

# What Do You Think?

Question: The now fashionable, ankle-length granny dress is not permitted in most high schools, and extra short skirts are frowned upon. What is your opinion on this subject?  
(Answers obtained around town and by telephone)

Mary Greco, 17, senior at St. Joseph Academy: "I think granny dresses are okay in the house but not for public wear. In California this kind of dress is acceptable. There are more places to go — although I've never been there. But Des Moines isn't the place for them. Neither long dresses nor short skirts are appropriate for school wear. Real short skirts should not be worn anywhere. Granny dresses are for grannies and short dresses are for little kids. I think at the knee is a good length for skirts. Really it depends upon the person."



MISS GRECO

Rene Tilton, 18, senior at St. Joseph Academy: "Granny dresses are great but like any other fashion they have their time and place. I don't feel that school is one of those places. A girl who would wear one to school would do it just to get attention; it would be like wearing a bathing suit to school. As for the very short, short skirts, they are okay if you have what it takes to wear them but many girls who wear them look terrible in them. Actually what you wear depends on your personality, where you are going, what you are doing."



MISS TILTON

Hank Reese, 17, of 1223 Forty-seventh st., junior at Roosevelt High School: "I suppose the granny dress is all right but as a basic style I don't like it. It isn't so far out that girls should not wear them. I haven't seen any around school—I don't think they are stylish in Des Moines. So far as the short, short skirts go, I'll have to admit that, being a boy, I don't really object, although I think a high school girl should steer away from them. As for slacks, 36-inch circumference should be the maximum."



REESE

Tim Woods, 15, of 708 E. Miller ave., sophomore at Des Moines Technical High School: "Well, I don't think the granny dress looks so bad, although I haven't seen any around Des Moines. But I have seen pictures of them in catalogues. They might be good for a change. The extra short dresses girls are wearing today do look out of place, though. I think right at the knee is the right length for a girl's dress. Those who wear extremes in dress length do so to attract attention—there is no other reason."



WOODS



REGISTER PHOTO

About 80 members and guests attended a meeting of the Polk County Community Action Council in the Argonne Armory Monday night to fill out the council's membership to its quota of 45 persons. Robert Mannheim, president (left), talks. At right is Mrs. L. Michael McGrane, a secretary.

## Anti-Poverty Group Posts Filled

By Jerry Szumski  
The Polk County Community Action Council (C. A. C.) cleared more organizational hurdles Monday night by electing eight executive committee members and choosing five groups for at-large membership in the anti-poverty agency.

Chosen for the five seats after two ballots were: The Des Moines Council of Parent Teacher Associations; Polk County Dental Society; Greater Des Moines Committee, Inc., a business-industry group; the League of Women Voters and, jointly for the fifth seat, the Des Moines and Polk County Education Associations, teacher groups.

Applicants left out in the final round of voting were: The City of West Des Moines, the Polk County chapter of the Red Cross, American Association of University Women, Des Moines Jaycees and the local chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Mrs. Mary Hohmann, head of a committee that screened the at-large applications, asked the omitted groups to support the anti-poverty program.

The C. A. C. supported only three of Mrs. Hohmann's committee recommendations. The P. T. A. Council and League of Women Voters were among groups nominated from outside her committee.

Each of the successful applicants will name a delegate and alternate to the C. A. C. This will bring membership to full strength, 45.

Executive Committee  
Those elected to seats on the powerful 15-member executive committee, and the interests they are to represent, include:

Roger Williams, organized labor; Dr. Louis A. James, local government; Mrs. Kate Goldman, welfare agencies; Mrs. Winifred Carr, educational interests; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Paul Connelly, religious groups; Dr. Julius Conner, health; the Rev. Kenneth McNeil, minority groups; and George Milligan, business and industry.

One person will be elected later to represent the five new at-large groups.

The community's poor citizens will be represented on the executive committee by Robert A. Jackson, C. A. C. vice-president; Porter Dimery, Mrs. Myrtle Myers, Mrs. Oma Rhoads and Paul Wilson. They were elected last week.

