TOTAL EMS RESPONSES LAST YEAR TO DATE—43



Ribbon cutting

There was a ribbon cutting Saturday morning to officially open the Total Image Family Hair Center in the Concordia Shopping Plaza. Cindy Fellows, owner, cut the ribbon to open

the new business. Carol Lingo, (right), one of the beauticians, was holding the ribbon. Bill Fellows, Cindy's husband, is at her left in the picture. (Blade staff photo)

2-3-86

Juvenile driving regulations explicit

Concordia police chief Dennis Rohr has been receiving a number of questions from parents about the laws regulating juvenile drivers.

Rohr said that the law specifically limits driving by 14 and 15 year olds to driving to and from work, to and from school and anytime they are accompanied by an adult.

Rohr said that the biggest misconception about a restricted license is that it is believed by many that it is permissible to allow 14 and 15 year olds to drive a vehicle while performing errands. This is not what

the law permits and parents can be issued traffic tickets for allowing their teen-agers to drive for any reason other than specified by the law.

Rohr said that 14 and 15 year olds also face the same consequences as adults when issued traffic citations. For example, he said, if a teen-ager is convicted of driving under the influence, the teen-ager must also serve two days in jail.

Rohr said the law states that every owner of a vehicle who knowingly permits a minor under the age of 16

to drive a vehicle, shall be jointly and severally liable with the minor for any damages caused by negligence of the driver.

Insurance rates for the family also can be severely influenced by the conviction of a teen-age driver, Rohr added.

Rohr said that any parents having questions relating to the provisions of the restricted license law, should contact the Law Enforcement Center.

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2-5-86

Car strikes, kills Concordia woman

Mary Boden, 73, 316 E. 6th, Concordia, last night was struck by a car and killed as she was crossing the street in the 300 block on East Sixth, according to assistant chief of police Sam Budreau.

Budreau said the Law Enforcement Center received the report of an injury accident at 7:23 p.m. and that Mrs. Boden was pronounced dead at the scene by the county coroner.

Budreau said that from statements taken at the scene, Mrs. Boden suddenly appeared in front of the car

driven by Scott Longfellow, 21, 805 W. 8th. Longfellow applied his brakes and stopped immediately, Budreau said.

Budreau said that it was reported that Mrs. Boden might have been bending over to pick up something in the street. He said that the clothing she was wearing and the weather conditions also were contributing factors to Longfellow's not being able to see her in time to stop.

Mrs. Boden's death notice appears on Page 8.

2-5-86

ATTENTION ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

The City of Concordia, Kansas is soliciting Requests for Proposals and Qualifications for Architect and Engineering Services for the construction of a 40,000 square foot dry, frozen, and refrigerated warehouse. Bid Opening and Negotiations will be held on Monday, February 17, 1986 at 3:00 P.M. at City Hall, Concordia, Kansas. The Project is partially funded through an Economic Development Grant and the Davis-Bacon Wage Rates will apply. For further information, interested firms should contact Ross Vander Hamm, Administrative Assistant, City of Concordia, 913-243-2670.

The City of Concordia is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Investigation Continues ²⁻²⁶ On Fire

Concordia Fire Chief, Philip Schlup, reported investigation of the fire at the property at 104 East 18th on Tuesday, Jan. 21 had been determined to be an intentional fire. The property is owned by Russell Cussins.

Laboratory results of the evidence samples collected has confirmed a flammable liquid was used to aid the intensity of the fire which was confined to the basement of the house.

The fire damage was discovered by a Cloud County Community College student who rented the basement. The fire had "self-extinguished" due to lack of oxygen.

The Concordia Fire Department, Concordia Police Department, and the State Fire Marshall's office is conducting the investigation. Interviews have been conducted with several persons that are involved with the building and occupants living in the house and neighborhood, reports Schlup.

The damage is estimated at \$12,000.00. There were no injuries from the fire.

Police Chief Announces Resignation at City Meeting

Concordia Chief of Police Dennis Rohr, announced his resignation Wednesday at the City Commission meeting. Rohr reported he would be moving to Mandan, ND to accept a similar position. His resignation is effective March 3.

A hearing was held before the commission for the owners of the buildings that were destroyed by fire on Nov. 14. Dave Retter, city attorney, reported on the update of the conditions of the properties. It was reported property owned by Dolan Duewell, Charles K. Chartier, and GHC Associates, Century 21, have been cleared.

The R & B Second Time Around Furniture and Apparel building, owned by Ron Caron remains standing. It was reported Caron has made efforts to get the demolition process started but some problems have developed and an extension of two weeks was requested by Caron. The commission set the final day for the demolition to be completed by Feb. 17. Caron was instructed to place barricades around the building for safety purposes.

Wednesday was also the date set for the special assessment hearings for the 1985 curb and gutter projects. With no property owners present for the hearing, the commission approved the final construction costs on the five projects, totaling \$19,078.18. Seventy-five percent of the project will be assessed to the property

owners with the city assuming 25%.

The commission gave authorization for the mayor to sign a letter from United Securities concerning the mortgage bond issue stating the city will participate in the bond issue to make low interest loans available to the residents of Concordia.

Approval was authorized by the commission for the Municipal Court charge-offs. Three fines were uncollectable, totaling \$1,000 and included Pat Baldwin, \$335; Randy Dykes, \$610; and Wilfred Jordon, \$35. The individuals have either moved out-of-state or are unavailable.

Authorization was given for the mayor to sign an agreement with Fire District 4 and the city for a mutual fire fighting assistance agreement. Phil Schlup, Concordia fire chief, reported he and John Cory, chief of District 4, had worked out a cooperative agreement similar to the present one with Belleville, whereby the city would send one truck and two men when assistance is requested. District 4 would also respond when called upon for backup.

The commission accepted the voluntary annexation and then passed an ordinance authorizing the annexation of the remaining portion of Mt. Joseph that was not annexed during the rest home annexation. The property in question lies mainly to the west of the Lost Creek addition.

The mayor was given authorization by the commission to sign a maintenance assurance statement with the state. With the city using federal funds in building the swimming pool, the state requires the city to sign the assurance statement each year. The statement says the city will not discriminate and will keep the facility and grounds in good repair.

Ross Vander Hamm, administrative assistant, reported to the commission that word has been received from HUD approving the street improvement project on Kansas Street from Sixth street to approximately 40 feet north of the alley between Fourth and Fifth Streets. Work on the projects is being planned between harvest times.

The commission set Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. as the next study session.

Chief Rohr Resigns

Dennis Rohr, Concordia Chief of Police, has announced his resignation effective March 3. Rohr has accepted a similar position in Mandan, N.D. Mandan is a community of approximately 18,000 people, located near Bismarck.

In making the announcement, Rohr said he is sad in a lot of ways about leaving Concordia, but this is a career advancement. "Our family is grown, and with Richard graduating from high school in May and entering the military, we are excited about taking on a new challenge," he stated.

Rohr came to Concordia in July of 1975 following 10 years with the Hays police department. He reports the training standards have increased tremendously and Concordia has a good police department, and he hopes the people of Concordia will continue to support the law enforcement in the community.

The police chief expressed thanks to Concordians for the confidence shown while he served here.

Rohr accepts job in North Dakota

Dennis Rohr, chief of police in Concordia since July of 1975, has resigned to accept a similar position in Mandan, N.D.

Rohr said that he will assume his duties in Mandan on March 3, but he is uncertain of the effective date of his resignation in Concordia.

Rohr came to Concordia from Hays where he had achieved the rank of police detective. At Hays he also was responsible for training and public relations.

Rohr has been active in Kansas Chiefs of Police Association and has served as president and regional director. He currently is on the board of directors of the organization.

During his time in Concordia Rohr has applied many of the newest techniques in law enforcement training and administration to the operation of the police department.

Rohr said that Concordia has given him experience and training which will benefit him throughout his professional career.

"I feel sad about leaving Concordia and the many people who have made my job easier," he said. "I've enjoyed Concordia and its people and even during the rough times I have only considered the negative experiences as being part of the learning process."

"I think I have developed the department into one of the best for a community of similar size in Kansas as far as performance and training are concerned," he said. "As a member of the state chiefs'



Dennis Rohr

organization I have seen the figures from other departments across Kansas and by comparison those figures substantiate that the Concordia department is one of the best."

"In leaving I would urge the people of the community to support and judge the police department by performance and not by personalities," he said.

Rohr said that the position offered to him in Mandan was a career opportunity which he felt he could not refuse.

Mandan is located southwest of Bismarck on the Missouri River.



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TOTAL IMAGE—Total Image Family Hair Center officially opened their doors in the TG&Y Plaza last Saturday with ribbon cutting ceremonies. Cindy Fellows, owner, center, cut the ribbon as a group of well-wishers watched. Standing to

the left is Cindy's husband, Bill Fellows with Carol Lingo, right, holding the ribbon. The business had previously been located above Clark's Plumbing on Sixth Street in downtown Concordia. (Photo by Kansan staff)



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DISTRIBUTION OUTLET—Monday, Feb. 3 officially opened the Cablecom distribution outlet at the corner of Sixth & Cedar. Gail Engle, local manager for Cablecom reported the new updated cable system is completed and now the company is distributing the channel selection boxes for the

subscribers who need them, thru the month of February. Larry Letourneau, Chamber of Commerce president, is shown as he officially opened the distribution center by cutting the ribbon held by Mr. and Mrs. Gail Engle. (Photo by Kansan staff)



To come tumbling down

The R and B Second Time Around Furniture building will soon be torn down. The demolish work has been delayed because of problems with the insurance company and bon-

ding company. The building, owned by Ron Caron, was heavily damaged in the November 14 fire in downtown Concordia and has been determined an unsafe structure by the city. (Blade staff photo)

Extension granted on building razing

The Concordia city commissioners yesterday granted Don Caron, owner of R & B Second Time Around Furniture, additional time to tear down his building which was heavily damaged by the fire last November.

Ross VanderHamm, administrative assistant, said in recommending an extension for the demolition work that Caron has had problems working out the details of the demolition with the insurance company and bonding company. The commissioners gave Caron until Feb. 19 to complete the demolition work.

An extension also was granted to Dolan Duewell, owner of the Duewell Bookkeeping building which also was destroyed in the fire, to finish the cleanup work on his lot.

The commissioners approved an interlocal mutual assistance agreement with Rural Fire District No. 4. Concordia fire chief Phil

Schlup said that under the terms of the agreement, the Concordia fire department will assist the rural fire district whenever possible. He said that he retains the discretion to not respond to the request if responding would significantly diminish the firefighting and ambulance capabilities in the city. Schlup said that Rural Fire District No. 4 includes the entire northeast quarter of the county.

VanderHamm reported to the commissioners that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved the city's request to use funds appropriated for housing rehabilitation to repair and resurface a portion of Kansas Street north from Sixth Street to a point south of the Cloud County Cooperative Elevator.

The estimated cost of the project is \$51,279.00. VanderHamm said that construction would be scheduled for

the months between the summer and fall harvest seasons.

The commissioners approved an ordinance setting the special assessments on five curb and gutter projects. The projects and the final costs are 1701 Cedar, \$1,272.78; 1219 Washington, \$5,030.52; 620 Cedar, \$2,182.75; the south side of block 106 on 9th Street, \$8,287.25; and 338 W. 7th, \$2,304.88.

Charge offs amounting to \$980 were approved as uncollectable fines levied in the municipal court. City attorney David Retter said that the individuals were either out of state or that the fines were otherwise uncollectable. Charged off were fines of \$335 for Pat Baldwin; \$610 for Randy Dykes, and \$35 for Wilfred Jordan.

Mayor Greg Hattan was authorized by the commissioners to sign an agreement giving Concordia's consent to participate in a mortgage bond issue prepared by

United Securities. The city will not be responsible or liable for either the bonds issued or mortgages made. The city's participation will make low interest loans available to first time home owners in Concordia.

An ordinance annexing a tract of land owned by Mount Joseph was approved by the commissioners. The ordinance annexes land which is west and south of Mount Joseph.

The commissioners authorized the mayor to sign a maintenance assurance statement for the operation of the swimming pool. Each year the state requires the agreement which specifies that the city will not discriminate and will keep the facility and grounds in good repair.

It was reported to the commissioners that fireman Bill Cyphers has received a certificate from the University of Kansas for Fire and Arson Detection Training.



Man for all occasions

Greg Hattan, also known as Dr. Greg Hattan, aka Mayor Greg Hattan, aka Greg Hattan, Panther Booster Club president, attended the CHS basketball games last night prepared for the

worst. The game with Beloit had been rescheduled after leaks in the roof of the gymnasium caused officials to postpone the game. (Blade photo by Jim Lowell)

2-7-86

Schlup says fires were coincidental

2-10-86

Fires at the homes of two Cloud County Community College employees Saturday night appear to be only coincidental although one of the fires is of a suspicious nature.

The first fire occurred at the home of head basketball coach Dennis Erbenbrack, 1417 Country Club Drive, at 7:39 p.m. Mrs. Erkenbrack discovered the fire when she returned home after attending the CHS girls basketball game.

Fire chief Philip Schlup said that quick action by firefighters prevented the fire from spreading into the main portion of the house. Schlup said the origin of the fire appears to be near a trash receptacle.

Schlup said that a Yamaha 4-wheel motorcycle parked near the receptacle sustained some damage. He said there was no water damage to the home and that the damage is estimated to be \$3,000.

The cause of the fire is under in-

vestigation, he said.

The second fire was discovered at 9:42 p.m., when Wally Carlson, 811 W. 10th, director of admissions at the college, returned home from the college basketball game.

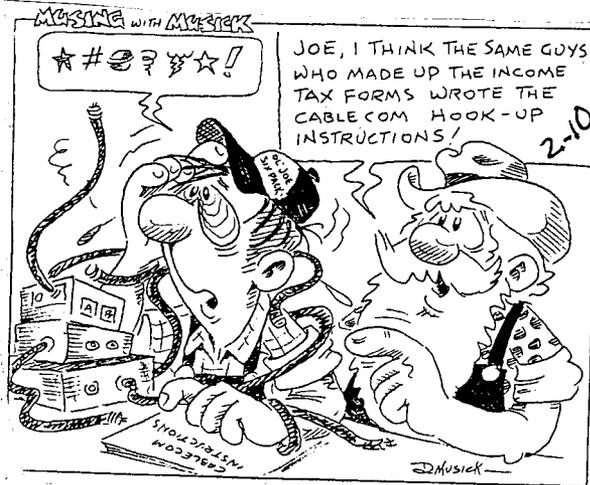
Schlup said that the home sustained considerable heat and smoke damage from the fire which apparently started in a basement workroom.

In addition to the extensive damage in the basement, the fire spread upward onto the main floor of the house, causing extensive damage, Schlup said.

Schlup said that fire, which caused an estimated \$20,000 damage, apparently was caused by an electrical short.

The fire chief said that investigative assistance was requested from the State Fire Marshal's office and that the investigation was conducted Sunday morning.

Insure with Bays-Erickson-Swiercinsky.



2-10

Miller reports on activities

The Concordia Industrial Association and the Concordia Development Company yesterday conducted their annual meetings.

Re-elected to the board of directors of the IDA were Don LaKamp, Ray Houser, C. J. Widen, Burton Gerard, Ron Kuhn and Stefan Carligen. Holdover directors are D. L. Layton, Bob Steimel, Marcie Welch, Leon Gennette, and Tom Warta.

Ex officio members of the board are Gene Miller, director of economic development; Randy Wetmore, city manager; Larry Blochlinger, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce; Dr. James Ihrig, president of Cloud County Community College; and Larry Letourneau, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Re-elected to the development company's board of directors were Art Slaughter and Bob Nicholson. Holdover directors are Don LaKamp, A. G. Swiercinsky, and Loren Dochow.

Miller told those attending the meeting that 1985 was marked by increased cooperation toward the economic development on the part of the City of Concordia, Cloud County, and the two industrial groups.

Miller also reported on the activities and accomplishments of the department of economic development and the industrial groups during the past year.

He said that contact was made with many manufacturing companies planning new locations with a few considering Concordia as a finalist for a facility during the next two years.

He told the group that a new four-color brochure

depicting the area's quality of life and business climate was produced to enhance the area's image.

Concordia through the Kansas Cavalry program was represented in Philadelphia, Chicago, and Toronto where a dozen companies were visited, Miller said.

Locally, Miller said that the department carried out Industrial Appreciation Week by highlighting the contributions of local industry to the economy.

Miller said that during the year working relationships were developed with other department professionals such as the Kansas Department of Economic Development, Kansas Power and Light and the railroads.

He said the community was successful in obtaining a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant for Economic Development to be used by F&A Foods for the construction of a new warehouse facility in Concordia. The funds will be loaned to F&A and as the money is paid back a revolving loan fund will be established for economic development in the community, he said.

During the year an advertising program was developed and implemented through six industrial publications which netted 80 leads for the Concordia area, Miller told the group.

Miller said that a direct mail campaign was initiated to more than 500 growth oriented companies in the U. S. He said that a considerable increase is expected in 1986.

A working relationship with existing manufacturing companies was established to assist when a need arises, he said.

Fire and EMS alarms

FIRE ALARMS

Thursday, Jan. 30

5:55 p. m.—708 West 8th, chimney fire from wood-burning fireplace. Fire confined to chimney, no damage or injuries.

Sunday, Feb. 2

5:45 p. m.—200 Block of East 8th, smoke in area. Investigation determined outdoor barbecue grill being used, good intent, honest mistake.

Monday, Feb. 3

7:34 a. m.—1100 Highland Drive, St. Joseph Hospital, automatic alarm. Unintentional false alarm, detector activated from steam, not smoke.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

8:05 p. m.—300 Block of East 8th, assist Law Enforcement at Car-Pedestrian accident.

Saturday, Feb. 8

7:39 p. m.—1417 Country Club Drive, structure fire. Fire confined to garage of house. Cause of fire under investigation. No injuries. Damage estimated at \$5,000.00.

9:42 p. m.—811 West 10th, structure fire. Fire origin in basement and extended through floor. House sustained considerable heat and smoke damage, no water damage. No injuries. Cause of fire investigation revealed electrical wiring acting in basement ceiling.

Sunday, Feb. 9

1:33 a. m.—400 Block West 11th, reported fire in area of high school by staff at hospital. Investigation determined a combination of yellow street light, and steam from boiler exhaust at high school appeared the same as a fire condition. Good intent, honest mistake.

TOTAL FIRE ALARMS YEAR TO DATE—20
TOTAL FIRE ALARMS LAST YEAR TO DATE—16

EMS RESPONSES

Monday, Jan. 27

4:31 p. m.—105 Elm, Jamestown, medical emergency. Male victim age 67, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

6:19 p. m.—825 East 7th, medical emergency. Female victim age 98, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Monday, Jan. 27

8:21 p. m.—St. Joseph Hospital, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 98, transported to Concordia Nursing Center.

Thursday, Jan. 30

1:19 p. m.—1502 Lincoln, TG&Y Store, medical emergency. Male victim age 56, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

2:44 p. m.—311 West 2nd, medical emergency. Female victim age 42, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Monday, Feb. 3

8:25 a.m.—516 East 16th, Apartment No. 2, medical emergency. Female victim age 82, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

4:59 a. m.—Sunset Nursing home, medical emergency. Female victim age 85, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

11:13 a. m.—402 East 6th, medical emergency. Female victim age 35, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

7:32 p. m.—300 Block of East 6th, car-pedestrian accident. Assist Law Enforcement.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

3:14 a. m.—435 West 18th, medical emergency. Female victim age 79, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

11:34 p.m.—114 Strain, medical emergency. Female victim age 42, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Thursday, Feb. 6

2:08 a. m.—1119 Village, medical emergency. Female victim age 87, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

5:04 a. m.—301 West 2nd, medical emergency. Female victim age 72, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

1:11 p. m.—904 Church, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 89, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Saturday, Feb. 8

4:14 p. m.—200 East 10th, medical emergency. Male victim age 60, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.



Receives plaque

Gene Ziegenbalg receives plaque from Ruth Alkire for helping the local chapter of the American Cancer Society in their no smoking efforts. Ziegenbalg quit on Nov. 21, Great

American Smokeout Day, and has neared the 100-day mark of no smoking. Alkire is ACS director and member of the GAS committee. (Blade staff photo)

Ziegenbalg still not puffing

After nearly 100 days without a smoke, Concordia police officer Gene Ziegenbalg says he "feels better, food is beginning to taste good, there's a lot less of a sinus problem, and cigarettes are starting to smell bad."

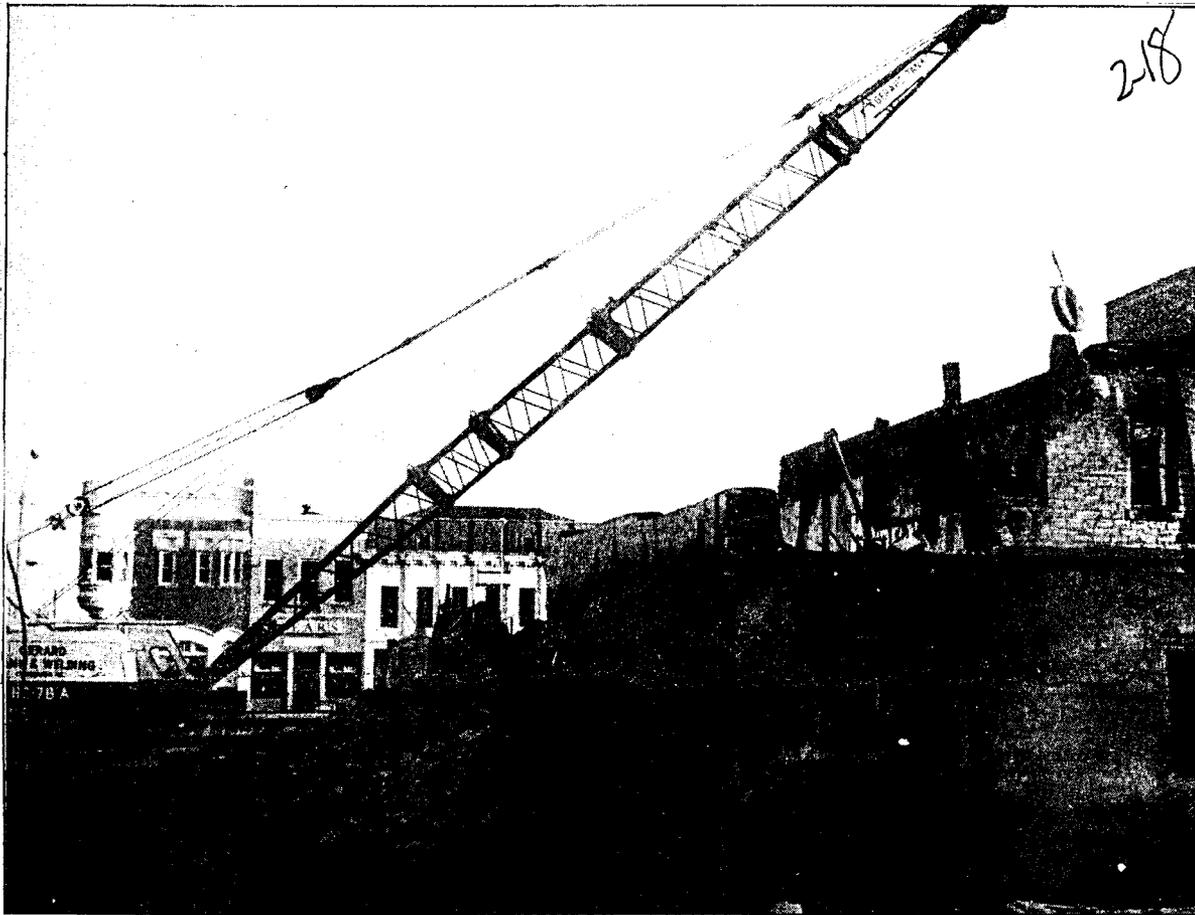
Ziegenbalg was challenged by the Cloud County Chapter of the American Cancer Society to quit smoking for a day for the Great American Smokeout last Nov. 21, and he is still without a cigarette.

The local ACS chapter on Feb. 13 presented Gene with a plaque in appreciation for his cooperation and efforts to help others stop smoking. Ruth Alkire, ACS director and member of the GAS committee, presented Ziegenbalg the plaque at the regular monthly meeting at the Skyliner Steak House.

"Five years ago I would've laughed if someone had asked me to

support non-smoking areas in public places, but now I'm one of those persons," Ziegenbalg laughs. "I probably contacted 300-400 persons around the time of the Great American Smokeout, encouraging them to quit. And I have received a lot of hasseling, too. People come up and sniff me to make sure I'm not smoking. Others send me cigarettes in the mail, and I'll have to say that the prisoners in the jail are mighty appreciative of their free smokes."

Ziegenbalg continues, "I must've asked a hundred persons how they managed to quit smoking, and most said their best success was to do it cold turkey. I myself have thrown out everything (all I kept was an antique Meerschaum pipe), and that has helped. Now, if only I could get my sister to quit—and she says there's no one worse than a reformed smoker!"



Tumbling down

Demolition work on the R and B Second Time Around Furniture owned by Ron Caron has been proceeding the past few

days. The building was damaged beyond repair by the Nov. 14 fire in downtown Concordia. (Blade photo by Chris Black)



Officially open

Henderson Sales and Services officially opened for business this morning with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Holding the ribbon for Chamber of Commerce president Larry Letourneau to cut were Tom McDaniel (left) and Larry Blochinger, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Owners Bill and Sharon Henderson are standing beside Letourneau. The store will be the RCA and Whirlpool sales and service outlet in Concordia. The Hendersons formerly operated the Montgomery Ward outlet in Concordia. They purchased the business from Ken Holechek. (Blade photo by Chris Black)



Disposing of Old Flags

Anyone having old U.S. flags to be disposed of can bring the flags to the V.F.W. Post 588, 105 W. 7th St., Concordia, Kansas and the flags will be properly disposed of.

POLICE CHIEF POSITION: The City of Concordia, Kansas, population 7,000, is seeking a Police Chief to direct the activities of nine sworn fulltime officers, two part-time officers and six support personnel with a budget of \$331,000. Responsible for administration and coordination of all department activities, maintaining excellent community relations, development of department policies and procedures and yearly budget. Chief reports to City Manager. Prefer at least seven years experience in law enforcement. Salary negotiable commensurate upon education and experience. Send resume to Randy A. Wetmore, City Manager, P.O. Box 603, Concordia, Kansas 66901 before March 20, 1986.

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Primary Election Set for Tuesday

A primary election will be held in Concordia, Tuesday, Feb. 25, for the position of City Commissioner, to fill the position being vacated by retiring Bill Smith who will not seek re-election.

The three candidates are Lee Doyen, Karen Dunlap and Rod Howard. In the election Tuesday, voters will narrow the field to two candidates. These two will be voted upon in the General Election on April 8 to decide the position.

Cloud County Election Officer Betty DeWitt, reports all precincts of the city will vote at the American Legion Hall, 506 Washington. The hours of voting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Extension Allowed For Building Cleanup

The Concordia City Commission, Wednesday, granted an extension of four weeks to Ron Caron, owner of R & B Second Time Around, to allow time to have his building demolished and the lot cleared of debris.

In granting the extension, City Attorney Dave Retter reported he had been contacted by Caron requesting an additional two weeks for the cleanup operation. The commission granted an additional four weeks for the project.

Ross Vander Hamm, city administrative assistant, reported on the progress of the demolition of the building in question. He reported the work was started last Monday and crews are presently removing debris. From all reports, the work is about 60-70% complete. When asked about the wall to the east of the structure, Vander Hamm reported it is the property of Caron but it was a structural wall and the problem will be worked out by the two property owners.

The commission approved the annexation petition by Charles and Isabell Blosser and passed an ordinance accepting the voluntary annexation of the property. The tract of land is bounded on the north by the airport and in-

cludes the Blosser home. This action officially brings the property in the city limits.