Also on the committee is C. A. C. President Robert E. Mannheim.

Proposals Tabled  
Several proposals for bylaws changes were tabled after Jack Rosseau, chief spokesman for the "groups to be served" (the needy), complained that President Mannheim did not consult other bylaws committee members in drafting the proposals.

Des Moines City Councilman Jens Grothe and others sought to bring the proposals to a vote, saying Rosseau's objections concerned procedures and thus were minor matters.

"If this group is to succeed," said Grothe, "we should direct our attention to matters that are important."

However, Rosseau was supported by Jack Bohé, a labor alternate, and others who said Mannheim should not propose bylaws amendments without full committee consultation.

After a long discussion, the group voted 25 to 8 to table Mannheim's proposed amendments. Later, Rosseau called for and got the C. A. C. members to give Mannheim a "vote of confidence" in the form of standing applause.

N. A. A. C. P. Bid  
A request by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N. A. A. C. P.) for direct representation on the C. A. C. was referred to a committee for study.

Under present bylaws, the Des Moines Human Rights

Commission has power to select three minority-group representatives. The commission doesn't want to be in the position of having to pick the three.

The N. A. A. C. P. wants permanent status on the 45-member board, Mannheim said.

The Rev. Mr. McNeil said his group, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, which has Negro clergy members, also "feels strongly we should have permanent status and not have to depend on being chosen by some other agency."

The C. A. C. unanimously endorsed a resolution, proposed by spokesman for the poor, which calls upon local employers to co-operate with employees who need time off to attend anti-poverty "meetings, programs and functions."

Urged to Attend  
Vice-President Jackson urged non-poor members of the C. A. C. to attend meetings of neighborhood units organized to speak for the poor. He heads such a unit on Des Moines' east side.

"This way," Jackson said, "the board of directors will see how we in the neighborhoods are operating and it will bring us closer together."

The idea was general support. Mrs. Myrtle Myers, delegate from the Woodland Improvement Association, complained that Bird School officials ignored an invitation to her group's last meeting.

"Evidently they're not interested," she said. "Many of the children in our area attend Bird School and I believe the teachers should have some type of interest."

Common Objectives  
Mannheimer, president since Dec. 21, alluded to signs of mistrust between the needy spokesmen and others on the C. A. C. boards. He urged the diversified group, chosen to be broadly representative of the community, to "forget our differences and work toward one common objective."

He said the power struggle of the group's early stages has given the public a bad impression and should not be repeated.

"There is much doubt in the minds of many well-intentioned and public-spirited people about the validity of this program and its ability to accomplish what its proponents claim it can accomplish," said Mannheim.

He supported the War on Poverty as a "completely new approach to the problem of poverty . . . much more constructive than has ever been attempted before."

Mannheimer said established health and welfare agencies may be hesitant to accept the idea of giving the poor a voice in planning programs for the poor "because there is just a suggestion . . . that perhaps we who have had this job in the past might have fumbled the ball."

Birth Control  
He said "very little of a constructive nature has been accomplished but added that "we can eventually make the program something significant."

Mannheimer supported a Planned Parenthood of Iowa proposal for supplying birth-control aid to the poor, saying:

"Many of the problems of poverty which exist today would not exist if 25 years ago family planning information had been made available to those who today can get that information through this program."

\$25,000 Blaze  
Near Decorah  
DECORAH, IA. — Fire believed caused by defective wiring destroyed a barn, 33 dairy cattle and several pieces of machinery early Monday on a farm north of here. The loss was estimated at \$25,000.

VANDALS FORM A SKATING RINK  
(The Register's Iowa News Service)  
NEW HAMPTON, IA.—There was a new skating rink here Monday but no one was happy about it—least of all the contractor for a new First National Bank building.

Sometime Saturday night vandals stole a 50-foot length of hose from the city fire station, lugged the hose two blocks to a hydrant, attached it and put the other end into a 125-by-40-foot excavation for the new bank.