Approval of a claim request against the city for \$2,585.83 from Ron Solt, 1505 State, was given by the commission. It was reported the sewer had backed up to a height of approximately six inches in the Solt basement on Jan. 26, 1986. It was reported that Jim Mosher, director of utilities, had investigated the claim and from all appearances the city was at fault.

The commission set Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. for the next study session.



DOWN IT GOES—Demolition of the R & B Second Time Around building began Monday. The building, owned by Ron Caron, was structurally unsound from the fire on Nov. 14 that destroyed that half of the block. The building was originally owned by Chaput Furniture and then Swede's Appliance. The

business had only been located in the facility several months prior to the damaging fire that also caused a fatality. The cause of the fire is still under investigation by authorities. (Photo by Kansan staff.)

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VOTE FOR LEE DOYEN



who served seven years on the City Commission. A proven commissioner with efficient, prudent, business like, responsive, uneventful and respectable government.

Concordia has no place for apathy. Hope we have learned from the past. Lee Doyen needs your vote to insure sound responsive government.

Pol. Adv.—Doyen for City Commission, Boyd Dochow, treas.

Karen Dunlap CANDIDATE FOR CITY COMMISSION



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A Qualified Candidate and A Concerned Concordian

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| Homeowner and parent - | Employment - |
| Resident of Concordia for 12 years - | 12 years with the Kansas Court System |
| Appointed interim City Commissioner - | Involved in Community Activities - |
| Education - | Member of Chamber of Commerce
Community Resources Council,
President |
| BA Degree - Corrections | St. Joseph's Hospital Lay Advisory
Board |
| MS Degree - Counseling | City Planning Board |
| Veteran - | Member First United Methodist Church |
| Honorable Discharge U.S. Navy | |
| Kansas Army National Guard | |

Paid for by the Dunlap Campaign Committee Cathy Uri, Treasurer

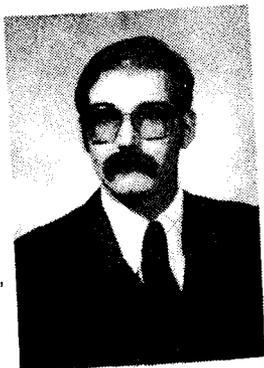
ROD HOWARD

For

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City Commissioner

- 15 Year resident of Concordia
- Graduate NCK VoTech
- Attended CCCC
- Wichita State University
- Vietnam Veteran
- Life Member VFW
- Concerned Husband, Father, and Taxpayer



For Honest, Objective Representation Vote Rod Howard

City commissioners approve annexation

In a short session the Concordia city commission yesterday annexed a tract of land, allowed a claim and granted an extension to demolish a building damaged in the Nov. 14 fire in downtown Concordia.

The tract of land annexed is owned by Charles and Isabell Blosser. The tract includes the site of their home south of Airport Park. The Blossers had petitioned for the annexation.

The commissioners directed the city staff to pay Ron Solt, 1505 State, \$2,585.83 for damages he received when a sewer backed up, flooding his basement. It was determined that the backup was caused by tree roots in the sewer main. The city will give a payment from its income company for part of the damage. Clerk Verna Scott, told

the commissioners.

After discussing the progress on the demolition of the R and B Second Time Around Furniture building, the commissioners voted to give owner Ron Caron a four-week extension to finish the demolition work.

The exposed wall which will be left standing is owned by Caron, Ross Vanderhamm, administrative assistant, told the commissioners. As an exposed wall it will need to be coated with some weather resistant material, Vanderhamm said.

City attorney David Retter said that the city will not become involved in determining who should treat the wall and will only concern itself with seeing that the wall is appropriately treated.

Insure with Bays-Erickson-Swierczinsky.

Karen Dunlap

CANDIDATE
FOR
CITY COMMISSION

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Vote



- Your opportunity to bring evening meetings to the City Commission
- Your opportunity to become involved in City Government.

Paid for by the Dunlap Campaign Committee Cathy Uri, Treasurer

Vote for LEE DOYEN City Commissioner Tuesday, Feb. 25



Doyen says that Concordia has no place for apathy. "I hope we have learned from the past."

Doyen is a proven commissioner with 7 years of service on the Concordia city commission. He will be an efficient, prudent, business-like, responsive, uneventful and respectable commissioner.

Doyen is married and the father of three children and a veteran of World War II.

He is a graduate of Concordia High School, has a BS degree and Master's degree from Kansas State University.

He has been an instructor in the public schools for 33 years.

Doyen has eight years of experience in banking and will work to help prevent businesses from leaving Concordia.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Kiwanis Club and the American Legion.

He has donated more than 3,000 hours to the summer recreation program.

Most of all, he believes in Concordia

(Pd. Political Ad. Lee Doyen for
Commissioner, Boyd Dochow, treasurer)



Casts his vote

Concordia police officer Gene Ziegenbalg is marking his ballot in the city primary election today. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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Voters picking election opponents

There's still time to cast your vote for city commissioner in the city primary before polls close this evening at 7 p.m. All city precincts are voting at the American Legion Hall, 506 Washington.

The two candidates receiving the most votes will advance to the city election, which will be held Tuesday, April 1. The winner of that election will fill the position on the city commission occupied by Bill Smith.

Let's take one last look at the three candidates for city commissioner:

LEE DOYEN — Doyen says Concordia has no place for apathy. "I hope we have learned from the past."

Doyen has seven years of experience on the Concordia city commission. He is a graduate of Concordia High School and has a bachelor's degree and master's degree from Kansas State University.

He has been an instructor in the public schools for 33 years and also

has had eight years of banking experience.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Kiwanis Club. A veteran of World War II, Doyen is a member of the American Legion.

He is married and has three children.

KAREN DUNLAP — Dunlap served as interim city commissioner from Feb. 20, 1985, until the April 1985 city election, where she failed to retain her position.

Dunlap says she enjoyed her service on the commission.

Dunlap is employed as chief court services officer for the 12th Judicial District.

She has a bachelor's degree in corrections and a master's degree in counseling.

Dunlap serves as chairman of the community resources council. She also is a member of the city planning commission, the zoning board of appeals and the St. Joseph Hospital

advisory board. She also is past chairman of the Concordia Chamber of Commerce governmental affairs division.

Dunlap and her husband, Marvin, have a daughter, Toni. They have been residents of the community for 13 years.

ROD HOWARD — Howard says he cares about the Concordia community and the direction it will be taking. "Although I'm inexperienced, I will do my best to serve the voters and listen to their problems and advice."

Howard is employed at Constructive Playthings, Concordia. He is a graduate of NCK Vo-Tech School and attended Cloud County Community College and Wichita State University.

As a Vietnam War Veteran, Howard is a member of the American Legion.

Howard and his wife, Kay, are 15-year residents of Concordia. They have one daughter, Amy 7.



Rod Howard



Karen Dunlap



Gene Ziegenbalg

vehicle was pushed into the Caron vehicle which was westbound on 6th, the police said.

Suspect sought

The Concordia police department is looking for a heavy set, blonde male wearing a light colored coat in connection with an attempted break in in the 500 block on W. 6th early Sunday morning.

The police said that a call was received that someone was attempting to break in to the residence. When the police arrived an individual was seen fleeing on foot from the residence. The officers found a hoe handle which had been broken which they believe was being used in the attempted break in. Damage was observed to the screen door. Officers have canvassed the area and are following several leads in an attempt to identify the prowler.

The police department is requesting that anyone with information please call the police department.

From Ferd Fungo

Sissy stuff, we say about those lanking gold chains, hastily revised, though, if they're around an 18-inch neck with a 260-pound foundation



Lee Doyen



Rod Howard

Voters choose Howard, Doyen

Rod Howard yesterday established himself as the man to beat in the general city election on April 1.

Howard received 514 votes in the primary election to choose the two candidates for the April 1 election to determine who will fill the position on the city commission being vacated by commissioner Bill Smith.

Former city commissioner Lee Doyen in his bid to return to the governing body received 324 and will be Howard's opponent in the general election.

Karen Dunlap, who served a two-month unexpired term on the city commission, finished third in the balloting with 191 votes.

Howard is making his first attempt at being elected to public office. He is an employee of Constructive Playthings and he and his wife, Kay, have one daughter, Amy, 7.

Doyen, who served seven years on the city commission, is an instructor at Cloud County Community College. He and his wife, Peggy, have three grown children.

Accidents investigated

The Concordia police department reports the investigation of two accidents.

The first occurred at the intersection of 6th and Cedar and involved vehicles driven by Doris Murray, Concordia, and Kisti Stephans, Concordia.

The police said that the two vehicles collided at the intersection when Miss Stephans was unable to stop her vehicle at the stop sign because of the conditions. There were no injuries as a result of the accident, the police said.

The second accident occurred at the intersection of 6th and Lincoln and involved vehicles driven by Cynthia Poppe, Chester, Neb.; Lyle Watkins, Chester, Neb.; and Dean Caron, Concordia. The police said that the northbound Poppe vehicle was unable to stop when the Watkins vehicle made a left turn in front of the Poppe vehicle. The Watkins

Fire and EMS alarms

FIRE ALARMS

Thursday, Feb. 13

2:29 p. m.—109 West 5th, Scott Specialties, investigate strange odor, possibly smoke. No apparent cause, no damage.

Friday, Feb. 21

9:38 a. m.—1100 Highland Drive, St. Joseph Hospital, automatic alarm. Investigation determined false alarm. Detector activated from steam, not smoke.

Sunday, Feb. 23

9:58 a. m.—1100 Highland Drive, St. Joseph Hospital, automatic alarm. False alarm, steam activated detector, not smoke.

TOTAL FIRE ALARMS YEAR TO DATE—23
TOTAL FIRE ALARMS LAST YEAR TO DATE—19
EMS RESPONSES

Thursday, Feb. 13

3:48 p. m.—11th and btincoln, Kerr McGee Station, bicycle accident. Male patient age 13, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Friday, Feb. 14

2:56 p. m.—Sunset Nursing Home, non-urgent transfer. Male patient age 94, transported to Clinic.

3:43 p. m.—Concordia Medical Group Clinic, non-urgent transfer. Male patient age 94, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

8:22 p. m.—1414 Spruce, medical emergency. Female victim age 84, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Monday, Feb. 17

1:11 p. m.—Sunset Nursing Home, medical emergency. Female victim age 27, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

12:19 p. m.—215 East 6th, medical emergency. Female victim age 53, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

1:11 p. m.—7th and Spruce, injury accident. Female victim age 31, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

11:04 p. m.—Sunset Nursing Home, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 88, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Thursday, Feb. 20

2:14 p. m.—439 West 14th, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 72, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Friday, Feb. 21

9 a. m.—819 Broadway, medical emergency. Male victim age 71, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Saturday, Feb. 22

12:22 p. m.—411 East 8th, medical emergency. Female victim age 24, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

11:02 p. m.—Mount Joseph Nursing Home, medical emergency. Male victim age 73, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Sunday, Feb. 23

9:06 a. m.—1717 East 6th, Lot No. 5, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 81, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

11:31 a. m.—Sunset Nursing Home, medical emergency. Female victim age 83, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

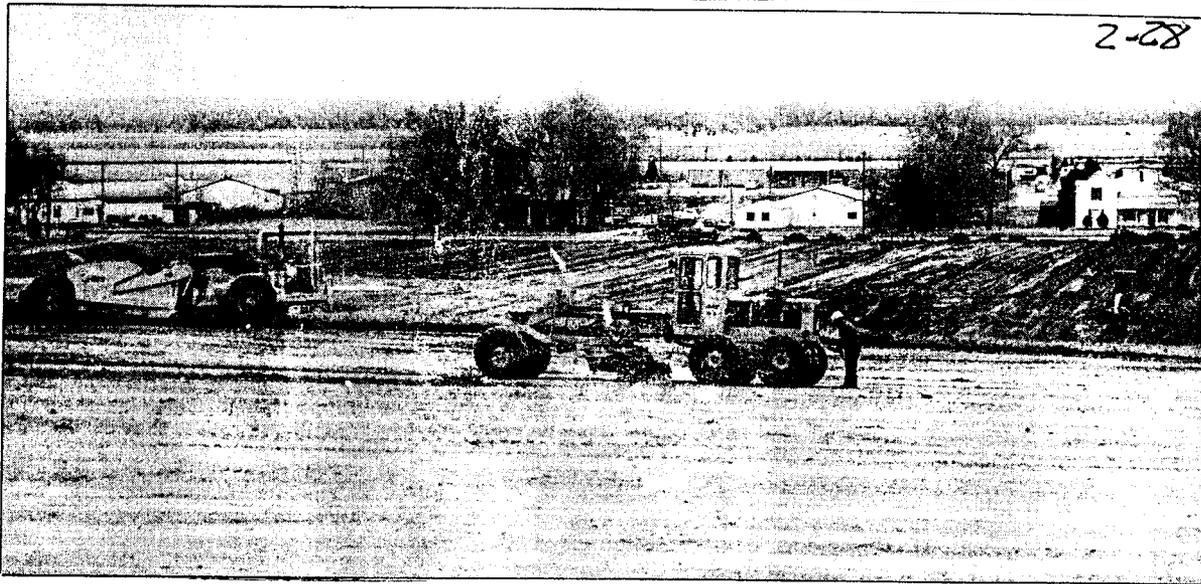
1:42 p. m.—St. Joseph Hospital, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 83, transported to Sunset Nursing Home.

TOTAL EMS RESPONSES TO DATE—60
TOTAL EMS RESPONSES LAST YEAR TO DATE—77

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Dirt work under way

Students from the North Central Kansas Vo-Tech School in Beloit were busy this morning doing the dirt work at the new

baseball and softball complex being constructed at Fairgrounds Park. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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RIBBON CUTTING—Henderson Sales and Service, 301 West 6th, conducted ribbon cutting ceremonies last Thursday morning to kick-off the grand opening of their change in business. Observing Chamber President Larry Letourneau as he prepares to cut the ribbon, is Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hender-

son, standing in the center. Henderson's are now the franchise dealers for RCA and Whirlpool. A large delegation of well-wishers were on hand for the celebration. (Photo by Wm. DeArmond.)

Soon I will be leaving Concordia, which has been my home for almost eleven years. I leave behind many friends and good memories as Concordia has been good to me in many ways.

I leave behind a police department which is well-trained and staffed with individuals who are dedicated to their jobs. They need your support to maintain high quality police. The business of law enforcement is changing more each day as more knowledge is required and the task itself becomes more difficult.

During 1985 I had to take several actions which resulted in publicity and perhaps divisions of opinions on the merits of my actions. I was well aware of the negative shadows that would result, but my job required that I do what was best for the community at large, the police department, and operate within the scope of the law. To do otherwise would have required that I compromise my values.

Being a small town Chief of Police is a most difficult job as he wears many hats. He must be his own secretary, financial director, public relations agent, manager, patrolman, investigator, etc. The lack of manpower and budget limitations place a great stress upon the Chief. There can be no doubt that in doing his job, some toes will be stepped on and criticism created but it is impossible to run the office as a popularity contest, expecting to keep everyone happy, and still be an effective administrator. I have heard

some individuals say that many of my ideas were "big city" management styles. These individuals are simply behind today's demands and may be afraid of change which is necessary to keep up with today's issues and laws. The change in laws, law suit potentials, and many other factors minimize the margin for error, meaning that the Chief of Police must utilize modern management concepts and maintain control over his environment if he is to survive. There is no comparison between police work of today and that of police work in years past.

The police department is one of the most vital departments in municipal and it is the most visible agency as it is in constant contact with the entire community. A breakdown in the functioning of the police agency has the potential of perilizing the entire community, therefore, the police department must be well managed and free from unlawful and unintelligent interference so that stable continuous policies can be maintained and improvements developed.

There is a small group of citizens who would like to have the power to decide the hiring and firing of municipal employees. I warn responsible citizens that to place such power into the hands of untrained or unknowledgeable people will result in many problems and totally demoralize the police department. Our present system of the commissioner-manager form of government provides the community with fair and consistent controls as well as professional administration, which is badly needed in our complicated and financially stressed society. We have an excellent city manager who is very capable of providing Concordia with the type of administration relative to the demands and needs of the community. Citizens must also do their part by encouraging good candidates for city commission and not settle for mediocrity. Also, know what the candidates represent and what their intentions are.

To those who have supported the department and me, I thank you and I will miss you. To those who have been critical of the department and me, I challenge you to do better.

Dennis R. Rohr
Chief of Police

Former City Manager Charged

Leland K. Brodbeck was charged in Johnson County District Court with one count of felony theft after he surrendered at the courthouse in Olathe. Brodbeck was a former city manager in Concordia in 1971.

Johnson County District Attorney Dennis Moore had brought the charge against Brodbeck after a two-month probe of Brodbeck's expense records by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. The charge resulted from discrepancies in the expense records over the last 1½ years.

Brodbeck resigned Dec. 18, two days after the KBI started its investigation.

It was reported Brodbeck was asked to resign as Concordia City Manager after being asked to return over \$2,500 in unauthorized compensation.

Primary Election Eliminates One

When the voters of Concordia went to the polls Tuesday, Feb. 25, one candidate, Karen Dunlap, was eliminated from the slate of three for the office of City Commissioner.

Rod Howard was the top vote getter with 514; followed by Lee Doyen with 324; then Dunlap with 191. Howard and Doyen will now meet in the General Election on Tuesday, April 1. The two are seeking the position being vacated by Bill Smith who is completing his first term of office and is not seeking re-election.

In the election Tuesday, 1029 voters cast their ballot, which is 30% of the 3468 registered voters. County Election Clerk Betty DeWitt, reported 55 ballots were marked void, as they were improperly marked or persons were voting for two individuals on the one ballot, when they were to vote for only one of the three listed.

Registration books are now open for persons who have changed their address or name, and will be closed on March 11. Election will be held on Tuesday, April 1.

Local

Thank You

I want to thank the voters of the large turnout in Tuesday's primary election. I especially thank my friends and supporters for their confidence in me and ask for your support in the upcoming general election.

Rod Howard

Pol. Adv.—Howard for Commissioner campaign.
Betty Cyphers, treas.

SEEKING APPLICANTS

The Concordia Police Department is seeking applications for a patrolman position. Applicants must be of good moral character, no criminal background, have a high school education, and must pass a written test, and be in good physical condition.

Applicants who have already attended the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center are preferred but it is not mandatory to have attended in order to apply.

For additional information contact Sam Budreau, Acting Chief of Police, Concordia, Ks. 243-3131.

The City of Concordia is an equal opportunity employer.

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I want to thank the voters of Concordia for the large turnout in Tuesday's Primary Election. I especially thank my friends and supporters for their confidence in me and ask for your continued support in the upcoming general election.

Rod Howard

Paid for by Howard for Commissioner Campaign, Betty Cyphers, Treasurer.

Crime statistics released

There were 17 reported crimes with an estimated loss of \$4,953.63 in Concordia during February, according to statistics released today by acting chief of police Sam Budreau.

The reported crimes included six felony thefts, five misdemeanors, two vandalisms, and four forgeries.

During the month the department responded to 54 service calls, worked 21 accidents including one pedestrian fatality, issued 70 warnings, handed out 28 traffic citations, and worked 28 criminal investigations.

The officers made four criminal arrests, seven non-criminal arrests and cleared 16 cases.

Insure with Bays-Erickson-Swierczak.

Concordia meets PRIDE standards for recognition

Concordia PRIDE Chairperson Larry Blochinger was notified that the State PRIDE Board of Directors approved Concordia for meeting standards for recognition in the statewide community improvement program in the areas of beautification, education, health, highways,

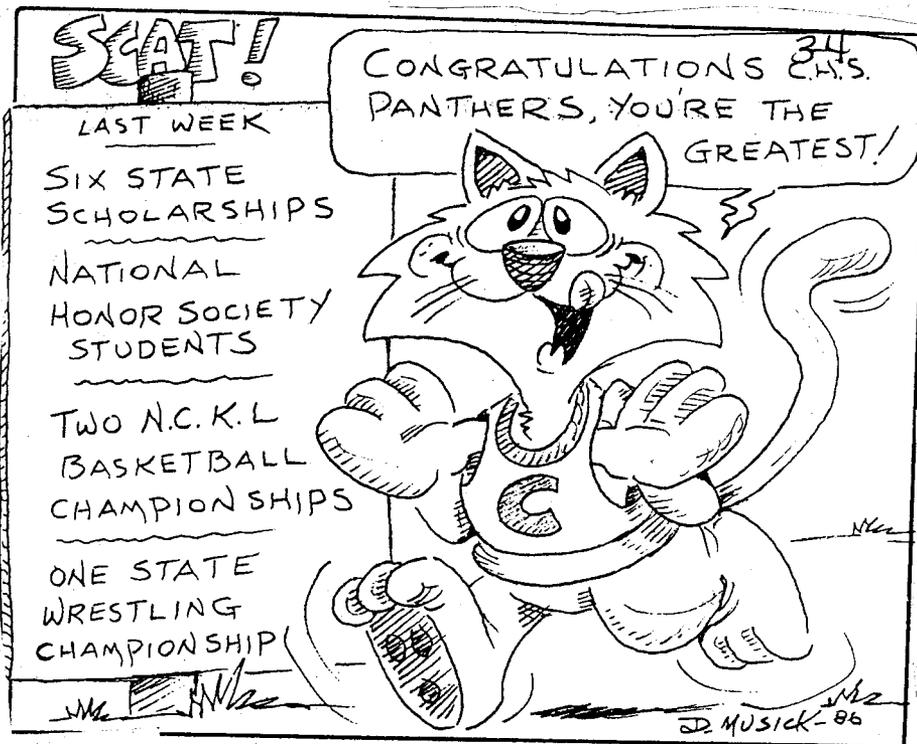
industrial development, library, police protection, streets and street lighting.

To become a Pacemaker Community, Concordia must be approved in 22 PRIDE blue ribbon areas. Each stringent evaluation by outside experts and the State PRIDE Board

of Directors takes into consideration the community's involvement in the planning process, its efforts to keep abreast of community needs and improvements toward making the community a better place in which to live.

The PRIDE Program is adminis-

tered by Kansas State University's Cooperative Extension Service and the Kansas Department of Economic Development. Citizens of communities interested in the PRIDE Program may contact their county extension agents, located in most county seat towns, or the KDED.



With spring near fire chief urges rules be followed

With spring right around the corner, Fire Chief Philip Schlup suggests you keep the following rules in mind if you're planning on burning materials on your property.

—Open burning is not allowable within the fire zone, which is the commercial district.

—Outside the fire zone, or within residential districts, open burning of grass, leaves and weeds is permitted provided that:

1. The fire is at least 25 feet from any building.
2. The owner is responsible for controlling the burning operation.
3. A garden hose with a nozzle attached is turned on and capable of reaching all areas of the burning materials.
4. All burning is extinguished before dark.
5. Burning shall be on only on non-windy days.
6. The person wishing to burn these materials contacts the Fire Department at 243-4411 before they begin burning, so the department is aware of all fires of this nature in the area.

In addition, Schlup says state and federal laws prohibit burning garbage, household trash and insulation from electrical wiring.

POSITION OPEN 3-7
 The Concordia Police Department is seeking applications for part-time dispatcher. The position will demand being called at odd hours to fill in shifts, sometimes at very little notice, where sickness or other needs may require additional help. The position requires typing ability, ability to use radio equipment along with ability to perform under stressful conditions. The City of Concordia is an equal opportunity employer. For additional information, contact Sam Budreau, Acting Chief of Police, 243-3131 or 103 W. 9th Street.
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Part-Time Dispatcher

The Concordia Police Department is seeking applications for part-time dispatcher. The position will demand being called at odd hours to fill in shifts, sometimes at very little notice, where sickness or other needs may require additional help. The position requires typing ability, ability to use radio equipment along with ability to perform under stressful conditions. The City of Concordia is an equal opportunity employer. For additional information contact, Sam Budreau, Acting Chief of Police, 243-3131 or 103 W 9th Street.

Risk management review results in premium refund ³⁻⁶

In a short session yesterday the Concordia city commission annexed a parcel of property, authorized the signing of an interlocal agreement, accepted bids on a new pickup truck, and received an insurance premium refund.

The parcel of property annexed is a lot on south Republican Street owned by Edward Vanek. Vanek petitioned for annexation into the city limits.

The interlocal agreement was authorized between the City of Concordia and the City of Clyde to provide mutual firefighting assistance. Fire chief Philip Schlup said that the nature and severity of the fire would dictate the number of vehicles and men sent to Clyde to assist with a fire. However, in no instance would the city be left without acceptable fire protection or ambulance service, he said. He added that under the terms of the agreement, Clyde would respond to calls for assistance from the Concordia fire department.

The commissioners accepted the low bid of \$8,749.29 from Kling Ford for a new pickup truck for the street department. Babe Houser submitted

a bid of \$9,075.00. Both bids were below the budgeted amount of \$10,000.00 for the new truck, according to city manager Randy Wetmore.

Concordia insurance agent Ross Olson presented the city with a refund check of \$2,459.00 on insurance premiums paid by the city.

Olson explained that the refund was the result of an inspection of the city by a safety management inspector from the AID Insurance Services. Olson said that the inspector, Ted Karre, reported that he was impressed with the risk management practices established by the City of Concordia and the professionalism exhibited by the various departments which he reviewed.

Olson said that Karre had high praises for city manager Randy Wetmore and city clerk Verna Scott. "It is an exception to review a community the size of Concordia that demonstrates organized progress and growth while keeping in mind the importance of risk management," Karre wrote in his report. Olson said that Concordia residents should be proud of past

decisions made by the city officials which resulted in the refund which transfers into a savings for the taxpayers.

In other business the commissioners approved a resolution providing for the purchase of land from Dean Williams as part of the airport improvement project. Wetmore said the resolution was necessary to amend the agreement with the FAA for funding.

The commissioners also approved the appointments of Jan Sterrett and Jerome Sorell to the recreation commission. Mrs. Sterrett, who was appointed to an unexpired term last fall, will serve a full four year term. Sorell was appointed to the position currently held by Don Schmidt. Schmidt is leaving the community. Sorell's term also will expire in January of 1990.

A beer license was approved for Leroy Fortin, doing business as Country Honky Tonk at 418 Broadway. Wetmore reported to the commissioners that the fencing for the ballfields at Fairgrounds Park has arrived and that the materials to build the concession stand building should be on hand next week.



Refund time

Ross Olson, left, yesterday presented a \$2,459.00 refund check to Concordia mayor Greg Hattan. The refund was a result of a review of the city's risk management policies by an insurance company safety management inspector. (Blade staff photo)

City Receives Refund ³⁻⁶

The city of Concordia received an insurance refund at their meeting Wednesday as a result of a review by their carrier. Other action at the meeting was the annexation of the Ed Vanek Property and the purchase of a vehicle from Kling Motors.

In presenting the premium refund for \$2,459.00 to the city, Ross Olson, local representative, reported on a review by Ted Karre, engineer in safety management, for AID Insurance Services now known as Alliance Insurance. The representative was impressed with the risk management practices established by the city and the professionalism exhibited by the various departments which he reviewed. Karre had high praise for city manager Randy Wetmore and city clerk, Verna Scott, and stated that "it is an exception to review a community the size of Concordia that demonstrates organized progress and growth while keeping in mind the importance of risk management." Olson stated that, "As a community, we can be proud of the past decisions made by our city officials which lead the way to results such as this, a savings to our tax payers."

In conclusion, he reported the company is making several suggestions in different areas of coverage that might be beneficial in the future.

In other business before the commission, approval was given for the annexation of the Edward Vanek property on South Republican. Vanek had petition to be annexed into the city.

Authorization was given for Mayor Greg Hattan to sign an agreement with the city of

Clyde for mutual firefighting assistance. The city has just competed recently a similar agreement with Belleville and with Rural Fire District 4.

Fire chief Phil Schlup was present at the meeting and explained in part the response policy for the commission. He reported he was pleased with the added resource of trained manpower that would be available with the signing of the agreements.

Kling Motors received the bid for a new pickup for the street department. Kling had submitted a bid of \$8,749.29 and Babe Houser's bid was \$9,075.00. The two firms were the only bidders. In approving the purchase, Randy Wetmore, city manager, informed the commission \$10,000 was budgeted for the purchase.

A resolution was adopted by the commission that altered the previous amendments to include the purchase of the Dean Williams land rather than easement rights as proposed in the original grant with the FAA. Ten acres have been purchased by the city for the purpose of the airport runway extension.

Nan Sterrett and Jerome Sorell were appointed to the Recreation Commission. Mrs. Sterrett was appointed last fall to serve an unexpired term and Sorell will replace Don Schmidt. Both terms will expire in January 1990.

The commission set Wednesday, March 12 at 11 a.m. as the next study session.

Former city manager here ³⁻¹⁰⁻⁸⁶ pleads guilty to felony theft

Leland K. Brodbeck, former Olathe city manager, March 7, pleaded guilty to one felony theft charge in Johnson County Court. Several years ago, Brodbeck served as Concordia city manager, and left the position after controversy developed on his expense account.

Sentencing for Brodbeck on the Olathe charge is scheduled for April 10. The charge stemmed from a \$434 bill at a Kansas City, Mo., restaurant, and last December, the Olathe Daily News carried a story detailing that bill and dozens of others, where Brodbeck allegedly had been reimbursed twice for the \$434 tab.

As part of an agreement made through the Johnson County district attorney's office, Brodbeck waived

his rights to a preliminary hearing, agreeing to pay \$32,000 in restitution to the City of Olathe by March 17, and to pay court costs. In return, District Attorney Dennis Moore agreed not to interfere in Brodbeck's sentencing.

Moore further said, should Brodbeck not pay the money on time, he would consider the plea agreement void and proceed with the criminal charge. In answer to why more charges were not filed against Brodbeck, Moore said, it doesn't matter whether you call someone a thief one time or five times.

At the conclusion of the case, a Kansas Bureau of Investigation special agent will begin more complete investigation of city hall expense accounts. That investigation is expected to last about two weeks.



Ribbon cutting opens store

The J. C. Penney Shoe Store was officially opened this morning with a ribbon cutting at the new store. Shown, left to right, Dave Stevenson, Dallas merchandising manager,

holding the ribbon; Jim William, Charles Wheeler, Vera Stensaas, local manager; Larry Letourneau, Chamber of Commerce, Ed Gillen, shoe store manager; and Mike Freeman, Dallas cluster manager. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

DOG TAX ³¹²

Section 5-49 to Section 5-62, City Code: All dogs 5 months of age and older must be licensed. All dogs must have a certificate of Rabies Vaccination and must be vaccinated every other year. License fees are four dollars (\$4.00) for each male dog and spayed female dog, and seven dollars (\$7.00) for each unspayed female dog, each dog over four (4) in a family, nine dollars (\$9.00). All persons, firms or corporations owning or harboring a dog or dogs within the city limits must provide a license for their dog before the 1st day of April or a fifty percent (50%) fee will be added to regular tags herein specified.

Health officers order removal of barrels ³¹⁴⁸⁶

City officials and representatives of the Santa Fe Railroad this morning uncovered three 55-gallon drums from the right-of-way of the railroad tracks east of the Boogaart's truck shop. This action follows orders to the railroad from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to remove the barrels from the sight and dispose of them in the Cloud County Sanitary Landfill.

The pit left from this morning's removal was approximately 12 feet deep. Schlup says that the water table is not much lower than this, and the city will be checking to see if circumstances such as these could affect the city's water wells. A city water well, which was located 50 to 100 feet from the railroad tracks, was closed last July because of creosote contamination.

"They (the railroad) didn't have a permit for disposing of materials in a drum along the railroad right-of-way," says Tom Gross, chief of the inspection and enforcement section of the bureau of waste management.

The railroad does bury scrap ties along the tracks, but Gross says that barrels of material belong in sanitary landfills.

"Situations like this happen with regularity," Gross says. "They are dealing with it properly, so the case is closed."

City Manager Randy Wetmore says he has no idea whether this incident or situations similar to it had any effect on the July closing of the contaminated city water well.

The city will be examining the strength of their resolution against the disposal of hazardous waste, says Mayor Greg Hattan.

Contamination identified ³¹⁸

The Blade Friday reported that the city water well, which was closed last July, was contaminated by creosote. According to Bob Moody, public information officer for the Kansas department of health and environment, the specific contaminant found in the well was 1,2-Dichloroethane, which is a volatile

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organic compound. When found in ground waters, this contaminant often has a direct use related to gasoline. It also is used in agricultural fumigants, gasoline lead and metal degreasers. It is not listed as a major ingredient in creosote. Moody did not, however, deny that it could not be linked to creosote.

BIRTH ³¹⁹

Randy and Venita Johnson, Concordia, announce the birth of a daughter, Shelby Leanne, Wednesday, March 12, at Republic County Hospital, Belleville. She weighed 7 lbs., 15½ ozs., and has one brother, Reese, 4.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Cook and Mrs. Lillian Johnson, Concordia. Mrs. Clarissa Corbett, Concordia, is the great-grandmother, and Mrs. Ruby Miller, Vici, Okla., is the great-great-grandmother.



Railroad digging up barrels

A Santa Fe Railroad employee this morning was digging up barrels along the right-of-way after the railroad was ordered to

remove them and place them at the landfill while an investigation is under way. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

Steele will speak about toxic waste

A nationally known writer, speaker, and Pulitzer prize winner, James B. Steele, will be in Concordia, Thursday, March 20. Steele, a native Kansan, will speak at 7:30 p.m., at the Brown Grand Theater on nuclear waste.

Preceding his speech, the Cloud County Community College pep band, directed by Ben Rohrer, will give a 45 minute concert.

Barbara Sabol, secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the Kansas representative on the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission, will attend, along with some of her staff members. They will be available for questions after the speech.

The evening's presentations are free and open to the public. Steele is a national affairs and

investigative reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer. He and fellow Inquirer reporter Donald L. Barlett have worked together as a team the last 15 years, traveling throughout the United States, Europe, South America and Asia, researching and writing in-depth series on varied subjects.

They received the 1975 Pulitzer Prize for national reporting on the Internal Revenue Service; in all, they have received, individually or jointly, 18 national reporting awards.

Steele was born in Hutchinson, and grew up in Kansas City, Mo. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and began his journalism career at the Kansas City Times, where he covered labor, politics and urban affairs before joining the staff of The Inquirer in 1970.

He lives in Philadelphia with his wife and daughter.

In 1983 the University of Missouri presented its Honor Award for Distinguished Service in Journalism to the two, citing them for their "standard-setting development of investigative techniques and documentation, including their pioneer use of computers...their ability to unearth the complete story, far beyond what most journalists typically would call complete, and their fairness and accuracy, and unusual ability to unravel complex issues in ways readers can understand."

Steele has co-authored two books with Barlett, one a biography of Howard Hughes which received widespread acclaim. The second, "Forevermore: Nuclear Waste in America," was published in February, 1985. This book, "took them 20,000 miles and sent them wading through 125,000 pages of documents" to uncover "case after

case of bureaucratic bungling" and of "duplicity, false hopes, false promises."

As an outgrowth of the interest in the book, Steele has been on many television and radio programs to discuss their findings.

The book has been established as an authoritative history of the nation's nuclear waste program and the outlook for attempting to resolve the program. The Library Journal selected it as one of the 100 best science books of 1985.

Steele is brought here by North Central Kansas Citizens, a group formed in August because of concern over the proposed nuclear waste site which would include this area. NCKL was organized by Cheryl Matson, Jewell housewife, who is vice president. Laura Menhusen, president, and Louise Parks, secretary, also are of Jewell. Annette Hood, Concordia, is treasurer.



PENNY SHOE STORE—Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held Monday morning officially opening the new J. C. Penney Shoe Store in Concordia. The store is located in the building formerly occupied by Ken's TV & Appliance. Present for the opening were: Dave Stevens, merchandiser; Jim Williams

local cluster merchandiser; Charles Wheeler, local cluster merchandiser; Vera Stensaas, branch manager; Larry Letourneau, Chamber president; Ed Gillen, Shoe Store manager; and Mike Freeman, Dallas Cluster manager. (Photo by Kansan staff).



HOLDS FIFTH CONSECUTIVE TROPHY—These five Concordia Panther girls hold the fifth consecutive sub-state trophy after smashing the Russell Broncos, 65-39, for the title Saturday evening at Abilene. The Panthers will now advance to the state Class 4A tournament at Salina (today) Thursday in their efforts toward a repeat of last year as Class 4A

champs. CHS seniors, left to right, are: Julie Gallagher, Jacque Simpson, April Chavey, Brenda Budreau, and Kathy Hayden. Other team members contributing to the win were Rita Haist, Kinda Erkenbrack, Erin Christensen, Deana Hofer, Michelle Toogood, Jodi Stensaas, and Kim Chandler. (Photo by Kansan staff)

Open Burning Requirements

Phil Schlup, Concordia Fire Chief, reminds all residents of Concordia of the open burning requirements within the city. The City Ordinance requires that open burning is allowable under certain conditions as outlined below:

1. Open burning is not allowable within the Fire Zone (commercial district).
 2. Outside of the Fire Zone, or within residential districts, open burning of grass, leaves, and weeds is permitted provided that:
 - a. The burning is 25 feet or more from any building.
 - b. The owner is responsible for controlling the burning operation.
 - c. A garden hose with nozzle attached and turned on be capable of reaching all area's of the burning materials.
 - d. All burning is to be extinguished before dark.
 - e. Burning shall be on non-windy days only.
 - f. The person wishing to burn these materials must call the Fire Department (243-4411) prior to burning so that we have knowledge of the burning operation.
- In addition, State and Federal Laws prohibit the burning of garbage, household trash, and insulation from electrical wiring.

An Invitation to N.C.K.

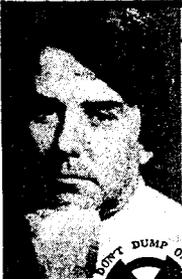
Thursday
March 20th
7:30 p.m.

Brown Grand Opera House, Con.
TO HEAR: (*at no charge)

James B. Steele

Pulitzer-Prize winner and Co-Author of Nuclear Waste in America. He's an acknowledged expert in the area of nuclear waste disposal and its effects on society.

*remember! it's **IMPORTANT** and it's **FREE!!**



Concordia slogan sought

Creative spirits of Concordia arise! The city of Concordia needs a slogan to compliment its current city logo. You can have the chance to author Concordia's slogan by entering your suggestion in the Concordia Slogan Extravaganza Contest.

The winner of the contest, which is co-sponsored by the Concordia Chamber of Commerce and the Office of Economic and Industrial Development, will win a \$100 savings bond. The deadline is 5 p.m., Monday, April 7. Entries must include your slogan of six words or less, name, address and phone number. They may be mailed or personally delivered to the Chamber of Commerce office, 219 W. Sixth Street.

The Chamber of Commerce board

then will select the winner from the entries. Presentation plans will be announced at a later date.

"We want the slogan to be positively directed toward our town, says Larry Blochlinger, executive vice-president of the Concordia Chamber of Commerce. "We want to have something people can grab onto that presents a positive image to communicate our attitudes."

The slogan also will serve as an excellent tool to communicate the progressive attitudes of Concordia to other areas of the state as well as other states, says Gene Miller, director, industrial and economic development.

"Hopefully we'll be able to see it (the logo) on T-shirts and caps and everything else.



Create a slogan for this logo

This is the current City of Concordia logo. The winning slogan will be incorporated into the logo's design.

Vegetable processing plant being explored

The possibility of locating a frozen food processing plant to process vegetables grown by area farmers is being studied by Concordia director of economic development Gene Miller and several interested producers.

Miller said that there is no doubt that a little economic shot in the arm is needed in this county and that after reading a recent edition of "Prepared Foods," a food industry publication, the thought occurred to him that this area might be right for this type of industry.

Miller, Cloud County extension agent Darrell Hosie, and a Concordia High School vocational agriculture instructor Mike Womochil will be gathering information on suitable crops, average yields, expected profitability, and potential markets to determine if the idea is feasible.

If the project looks feasible, the next step will be determined if there is adequate interest among area farmers to produce vegetables in the volumes necessary to supply a processing plant.

Miller said that he talked to a supplier of processing plant equipment and that he said that he knew of several cooperatives which have been formed in different parts of the country to process vegetables grown by area farmers.

Miller said the representative of

the process food equipment firm said that he has available a large supply of used equipment which possibly could be utilized at a plant in Concordia.

Robert Champlin said that he and his wife have been growing vegetables for several years and that Cloud County has the soil and the water necessary to produce vegetables. "I know there is a potential to supplement farm income on irrigated land," he said.

Champlin warned that the key to the success of the proposal would be to obtain a market.

Champlin, Hosie, Womochil and Roy Hoffer all agreed that crops with different maturity times could be used to lengthen the producing season.

Crops which could be grown in the area include asparagus, strawberries, beets, corn, peas, broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower.

Kansas State University has done extensive testing of vegetable crops which can be grown in the area and the yields seem to be adequate to make the venture profitable.

Womochil said that a representative of KSU would have a booth at the farm show with information on alternate sources of farm income including vegetable production.

Anyone interested in the project should contact Gene Miller at city hall.



City backs girls

Representatives of city government formed a pyramid to cheer for the CHS girls basketball team that all of Concordia was watching them Friday afternoon as the team left for the semi-final game in the state tournament at Salina. Forming the

pyramid were: (first level, left to right) John Shaver, Phil Schlup, and Ross Vander Hamm. (second level, left to right) Gene Miller and Randy Wetmore. Mayor Greg Hattan topped off the pyramid. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation also to all the people who have supported the Police Department both in trying times and since the resignation of Chief Rohr. During the interim as The Acting Chief of Police, the officers and I will continue to provide professional law enforcement to the citizens of Concordia. At this time there is a

group of applications for the Chief of Police position in addition to my resume. To the people who have offered their support to me, I say thank you. The selection process for the Chiefs position is the responsibility of the City Manager, Randy Wetmore and I support Mr. Wetmore in his difficult task. In my tenure with the Concordia Police Department I have seen officers come and go but the thoughts of all was to provide good law enforcement for Concordia. Concordia has been my home all my life. I know the needs and desires of the community and I would like to see additional police and public cooperation. I firmly believe that WE THE POLICE are what, YOU THE PUBLIC make us. If you want professionals then that is what you will achieve. Once again I would like to thank everyone for their support. If you need us we are only a phone call away. Thank you for call or stop in:

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Low-level waste can be categorized into innocuous waste, which decays rapidly, such as waste from hospitals. Other forms of low-level waste are identified as resins and sledges from nuclear power plants that take centuries to decay.

"The record, so far, has dealt with scientific miscalculations," Steele says. He cited the example of plutonium disposal at a low-level burial ground at Maxey Flats, Ky. Plutonium waste had been poured into trenches and covered. Officials from the Atomic Energy Commission calculated that because of its nature, the waste would move one-half inch every 24,000 years. Testing by state officials ten years later showed that the waste already had moved several hundred feet.

"It's amazing what Buck Rogers thinking some people have about this subject," Steele says. Contractors have suggested experimenting with dynamic consolidation of waste. This involves dropping five to 40 tons of

waste from a crane to compact the waste.

Another suggestion deals with pile drivers and compaction piles, which simply means to insert dynamite into the storage cavities and detonate. Steele refers to these suggestions as the "most preposterous things imaginable."

In 1980 Congress passed a low level waste act which gave each state the responsibility for the waste it generates. Steele says he doesn't think Congress took into consideration what was going on in the low level waste sites. They urged all states to build shallow land burial sites and to monitor them for the next 100 years for hazards.

One of the real bright spots in this

subject deals with the leadership Steele says.

There is no simple answer to the waste problem. "Every area is going to have its own unique characteristics," he says. "The methods of the past are not necessarily going to be the wave of the future."

The great fear in radioactive waste is not a cataclysmic explosion, Steele says. "It's a quiet danger — something placed in ground that will infiltrate the water supply and no one will know about it. The effect could be catastrophic," he says.

Also present at Steele's presentation was Secretary of Health and Environment Barbara Sabol. Sabol, who is the Kansas representative of

Steele sees no simple solution for nuclear waste

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states are taking to plan burial sites, the central inter-state compact, says that no studies have been done on site selection in Kansas. There have been studies done on site exclusion to determine if any sites are suitable. Cloud County still is part of the group of counties that is under further examination for locations of waste sites.

The next meeting of the compact will deal with alternatives to shallow burial, such as above-ground burial. International representatives will be discussing this subject with the compact.

"Kansas has made a statement about hazardous waste by stating the ethic that we want to protect our ground water," Sabol says.

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East Invitational" with Villanova, Georgetown and St. John's in the Final Four. This season the Southeastern Conference is the league that's showing off in the NCAA basketball tournament.

No less than three SEC teams were still alive in the Final Eight following Thursday night's results which featured third-ranked Kentucky's 68-63 victory over SEC colleague Alabama and LSU's 70-64 upset of No. 6 Georgia Tech in the Southeast Regionals, and Auburn's 70-63 shocker over No. 11 Nevada-Las Vegas in the West.

Louisville, the nation's seventh-ranked basketball team, beat No. 8 North Carolina 94-79 in the other West semifinal in Houston.

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the Southeast Regional in Atlanta the "SEC Invitational."

"If we were in four different regions, there would be a chance we could play the SEC tournament in Dallas," said Sutton.

The NCAA playoffs continue tonight with semifinals in the East Regional at East Rutherford, N.J., and the Midwest at Kansas City.

Top-ranked Duke plays DePaul and Navy takes on surprising Cleveland State in the East Regionals at New Jersey's Meadowlands. Also tonight, in the Midwest Regional semifinals at the Kemper Arena in Kansas City, North Carolina State plays Iowa State and Kansas faces Michigan State.

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According to City Attorney Dave Retter, this ordinance clarifies several provisions of the Concordia code because of the recent age change for legal consumption of alcohol in Kansas.

This ordinance makes it a misdemeanor to misrepresent age to purchase liquor or cereal malt and to aid a person under the legal age to purchase these beverages.

It prohibits a person or licensee from selling cereal malt to a person under the legal drinking age. Cereal malt applies to 3.2 beer. Other intoxicating beverages are referred to as alcoholic beverages.

The ordinance also prohibits the possession of liquor or cereal malt

beverages by a minor on the sale premises.

An authorization for an employee agreement for City Manager Randy Wetmore was approved by the commission. This action authorizes the mayor and city clerk to enter into negotiation with the city manager. An addendum has been drafted by the city attorney to extend Wetmore's agreement for two years with a salary increase of \$3,000. This will change Wetmore's current salary of \$33,000 to \$36,000.

A public hearing was held concerning abandoned vehicles at 510 W. Sixth Street belonging to Jack Roney. Roney was given a 30-day extension on his notice to shield the vehicles from public view. He is to adequately shield the vehicles to the standards specified by City Police Officer Gene Ziegenbalg. Ziegenbalg is to report to the commission on April 16 for the progress of this project.

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The commission also accepted City Engineer Paul Johnson's estimate of cost of \$3,275 for Vanek's sewer project.

Gail Engle, manager, Cablecom of Concordia, presented the city with a check for franchise tax of \$11,424.30.

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Health and Environment Orders Waste Dug Up

Friday, March 14, the Santa Fe Railroad re-opened the pit it had dug two days before, and removed three 55-gallon drums of waste material, and railroad ties it had disposed of there. The State Health and Environment Department representative at Salina had initially reported that burials of this nature were a common occurrence, and once removal was complete, the "case was closed." The Topeka office of State Health and Environment took a different view of the matter, and has ordered samples of the waste be taken for laboratory analysis.

Concordia Fire Chief Phil Schlup reports that he also took samples, and expects to have results from a Salina laboratory soon. Schlup first became aware of the problem

when he received an anonymous telephone call. The concern over the waste stems from the shallowness of the water table height. In the past, Concordia has had to close a well due to contaminants in the water.

Waste was spilled when at least two of the barrels were punctured Friday morning. Schlup reports that two of the barrels contained a black tarry substance, with the appearance of pitch, while the other contained a dark brown liquid. When asked about the waste, Santa Fe reported to Schlup that the barrels contained "heavy grease."

After removing the items from the 10' by 10' pit, which was nearly 12 feet deep, the materials were accepted at the Cloud County landfill.

Audience Disappointed 327

Members of the audience left the public meeting Tuesday evening, March 20, somewhat disappointed. James B. Steele, addressed the citizens of North Central Kansas on the Radioactive Waste and its disposal, but the audience was not allowed a question and answer session. Also in attendance was Barbara Sabol, Kansas Secretary of Department of Health and Environment, along with several aides who would not answer any questions except by the news media on stage after the meeting. It was reported she was overwhelmed by the huge attendance and since there was a larger-than-anticipated crowd, questions were not accepted from the audience.

In attendance with Sabol was Tommie Smith, chief of administrative support services; Sharrod Bhatia, directors aide; Harold Stike, chief radioactive aide; and Darrell Webb, state representative from the Wichita area.

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The meeting Thursday was co-sponsored by the City of Concordia and the North Central Kansas Citizens Organization.



EXTRACTING WASTE MATERIAL—Workers for the Santa Fe railroad were busy Friday extracting waste material that had been buried a short time before. The material

consisted of three barrels of waste substance and creosote covered railroad ties. It was buried between the railroad tracks on the west edge of Concordia near the Boogaart repair shop. (photo by Kansan staff).

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RIBBON CUTTING — Dana Brewer cut the ribbon this morning to officially open the Fashion Cross-

roads. Holding the ribbon were Larry Blochlinger (left) and Larry Letourneau. Mrs. John Fellows,

standing next to Letourneau, is the store manager. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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City Manager Contract Extended

Concordia City Commission, Wednesday, approved action extending Randy Wetmore's employment contract as city manager for two additional years. The action Wednesday, allows for the mayor and city clerk to sign an agreement with the city manager which incorporates modifications in the terms of employment and compensation. Wetmore's salary will raise from \$33,000 to \$36,000 with the new agreement.

Other action taken at Wednesday's meeting was:

An ordinance was passed establishing a benefit fund for the Frank Carlson Library employees. The approval of the ordinance will allow the library to fund expenses such as retirement, social security, workmans compensation and unemployment insurance. The library plan is similar to the one presently being used by the city of Concordia.

Approval was authorized by the commission for the construction of sanitary sewer improvements on the Ed Vanek property on south Republican. Fifty percent will be assessed to Vanek and 50% to the city at large. The engineer's estimated cost of the project is \$3,275.00, and is projected to be completed sometime next fall.

Dave Retter, city attorney, explained the ordinance regulating the sale of cereal malt beverages and alcoholic liquor within the city. With the approval of the ordinance by the commission, the city code will be brought into compliance with state law. Retter reported the major change in the six provisions was the wording "legal age."

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The lawsuit is the result of the Jan. 3 termination of Bodine as investigator for the county sheriff's department.

Bodine has filed for judgment against the defendants for actual damages in excess of \$685,000, punitive damages in excess of \$1.35 million, costs including fees and expenses, and such other relief as appropriate.

The action is brought pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the United States, seeking money damages and equitable relief under said acts of Congress providing for the protection of civil rights.

The action states that all defendants were agents in an unlawful conspiracy in subjecting the plaintiff to the deprivation of rights, privileges and immunities secured to the plaintiff by the Constitution and laws of the United States, all as alleged and complained herein. It further states that each defendant acted at all times herein maliciously, wantonly, recklessly, oppressively, unlawfully, wilfully, intentionally and in bad faith, to deliberately violate the plaintiff's said constitutional and legal rights herein;

all whereby plaintiff has sustained substantial injury, damage and loss.

The Blade today received notice of this action anonymously through the mail. Sheriff Cairns said he had not been notified of pending case at this time.

In addition to listing all previous information on Bodine's termination, the lawsuit states that the plaintiff was guaranteed a statement in writing by Cairns by Wednesday, Jan. 13, concerning the reasons for dismissal. This action states that no statement has been received by the plaintiff.

The action also states that defendants blackballed the plaintiff by placing a defamatory cloud over him and impairing liberty interest, so that the plaintiff has been unable to obtain employment in law enforcement or otherwise, even though he has diligently sought work to support his wife and three small children.

Bodine demands a jury trial. He and attorney Phelps designate Kansas City, Kan., as the location for this trial.

According to Phelps, it takes approximately 24 months before a case of this nature will be heard. During the 24-month period, depositions will be taken. Although the case has been filed in Kansas City, Kan., Phelps says that when it comes up for trial, availability of judges will determine whether it will be heard in Kansas City, Kan., Topeka, or Wichita.

General Election Is Tuesday

Only one item is facing the voters of Concordia when they go to the polls Tuesday, April 1. Voters will decide which of the two candidates, Lee W. Doyen or Rod Howard, will serve as the next city commissioner.

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The Kansan was in contact with county officials to seek additional information as to the suit by Bodine, but found those contacted were unaware of the suit until reading the Blade.

Candidates Forum Held

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Mayor Greg Hattan signed a proclamation honoring the Concordia High School girls basketball team for winning the state Class A tournament for the second straight year in a row. Upon signing the proclamation Mayor Hattan proclaimed Tuesday, March 25 as "Panther Basketball Day in Concordia." Jay Deter, assistant coach, was present at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

The commission approved the application for a cereal malt beverage license for Nancy Shaver d/b/a EZShop Co., Inc., formerly known as The Store.

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Forum Held

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Howard responded that the city has the responsibility now since they have undertaken the task of the upkeep.

Howard expressed a desire to change the city meeting time to an evening session to allow the working individuals of the community a better opportunity to attend. He also is opposed to increasing taxes.

As to the assets of Concordia, Doyen named many different areas including the type of government now available, educational system, and with excellent teachers, the community college, best water system in Kansas, good sewage treatment plant, attractive good streets, and an enlarged airport. Doyen said, "we're the hub of NCK, we have a good business district and must patronize them."

Howard reported the city's primary assets are the people of Concordia and how well our people function. "We've got tremendous roads with the 81-24 highways, and the airport runway extension is an added asset," he said.

Doyen reported Concordia needs to study the financial ends and hold the budget for two years. If the revenue sharing was taken away, the mill levy reportedly would raise 4 mills. "We can get along," said Doyen, "with the \$530,000 going in each year from the one cent sales tax, we need to hold the line and move to the five-man commission and work to help solve the problems." In answering a question about the support of the city for the Brown Grand, Doyen reported that it is an attraction center for Concordia and definitely

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RIBBON CUTTING—Another ribbon cutting ceremony was held in Concordia last Thursday morning. Fashion Crossroads, formerly Mode O'Day, moved to a new remodeled location at 128 West 6th and changed their name at the same time. Dana Brewer, Chamber president-elect did

the honors in cutting the ribbon being held by Larry Blochlinger, left and Larry Letourneau, right. Standing next to Letourneau is Mrs. John (Masel) Fellows, owner and Doug Helt, supervisor. (Photo by Wm. DeArmond.)



Fixing outside wall

Work has begun on protecting the wall left standing after the adjoining building was

recently torn down. It is reported that a metal protecting covering will be installed on the wall. (Blade photo by Chris Black)



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Answering questions

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Howard said he did not want to make it clear that he did not want to do away with the Brown Grand. "What's done is done and I hesitated to even mention the Brown Grand, but did so as an illustration of the communication problem," he said. "This is just one issue of several."

Doyen said he can work effectively with commissioners Greg Hattan and D. L. Layton. "I understand budgetary matters and I have worked to keep the city moving ahead," Doyen said. "I will work hard to hold the line and will work to have no tax increases in the next two years," he said.

Doyen said he believes in the future of Concordia, but warned that under the present economic conditions there are no second chances. "We have to get on the ball and make certain there are competent people on the city commission," he said. "It is no time to put your trust with someone who is inexperienced. I have proof of what I have done and I have been put to the test."

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Rod Howard



Lee Doyen 3-31-86

Election tomorrow

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Rod Howard, a political newcomer, established himself as the candidate to beat, when he received 514 votes in the primary election on Feb. 25.

Lee Doyen received 324 votes to earn the other spot on the April 1 ballot.

The campaign has attracted considerable interest and a candidates' forum a week ago Saturday attracted a good turnout.

Howard is employed at Constructive Playthings in Concordia. He is a graduate of NCK Vo-Tech School and attended Cloud County Community College and Wichita State University.

He is a Vietnam War Veteran and

is a life member of the VFW.

Howard and his wife, Kay, are 15-year residents of Concordia. They have one daughter, Amy 7.

Doyen, who was a member of the city commission for seven years, is a graduate of Concordia High School and Kansas State University. He has been an instructor in the public schools for 33 years and has had eight years of banking experience.

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ROD HOWARD

For
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Willing to
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Your Voice
on the
City Commission

Howard For Commissioner Campaign, Betty Cyphers, Treasurer.

Fire and EMS alarms

CONCORDIA FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES FIRE ALARMS

Tuesday, Feb. 25

2:53 p. m.—308 East 15th, weeds and cedar trees on fire. Control burning became un-controlled. Fire contained two trees and weeds. No reportable damage.

Tuesday, March 4

1:00 p. m.—2130 Republican, structure fire. Fire caused from burning trash in back yard and wind spread fire to grass and shrubs/cedar trees which in turn ignited exterior siding of house. No injuries. Damage contained to exterior of house, estimated at \$5,000.00.

Wednesday, March 5

1:30 p. m.—7 miles south on U.S. 81, injury accident. Rescue response with EMS, extrication not necessary.

Friday, March 7

11:29 p. m.—13th and Lincoln, injury accident. Rescue standby for potential extrication.

Sunday, March 9

9:15 p. m.—100 block of East 5th, truck trailer on fire. Fire caused from defective refrigeration unit in trailer. Damage estimated at \$5,000.00 including produce and contents. No injuries.

TOTAL FIRE-RESCUE ALARMS YEAR TO DATE—28
TOTAL FIRE-RESCUE ALARMS LAST YEAR TO DATE—31

EMS RESPONSES

Tuesday, Feb. 25

6:35 p. m.—212 East 2nd, medical emergency. Male patient age 75, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Wednesday, March 26

9:28 p. m.—1320 Olive, medical emergency. Female victim age 92, expired, assisted family. No transportation.

Friday, Feb. 28

11:55 a. m.—707 West 5th, non-urgent condition. Female patient age not reported, refused assistance. No transport.

9:09 p. m.—134 East 1st, non-urgent transfer. Male patient age 56, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Saturday, March 1

1:21 a. m.—202 West 18th, medical emergency. Male victim age 51, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

11:37—1224 Cedar, medical emergency. Female victim age 87, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

2:44 p. m.—Concordia Rest Home, non-urgent transfer. Male patient age 81, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

3:22 p. m.—St. Joseph Hospital, non-urgent transfer. Male patient age 81, transported to Concordia Nursing Center.

Sunday, March 2

5:24 a. m.—513 East 8th, medical emergency. Female victim age 67, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Wednesday, March 5

1:05 a. m.—1828 Crestview Drive, medical emergency. Male victim age 54, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

1:30 p. m.—7 miles south on U.S. 81, injury accident. Female victim age 20, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Thursday, March 6

6:28 a. m.—Concordia Nursing Center, medical emergency. Male victim age 81, expired. No transportation.

10:57 a. m.—610 West 6th, medical emergency. Male victim age 77, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

1:52 p. m.—225 West 8th, assist Law Enforcement with unattended death.

Friday, March 7

9:19 a. m.—Mount Joseph Nursing Home, non-urgent transfer. Female victim age 75, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

11:07 a. m.—St. Joseph Hospital, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 91, transported to Sunset Nursing Home.

Friday, March 7

5:11 p. m.—114 Strain, medical emergency. Female victim age 42, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

11:29 p. m.—13th and Lincoln, injury accident. Male victim age 15, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Monday, March 10

6:01 a. m.—Concordia Nursing Center, non-urgent transfer. Male patient age 79, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Tuesday, March 11

3:24 p. m.—215 East 6th, non-urgent transfer. Female victim age 52, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Wednesday, March 12

10:25 a. m.—1717 East 6th St., Lot No. 5, medical emergency. Female victim age 81, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Friday, March 14

12:11 a. m.—734 East 7th, medical emergency. Male victim age 77, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Saturday, March 15

1:31 a. m.—Mount Joseph Nursing Home, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 78, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

6:48 a. m.—Sunset Nursing Home, medical emergency. Female victim age 91, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Tuesday, March 18

5:58 p. m.—Mount Joseph Nursing Home, medical emergency. Female victim age 87, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

TOTAL EMS RESPONSES TO DATE—85

TOTAL EMS RESPONSES LAST YEAR TO DATE—94



3-31
**Vote
 for
 Experience**

**Vote for
 LEE W. DOYEN
 for City Commissioner
 Tuesday, April 1**

(Pd. Pol. Ad by Boyd Dochow, Chairman)



Rod Howard

4-2-80
**Howard wins
 city election**

Rod Howard, a political newcomer, yesterday successfully completed his first campaign as he was elected to Concordia city commission for a three-year term.

Howard will assume office on Wednesday, April 16, during the annual re-organization meeting of the commission.

Howard received 831 votes to defeat Lee Doyen, who received 704 votes, to gain the position on the three-member commission.



Making the cut

Larry Letourneau, president of the Concordia Chamber of Commerce prepared to cut the ribbon at the grand opening held

by Wiesner Bros. Wiesner Bros. has taken on Wardcraft Homes. Holding the ribbon were Kim Wiesner, left, and Josephine Wiesner. (Blade photo by Jim Lowell)

4-2-80



I want to thank the Voters for the large turnout in Tuesday's election for City Commissioner, and I especially want to thank friends and supporters for their help during the campaign.

As a City Commissioner I will do my best to listen to the views and problems and to represent all the people.

Rod Howard

Howard for Commissioner Campaign—Betty Cyphers, treas.

Hazardous Waste Findings

Concordia Mayor Greg Hattan reported that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has contacted him as to the findings of the substance tested by their department. The substance tested was from the three barrels buried and then reclaimed recently by the Santa Fe Railroad on the west edge of Concordia near a water well.

Reports are that two barrels contained heavy grease material, while the third contained pentachloroethanol, that is used to preserve wood. This type of chemical is listed as hazardous waste and because of its toxic consistency, officials will supervise the removal of the barrel from the Cloud County landfill. Contaminated soil must also be removed from the area, at the original burial site and at the landfill.

Hattan reported that there is a dispute as to the amount of material in the barrels. The barrels were damaged during their removal from the burial site and waste was allowed to drain over the area at both the burial site and the landfill. Removal of the contaminated soil will reportedly be closely observed.

Howard Elected City Commissioner

Rod Howard defeated former commissioner Lee Doyen by 127 votes in Tuesday's general election. Howard gathered 831 votes with Doyen tallying 704. Howard will now take the position being vacated by Bill Smith, who is completing his first term in office, but did not seek re-election.



Rod Howard

Cloud County Election Officer Betty DeWitt, reports 1517 voters cast their ballots in Tuesday's election, which is 43% of the registered voters. This was the largest turnout of voters in recent years for a general election. Mrs. DeWitt reported a number of persons were in her office on Monday to register to vote for the election but were unable to do so as the registration books had closed several days prior.

Howard will now take his position alongside the present two commissioners, Greg Hattan and D. L. (Heavy) Layton on Wednesday, April 16 at the regular 4 p.m. commission meeting.

The new commissioner is a 15-year resident of Concordia and is employed by Constructive Playthings of Concordia.

Rezone Annexed Property

Concordia City Commissioners rezoned two pieces of property by their action at Wednesday's meeting. The two, F & A and the airport property, when recently annexed into the city were automatically designated with residential zoning. Since the warehouse facility and the airport do not fall in this category the zoning change must be made. It will now be known as I-2 (heavy industrial).

Other action by the commission was to set a fee for oxygen during an ambulance run. In passing the fee charge of \$8.00, it was reported the charge will apply only to those runs where oxygen is actually used. The charge is covered by Medicare and should pose no additional costs to those patients covered by Medicare, previously there was no charge for this service by the city.

A list of ambulance charge-offs was presented to the commissioners. The list compiled by the city staff, is for the period of January through June, 1985 for \$1,482.68. The list represents \$1,152.50 in provider write-offs and \$174.18 in EDS (Srs) charges in which the city cannot, by law, attempt to collect from the

customer. The commission approved the charge-offs.

Two additional items of interest were reported at the meeting.

Two members of the fire department have recently completed additional training. Bob Burns completed the driver-operator certification and Don Barnhart completed the firefighter III certification.

It was reported progress is continuing on the baseball fields. Lights are up on four fields and the other two fields should have lights up later next week. Fence and grass should be installed and planted in the next two to three weeks.

Mayor Greg Hattan signed a proclamation designating the week of April 6-12 as National Library Week. The Frank Carlson Library is using the theme "Get A Head Start at the Library" for the week-long observance. Clarita Fraser, a library employee, was present for the signing of the proclamation.

A study session was set for Wednesday, April 9 at 11 a.m. by the commission.

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One barrel contained hazardous substances

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Testing results of the samples of materials buried by the Santa Fe Railroad on March 12, 1986, yesterday were forwarded to city officials.

According to Fire Chief Phil Schlup, the thick, black pitch substance, which was found in two barrels, has been identified as a tar or wax substance that is used as a waterproof coating on wooden structures such as railroad bridges to prevent deterioration of the wood. It has a hydrocarbon, or petroleum, base. This substance poses no threat to the environment.

The third barrel, according to Schlup, contained a dark brown liquid, which has been identified as a combination of three hazardous chemicals; naphthalene, pentachlorophenol and penanthrene. These chemicals, when combined, are used as wood preservers and insecticides to control termite infestation.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has not indicated what actions they will take. They have supervised the extraction of the contaminant barrel from the county landfill.

Cemetery cleanup

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If you have wreaths or winter arrangements on graves in Pleasant Hill Cemetery that you would like to save, John Shaver, director of public grounds, says you should pick them up by May 1, 1986.

All plantings and decorations must be placed at the ends of monuments so they will not interfere with routine mowing or create areas that will require hand-trimming.

Fences or copings also are prohibited on grave space.

The Memorial Day holiday is the only exception to this rule. You may place decorations anywhere on the grave space two days prior to the holiday and six days following the holiday.

After that time period, any decorations not properly placed will be removed by the cemetery sexton.

If you have any questions before you plant or place decorations on graves, contact John Shaver at 243-7600.

City's earnings down from '85

4-9-86

The Concordia city commission met in adjourned session this morning at 11 o'clock. Mayor Greg Hattan called the meeting to order.

The commission approved appropriation Ordinance No. 6A.

The city's first quarter investment report for this year also was approved by the commission. Interest earnings dropped approximately 12 percent compared to first quarter interest earnings in 1985. The continued trend of declining interest rates accounts for this decrease in earnings.

The staff has invested in treasury bills, which will mature in the next two quarters at a rate approximately 2 percent higher than the rate the city can earn on super savers or insured investment accounts.



Never too soon

For some children its never too soon for the

city to begin preparing the swimming pool for the season. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

4-9-86



Grand opening

Chamber of Commerce president Larry Letourneau this morning cut the ceremonial ribbon which signifies the opening of a new business. The new business is "A Touch of Glass and

Other Fancy Stuff," located at 518 Washington. The store owners, Christie Leonard, left, and Sue Trost, right, are holding the ribbon. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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4-14-86

Sam Budreau

Budreau named chief of police

Sam Budreau, a veteran of 12 years on the Concordia force, was chosen over 70 other candidates, as the new chief of police, according to an announcement made by city manager Randy Wetmore.

Budreau has been serving as active chief since the resignation of Dennis Rohr in February. Rohr resigned to accept a position in North Dakota.

Budreau is a 1972 graduate of Concordia High School. He graduated from Cloud County Community College and attended Wichita State University. He also has received training at Fort Hays State University and the Institute of Applied Science in Chicago in criminology. He has received other credit hours from the University of Kansas.

He served two years in the United States Air Force as a military police officer before joining the Cloud County Sheriff's Department as a deputy sheriff.

Budreau and his wife, Dona, have three children, Jared, 12, Michelle, 10, and Nathan, 7.

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be Monday, April 21

4-15-86

The annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. Monday, April 21, at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The breakfast has a long history in Concordia of honoring Concordia's mayors, both past and present. Originally it was patterned after the Presidential Breakfast in Washington, D.C., which Senator Frank Carlson established during his tenure in Washington.

This is the first year for the breakfast to be in April. The move was made to correspond more closely with the election of a new mayor to be named April 16 at the city commission meeting.

The short program will include former mayor Betty Humes, present Mayor Greg Hattan, the new mayor, and the Revs. Steve Letourneau and Greg Uthus of the Concordia Ministerial Association. Larry Uri, chairman of the Governmental Affairs Division will be master of ceremonies.

Co-sponsored by the Concordia Ministerial Association and the Governmental Affairs Division of the Chamber of Commerce, the breakfast is open to the public, with reservations needed by Friday, April 18. Price of tickets are \$2.50 and can be ordered by calling 243-4290 or by stopping at the chamber office.

Layton elected mayor; Howard assumes office

4-17-86

Greg Hattan passed on the Mayor's gavel to D. L. "Heavy" Layton at the Wednesday meeting of the Concordia city commission. Rod Howard also was sworn into office as

city commissioner replacing Bill Smith.

Smith was presented a key to the city and also a plaque commemorating his service to the city.

"Bill based his opinions on his own common sense approach of city government," Mayor Hattan said. "We appreciate his performance and we wish him well."

The reorganized commission's first action was to designate the Concordia Blade-Empire as the official city newspaper for legal publications for next year. Since many legal notices require publication on consecutive days, a daily newspaper was required to fill this need.

The commission signed a proclamation stating that buddy poppy sales day will be April 26. This event is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

An ordinance extending rabies vaccination compliance relating to licensed dogs was approved by the commission. This new ordinance will allow the city to issue a dog license whenever the dog has had a valid rabies shot.

The commission recognized that the nuisance abatement at 510 W. Sixth Street had been corrected.

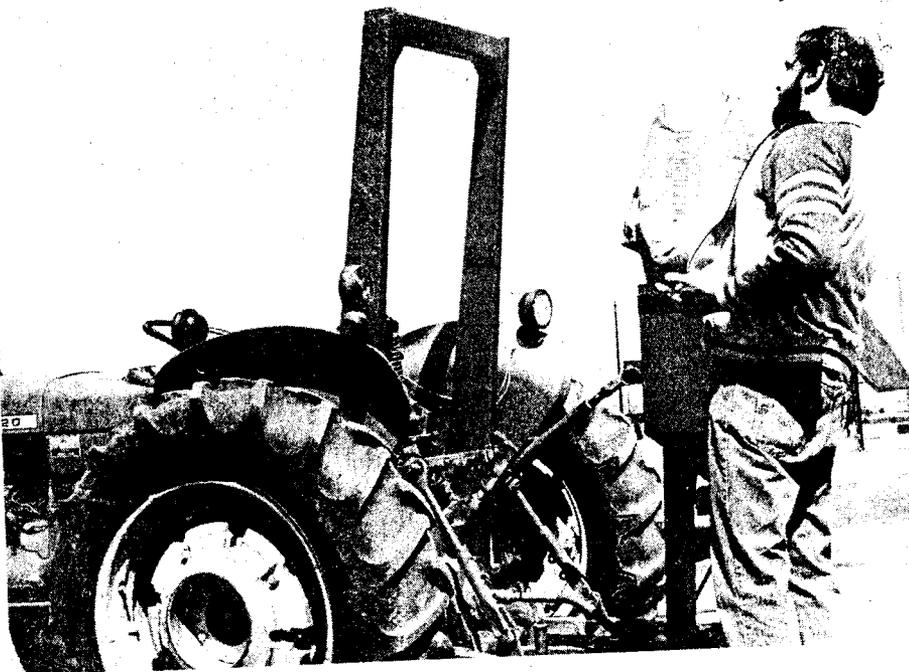
Dean Frazier and Jane Campanile were appointed to the Frank Carlson Library Board by the commission. This will be Frazier's second term and Campanile's first term on the board. The terms expire at the end of four years.



Takes oath

Rod Howard yesterday was sworn into office as a new city commission. (Blade photo by Carol Anderson)

4-16-86



Refueling with seed
John Shaver, director of public grounds for Concordia, added more grass seed to his planter Wednesday morning. Shaver was

planting grass on the new ball fields at the Concordia Fairgrounds. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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Resignation Submitted By Flinn

City Manager Randy Wetmore confirmed Thursday morning Police Officer Terry Flinn had submitted his resignation to Chief Sam Budreau, from the Concordia Police Department. The Kansasan was unable to reach Budreau to confirm the resignation.

It also has been confirmed that Cloud County Attorney Robert Walsh has received a letter from Flinn's Attorney, Brian G. Grace, Wichita, on alleged charges pending against Cloud County Sheriff Dean Cairns and Undersheriff Pete Pellant.



Sam Budreau

Budreau Named Police Chief

Sam Budreau was named Friday as the new chief of police for the City of Concordia, according to an announcement received by Randy Wetmore, city manager. In announcing the selection, Wetmore reported Budreau was selected from over 70 applicants for the position. Budreau has been serving as acting chief since the resignation of Dennis Rohr in February. Rohr resigned to accept a similar position in North Dakota.

Budreau is a 1972 graduate of Concordia High School, Cloud County Community College and attended Wichita State University. He has also received training from Fort Hays State University and the Institute of Applied Science in Chicago in criminology.

Budreau has been with the Concordia Police Department for 12 years in a variety of positions. Prior to his position as acting chief, Budreau held the title of assistant chief and investigator.

Budreau and wife, Dona, have three children.



RIBBON CUTTING—Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held Monday morning to open the "Touch of Glass and Other Fancy Stuff." The business is located at 518 Washington, formerly the Everitt Morgan building. Doing the honors Monday were Chamber President Larry Letourneau, center, as

the owners, Christie Leonard, left, and Sue Trost, right, hold the ribbon. Family members were also present at the ribbon cutting Monday as well as other well wishers. (Photo by Kansas staff).

4-17-86

APPOINTED AS PATROLMAN

Kevin Campbell, Concordia, has been appointed by Sam Budreau, Concordia Police Chief, to the duties as a patrolman for the Police Department.

Campbell is a Concordia native and was a part-time employee prior to his appointment.

Layton Becomes Mayor; Howard Takes Office

It was reorganization time at the Concordia City Commission meeting Wednesday. Commissioner D. L. (Heavy) Layton was selected as the new mayor. He was presented the gavel from retiring Mayor Greg Hattan.

New Commissioner Rod Howard was sworn into office by City Clerk Verna Scott. Howard assumed the vacancy of Bill Smith who completed his first three-year term in office. Howard outpolled former commissioner, Lee Doyen, for the position in the recent election.

Mayor Hattan commended Smith for his capability to express his opinion on city government during his term of office. He presented him with a key to the city and a plaque of appreciation.

Prior to the reorganization meeting the following action was taken:

The commission approved the updated ordinance concerning dog rabies vaccination. The present ordinance provides that a dog owner have the dog vaccinated every two years. The new ordinance will allow the city to issue a dog license whenever the dog has a valid rabies shot. It was stated the reason for the change was that veterinarians now can give rabies shots that will last for three years.

The nuisance abatement at 510 West 6th, Jack Roney owner, was abated at the meeting. Roney had been given until April 6 to rectify the nuisance and upon investigation, officer Gene Ziegenbalg found appropriate action to resolve the nuisance problem had been taken.

The commission accepted the election results from Betty DeWitt, county election of-

ficer, declaring Howard a winner over Doyen 833-705 in the Commissioner race.

The Blade-Empire was designated the official city newspaper for legal publications, due to many legal notices requiring successive publication on consecutive days. Mayor Layton commended the Blade for their recent journalism award. Layton also paid recognition to Concordia's new police chief, Sam Budreau.



Mayor D. L. Layton

The commission accepted the Frank Carlson Library board's request to reappoint Dean Frazier to another four-year-term on the board. Jane Welsh Campanile was appointed to the board for a four year term to replace Donna Berner who had requested that she not be reappointed. The commission expressed appreciation to Mrs. Berner for her service, as she completed a four year term.

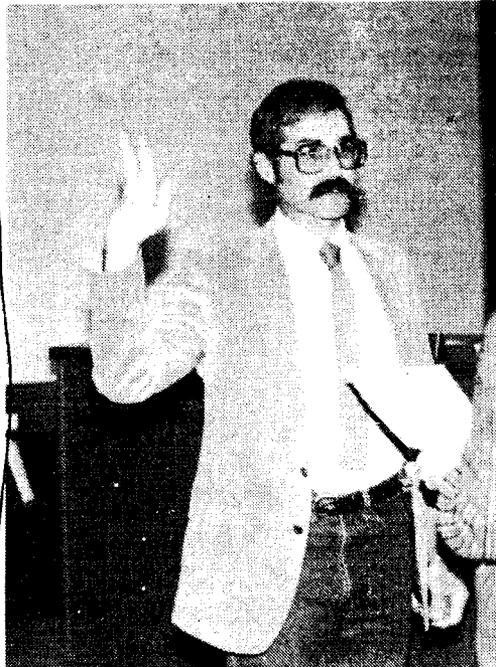
The mayor signed a proclamation designating April 26 as Buddy Poppy Day in Concordia. Present from the local VFW Post and Auxiliary were Jo Krager, Fedora Nobert, Elmer Collins and Damian Nobert.

Larry Blochlinger, chamber executive secretary, was present at the meeting and expressed an invitation for those present to attend the Mayor's prayer breakfast Monday morning, April 21 at 7 a.m.

Several members of the mayor's family were present at the meeting as well as members of the Howard family.

The commission set Wednesday, April 23 at 11 a.m. as the next adjourned meeting for the public hearing on the consideration of an application to the Kansas Department of Economic Development for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds. The project to be discussed is a manufacturing facility to be located in the northeast part of Concordia. The estimated project cost is \$500,000 with the grant request for \$250,000 of the funds.

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men evenings and Sundays to better serve their patrons. Lee Stanford, who received his discharge for the army at Douglas, Utah, arrived in Concordia on Tuesday evening, and will again take his law practice. Mr. Stanford spent 28 months in the service and the past year in Manila as special agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

Mayor S. I. Erickson has received word that his son, E. Erickson, left Munich, Germany, March 23, to return to Concordia.

After a week's trial on the new three-lane auto parking stem in the Bon Marche block, it was decided at the regular meeting of the council to adopt the system in all downtown parking areas and the streets are now being marked for the new plan.

Mrs. Clifford Palmquist stressed Tuesday evening, to members of Mothers Day Club. Members responded to roll call with "A Peep into the Future." Mrs. Conroy was program leader.

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4-18-86 Flinn resigns

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Flinn leaves just one week after filing a lawsuit in United States District Court in Wichita against Cloud County Sheriff Dean Cairns, Undersheriff Elzear ("Pete") Pellant and Cloud County, Kansas. The case states five counts that refer to the conduct of defendants Cairns and Pellant as being intentional and done with malice toward plaintiff Flinn.

Flinn seeks compensatory and punitive damages for each of the five counts.

Cloud County Attorney Robert Walsh says the defendants have been notified of the lawsuit.

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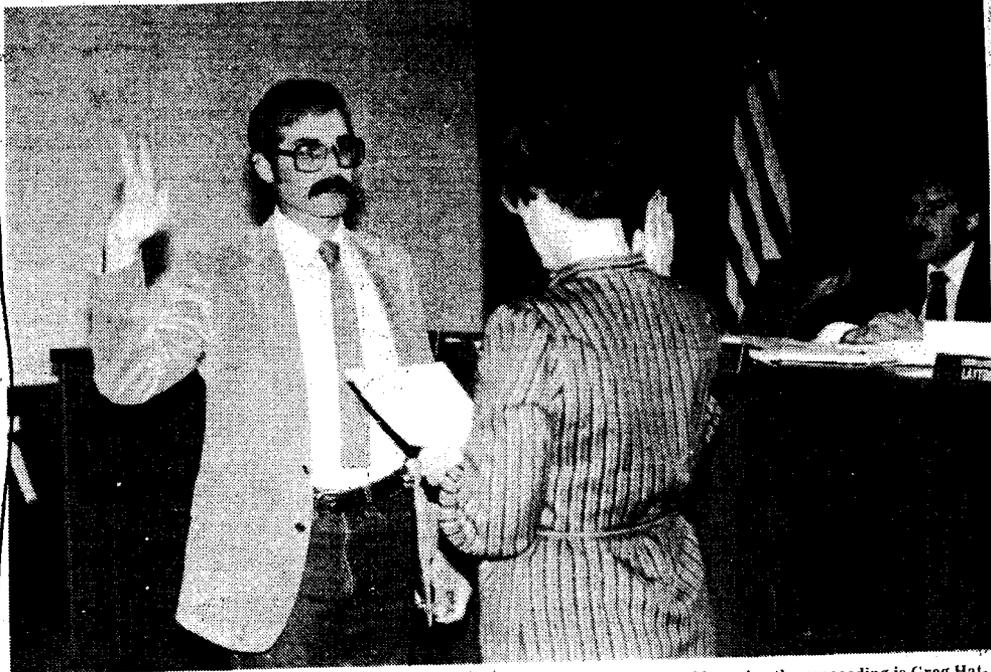
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Commission Approve Application Grant ⁴⁻²⁴⁻⁸⁶

Concordia City Commissioners gave their approval Wednesday for the filing of an application for the Economic Development Block Grant not to exceed \$300,000.

Gene Miller, economic development director, appeared before the commissioners to request approval for the application and to answer questions concerning the proposed application. Miller reported the purpose of the application grant is to assist a manufacturer firm from Montana to acquire a building, remodel and purchase necessary equipment for their new Concordia operation.

Miller reported the USA McDonald Corporation of Missoula, Mont., is interested in locating a sister company in Concordia, providing the grant is approved. The McDonald Corp. manufactures institutional furniture. With the location of the possible plant here it is expected to employ 20 to 30 employees at the start up time and expand to 50 to 70 within a 5-year period.

The grant, if approved, will be granted to the city of Concordia, who in turn will loan it to the firm. Interest on the loan will be charged at 2% for

a 15 year period. The revolving loan fund will then be used to help finance other developmental projects. The object of the revolving funds, reported Miller, is to create new jobs.

Miller informed the commissioners the grant application must be submitted by May 5 and a reply should be received within a 30-day period. The director is presently working out details with a financial institution for the matching \$250,000 or \$300,000 for the proposed project.

A similar grant was approved recently for the F & A Food Sales Co. According to Miller this particular project is expected to be underway in the near future. Negotiations are presently being conducted with the contractors.

In other business before the commission, approval was given for a Class B beer license for ABJ, Inc., d/b/a B. J.'s Lounge. Arlan R. Jensen is listed as the manager. The business is located at 1909 Lincoln.

Traveler praises overnight parking in Concordia park ⁴⁻²⁴⁻⁸⁶

A letter in the January issue of "Motorhome" magazine written by Louise Bird, Richardson, Texas, praises overnight parking at Airport Park, Concordia.

She writes, "I think it is time to hand roses to an extra-special town that we traveled through on our trip home from the Northwest—Concordia, Kan., one of the friendliest towns on our trip...."

Concordia

City leaders approve application for grant ⁴⁻²³⁻⁸⁶

The Concordia city commission today approved the application for an economic development grant that, if approved, would create more jobs for area citizens.

The application will request an amount no lower than \$250,000 and not exceeding \$300,000. If approved, the grant will assist U.S.A. McDonald Corp., of Missoula, Mont., to acquire a building in Concordia, remodel the building and purchase necessary equipment for the operation. The company manufactures institutional furniture.

Economic Development Director Gene Miller stresses the point that the decision of the company to locate in Concordia is contingent on the approval of this grant.

Deadline for the grant application is May 5. Miller says he will be notified of the decision 30 days following the deadline date.

The loan would be made at 2 percent interest, which would be amortized over a 15-year period. The state business administration could raise this rate from 2 percent to 4 percent or 6 percent depending on how they perceive the company's ability to pay back the money, Miller says.

If the grant is approved, Miller says he expects the company to arrive in Concordia sometime this fall. The plant is expected to employ approximately 20 to 30 people in the next two to three years. Miller says the company's intention is to ultimately relocate their operations in Concordia. Last year U.S.A. McDonald Corp. reported sales of \$3.2 million.

The city commission also approved an application for a Class B beer license from Arlan Jensen d-b-a B.J.'s Lounge, 1909 Lincoln.

Recreation Commission Considering Director Change ⁵⁻¹⁻⁸⁶

Members of the Concordia Recreation Commission met Wednesday evening at the Middle School for consideration of a proposed change of the "Director of Recreation" to the placement of a director for the ball complex and another to oversee

the six other programs offered by the commission.

Under the present recreation program, a "director of recreation" is hired to direct the entire program for the year. Robert Baumann is currently supervising the programs and reports back to the commission.

Under a new proposal offered, two directors would be hired, one for baseball and one for the remaining six units.

The ball coordinator would oversee the ball complex which would include womens softball; junior-senior girls and PeeWee girls softball; K-18, Legion and PeeWee boys baseball; mens softball; and grounds supervisor.

The other coordinator would oversee the operation of tennis, dance, weight training, playground, arts and crafts, and track and field.

Under the new proposed program, it was pointed out, it is hoped to be able to cut some funds from the budget and expand and improve the present program.

It was voted to have the City of Concordia act as treasurer for the Recreation Commission upon the resignation of Becky Bradley from the commission.

In conclusion, the commission voted to table any action for one week and then return to make a decision as to whether the program should be changed this summer or not. The meeting will be held Wednesday evening, May 7, at 7 p.m. at the Middle School cafeteria. The public is invited to attend.

Members of the commission present at the meeting were: Vince Crough, Jerome Sorell, Nan Sterrett, Darrell Cottingham, and Mark Breault. Others present were Ray Stanton and Robert Baumann.

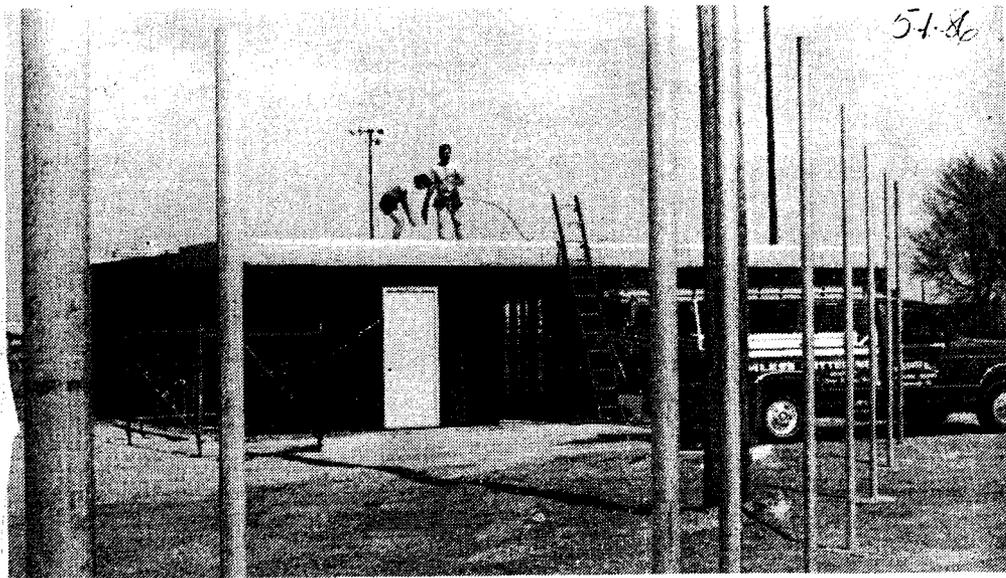


4-29-86

Ribbon cutting

Chamber of Commerce president Larry Letourneau this morning cut the ribbon to signal the grand opening of Century

21 at its new location. Holding the ribbon were co-owners Rachelle Hower, left, and Jane Smith. (Blade photo by Chris Black)



SPORTS COMPLEX—Workmen have been busy these past several weeks preparing the new sports complex in time for the summer recreation program. The Concordia High School carpentry class, under the guidance of Dennis Williams, has been assisting in the construction of the concession stand and

press box. The unit will be accessible from four ball diamonds. Several individuals and clubs have given many long hours of labor in their efforts to see the project completed in time for the summer program. (Photo by Kansan staff).



RIBBON CUTTING—A ribbon cutting was held Tuesday, April 29, marking the Grand Opening of Century 21 at their new location, 225 W. 6th. Shown here are Chamber of Commerce

President Larry Letourneau, cutting the ribbon, while Rachelle Hower (left) and Jane Smith (right) hold the ribbon. (Photo by Kansan Staff).

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5-1-86

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Volunteers needed 5-2-86

The city of Concordia once again is asking for volunteers to work at Fairground Park to assist in completing the six ball fields. Lights have been installed and are in working condition. Fence posts have been put in place, and some fence has been put up.

City Manager Randy Wetmore says that there still is much work to be done if games are to be played there June 1. The following projects need to be completed: finishing the concession building, repairing and installing backstops, putting up fence, building dugout benches, filling in spots in power line trenches.

Volunteers should bring hammers, rakes, pliers, shovels etc.

Work nights will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 5. They will continue each night until completion. If you have any questions please contact Vince Crough at 243-4186 or Randy Wetmore at 243-2670.

Man arrested 5-2-86

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Concordia police wish to thank everyone who assisted in the search.

The area No. 2 Kansas Special Olympic Directors Mary Lou Peterson (Beloit), Dianna McDaniel (Concordia), would like to thank the following for making the area No. 2 Special Olympic Track Meet a great success:

Boogaarts
Boy Scouts, Concordia, Clyde
Concordia Optomist
Circle K Club
Coke-Cola
American Legion, Concordia
VFW Post 588 and the
Ladies Aux.
Lions, Concordia, Clyde

Kiwanis
Girl Scouts
Tracksters, CCC
Sheriff Dept.
City Police Dept.
Knights of Columbus
Mitchell Co. Jr. Miss
Rob Alderson USD 333
Mr. Aytes USD 333

Cloud County Em Preparedness Emergency for use of equipment.

And a thanks to all those other volunteers who helped make the track meet a great success!

THANKS!

Grant application delayed until August

S-2-86

U.S.A. McDonald Corporation President Jim McDonald today reported that application for an economic development grant to locate a plant in Concordia will be delayed until August.

"The primary reason for delay was that we haven't gotten our numbers together for accountability of loans. We just couldn't meet the deadline in the amount of time we

had," McDonald says. "It has been our fault that it has not worked out. We want to make sure Gene Miller and Randy Wetmore are not taking the heat for that."

If the block grant application would have been approved on schedule, McDonald says they would have hoped to have been in operation by October 1. Now, provided that the application is approved in the fall,

the corporation is tentatively looking at a Feb. 1 operation date for the Concordia plant.

U.S.A. McDonald is a manufacturer of institutional furniture with sales primarily going to schools. McDonald says that 60 percent of their work is done from May to October because schools like to purchase their furniture during the summer months. Therefore, if the

plant if completed by Feb. 1, it will be open in time for the corporation's busy season.

"Now we'll have more time to put together a better application," says Gene Miller, Concordia director of economic development. "They found they were moving too quickly and couldn't do what they thought they could so quickly."

Insure with Bays-Erickson-Swiercinsky.

Cairns discusses jail checks and standards

S-1-86

Cloud County Sheriff Dean Cairns Monday discussed jail checks and revised jail standards at the Monday Cloud County Commissioners meeting. The checks and standards were in reference to the recent jail inspection by the state department of corrections. A report on the inspection will be forthcoming from the department of corrections, Cairns said.

Conservation agent Apolonio Miranda discussed Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) projects with the board. Economic Development Director Gene Miller also was present for the discussion. Miller will attend a meeting on the projects on May 6 in Minneapolis.

County Appraiser Bob Jager discussed additional compensation for his deputy, Jean Swiercinsky, for reappraisal duties. The board allowed one unit of extra work. Extra compensation will be allowed from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 1986.

Mike Derousseau, courthouse custodian, discussed a contract for elevator maintenance and a schedule

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for repainting offices. It was agreed that the district court offices should be scheduled first for repainting. Refinishing antique tables that are used by the district court also was discussed by the board and Derousseau.

The board confirmed that applications for review by the board of equalization must be timely when filed for their consideration.

The board authorized Lloyd Preston, of St. Johns at St. Joseph, and Jim Kerr, chairman of the chemical dependency committee, to sign vouchers for alcohol funds.

Bob Jager, county appraiser, reported that he has completed building the light-drafting table. It now is installed in the register of deeds' office.

Jager also reported that, contrary to earlier assurances, the state now has decided it will not not computer reappraisal software (computer programming) to the counties. Although the state will contract for the programming to be done, counties now must purchase the resulting software.

Commission Accepts Resignation; Hears Complaint on Pit Bull Dogs

S-1-86

Concordia City Commission met Wednesday, April 20 in a special called meeting to accept the resignation of Becky Bradley from the Recreation Commission. Upon accepting the resignation, the commission appointed Mark Breault to fill the unexpired term to expire on Jan. 31, 1988.

The commission then adjourned to open study session to allow the audience the opportunity to address the commission.

Members of the audience expressed concern to the commission as to the ownership of pit bull dogs in their

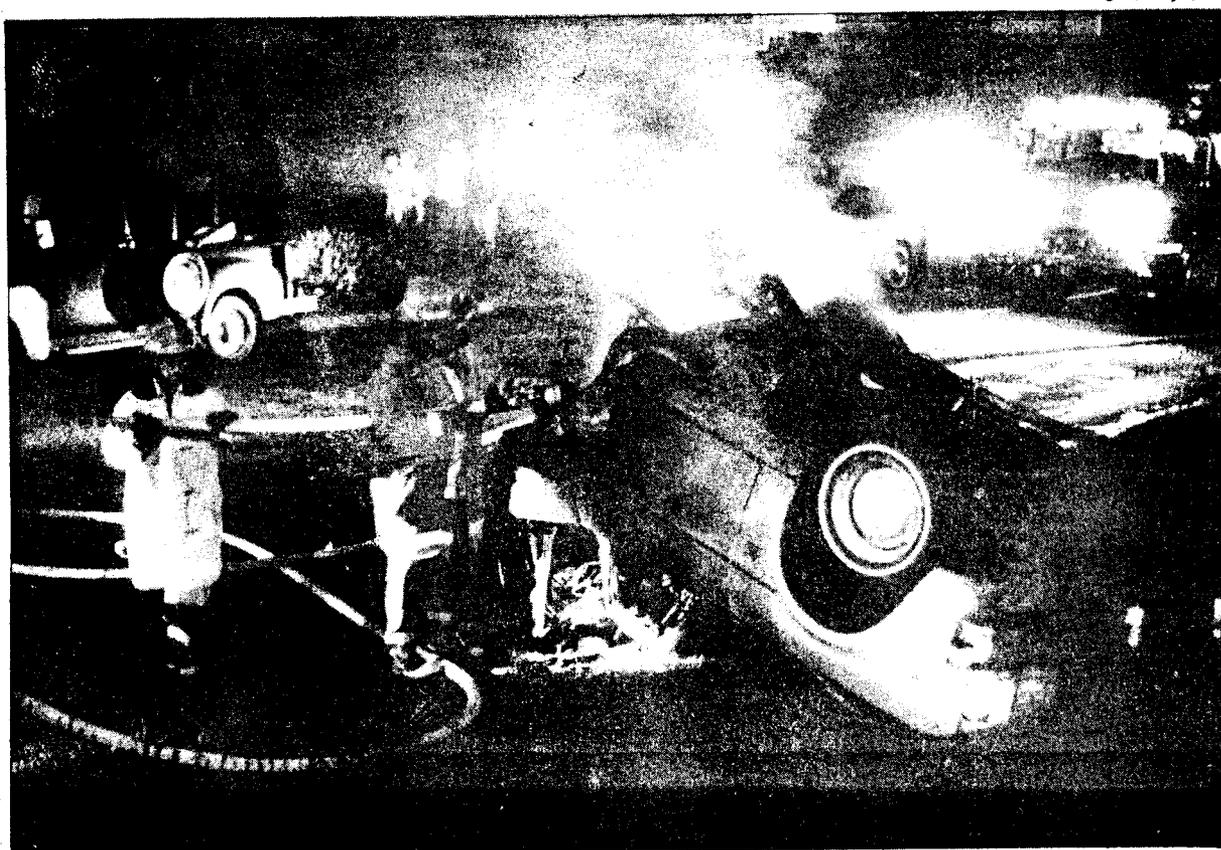
neighborhood. Mrs. Jolene Thurber, and Dick Moore, both expressed concern over the dogs within the city limits, and especially where children live in the area. David and Annie Desmarais, owners of the two dogs in question, reported to the commission the dogs are family pets.

was the proposed change in the fireworks ordinance, and cereal malt beverage ordinance. These items will be before the commission at the next regular session on Wednesday, May 7.

FREE MOVIE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
IN CONCORDIA
WORKSHOP OFFERED

Delores Mowry of Concordia. In accepting the Les Stensas Scholarship, Mowry indicated he plans on majoring in Range Management at Cloud. Craig is the son of Mrs. Hayden observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, April 13. Members of the Baptist Church went to their home. They were pleasantly surprised Mrs. Hayden is the former Alice Palmquist.

and Sharon K. Loomis, Manako, will compete for the title of Miss NCK, replacing Janet Herbin, the reigning queen. Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hayden observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, April 13. Members of the Baptist Church went to their home. They were pleasantly surprised Mrs. Hayden is the former Alice Palmquist.



Car demolished

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S-2-86

End of revenue sharing poses difficult decisions

by CAROL ANDERSON
Blade Staff Writer

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Where do funds for these projects come from? Some would say they come from a patron saint called general revenue sharing.

Although revenue sharing makes it possible for many cities and towns to fund mandated projects, it may not exist for much longer. Congress agreed that revenue sharing would

end Sept. 30, 1986 in their 1985 budget resolution, which was passed last August. Rep. Frank Horton (R-New York) has introduced legislation that would establish a modified revenue sharing plan that would be extended for three years, says David Hanslick, legislative assistant for Kansas Representative Pat Roberts.

The likelihood of this legislation being approved by Congress does not look good, Hanslick says.

General Revenue sharing was cut

by 4.3 percent effective March 1, 1986. Unless legislation is passed to extend the program, it will end Sept. 30, 1986.

Congress has set a deadline for adopting a budget by April 15. Hanslick says there is a good possibility that Congress will not meet this deadline. If the second phase of Gramm-Rudman goes into effect before the budget is passed, general revenue sharing dollars would be cut, but Hanslick says this action would not eliminate the program until its proposed deadline of Sept. 30.

General Revenue Sharing was enacted into law on Oct. 20, 1972. According to County News (Feb. 24, 1986), it is the only federal allocation that provides local governments the spending flexibility to respond to a variety of local needs.

Local governments must meet three basic requirements to qualify for revenue sharing funds: They must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, handicapped status, or religion; they must hold a public hearing on how they intend to use the money; and they must have audits conducted. This flexibility accounts for the popularity of the program among local officials who administer the funds.

Congress last re-authorized revenue sharing in November 1983. It presently is scheduled to expire Sept. 30, 1986.

And Congress is not so sure it wants to re-authorize revenue sharing again.

Our city commissioners will have some tough decisions to make if they cut revenue sharing," says Concordia City Manager Randy Wetmore. The city of Concordia received approximately \$77,829 in revenue sharing dollars in 1985. The dollars primarily were used for maintaining

streets, paving alleys, buying fire hose and maintaining the public pool. None of the money is applied toward salaries of city employees, Wetmore says.

This year, the city is projected to receive \$78,016 from revenue sharing. This figure may be decreased to \$63,462.

"We'll have to cut things or raise taxes if the money is cut," Wetmore says.

City officials will be writing letters asking congressmen, who are uncommitted on their stance on this issue, to vote for general revenue sharing on April 15.

The city of Miltonvale in 1985 replaced a 1946 GMC dump truck with a 1985 model with revenue sharing dollars. "It would have taken us two years after raising taxes to have enough money to buy a truck like that if we didn't have those dollars," says Mayor Carl Lister. "It's been a Godsend to us."

Miltonvale has received approximately \$9,200 the last two years from general revenue sharing. This year that amount is expected to decrease by approximately \$1,800.

In addition to buying a new dump truck, Lister says revenue sharing dollars have made it possible for the town to install emergency generators for their community building so that elderly people have a place to go when their electricity is off. An emergency power system also was installed on a city water well for the same purpose.

Revenue sharing funds also have been used to put new roofs on the swimming pool shelters, to light the football field, and to remodel the city building for the handicapped.

"I would sure hate to see it go," says Lister. "Sometimes you have to have political pull to get block grants.

A large percentage of the city of

Clyde's law enforcement budget funded by revenue sharing dollars says Harold George, Clyde Mayor.

In 1985, Clyde received \$15,600. They used approximately \$14,000 for law enforcement. Fortunately, they have helped them also finance a local library and do some work on city streets. This year they expect to receive \$12,918 from revenue sharing dollars.

"We're going to have to increase property taxes or decrease services we lose that money," George says.

Clasco uses its revenue sharing dollars for street repair, says Mayor Loren Sparks. The money is enabled the town to maintain curbs and gutters, build a bridge and all maintain the streets.

They receive approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 each year.

"In a little town, it helps a lot," Sparks says.

Jamestown Mayor Bill Hugh is unavailable for comment.

Cloud County received \$180,000 from revenue sharing last year. According to County Clerk Bert DeWitt, 42 percent of the nationwide county allocations is used for public safety and human services.

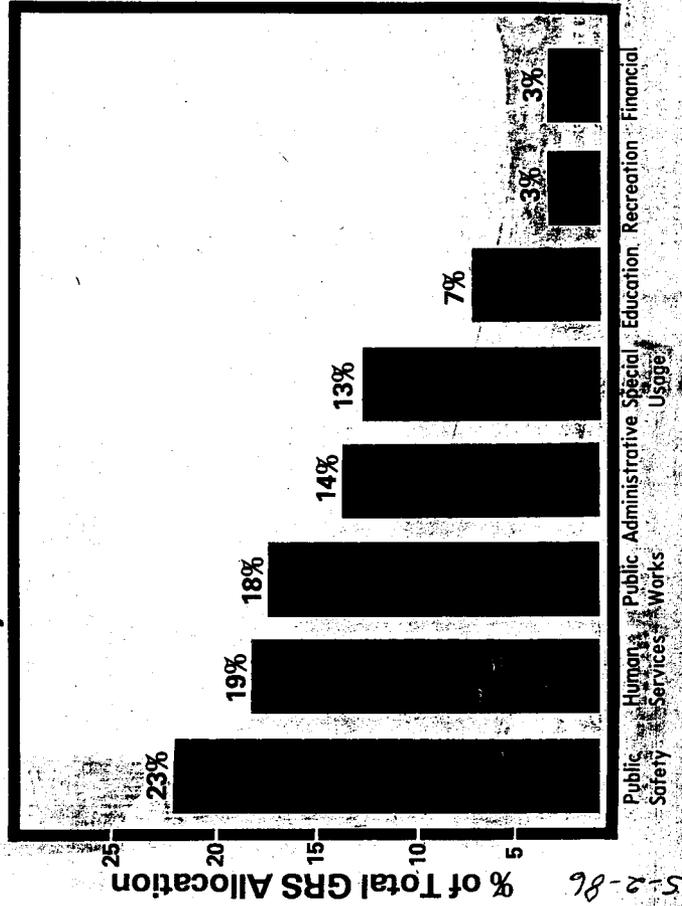
The funds have been used to install elevators in the county courthouse make the building accessible handicapped and elderly person Revenue sharing funds also are used to finance the Healthy Start program and the emergency medical service program.

DeWitt says she expects this year allotment to be cut by at least 1 percent.

The county levy would have increase by 3.5 mills to make up the year's allocation, she says.

"If revenue sharing is cut, we have two choices," DeWitt says. "Either we raise taxes or we discontinue services."

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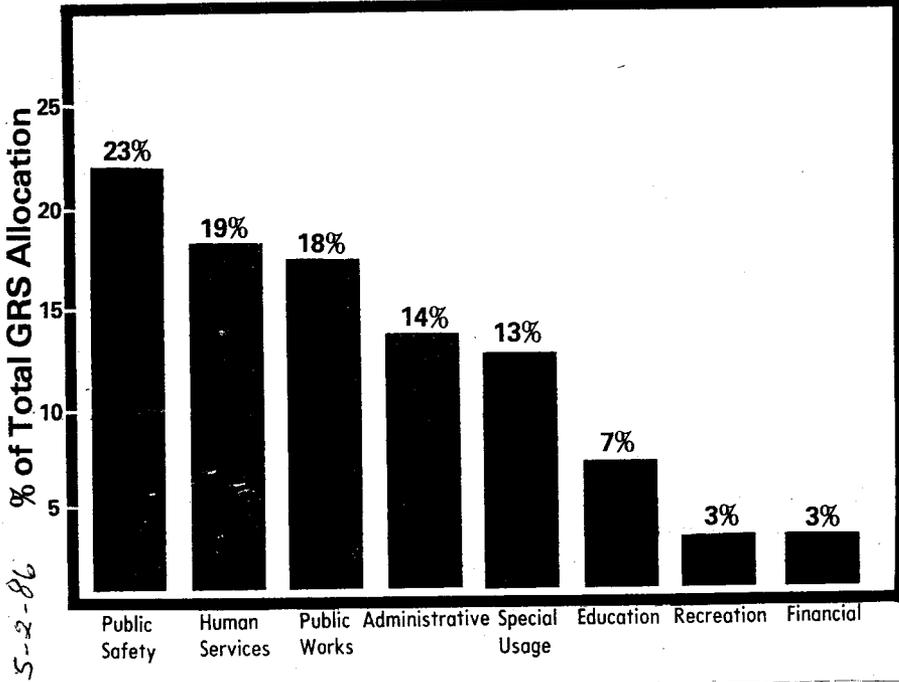
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felt Jews have "too much power" in this country.

The Harris organization said, "Any phenomenon which affects over one in four residents must be viewed as a mass phenomenon, even if it is not massive."

The poll has prompted varied interpretations. Michael Lieberman, the ADL's Midwest civil rights director, said it demonstrated that "despite these very concerted efforts ... (extremists) are not making a significant impact."

But Dan Levitas of the Iowa-based farm advocacy group Prairiefire saw it differently. "Without question, they've made significant inroads ... and have worked their way into the mainstream of rural communities,"

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Legal notices

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Marriage of Lynette Cynthia Michelson, Petitioner

Case No. 86-D-02

Lynette Cynthia Michelson, Petitioner and

Richard Winn Michelson, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT THE STATE OF KANSAS TO RICHARD WINN MICHELSON

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Cloud County, Kansas, by Lynette Cynthia Michelson praying for a decree of divorce, provisions for child custody and other relief and you are hereby required to plead to the petition on or before May 5, 1986, in the Court at Concordia, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Lynette Cynthia Michelson

APPROVED: MILLER AND LUDWIG

Darrell E. Miller 208 N. Commercial

Mankato, Kansas 66956 913-378-3128

Attorney for Petitioner 214-3m

Correction 5-5-86

In regard to the city commission meeting story in last Thursday's Blade, Vanessa Moore reports that she and her husband, Dick, have made no attempts to harass David and Annie Desmarais because of their ownership of two pit bull dogs.

Moore says that although it was reported that their Scottish terrier has bitten several school children, she and her husband never have been confronted by parents about an injury situation. They have owned the terrier for five years.

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Investigate accident 5-6-86

Concordia police Tuesday investigated an accident in the 200 block of West Sixth Street. A vehicle driven by Sheila Anderson, Concordia, collided with a vehicle owned by Charles Dutton, Concordia. No injuries were reported.

Police activities

During the month of April, Concordia police answered 516 phone calls. They handled 5709 radio transmissions, 66 service calls, worked 32 accidents, issued 54 warning citations and 39 citations. Four people were arrested for criminal charges and 32 criminal investigations were performed. Officers also conducted 12 non-criminal investigations. Felony theft loss was estimated at \$1,724. Misdemeanor theft loss was estimated at \$347.14. Five criminal charges were filed and 16 cases were cleared.

Girl arrested

Concordia police Monday arrested Stacey Wolf, 19, for disturbing the peace at 1307 Broadway. Wolf was arrested after he jumped from a two-story residence. Charges have been filed in municipal court.

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It's a good idea to check with city before building

By CAROL ANDERSON
Blade Staff Writer

To build or not to build, that is the question. Or at least, that's the question Ross Vander Hamm deals with every day. As administrative assistant to the city of Concordia, Vander Hamm is responsible for issuing building permits to business persons and homeowners who live in Concordia.

Unfortunately, all citizens aren't aware that when they want to build or erect anything on their property, they may need to get a permit. If no permit is issued, they may have to move it later.

"I'm not opposed to anyone building anything," says Vander Hamm. "To do zoning and planning fairly, we have to have minimum guidelines for everyone."

Did you know that you need a permit in the city of Concordia to build a garden shed?

Neither did Dr. Michael Miller until a friend told him he needed a permit.

"I had no idea that I needed a permit," Miller says. "My friend was going to build a shed and someone told him he had to apply for a permit."

It's a good thing he applied for the permit. His suggested placement for the building was a 5-foot violation of easement or setback.

"Obviously, it's easier to move an idea rather than a structure," Vander Hamm says.

Margaret and Don Barnhart built a second-floor deck onto their house. Since the deck could be considered a ceiling or roof, it required a permit. Don, who had done some building

before, knew he had to apply for a permit. "They came out and measured to see if we were so many feet away from the neighbors, and we got the permit the next day," says Mrs. Barnhart. "I'm glad I have my deck."

There also are special rules business owners need to comply with if they are located in the fire district. For example, if your business is in the fire zone, the doors must swing out, not in.

Zoning rules in Concordia became effective in January, 1972. There is no charge for residential and commercial permits, but there is a \$3 charge for business sign permits. All permits are valid for 18 months.

Although some citizens get frustrated because they feel zoning rules infringe on their privacy, Vander Hamm is quick to point out cities like Houston, Texas, that exercise no zoning rules. Cities like that just aren't attractive to visitors because there is no organization to the layout of their cities, he says.

"Someone from out of town drove through our town a while back and said the town was clean and structurally sound. That's planning and zoning," Vander Hamm says.

"This makes Concordia more attractive to potential newcomers as well as new businesses," he says. "The rise and fall of value of property also can be tied to planning and zoning."

So, the next time you plan to get your hammer, nails and lumber out of the basement, you better think about applying for a building permit first. It may save you some anguish, as well as money, in the future.

Board tackles roof prober

by SUSAN MARTIN

Supt. John Watson discussed the continuing problem of the leaky high school gym roof at the Monday afternoon U.S.D. 333 board meeting.

The board decided to have Kruse Architects and Consultants, Wichita, the firm which has inspected the roof, proceed with bid specifications so that bids can be let for roof correction. Kruse will receive ten percent of the bid for his consultant fee.

Watson also said that Blair Alderson, maintenance supervisor, who is painting Middle School trim, has discovered the need of roof repairs there, and that Lincoln School also needs roof work. He said that the next few years will see major roofing work on many of the school buildings.

The board discussed the 1986-87 school finance bill. The budget limitation on school districts, made by the legislature, was from 2 to 3 1/2 percent increase in their total budgets. With

the increase in state aid, the Concordia district, according to Watson, will see a slight reduction in mill levy.

Watson said that four-year-olds in pre-school will be counted as half time students for state budget purposes. He also said that state finances are not good and will need to be built up during the first half year, so that the budget should be better during the second half.

The carpentry class house will be sold at auction at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13. It is near completion, and may be seen any week day afternoon or by appointment at the bus yard, where it was constructed.

Hanna Newman was re-appointed as board representative to the School Improvement Committee. This committee was formed as a result of the North Central Evaluation in the 1984-85 school year. The committee's purpose is to study ideas and ways in which to improve education for all students.

A brief discussion was held percentage of base pay for teachers on this committee, and it was out that they spend long researching and form material.

The resignation of Mae from Food Service was accepted. She is retiring after 19 years with Food Service.

Susan Meisel will transfer McKinley third grade Trainable Mentally Hand Program at Middle, as a result of the coop program year.

The board voted a 20 percent increase for non-certificated personnel for next year. It approved four percent increase for administrators, recommended by Watson. This is the same percent increase which was given teachers. The decision was an executive session.

Administrative salaries, wages, board and superintendent

Courthouse

Blade 5-8-86

Francis and Josephine Hebert, Concordia, have been granted judgment in the amount of \$180 plus interest and costs against Don and DeAnn Rogge, Aurora, for back rent and damages and costs of repair to rental property owned by Heberts.

The Jamestown State Bank has filed for judgment against Norman Flesher, Jamestown, alleging nonpayment on promissory note in the amount of \$8,247.44. Plaintiff seeks judgment, interest and costs of the action.

Pawnee Mental Health Services has filed for judgment in the amount of \$140 plus interest and costs against Cheryl Jackson, Paola, alleging nonpayment for services rendered.

City of Concordia has filed for judgment in the amount of \$60 plus interest and costs against Lori Simmons a.k.a. Lori Moffett, Beloit, alleging nonpayment for ambulance services rendered by plaintiff.

The Jamestown State Bank has filed for judgment against Gerald E. Brown, Jamestown, alleging nonpayment on a promissory note in the amount of \$3,127.58. Plaintiff also seeks interest and costs of the action.

Divorce was granted to Paul E. Girard and Doris Lucille Girard from each other and respondent was restored to her former name of Hansen.

Divorce was granted to Douglas Byron Clemons, Jamestown and Patricia Ann Clemons, Concordia.

Cooperative Service Association has been granted default judgment in the amount of \$1,662.30 plus interest and costs from Eugene McDaniel, Concordia, for goods and services rendered.

Individuals found guilty of speeding, their fines including fees are:

Kevin W. Tiernan, Salina, \$44.
Harlan R. Stolzenburg, Concordia, \$42.

Municipal Court

Individuals found guilty of violating municipal codes, their fines including fees are:

Max Peltier, speeding, \$60.
Carl Robinson, speed greater than reasonable and prudent, \$35.
Carl Robinson, passing on a bridge, \$20.

Michael Anderes, speeding, \$60.
Cynthia O'Connell, speeding, \$60.
Brenda Ambrosier, speeding, \$60.
Jay Cailteux, speeding, \$50.

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Cut this checklist out and save it for the next time you decide to alter your property or business.

1986 Zoning Requirements Checklist

Contact the Concordia Zoning Department for a permit if you are considering any of the following:

INFORMATION NEEDED WHEN APPLYING FOR A BUILDING PERMIT

- Actual property owner's name and address.
- Legal description (Lot number and block number)
- Rough drawing of lot and proposed improvement.
- Any known easements or covenants.

No charge for residential/commercial permits.
\$3 charge for business sign permits.

BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNER

- Beginning any retail or commercial business.
- Adding to any part of a structure.
- Remodeling — if in a fire zone.
- Rewiring — if in a fire zone.
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- Hanging a business sign.
- Incorporating two buildings into one business.

HOMEOWNER

- Adding to any structure on your property.
- Building a fence.
- Building a storage shed.
- Building a garage.
- Building a carport.
- Installing a satellite dish.
- Tearing down any structure with a basement.
- Opening a business in your home or on your property (home occupation).
- Setting up a mobile home.

It's a good idea to check with city before building

5-6-86

By CAROL ANDERSON
Blade Staff Writer

To build or not to build, that is the question. Or at least, that's the question Ross Vander Hamm deals with every day. As administrative assistant to the city of Concordia, Vander Hamm is responsible for issuing building permits to business persons and homeowners who live in Concordia.

Unfortunately, all citizens aren't aware that when they want to build or erect anything on their property, they may need to get a permit. If no permit is issued, they may have to move it later.

"I'm not opposed to anyone building anything," says Vander Hamm. "To do zoning and planning fairly, we have to have minimum guidelines for everyone."

Did you know that you need a permit in the city of Concordia to build a garden shed?

Neither did Dr. Michael Miller until a friend told him he needed a permit.

"I had no idea that I needed a permit," Miller says. "My friend was going to build a shed and someone told him he had to apply for a permit."

It's a good thing he applied for the permit. His suggested placement for the building was a 5-foot violation of easement or setback.

"Obviously, it's easier to move an idea rather than a structure," Vander Hamm says. Margaret and Don Barnhart built a second-floor deck onto their house. Since the deck could be considered a ceiling or roof, it required a permit. Don, who had done some building

before, knew he had to apply for a permit. They came out and measured to see if we were 80 many feet away from the neighbors, and we got the permit the next day," says Mrs. Barnhart. "I'm glad I have my deck."

There also are special rules business owners need to comply with if they are located in the fire district. For example, if your business is in the fire zone, the doors must swing out, not in.

Zoning rules in Concordia became effective in January, 1972. There is no charge for residential and commercial permits, but there is a charge for business sign permits. All permits are valid for 18 months.

Although some citizens get frustrated because they feel zoning rules infringe on their privacy, Vander Hamm is quick to point out cities like Houston, Texas, that exercise no zoning rules. Cities like that just aren't attractive to visitors because there is no organization to the layout of their cities, he says.

"Someone from out of town drove through our town a while back and said the town was clean and structurally sound. That's planning and zoning," Vander Hamm says.

"This makes Concordia more attractive to potential newcomers as well as new businesses," he says. "The rise and fall of value of property also can be tied to planning and zoning."

So, the next time you plan to get your hammer, nails and lumber out of the basement, you better think about applying for a building permit first. It may save you some anguish, as well as money, in the future.

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Board tackles roof problem again

5-6-86

by SUSAN MARTIN

Supt. John Watson discussed the continuing problem of the leaky high school gym roof at the Monday afternoon U.S.D. 333 board meeting.

The board decided to have Kruse Architects and Consultants, Wichita, the firm which has inspected the roof, proceed with bid specifications so that bids can be let for roof correction. Kruse will receive ten percent of the bid for his consultant fee.

Watson also said that Blair Alderson, maintenance supervisor, who is painting Middle School trim, has discovered the need of roof repairs there, and that Lincoln School also needs roof work. He said that the next few years will see major roofing work on many of the school buildings.

The board discussed the 1986-87 school finance bill. The budget limitation on school districts, made by the legislature, was from 2 to 3 1/2 percent in their total budgets. With

an increase in state aid, the Concordia district, according to Watson, will see a slight reduction in mill levy.

Watson said that four-year-olds in pre-school will be counted as half time students for state budget purposes. He also said that state finances are not good and will need to be built up during the first half year, so that the budget should be better during the second half.

The carpentry class house will be sold at auction at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 13. It is near completion, and may be seen any week day afternoon or by appointment at the bus yard, where it was constructed.

Hanna Newman was re-appointed as board representative to the School Improvement Committee. This committee was formed as a result of the North Central Evaluation in the 1984-85 school year. The committee's purpose is to study ideas and ways in which to improve education for all students.

out are lower than many schools in the area. are: John Watson, \$49,505; Paul Koehn, \$46,082; Larry Nelson, \$43,080; Michael Aytes, \$34,320; John McDonald, \$37,212; William Gieswein and Ray Stanton, \$38,520; Ronald Fielder, \$41,106; Robert Little, \$34,320.

The resignation of Mae Pounds from Food Service was accepted. She is retiring after 19 years as cook with Food Service.

Susan Meisel will transfer from McKinley third grade to the Program at Middle, as a result of changes in the coop program for next year.

The board voted a 20 cent an hour increase for non-certificated personnel for next year. It approved a four percent increase for administrators, recommended by Watson. This is the same percentage increase which was given to the teachers. The decision was made in executive session.

Administrative salaries, which the board and superintendent pointed

Courthouse

Blake 5-8-86

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Commission Business Routine

KANSAS
5-8-86

It was routine business at the Concordia City Commission meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Fire Protection

The commission authorized Mayor D. L. Layton, to sign fire protection contracts with three residents outside the city limits. The three entering into contracts with the city are: Leonard Swenson, Martin White and Dr. D. D. Hofer.

Fire protection contracts are offered to people who live outside the city of Concordia, but close enough that a fire hydrant would be used to fight a fire. The contracts call for a \$100.00 annual fee and \$100.00 charge each time the fire department make a run to that residence for a fire.

Curb and Gutter Improvement

The Catholic Church has petitioned the city for curb and gutter improvement. The petition reports that the church is the sole property owner involved. With the approval of the resolution authorizing the



inquiry was made concerning the possibility of putting a stand in the downtown area. It has been tradition to only allow firework stands along Highways 81 and 9. The ordinance still allows merchants to sell inside their stores.

Define Ordinance

Approval of an ordinance defining words, forms and phrases pertaining to the sale of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages was passed by the commission, bringing the ordinance into compliance with the state law. Approval of the ordinance prohibiting theft of services, such as water, etc., will allow the complaint to be handled in Municipal Court rather than in District Court.

A proclamation was signed by Mayor Layton designating May 11-17 as National Hospital Week. Jerry Jones was present at the meeting to witness the signing and reported the theme is "Hospitals Make Healthy Neighbors." He invited the commissioners to participate in the hospital hill run Saturday morning as the kickoff to hospital week.

Randy Wetmore, city

Recreation Commission To Implement Changes

KANSAS
5-8-86

Members of the Concordia Recreation Commission Wednesday evening voted to operate the recreational program on a trial basis this summer, with several changes, in an effort to expand the program next year.

Operating with a budget of \$30,505, Vince Crough, chairman, reported the program needed the change to allow for additional areas to be added to the system. Possible new programs in 1987 would be the swim team, senior citizens area and a women's weight program. "In order to do this without raising taxes, some areas of the program need to be revised," reported Crough.

Several individuals were present at the meeting and expressed their concern with the commission's consideration of removing Bob Baumann's position from the overall system. In explaining the trial system to those present, Crough reported Baumann's position would not be eliminated this year and he will continue to receive his salary of \$2,750 as overall recreation director. He is governed by the Recreation

Commission.

With the new system this summer another director will be hired to oversee the six areas away from the sports complex known as the morning recreation program. These areas include tennis, dance, weight training, playground, arts and crafts, and track and field.

A coordinator and assistant will be hired to direct the softball, baseball, and the grounds maintenance at the complex. These directors would coordinate dates, rules, umpires, allocate equipment, set up tournaments, etc.

In response to a question about the consideration of hiring a full-time recreation director, Crough responded that with the present budget it is not affordable, as no funds are available for the year-round position.

Under the new system, the supervisors and assistants salaries have been revised slightly and the savings will be utilized in implementing new programs in the future.

The commission will meet next Wednesday, May 14, to consider staff positions.

City designates areas for fireworks stands

5-8-86

Mayor D. L. Layton Wednesday signed a proclamation designating the week of May 11 to May 17 as National Hospital Week. Jerry Jones, director of public relations, St. Joseph Hospital, was present to receive the proclamation.

The theme of the week-long observance is "Hospitals make healthy neighbors."

The city commission yesterday approved an ordinance establishing areas for outdoor fireworks stands. Downtown businesses can sell fireworks inside their places of business. Outside sales are prohibited in the downtown business district. Outside fireworks will be allowed along U.S. 81 and Highway 9.

An ordinance reinstating the definitions to words, terms and phrases pertaining to the sale of alcoholic liquor and cereal malt beverages into the city code was approved by the commission.

The commission also passed an ordinance prohibiting certain sales practices by people licensed to sell cereal malt beverages. City Manager Randy Wetmore said this ordinance will update current city regulations to comply with state law.

The commission approved an ordinance that will allow someone guilty of stealing services of water, gas, electricity and cable from the city to be prosecuted in municipal court. Wetmore said it would be

more costly to pursue a theft of services case at the district court level.

An easement agreement was approved by the commission after several months of negotiations with Glen and Palma Anderson. The city will pay \$650 for easement. Wetmore says this agreement is needed in case something would happen to the sewer main.

Fire contracts were issued to Leonard Swenson, Martin White and Dr. D. Hofer. The recipients of the contracts live outside city limits, but close enough that fire hydrants could be used to fight a fire.

The agreement states that the city will, when not to the detriment of city protection, be a first responder to a fire at their locations.

The annual fee for the contracts is \$100 and a \$100 charge will be incurred each time the fire department makes a run for a fire to their residences.

The commission approved a petition by the Catholic Church for curb and gutter improvements. The petition is 100 percent sufficient because the church is the only property owner involved. City Engineer Paul Johnson, prepared the estimated costs of \$3,487.80. The Catholic Church will pay 75 percent of the total cost or \$2,615.85. The city will pay the remaining 25 percent of the cost, or \$871.95.

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS

Construction will start soon on the F & A Food Sales Co. Distribution Center. Local companies interested in bidding on the various parts of the project should send a letter of interest to F & A Food Sales Co., Box 651, Concordia 66901 by May 13, 1986.

Your names will be forwarded to our architect and general contractor. Include the specific type of work your company is interested in.

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Collision Causes Explosive Destruction

The KANSAS
5-8-86

Brian Eustice, 25, has been charged in City Court for DUI and other traffic violations, following an accident on the east side of town last week.

Thursday evening, May 1, Concordia Police received a report of an accident at 13th and Archer. Both the Police and Concordia Fire Department responded to the call. Investigation revealed the Eustice vehicle had apparently come over the hill at 13th and Spruce at an excessive speed. It collided with a parked vehicle, belonging to the Centel Corporation, which

then exploded into a fiery blaze.

The suspects vehicle proceeded east, coming to rest in a yard just to the east of 13th and Archer. The driver then left the scene on foot. Due to the possibility that the driver was injured, officers enlisted the aid of citizens in the area and a search of the area was made. Eustice was located, and transported to the St. Joseph Hospital. Sam Budreau, chief of police, says that the assistance of all who aided in the search was greatly appreciated.

Volunteers Sought

KANSAS
5-8-86

Volunteers are once again being called upon to work at fairground park to assist in completing the sports complex. The lights have been installed and are in working condition, fence posts have been put in place and some fence put up.

However, there is still much work to be done as games are to be played June 1, 1986. Some projects that need volunteers are: finish the concession building, repair and install backstops, put up fence, build dugout benches, power line trenches need filled in spots, etc. Volunteers should bring hammers, rakes, pliers, shovels etc.

Work began on the project Monday, May 5, and weather permitting, work will continue each evening at 6, until it is completed. For more information call Vince Crough, 243-4186, or Randy Wetmore, 243-2670.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

Marriage licenses issued: Kebera Ann Blochlinger, 22, and Rickey Eugene Underwood, 30, both of Concordia; Debi Lynn Kuhlman, 23, Belleville, and Ronald Albert Sinn, 28, Hubbell, Nebr.

The following persons have paid court costs of \$26 plus fines for traffic offenses: Harlan Stolzenburg, Concordia, 68 mph, \$16; Connie Morgan, Oberlin, 68 mph, \$16; Leo Martin, Kansas City, Mo., 69 mph, and expired drivers license, \$28; Kevin Tiernan, Salina, 69 mph, \$18.

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Divorce was granted to Paul E. Girard and Doris Lucille Girard from each other and respondent was restored to her former name of Hansen.

Divorce was granted to Douglas Byron Clemens, Jamestown, and Patricia Ann Clemens, of Concordia, from each other.

Cooperative Service Association has been granted default judgment in the amount of \$1,662.30 plus in-

terest and costs from Eugene McDaniel, Concordia, for goods and services rendered.

POLICE REPORT

On May 5, Concordia Police arrested Stacey Wolf, age 19, for disturbing the peace at 1307 Broadway. Wolf was arrested after he jumped from a two story residence. Charges have been filed in City Court. Police were summoned to the residence to investigate a disturbance complaint.

On May 6, Concordia Police investigated an accident in the 200 block of West 6th Street. A vehicle driven by Sheila Anderson, Concordia, collided with a vehicle owned by Charles Dutton, Concordia. No injuries were reported.

Monthly Report

During the month of April the Concordia Police Department answered 516 phone calls, handled 5709 radio transmissions, handled 66 service calls, worked 32 accidents, issued 54 warning citations, 39 citations, four people were arrested for criminal charges, 34 criminal investigations, 12 non-criminal investigations, felony theft loss was estimated at \$1,724.00, misdemeanor theft loss was estimated at \$347.14. Total criminal charges filed were five with 16 cases being cleared.

Weekend Activity

May 3, Concordia Police worked an accident in the 1400 block of Olive Street. Vehicles driven by Robert B. Wilson, Concordia, and Merle Lavoie, Concordia, collided. No injuries were reported.

On May 4, Concordia Police worked an accident at 18th and Archer. Vehicles driven by James Reynolds, Concordia, and Thomas Price, Concordia, collided at 18th and Archer. No injuries were reported.

Chief warns cyclists and motorists

Police Chief Sam Budreau reports that he has received several complaints about people riding bicycles in an unsafe manner in the downtown area. This action creates a hazard for pedestrians.

He also has received complaints about drivers not yielding to pedestrians at crosswalks.

Budreau says that the following ordinances specifically prohibit these actions:

Sec. 6-7 of the municipal code relates to bicycles being ridden at a speed that is greater than is reasonable and proper, with reasonable regard for the safety of other persons.

Sec. 6-10 prohibits stunt riding. Sec. 6-12 prohibits riding a bicycle on any public sidewalk.

Sec. 23-6 reads that the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian who is entering or about to enter any crosswalk.

Officers have been alerted to monitor this problem. If the complaints do not stop, Budreau says he will be forced to file charges against violators of these ordinances. He also requests that parents assist him in correcting this problem.

Work has begun 5-9-86

Work has started in preparation for Concordia Fall Fest 1986. The committee is in need of many more volunteers according to general co-chairman, Randy Wetmore. Wetmore is seeking among others, another co-chair to assist him in coordinating the event.

Committee heads to this point are: Terry Sercer and Jill Casado, finance; Susan Haver, advertising; Larry Henry and Gene Miller, fun and games; Becky Bradley and 1st Bank & Trust, bike race-run; Judie Deal, food stands; Tammie Aubushon, parade; Dixie Rimovskiy, entertainment; Jaycees, beer garden; Ken Goff, grounds; Robn LacKamp and Cloud County Bank, Fall Fest Booth, and Arlene Ediger, arts and crafts.

The committee still needs help in almost all areas. Fall Fest is a free standing community committee that needs many volunteers to be successful. To find your place on the committee call 243-4290 or attend the next Fall Fest meeting on May 20, 7 a. m. at the Chamber office.

Mosher receives certification

James F. Mosher, Concordia, recently received a Class III wastewater treatment facility operator certification from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Barbara J. Sabol, Secretary of Health and Environment, announced. Mosher qualified for the certification on the basis of training, experience and passing a written exam.

"Mosher exhibited a working knowledge of the treatment processes, necessary for the operation of

Concordia's wastewater treatment facility," Secretary Sabol said. "Mosher will continue on a training program in order to maintain certification."

The purpose of continued training is to assure Kansans their plants are efficiently operated. Certification for all water and wastewater treatment plant operators in Kansas has been required by law since 1975. Kansas certification ranges from Class I through Class IV.

5-12-86



VOLUNTEER WORKERS—Volunteers were busily involved this week at the sports complex at the fairgrounds. Volunteers are still needed to assure that the complex is ready for the summer program which will get underway June 1.

Workers have been building fence lines, back stops, dugouts, and the concession press box facility, plus leveling the grounds, stretching outfield fence, etc. (Photo by Kansas staff).

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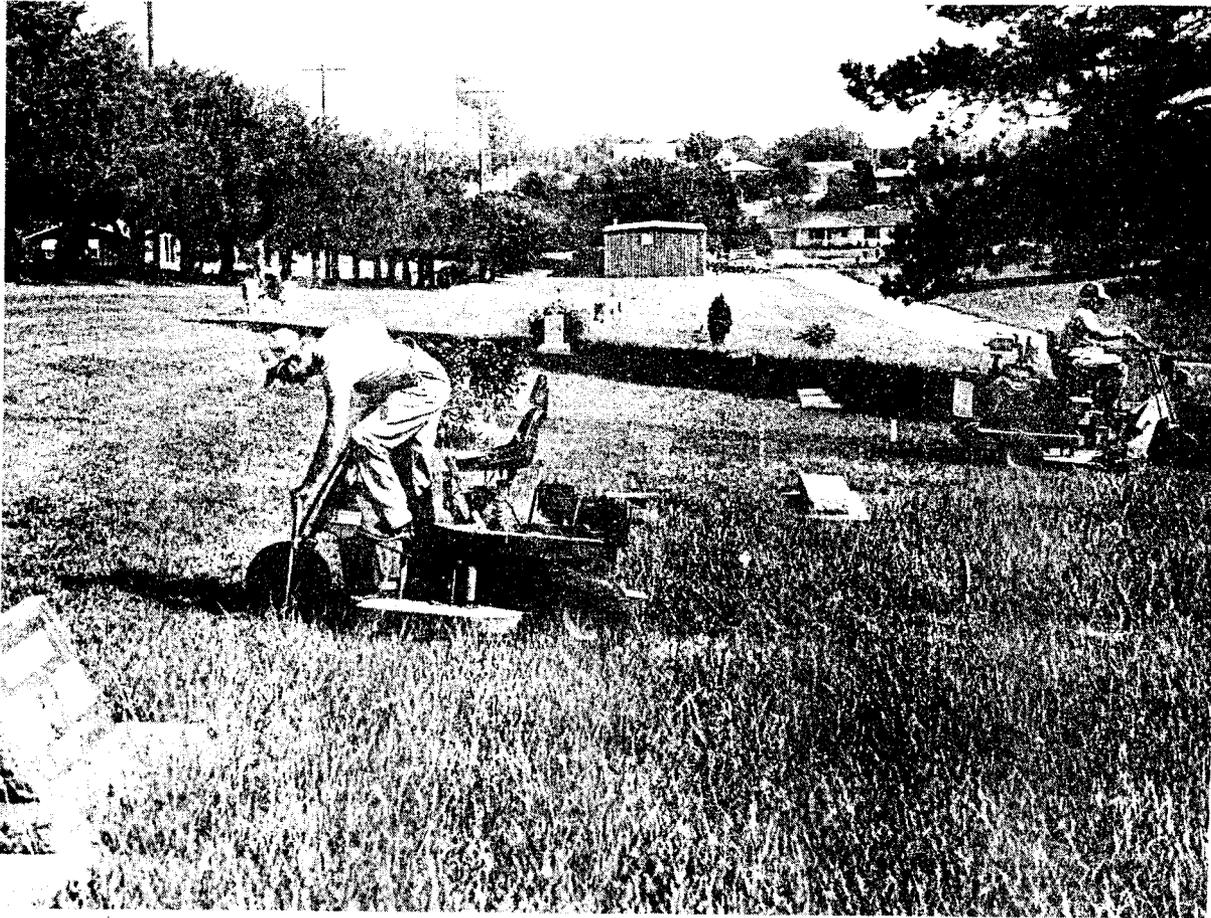


5-12-86

Fight fire

The Concordia fire department late this morning responded to a call at the new Coop Elevator complex west of Concordia. A

fire was extinguished in a metal storage building. (Blade photo by Chris Black)



5-13-86

Busy season

Even though Memorial Day is nearly two weeks away, park

department crews are already busy getting the cemetery ready. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

Concordia Rec Delays Hiring of Supervisors

What was to be a routine business meeting of the Concordia Recreation Commission turned into a lengthy discussion on a number of topics, from the past meeting's minutes, budget, supervisory personnel and legal status.

At the meeting last week, members of the commission voted to revise the verbal contract with Bob Baumann, recreation director. The commission changed his position from an overall director to be a director over the six daytime areas. These six areas are: tennis, dance, weight training, playground, arts and crafts, and track and field.

It was stated at the meeting by Vince Crough, chairman, the reason for change was to allow the commission to become more actively involved in the ball program at the new complex, plus Culley and Moose fields.

Darrell Cottingham, board member, objected to the director status change without further investigation by the city attorney as to the verbal contract. The chairman reported the Baumann's fee of \$2,750 would remain the same but his job description would be changed.

The meeting Wednesday was to have been for the purpose of hiring supervisory personnel for the individual programs, but due to some of the questions aired at the meeting it was decided to table the matter until the next meeting. Questions expressed included a possible conflict of interest with some members of the commission board being considered to direct particular parts of the program. Also it was questioned if there should be public notice of the positions available.

Bonnie Channel was present at the meeting asking the commission to consider adding the aerobic class into the recreation program. The chairman advised her they would take her request under advisement as they needed time to investigate if there is a facility available and cost for the program. Mrs. Channel indicated the program would be for high school age and above.

Ray Stanton was present at the meeting and reported at present there are 10 teams signed up to play men's softball. There was room for additional teams and sponsors but no team will be accepted after May 27, reported Stanton. He reported softball will be played on the two south diamonds in the complex on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Crough announced the fields will be ready for action June 1, but that additional help is still needed in readying the complex.

The next meeting of the commission will be Wednesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. at the Concordia Middle School cafeteria.



CARDIAC ARREST—Several members of the community were arrested Saturday and charged with neglecting their hearts. Shown here is Pastor Gregory Uthus being confronted by (Judge) Wally Carlson as members of the local law enforcement deliver the prisoner to the jail. The Cardiac Arrest Campaign netted over \$1,400 for the Heart Association supported Larry Letourneau, chairman. (Photo by Kansan staff).

5-15-86

Dirt bike found

A boy's dirt bike has been turned into the police department. The owner may stop by the law enforcement center to identify and claim it.

5-14-86

Reward offered 5-14-86

The Concordia police department is offering a reward to persons having information about a weekend theft of property from the Concordia High School athletic department. All information will be kept in strictest confidence by contacting the police department at 243-3131.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Concordia will be submitting an application to the Kansas Department of Economic Development for street reconstruction, grading, curb and guttering, surfacing, storm and sewer drainage in the area between 1st and 3rd Street, and Kansas and Spruce. The estimated cost is \$300,000.

A Public Hearing will be held for citizen input on Monday, June 2, 1986 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room in City Hall. All interested individuals are welcome to attend.

Ross A. Vander Hamm
Administrative Assistant to the
Community Development Block Grant Program

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

As parents of children involved in the Concordia Recreational program we are concerned in the recent events which have taken place at the recreation board meetings. First off, we have a recreation board that is trying against great odds to make our recreation program better and bigger than it has been in past years. With the exception of one board member we have a board who is looking forward to progress. With the new and expanded ball complex it has been necessary to make some changes from the way that the program has been directed for the past 18 years. It is physically impossible for one person to now direct both the Playground Program as well as the Ball Program. For this reason the Recreation Board had decided to divide the programs to lessen the work load on one person and to also allow more people to become involved in the programs. It seems to that Mr. Cottingham of the Recreation Board still feels that the entire program needs to be under the thumb of one person. We feel that the bottom line is such—is this to be a program for one person's summer employment or for the children and adults of Concordia?

Sincerely,
Sharon Jensen
Michael Swihart
Brenda Clark
Susan James
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Huber
Barbara Workman
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Workman
Gerald Thoman

Pat Clemons
Linda Thoman
Jamie Strait
Judy Sorell
Jolene Swihart
Joyce Dutton
Chuck Dutton
Diane Bieker
Reva Blochlinger
Dave Clark

Dear Mr. Editor:

Why do some people in this community drag their heels at progress. I am speaking of the objections by some citizens to expanding the recreation program of the city. They feel that because something has been done one way for 18 years that it should be done that way forever. We now have one of the biggest and best ball complexes in the state which in itself would take the full time of one person to run properly and some people still feel that Mr. Baumann should be forced to run that program as well as the summer recreation program of Playground which in itself is a full time position. All that the Recreation Board has done is divide the work between two people and it is my understanding that Mr. Baumann will be receiving the same pay as if he were in charge of both programs, when he will only be doing the work of one. How many businesses in this community that have grown and expanded are run as they were 18 years ago? How many city or county offices are as they were 18 years ago? We are in an expanding and growing time in all areas of the city

and changes are necessary. Let's look at the real persons involved in this issue, the children of our community. I say hooray for the change and for the growth. City Recreation Board I am behind you 100 percent.

Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Huber
Susan James
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Workman
Marilyn Thoman
Jolene Swihart
Pat Clemons
Linda Thoman
Judy Sorell
Joyce Dutton
Chuck Dutton
Diane Bieker
Randall D. Tate
Jeff Hamilton
Lisa Melhus
Kay Hamilton
Shirley LeDuc
Jennifer Odette
Juli Fisher
Donna Boyles
Bill and Dee Capleton
Austin Thoman
Kim Peters
Peggie Boyer
Susan Kindel
Sandra Cote
D. Stolzenburg
Orville Loeffler

Dear Mr. Editor:
Would someone please explain to me why there is all of the objection

by Mr. Cottingham and some people of this community about the division of the work load concerning the recreation board and its recent decisions to expand the recreation program of the city? I have attended the meetings and understand that Mr. Baumann is not being displaced or even receiving a cut in his pay over the new program plans so why all of the big problem? He will be being paid the same salary for directing the Playground program as he has in the past received for overseeing all of the ball program and the playground program. Are we not supposed to be city on the move and progressing? Where is progress if we are supposed to continue to do things like we have done for the past 18 years? I give my praise to the Recreation Board and feel that they are looking after the interests of all of the children and adults of the community. We have an active and interested board and I would hate to lose any of them because of the gripes of a few people who don't like change. Change is the way the world is so they had best accept it. Let's think of the children involved in these programs and let the petty personal things slide.

Sincerely,
Sharon Jensen
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Bill and Dee Capleton
Susan James
Judy Sorell
Randall D. Tate
Jeff Hamilton
Shirley LeDuc
Brad Deal

5-20-86

1986 Hospital Hill Run Plaque and Medal Winners

Not Pictured, 2-Mile, 40 and up,
Jim Coppoc, First, (16:33) and
Father Steve Letourneau
(21:24)



2-Mile, 10 and Under-First, Jericca Jones (20:33) and Second, Lissa Niehus (21:55).



2-Mile, 11-14-First, Michelle Wills (14:59) and Second Rachel Wallin (16:18).



2-Mile, 15-19-First, Kristi Gales (16:36) and Second, Regan Erickson (19:30).



2-Mile, 10 and under-First, Andrew Shearer, center, (15:02); Second, Ben Retter, left, (17:38); and Third, Russell Mason, right, (20:22).



2-Mile, 11-14-First, Becket Hinson, center, (11:36); Second-Chad Shearer, right, (11:44); and Third, Sean Speakman, left, (11:58).



2-Mile, 30-39-First, Diane Elliot, center, (20:29); Second, Janice Hattan, right, (21:08); and Third, Pauline Mason, left, (25:42).



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2-Mile, 40 and up-First, Jean Boardman, center, (16:09), Second, Karen Eby, left, (19:50), and Third, Sister Elizabeth Stover, (24:32).



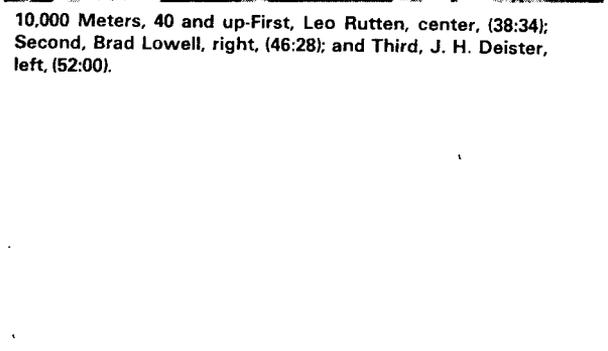
10,000 Meters, 20-29-First, Deb Warne, center, (47:48); Second, Kathy Jacobs, left, (53:15); and Third, Janice Pahls, right, (53:28).



10,000 Meters, 40 and up-First, Sister Ann Vincent, center, (99:54); Second, Blanche Plunkett, right, (100:56); and Third, Arvella Scott, (100:57).

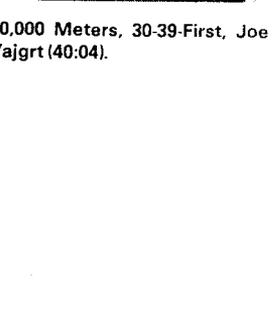


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10,000 Meters, 30-39-First, Joe Vajgrt (40:04).

2-Mile, 20-29, First, Karyl Morgan (17:38).



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Concordia Municipal



Swimming Pool Opens

Sat., May 24
1:00 p.m.

Summer Schedule:

May 24 through Aug. 24, 1986
Aug. 30-31-Sept. 1 (Labor Day weekend)

THREE MODERN HEATED POOLS!

Available for Private Parties:

Seven days a week call pool office or manager at 243-1150

Hours:

May and June, 1-8 p.m.

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Family \$47.50

Age 18 & over \$27.50

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On Sale at Pool Office
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Age 18 and over \$1.25

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Child thru age 12 75¢

Adult Noon Swim
(12 to 12:50 p.m.) 50c/visit or \$10.00

Use of Wading Pool Free a Season

Managers: Bob Ruzicka and Ted Krone

5-22-86
PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Concordia will be submitting an application to the Kansas Department of Economic Development for street reconstruction, grading, curb and guttering, surfacing, storm and sewer drainage in the area between 1st and 3rd Street, and Kansas and Spruce. The estimated cost is \$300,000.

A Public Hearing will be held for citizen input on Monday, June 2, 1986 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room in City Hall. All interested individuals are welcome to attend.

Ross A. Vander Hamm
Administrative Assistant to the
Community Development Block Grant Program

Dear Sir:

We would like "THANK" the people and the city of Concordia for the exceptionally fine facilities and well maintained campgrounds at the City Airport Park.

We have traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada and have never stayed at a free campground of its equal.

You may like to know that we gladly spent \$34.00 in your city as a direct result of staying a night in your park.

The city of Concordia is to be commended in its concern and thoughtfulness for travelers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mix
Springfield, Mo.

5-23-86
Mr. and Mrs. Al Tribbey
Ada, Okla.

Fire and EMS alarms ^{Sabro}

CONCORDIA FIRE DEPARTMENT ALARM ACTIVITY FIRE-RESCUE ALARMS Wednesday, April 30

8:38 p. m.—702 Broadway, Frank Carlson Library, automatic fire alarm. Investigation revealed no fire or smoke. No damage or injuries.

Thursday, May 1

11:03 p. m.—526 East 13th, car fire collision and injury accident. Gasoline ignited in parked car by being struck from the rear by another car. No fire damage claimed due to car being destroyed by the initial collision. No fire related injuries.

Friday, May 2

6:12 p. m.—518 Washington, smoke odor investigation. Found apparent fluorescent light fixture ballast causing odor. No sustained fire or damage.

Monday, May 12

10:47 a. m.—1100 Block of West 4th, West Co-op Elevator complex, fire in metal storage building. Wood storage bin previously containing nitrogen fertilizer became wet from leaks in roof and ignited old alfalfa pellets and wood bin. Building slated for demolition, therefore no fire damage claimed. No injuries.

TOTAL FIRE-RESCUE ALARMS YEAR TO DATE—43
TOTAL FIRE-RESCUE ALARMS LAST YEAR TO DATE—45

EMS RESPONSES Wednesday, April 23

9:23 a. m.—525 East 3rd, medical emergency. Female victim age 42, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Thursday, April 24

6:34 p. m.—Sunset Nursing Home, medical emergency. Female victim age 87, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Friday, April 25

1:03 p. m.—St. Joseph Hospital, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 91, transported to Sunset Nursing Home.

1:09 p. m.—Concordia Nursing Center, medical emergency. Female victim age 70, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

1:59 p. m.—700 Cloud, Apartment No. 1, medical emergency. Female victim age 79, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Friday, April 25

2:30 p. m.—St. Joseph Hospital, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 70, transported to Concordia Nursing Center.

5:40 p. m.—510 East 8th, medical emergency. Female victim age 61, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Saturday, April 26

11:06—2 miles south, 2 miles east of Concordia, medical emergency. Male victim age 88, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

1:25 p. m.—9th and Lincoln, injury accident. Male victim age 50, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Wednesday, April 30

3:35 p. m.—Sunset Nursing Home, medical emergency. Female victim age 91, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Thursday, May 1

11:07 p.m.—526 East 13th, injury accident. Male victim age 25, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

10:18 a. m.—St. Joseph Hospital, non-urgent transfer. Male patient age 86, transported to 2 miles south, 2 miles east of Concordia.

Saturday, May 3

2:25 a. m.—1021 Lincoln, medical emergency. Female victim age 87, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Monday, May 5

9:38 a. m.—St. Joseph Hospital, non-urgent transfer. Female patient age 79, transported to 700 Cloud, Apartment No. 1.

Tuesday, May 6

8:41 p. m.—504 East 2nd, medical emergency. Female victim age 88, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Wednesday, May 7

9:37 p. m.—226 East 12th, medical emergency. Male victim age 70, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Saturday, May 10

11:12 a. m.—505 East 8th, medical emergency. Female victim age 71, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Sunday, May 11

11:00 a. m.—117 West 8th, Episcopal Church, medical emergency. Male victim age 79, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

Tuesday, May 13

7:55 a. m.—809 Russ, Apartment B, Medical emergency. Female victim age 73, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

9:56 p. m.—Concordia Nursing Center, non-urgent transfer. Male patient age 83, transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

TOTAL EMS RESPONSES YEAR TO DATE—134
TOTAL EMS RESPONSES LAST YEAR TO DATE—164



Slogan winner

Joni Regnier is the winner of the slogan contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. She is pictured receiving the \$100 savings bond as her first place prize from Larry Blochlinger, executive vice president of the

Chamber of Commerce. Also pictured are: Gene Miller, left, director of Economic Development, and Larry Letourneau, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Regnier's winning slogan was "Proud Past—Promising Future." (Blade photo by Chris Black)

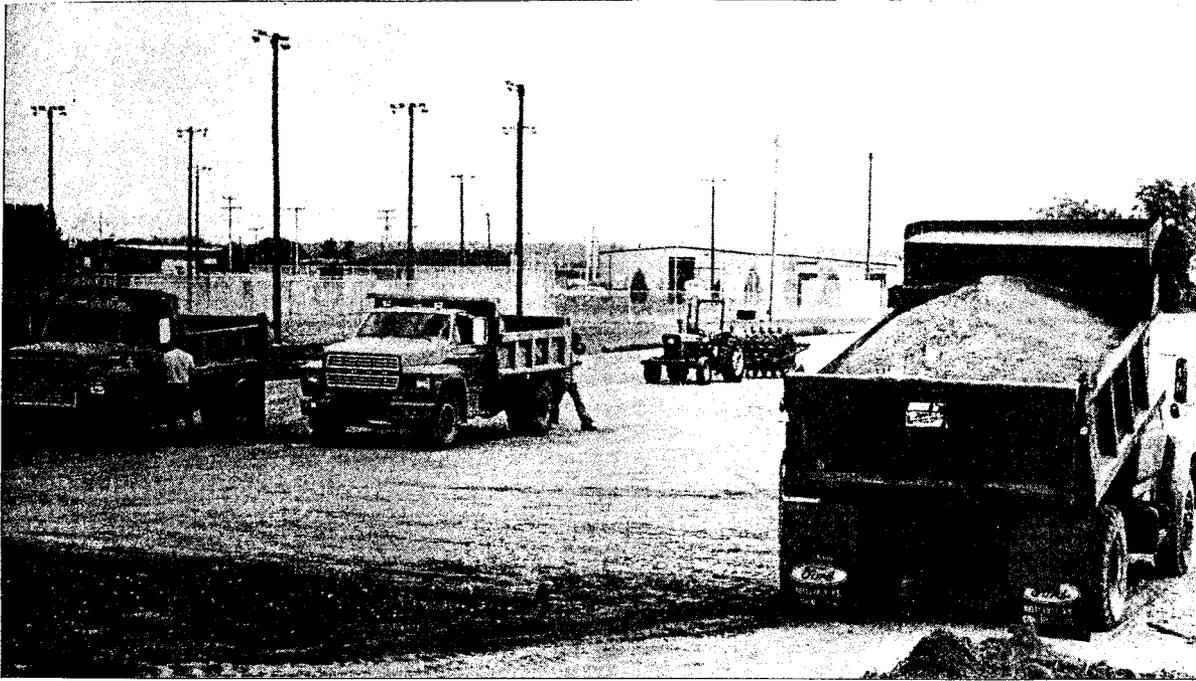


Street project

Employees of the Concordia city street department have been busy sealing streets. Darrell Kearns is pictured applying tar to a crack on 11th Street. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

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Work continues

Work is continuing on the new baseball and softball field complex at Fairgrounds Park. (Blade photo by Chris Black)



Cuts ribbon

Chamber of Commerce president Larry Letourneau this morning cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open B&C Electronics and The Corner Stone Bookstore at its new

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location. Owners Bernadine Cummings (left) and Cindy O'Connor are pictured holding the ribbon. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

Some rural residents ask, what price development?

By JILL CASEY
Staff writer

DOWNES — Gary Ozias likes to jog six or seven miles at dawn without seeing another soul.

He likes teaching English, coaching the high school track team and raising his two daughters in this quiet Kansas town — a small one by anyone's standards.

In his own words, Ozias has come to appreciate the rural lifestyle since he moved to Kansas from Massachusetts 16 years ago. He and the thousands of others living in hundreds of Kansas towns, whether by choice or because their roots run generations deep, define that lifestyle by those elements they most value.

Many appreciate the quiet, the proximity to nature, the neighborliness.

Although many believe their towns may die without the lifeblood of an economic infusion, some also believe certain industries would pump more from their towns than they'd give in return.

And as long as there are town leaders who pursue these projects as their only salvation from plummeting populations and skyrocketing unemployment, there'll be someone fighting them every inch of the way.

Dixie Barnes, Clifton, was one of the fighters. And she won. "Citizens Against the Prison" was organized almost as soon as some Washington County residents began vying for a new state prison, which eventually went to Ellisworth.

Washington County towns, as is the case with any in the Farm Belt, are down in the economic doldrums. A prison might have been the dose they needed. It might have created jobs for the displaced farmers, and for the business people who were displaced when the farmers left.

Still, Clifton is a town where youngsters can play in the park by themselves and where people rarely are afraid.

"We'd have to start locking up our houses," Barnes said. "We'd have to worry about our kids. Of course we'd like to see jobs. But not

at that price."

The jobs, "Citizens" thought, could have gone to anyone. There probably weren't enough qualified Washington County residents to fill them, Barnes said.

Weighing the pros and cons also has led a group of Concordia residents, "North Central Kansas Citizens," to the ring where they may soon be pitted against a company that might decide to put a low-level radioactive waste dump in their backyards.

Greg Hattan, a Concordia dentist, said no one wants the dump but it's being plugged as a development opportunity.

"We know this would not be a labor-intensive operation," he said. "It's going to be more like a fancy landfill."

He and other residents have discovered that cities can't get pollution liability insurance should the waste leak into the ground-water or be spilled by one of the trucks carrying it to the dump.

If Concordia isn't soon ruled out as a feasible site, based upon geological data,

Hattan said he and others will be ready with arguments against the incentive offers they know they'll receive.

"If these are such an economic boon, we'll say, then why does everyone who has one want to get rid of them?" he said, referring to towns in other states who'd like to close their dumps.

A survey by the Concordia Chamber of Commerce showed 96 percent of its residents were against the proposed dump and 5 percent were unsure about the issue. Nobody said they favored it.

Hattan is convinced a nuclear waste dump would be the beginning of the end of Concordia's development.

"The things we sell Concordia on — clean air, clean water — won't hold up by a nuclear waste dump," he said. "That's not a big attraction."

Jan Flora, professor of sociology at K-State, is heartened by the efforts of Hattan and others to delve deeply into the development issues facing their towns.

"I think it's important that everyone involved look at the costs and benefits," he said. "Any economic development will have costs and benefits, and they will be different for different people."

Studies show industry, almost without question, will bring jobs to a community, Flora said. But those jobs might not necessarily go to the unemployed, because it isn't unusual for commuters to come to work from the surrounding areas.

Too, new industry doesn't necessarily stem the tide of out-migration by young people, he said. Any population growth might come at the cost of decreasing populations in the surrounding towns.

Flora believes rural people must question the options they've been offered as solutions to their problems.

"But it's my view that the tendency seems to be in the other direction," he said. "People are embracing this too openly without the adequate information."

Small Kansas towns struggle to survive economically

Salina Journal 5-30-86
By JUDITH WEBER
and BRET WALLACE
Staff Writers

Economic development is a term that long has been used by big city officials.

But it also is a process that is becoming increasingly familiar to small town folks across Kansas.

For many of these small communities, survival hinges on getting involved in economic development efforts, according to John Cyr, executive director of the North Central Kansas Planning and Development Commission, Beloit.

Emphasis on economic development took hold around 1980, he said, when the state started efforts in that area.

"Up to (that) point, rural areas were left to the wayside."

In the 1970s, federal funds were available for the asking, Cyr said. In the 1980s, such funds are not as easily attained.

If small towns start doing some work now, they will be able to retain their identities as viable economic centers, Cyr said. Without some effort, they may survive only as social entities in which residents will have to commute to other towns for basic services.

For towns with populations of less than 500, emphasis on economic development may be too late, he said.

The first step of economic development is retention of businesses. The next is trying to develop those businesses, Cyr said.

"You're very rarely going to find a new business moving into a small town," he said.

According to Ned Webb, director of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, the place for small town residents to begin economic development efforts is in their own backyards.

"They should look in their garages, basements, farms. That's where economic growth is going to come

from," he said.

Webb, director of the development commission for about two months, also is director of Pioneer Country Development.

Webb said he is receiving inquiries about small business loans, grants and available buildings. His office serves 98 northwest Kansas communities.

"We try to get them to not look for a business that employs 200, but to look for those that bring in five or six jobs."

Webb said he is optimistic that the small towns in northwest Kansas will survive.

"With some attention to economic development, they're going to find ways to help themselves."

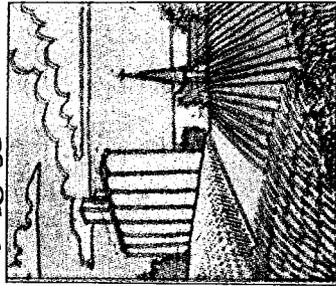
Until the 1980s, business leaders in Hays and Ellis County took their economic development for granted — after all, they had a university in Fort Hays State and a large manufacturer in Baxter Travenol. In addition, as the largest city west of

Salina, Hays drew retail shoppers. But all that changed in the '80s, said Dick Compton, president of Midwest Energy Inc. At the end of 1985, Travenol closed its plant, which manufactured medical products. The university was not the magnet business leaders hoped it would be. And the slumping farm economy took a bite out of retail trade.

That combination of factors sent local businesses scrambling to find solutions to the slumping economy, Compton said, and they found support in an unusual place — the Ellis County Commission, which agreed an economic development director was necessary. Jim DeMarco began working to bring new industry to the county in May 1985.

Many cities have hired economic development directors in recent years, but only the larger counties took an active role in finding new industries.

"The reason behind having" (See Survive, Page 8)



SMALL TOWNS at a crossroads

And in north-central and northwestern Kansas, the slump in agriculture has helped generate an awareness for the need for economic diversification.

Oberlin has captured recent months with its bus manufacturing and move to Oberlin. pany's owner filed for reorganization and opened Manufacturing. ng of production is approval of more funding Development. five years of economic effort is starting to in from California are city a confectionery that is under construction industrial park and provided venture land and offered other on city-controlled on Harding, president of the Goodland commerce. ans were looking to U confectionery sun- in they had at Milgo, began testing the factory sunflowers is with 222 acres. Y have planted 11,000 to plant 25,000 acres. ing said. The plant is more than 100 people last 170 jobs in the with the closing of the Sugar Co. and the railroad terminal, s in north-central orted. ound is awaiting economic development an to Air Beds Inc., a firm that is seeking a second plant. The address with a quilled e a firm commit- ke Johnson of Court- company would like plant by Jan. 1. It will ed to double in two Glen Elder and ave captured head- economic develop- n resort is being Waconda on a site ty and Glen Elder to provide 60 to 65 agriculture has ap- dling of a medium it Ellisworth that in- employ more than 80 economic develop- ene Miller, wants to y geared toward resources — specif- ig to promote con- e been exposed to as "I've moved up west," Miller said. us to see there are all right now than es are just good ten letters to about

INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK

Governor Carlin has proclaimed June 1 through 7, 1986 as Industry Appreciation Week in Kansas. It is a week set aside to say "THANK YOU" to the more than 3,900 manufacturers who provide jobs and income to individuals and families throughout the State.

We would like to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to ALL Concordia employers.

Concordia's employers deserve your support. Not only do they provide jobs, they are also consumers and taxpayers, pumping dollars back into our economy.

Our employers also make other important contributions to our community, from contributing to charities to providing community leadership. All are important examples of the overall way they make our lives better.

This is a good time to express a special "THANK YOU" to your employer for the job you have.

Concordia Industrial Development Association
Stephen Carlgren, President
D.L. Layton, Treasurer
Gene R. Miller, Secretary

City gets tough on grease sludge

Several restaurateurs have received notices requiring them to come into compliance with a 1979 city ordinance that requires restaurants to install grease traps in their businesses to spare the sewer system.

City Attorney Dave Retter says the city has implemented a sludge prevention program following a damage claim concerning sewage backup at the Apollo Theatre that was made last winter.

After examining the problem, officials found that the backup was caused by grease and fat.

"We decided that this problem would only get worse, so we tried to reduce some of the claims by putting the responsibility on the property owners," Retter says.

This sludge reduction program will be ongoing. Retter says owners of the following businesses have been contacted about the grease problem: The Tiffany Steak House, Kountry Kitchen, The Elks Lodge No. 586, Lester's Sweet Shop and The West Side Inn. B&J Drug also has been contacted, but they have not been identified as a contributor to the problem.

According to Jim Mosher, of the Concordia water department, the

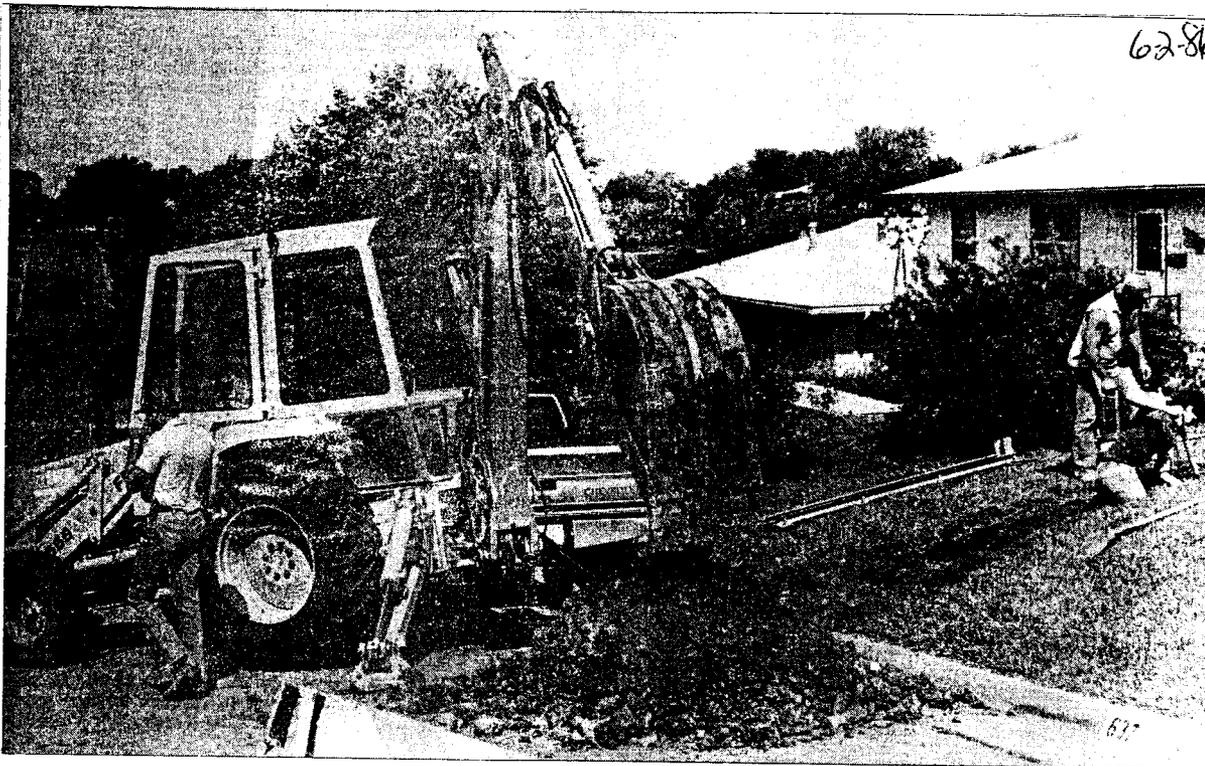
cost of a grease trap is \$1,000, compared to several thousands of dollars if a new sewer had to be installed in the downtown area.

A new sewer system would cost taxpayers and business owners approximately \$1 million says Paul Johnson, owner, Campbell and Johnson Engineers. Alleys behind businesses on both sides of the street would have to be resurfaced, parts of the storm sewer system would have to be replaced in order to reach the sanitary sewer system, grates and drainage boxes would have to be replaced.

"It's really costly," Johnson says. "There are so many hookups — telephone, gas lines. In addition, you have to carry everyone's sewer system while you're building other systems."

Retter says the city will be looking at other sludge producers. Sludge is defined as clumps of non-biodegradable materials that cause a clogging effect on the sewage systems.

"We have been pleased with all the restaurants we have notified," Mosher says. "They all have been trying to work and cooperate as soon as they can."



Replacing lines

City crews are replacing water lines on East 14th Street which

were installed too close to the surface, causing them to freeze up in the winter. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

City to seek block grant ⁶³⁸⁶

The Concordia city commission Monday voted to approve a community development block grant application for \$270,000. The grant will be used to resurface the following streets: Kansas from Second Street to Third Street, Olive from Second Street to Third Street and Third Street from Broadway to Valley.

Administrative Assistant Ross Vander Hamm told the commission he had been contacted by residents in those locations expressing their gratitude for the streets being resurfaced. Vander Hamm also told the residents that their assessments would not be affected by the street improvements because of the block grants.

The Commission also passed a resolution that deems the city responsible for maintaining and properly operating the street once the resurfacing project is complete.



In honor of
George Meyer, second from left, had one of the new Peeewe Baseball fields named after him. The official dedication was made Tuesday

night by Mayor D.L. Layton, left, and Vince Crough. Meyer has worked with the baseball programs in Concordia for 29 years. (Blade photo by Jim Lowell)

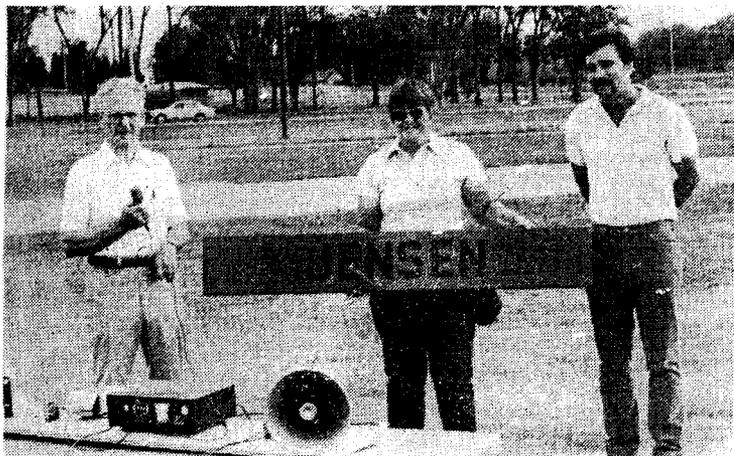


Jensen honored
Sharon Jensen, who has dedicated many years to girls' and women's softball in Concordia, had one of the new fields at the Concordia baseball and softball

complex named after her. The official dedication was made Tuesday. Jensen held the sign bearing her name. Mayor D.L. Layton, left, and Vince Crough made the dedication.



Getting things rolling
After having the field named after her Sharon Jensen threw out the first pitch of a girls' softball game played on one of the new fields at the sports complex. The other Peeewe field will be dedicated at 6:00 tonight. ⁶³⁸⁸



JENSEN FIELD—Sharon Jensen, center, displays the sign that will designate the southwest pee-wee diamond as the Jensen Field. The field was named at the dedication ceremonies of the new ball complex Monday evening. The new girls' softball field honoring Jensen was for her involvement in the women's softball program. She is still ac-

tively involved with the program coaching, umpiring, grounds keeping, announcing, and playing, etc. Present for the dedication ceremony were Concordia Mayor D. L. Layton, left, and Vince Crough, right, recreation commission chairman. (Kansas photo)

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MEYER FIELD—A second field dedication ceremony was held Tuesday evening at the new ball complex. The new field was dedicated in honor of George Meyer and will be known as the Meyer Field in recognition for his many years of service to the baseball

program. Standing next to the Meyer Field sign is Mayor D. L. Layton; left, George Meyer, center, and Vince Crough, right. The other field dedication ceremonies will be held Monday evening, June 9 at 6:45 p.m. at the complex. (Kansas photo).

Pit Bull Dogs Discussed Seek Input From Citizens

Pit bull dogs was the topic of discussion at the Concordia City Commission meeting Wednesday. Also approved was the final cost of the Republican Street project and the KLINK project on Highway K-9, from Lincoln west to Davies Drive. A contract was awarded for the Fifth Street project to Solt construction.

Pit Bulls

Dave Retter, city attorney, presented a copy of a proposed draft of an ordinance for the commission's consideration pertaining to vicious dogs including pit bull dogs.

In explaining the ordinance under consideration, the city has received information concerning the need for additional regulations by the City of Concordia, governing the ownership of vicious dogs within the city.

The definition of "vicious dog" includes any dog which by virtue of its breeding, training, characteristics, behavior or other factors the owner or custodian knows or has reason to know has a propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury or to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings.

The proposed ordinance prohibits owners to keep, harbor, own or in anyway possess any vicious dog which attempts to attack, bite or otherwise do bodily harm to a human being.

Penalty of a person convicted of violating the proposed ordinance explained Retter, may be sentenced to a fixed term of confinement in the county jail not to exceed six months. In addition, the individual may be sentenced by the court to pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

The city attorney explained any law enforcement officer may take custody of any vicious dog suspected of being kept by its owner or custodian in violation of the ordinance above, and place it in the humane society or licensed boarding kennel. Any vicious dog may be ordered by the court destroyed should the animal represent a threat of

serious harm to human beings. The court may provide the option allowing the dog to be removed within 48 hours from the county, with all expenses incurred assessed to the dog's owner. It was stressed that before any action can be taken in any matter a complaint must be signed.

The commission members voiced concern about certain dogs presently housed within the city limits and set Wednesday, June 11 at 4 p.m. an opportunity for the citizens of Concordia to express their concern about the situation before an ordinance is passed.

Street Projects

The commission approved the final cost of the Republican Street project that was started last year. Cost of the project was \$743,405.41, of this amount, \$517,725.72 is covered by grant funds and the remaining \$225,679.71 is the city's share of the project.

Approval was also given by the commission of the final costs for the KLINK project at \$89,584.99. The project was from Highway K-9 from Lincoln west to Davies Drive. The city's share for the project was \$51,560.07 with the state funding \$38,024.93.

Award Contract

Solt Construction, Concordia, was awarded the bid for the construction of the curb and gutter along 5th Street between Kansas and Olive by the commission. The property is owned by the Catholic Church. Solt had submitted a bid of \$2,847.50 and BG Construction's bid was \$2,994.40.

It was announced the annual city hall vs police department softball game is set for June 22 at 6 p.m.

Approve Block Grant Application

Approval was given by the Concordia City Commission Monday following the public hearing for a Community Development Block Grant application, in the amount of \$300,000.

The application is for proposed improvements on two projects. Site one is on 3rd Street from Broadway to Valley and site two is between 2nd and 3rd of Kansas and Olive streets. The grant application allows for curbing, gutter, and street overlay in the two areas.

Cost of the street improvements is \$269,176; engineer's fee \$20,174, and administrative \$10,750.

Ross Vander Hamm, administrative assistant, was present at the meeting to review the project with the commissioners.

Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Breault, Hardy, Mrs. Nancy Thelander, nia, Tracy, Superior, Mr. and Mrs. David Nicholas, and Angela, dy Hill, Stacy, Sara, own, all of Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Richard Vincent, e and Katie, Mr. and regory Vincent and all of McPherson. ing from Concordia Mrs. Darlene Lewis,ennifer Odette and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brandon Lewis, Mr. Raymond Burt, Mr. John Hodgins, Dusty ther. afternoon ice cream, cake, and punch was p honor the 80th birth- uth Lewis.

CONCORDIA!

Send your "Book of the Month" contributions to the Grand Theatre, Concordia, today.



center, Chamber to officially open the Book Store in

their new location. Owners are Bernadine Cummings, left and Cindy O'Connor, right, holding the ribbon. The building was formerly occupied by Mode 'O Day. (Kansas photo.)

Local—

Concordia Police Chief Sam Budreau is recuperating at his home following major surgery last Friday.

City tables proposed vicious dog ordinance

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By Carol Anderson
Blade Staff Writer

The Concordia city commission Wednesday discussed a proposed ordinance concerning the regulation of vicious dogs within the city limits. The commission voted to table the ordinance until their next meeting at 4 p.m., June 11.

The purpose of the ordinance, according to City Attorney David Retter, would be to provide a complete alternative to the existing animal control ruling, which gives a dog who has bitten someone the benefit of the doubt the first time. The second time stronger measures are taken.

The proposed ordinance "prohibits the ownership of certain vicious dogs; providing penalties; and authorizing the disposition of certain vicious dogs."

A vicious dog is defined as any dog which by virtue of its breeding, training, characteristics, behavior or other facts the owner is aware of has a propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked to cause injury or to to otherwise endanger the safety of human beings.

"This ordinance is not a ban-type ordinance," Retter explains. "It gives the owner the opportunity to present evidence that his dogs are not dangerous."

The benefit of the ordinance would be that if a dog is observed as trying to attack but is bound by a chain or fence, law enforcement officers can impound the animal and a hearing in municipal court would be held to decide the danger of the dog.

"This would provide early intervention to police officers before actual damage is done to citizens," Retter says.

This ordinance is not limited to pit bull terriers, Commission Greg Hattan says. After researching pit bulls, Hattan says they are no more dangerous than any other breed of dog. The problem occurs, though, when they have been bred to be dangerous, they attack in a tenacious manner.

The proposed ordinance is available at City Hall for city-residents to review.

The commission voted to approve the final costs of the Republican Street project. The cost of the project was \$743,405.41. Grant funds cover \$517,725.72 of this cost and the city's share of the project is \$225,679.71.

The city's amount will become part of the bond issue later this summer.

Final costs of \$89,584.99 for the KLINK surfacing project of Highway K-9 from Lincoln West to Davies Drive was approved by the commission. The state's share of the KLINK project is \$38,024.93. The city's share of this project is \$51,560.07. The city amount for this project also will be a part of the bond issue that will be developed this summer.

Items of interest reported at the meeting were that Police Chief Sam Budreau is recuperating at home following emergency appendix surgery.

The city hall vs. police department softball game is scheduled for June 22 at 6 p.m.

Local Sports

Registration for playground will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on Monday, June 16.

Registration will be held in the Concordia Junior-Senior High School cafeteria.

6-6-86

Door forced open

Linda L. Veasey, 922 Republican, Thursday morning reported to police that someone forced open the west door of her residence Wednesday afternoon or evening. The door's lock was damaged.

Fire damages house

A fire caused an estimated \$1,000 damage to a home owned by Mr. and Mrs. Max Abercrombie at 221. E. 7th yesterday afternoon, according to fire chief Philip Schlup.

Schlup said passing motorists noticed smoke coming from the house at 4:48 p.m. and notified the fire department.

The fire chief said the fire was caused by an electric heat blower used to melt paint from the siding of the house. He said the blower apparently caused the blown-in type insulation in the wall to smolder and ignited the structural wood framing inside the wall.

Schlup said the fire became visible when it burned through the siding of the wall. He said that approximately three gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire.

He said that there were no injuries and no water damage; however, the contents of the house did sustain smoke damage and the outside wall received some slight damage.

A smoke fan and smoke deodorizer were used inside the house to prevent further damage, he added.

Charged with D.U.I.

Concordia police Thursday night investigated a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 11th Street and Lincoln Street. A northbound vehicle stopped at the traffic light, driven by Jodi K. Emig, Abilene, was rear-ended by a vehicle driven by Robert E. Aytes, Stockton. Aytes was charged with D.U.I., no tag on vehicle and no liability insurance on vehicle. Aytes' appearance date in municipal court is set for June 16.

A glance at Concordia

6-6-86

These are facts compiled by the Editor and Publisher Market Guide on the City of Concordia.

County seat town located in Cloud County, 210 miles west of Kansas City, situated on U.S. 81 Highway, and State Highways 9 and 28.

Transportation is by AT&St.Fe Railroad, five motor freight carriers, and intercity bus line (Continental Trailways).

City population given in 1980 census, 6,847; 1985 estimated, 6,506. County population for 1980 census, 12,494; 1985 estimated, 12,244.

Households in Concordia, 1980 census, 2,624; 1985 estimated 2,431. County number of households, 1980 census, 4,758; 1985 estimated, 4,788.

Banks: Commercial, 2, with estimated deposits of \$80,000,000; savings and loans, 3, with estimated deposits of \$224,000,000.

Passenger autos registered in county, 6,755.

Electric meters, residences, 3,409.

Gas meters, residences, 3,900.

Principal industries, and number of employees: Food, 192; feed, not available; brick, 60; metal, 200; hospital, 200.

Climate: Minimum and maximum temperature in the spring, 21-74; summer 62-92; winter, 17-42.

Tap water: Alkaline, very hard.

Shopping: (Nearby shopping centers): Alco Plaza, Concordia Plaza.

Principal shopping days: Thursdays and Saturdays.

Chain department stores: JC Penney, Dreilings, Bon Marche.

Chain variety stores: Rexall, Walgreens.

Chain supermarkets: Boogaarts 2, Affiliated Foods.

Other chain stores: True Value, Fashion Crossroads, Goodyear, Love's Country Store, EZ Shop, Ace Hardware, Sears, Brown Shoe Fit.

Concordia's Municipal Swimming Pool Has: Big Plans For You!!

6-6-86



Watch For Details!

Daily		Season	
12 and under	75¢	17 and under	\$22 ⁵⁰
13 thru 17	\$1 ⁰⁰	18 and over	\$27 ⁵⁰
Adults	\$1 ²⁵	Family	\$47 ⁵⁰

(5 and under free with adult)

PLAY BALL

6-9-86

The City of Concordia would like to thank the following individuals for their work in making the baseball-softball complex a reality, rather than just a dream.

We regret if anyone who volunteered was omitted from the list. With so many volunteers, it was difficult to keep record of all those who participated.

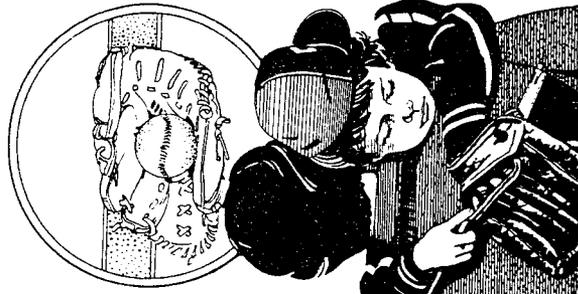
The following firms provided donations, reduced prices or technical assistance to construct the new ball fields. Their contributions were greatly appreciated.

CENTEL	Concordia Tractor	Johnston Supply	Peltier Foundry
C E Manufacturing	Crough Auto Salvage	Kling Ford	USD 333
Chaney's True Value	Fyfe Sand	KP&L	Valley Fertilizer
Cloud County	Hood Construction	Martin Tractor	Weisner Bros. Const.
Cloud County CO-OP	Gerard Tank & Steel	NCK Saddle Club	



The people below took time out from their busy evenings and weekends, at no pay, to make the new complex one of the finest in Kansas. They all should be commended for their efforts. Because of such involvement, Concordia will have a proud past and a promising future. Volunteers as of June 1, 1986

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| Connie Adams | Tracy Charbonneau | Gene Miller | John Shaver | Katrina Waite |
| Dale Adams | David Christensen | Lance Miller | Angie Sorell | Lyle Walker |
| Jason Adams | Elmer Collins | Loren Miller | Gerold Sorell | Jim Waters |
| John Adams | Dan Conn | Lowell Moon | Jerome Sorell | Jarred Watson |
| Austin Aggson | Scott Coppoc | Paul Moon | Judy Sorell | John Watson |
| Dave Aggson | Trent Coppoc | Kim Mueller | Randy Sorell | Randy Wetmore |
| Denise Aggson | Sandy Cote | Mike Mueller | Jodi Stensaa | Monte Widen |
| Travis Aggson | Vince Crough | Tami Mueller | Dale Sterrett | Greg Wiesner |
| Rob Alderson | John Culey | Natalie Nichols | Damon Sterrett | Kim Wiesner |
| Kenny Allen | Dennis Dutton | Mark Nordell | Darrin Sterrett | Chris Workman |
| Kent Applebee | David Fakler | Darren Pearson | Nan Sterrett | Jim Workman |
| Gary Appleby | Joe Fakler | Greg Pelitier | Jeff Swenson | |
| Brian Berner | Ruth Fakler | A. V. Plank | Butch Swihart | |
| Dave Black | Tom Fisher | Mickey Powell | Kurt Swihart | |
| Larry Blochlinger | Tom Gennette | Cindy Roth | Marc Swihart | |
| Lyle Bonebrake | Dave Gieber | James Rounybush | Mike Swihart | |
| Jim Bourne | Ernie Girard | Lynn Rounybaughon | LeRoy Tholstrup | |
| Bill Brown | Kay Hamilton | Chris Saunders | Chris Thoman | |
| Dennis Burchfiel | Dick Hanson | Donna Schlup | Kevin Thoman | |
| Tina Burchfiel | Rick Hartsel | Mark Schlup | Mark Thoman | |
| Jay Cailteux | Brock Hartsorn | Phil Schlup | Burnell Ukens | |
| Bill Capleton | Larry Hartsorn | Scott Schlup | Kevin Ukens | |
| Dee Capleton | Greg Hattan | Don Schmidt | Ross VanderHamm | |
| Wally Carlson | Ken Hauschel | John Schmidt | Cynthia Waite | |



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Accident investigated

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Tom Fisher
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Kay Hamilton
Dick Hanson
Rick Hartsel
Brock Hartshorn
Larry Hartshorn
Greg Hattan
Ken Hauschel

Norm Hayden
Trisha Heald
Jerry Holdern
Greg Hood
Sally Hood
Harriett Huber
H. L. Huber
Lyle Huber
Sharon Jensen
Eric Johnson
Justin Johnson
Tom Johnson
Clint Jones
Harvey Jones
Shane Jones
Lyle Kieffer
Jerry Labonte
Heavy Layton
Don Lewis
Rob Martin
Roxj Martin
Jim Metro
Michelle Metro
Gary Miller

Gene Miller
Lance Miller
Loren Miller
Lowell Moon
Paul Moon
Kim Mueller
Mike Mueller
Tami Mueller
Natalie Nichols
Mark Nordell
Darren Pearson
Greg Peltier
A. V. Plank
Mickey Powell
Cindy Roth
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Lynn Runnabaughon
Chris Saunders
Donna Schlup
Mark Schlup
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Jerome Sorell
Judy Sorell
Randy Sorell
Jodi Stensaas
Dale Sterrett
Damon Sterrett
Darrin Sterrett
Nan Sterrett
Jeff Swenson
Butch Swihart
Kurt Swihart
Marc Swihart
Mike Swihart
LeRoy Tholstrup
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Cynthia Waite

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Greg Wiesner
Kim Wiesner
Chris Workman
Jim Workman



Bicycle reported stolen

Joyce L. Moore, 111 W. 10th Street, Saturday reported to police that her son's bicycle was taken from the front of Boogaart's at the Alco Shopping Center. The bicycle is a 20-inch red Western Flyer, with red padding on the bar across the handle bars and black padding on the center frame bar of the bicycle. Anyone locating a bicycle that matches this description is asked to call the Law Enforcement Center at 243-3131.

Theft reported 6-9-86

Geno Leonard Saturday reported a theft of a television set from his home. The television was a 21-inch color set. The theft occurred on Saturday, June 9, 1986, at approximately 10:00 a.m. The television was a gift from his father and is valued at approximately \$1,000. The thief is described as a white male, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants. The thief fled in a dark-colored car. Anyone with information regarding this theft should call the Law Enforcement Center at 243-3131.

Accident investigated 6-9-86

Concordia police Saturday investigated a reported hit and run accident in the Alco parking lot. The southwest parking light pole and attached cement mount had been hit and knocked to the ground. Stephen E. Gaydusek, 810 Second Avenue, told police that he was southbound in the parking lot, when a cleat in a pair of baseball shoes he was wearing got caught in the floorboard carpeting, and stated as he looked down to see what had happened, his pickup hit the light pole. At the time the accident occurred, there was a heavy downpour of rain in the area. The Gaydusek vehicle, a 1978 Ford pickup, received front-end damage.

Bank entered 6-9-86

The Cloud County Sheriff's department was notified of an intruder at the Exchange Bank, Clyde, at 5:00 o'clock this morning, a department spokesman said.

An employee of the bank was slightly injured this morning when he entered the bank and was run over by a white male intruder trying to escape. Entry was made by the intruder through the back door of the bank. Departure was made through the same door.

The bank has accounted for all its checks. An extensive search was made and nothing appears to be missing.

The Sheriff's department has contacted the KBI and FBI and the investigation continues.

NOTICE

No person, firm or corporation shall display or offer any fireworks for sale to any individual at retail without first obtaining a license. The license shall not grant the right to sell any of the types and kinds of fireworks which are prohibited from sale in Kansas by the State Fire Marshal.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, discharge or explode any fireworks except on July 3rd and July 4th, and further, that no fireworks of any kind may be set off at any time on the following streets and sidewalks: Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Streets, nor at any time or place from a moving vehicle in the City.

For each place of business or stand where fireworks are sold, \$10.00 per year is required. No license shall be issued after July 1 of each year. No license shall be issued until the place of business or stand has been approved by the Department of Public Safety. No business or stand shall be located between the sidewalk or curb or nearer than 20 feet from the curb line of the street.

No license shall be issued unless a person 18 years or older will be present to supervise the sales. Licenses will provide for the sale of fireworks, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock a.m. and 12:00 o'clock midnight on July 3rd and 4th only. Each fireworks stand or business shall have a sufficient chemical or other type fire extinguisher present at all times.

Passed by the City Commission May 24, 1978.

Verna Scott
City Clerk

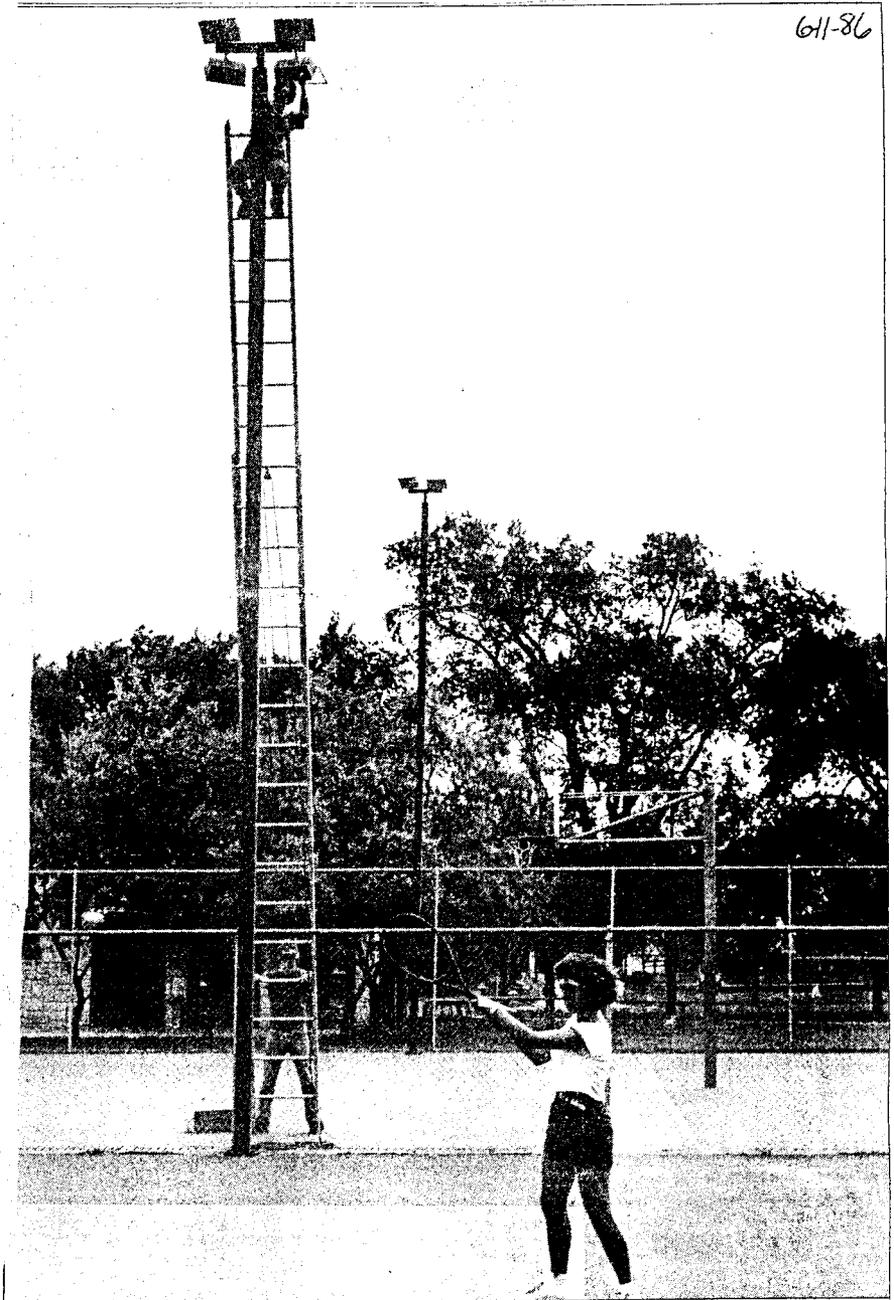
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Tonight!!

Concordia's Municipal Swimming Pool

 **Grade Card Party - 8-10 p. m.** 

Bring your 85-86 official grade card, you and your family get in FREE. Any card, any town, any school! Extra bonus if you have all As and Bs on your grade card you will receive a FREE Pepsi.



Some play, some work

Workmen were replacing lights at the tennis courts in City Park this morning, while others

were playing tennis. (Blade photo by Chris Black)

Concordia Municipal ⁶⁻¹⁰⁻⁸⁶ Swimming Pool Has Big Plans For You:

11th and Cedar

243-2670

Hours: June 1-8 July 1-9 Aug. 1-8	Daily Admission 75¢ Children 12 and under *1.00 13-17 *1.25 Adults 5 and under free with an adult	Season Ticket *22.50 17 and under *27.50 18 and over *47.50 Family
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Wed., June 11th

Grade Card Party 8-10 p.m.

bring your 85-86 official grade card
you and your family get in FREE
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Extra Bonus

if you have all As and Bs on your
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Sunday, June 15th

Fathers Swim FREE

all day

Fathers Only

Register for Drawing

A Munsingwear Knit

Sport Shirt will be given away
from Daylight Clothing

drawing at 4:00
must be present to win

Friday, June 13th

Fun Day

FREE Admission all day
Games and Activities planned

- Greased Watermelon Swim
- Water Balloon Throw
- Money Toss
- Innertube Race
- Prizes for winners of each event

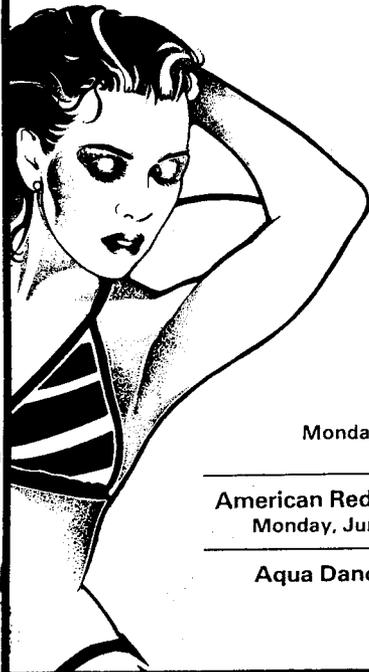
Registration for American
Red Cross Swimming Classes

Monday, June 16 - 9-12 High School Cafeteria
For more information call: 243-1150



American Red Cross Advanced Life Saving Class begins
Monday, June 16 - 9 a.m. For more information call: 243-1150

Aqua Dancin', Water Areobic Dance Class begins
Monday, June 16 - 6 p.m.
with registration at this time
For more information call: 243-1920



Ordinance Tabled ⁶⁻²⁻⁸⁶ By Commission

A proposed ordinance prohibiting the ownership of certain vicious dogs was tabled for further study at Wednesday's City Commission meeting.

In attendance at the meeting were Mike and Annette Gallagher, Roy Gallagher, David Desmarois, Martin Molter, and Larry Blochlinger.

The Gallaghers expressed concern with the proposed ordinance. They own a German Shepherd and asked for the definition of a vicious dog as their dog is always on a leash or in a fenced area, but should strangers come near the animal it becomes defensive. It was their interpretation of the proposed ordinance that any individual could declare the dog vicious and they would need to prove otherwise in court.

Desmarois, who owns pit bulls, said his dogs are tame and were not allowed to run loose in the neighborhood.

Dave Retter, city attorney, reported the main point of the proposed ordinance was to allow for early intervention prior to someone being bitten or badly harmed by the animals, and the pit bull can do tremendous harm once it becomes violent.

It was pointed out at the meeting the present city ordinance states the animal must be under voice command of the owner. Mayor D. L. Layton expressed concern that maybe the city needed to consider a strong leash law.

Layton, in tabling the matter, pointed out the persons who had expressed a desire to have the ordinance changed were not present at the meeting. It was also noted only three persons had picked up a copy of the proposed ordinance at city hall since the last meeting.