The water ran all day Sunday. Contractors' men Monday discovered about 18 inches of water in the excavation. Several inches were solid ice.

"Fortunately," said J. F. Kennedy, bank president, "no footings or other concrete had been poured, but getting rid of the ice and water poses a problem for the contractor."

Nab Man Wanted In Shooting Here  
Police detectives received word Monday night that Obie Taylor, 37, Kansas City, Mo., wanted here on a charge of assault with intent to murder, has been arrested in Davenport.

Lt. Frank C. Manny said Davenport police are holding Taylor on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and three charges of false uttering of checks. Manny said Scott (Davenport) County and Polk County attorneys will decide in which county he will be prosecuted.

Taylor is charged with shooting Emma Payne, 17, in her bedroom at 505 Clark st., about 11 p. m. Jan. 19.

Deny Renewal Of Beer Permit  
The City Council Monday refused to recommend that a class C liquor license for Arlene Helen Underwood, doing business as Jackie's Tap, 1601 Sixth ave., be renewed.

The license expires Feb. 22. The council said Mrs. Underwood was arrested for intoxication last October. She continues to hold a beer permit.

The council voted to grant a class B beer permit to Sasto D. Battani, doing business as Sasto's, 900 Sixth ave.

Effigy Mounds Shift on Films  
(The Register's Iowa News Service)  
MCGREGOR, IA.—A new showing schedule for "The Mound Builders" a 45-minute color film, was announced Monday by Stuart H. Maule, superintendent at Effigy Mounds National Monument.

There will be Sunday showings at 1, 2, 3, and 4 p. m., Monday and Tuesday showings at 1:30 p. m. and Saturday showings at 1:30 and 3:30 p. m. The Effigy Mounds visitor center is 3 miles north of Marquette on Highway 13.

The Des Moines Register  
Published every weekday morning by THE REGISTER AND TRIBUNE COMPANY, 715 Locust street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. Vol. 117, No. 222. Feb. 1, 1966

REGISTER SUBSCRIPTION RATES  
By carrier in the Des Moines City area, 45¢ a week. By mail or carrier in other Iowa towns where either Register or Tribune carrier or collection service is available, 45¢ a week. \$22.50 a year. By Daily Motor Route outside City of Des Moines, 45¢ a week. By mail or carrier in Iowa and in Iowa towns where neither Register nor Tribune carrier or collection service is available, 55¢ a week. \$27.50 a year. By mail outside of Iowa, \$22.50 a year. 45¢ a week. By carrier or motor route, 25¢ a copy. By mail in Iowa and Missouri, 30¢ a copy—\$15.00 a year. By mail outside of Iowa, 35¢ a copy—\$18.00 a year. Second class postage paid at Des Moines, Ia.

All unclassified manuscripts, articles, letters and pictures sent to The Register are sent at the owner's risk and Des Moines Register and Tribune assume no responsibility for their safe custody. The Associated Press is entitled exclusively to the use of reproduction of any news printed in this newspaper as well as to the use of any photographs and illustrations of its other matter published in this newspaper are also reserved.

Death was apparently caused by a blow on the back of the head, such as might be made by a ball peen hammer, Hildreth said.

Hildreth said a full report of Luka's findings would be made public today. Luka performed an autopsy Friday.

Admitting that clues were few in the case, Hildreth said sheriff's deputies and Des Moines police have found a woman's shoe and a man's billfold along Sixth avenue north of the city, some distance from the gully.

The sheriff said, however, that neither of the items may have any connection with Nervi's death.

Still missing, he said, are Nervi's glasses and a bank bag which Hildreth said was supposed to contain \$175 in checks and \$80 in cash, receipts from the Nervi and Avila Speedometer & Electrical Service, 814 Keosauqua Way, of which Nervi, 52, of 1331 Mattern ave., was co-owner.

Another \$40 or \$50 Nervi was supposed to be carrying in his billfold was not found, Hildreth said, although the billfold was on the body.

Drinks, Meal  
The last known person to have seen Nervi is Ronald Leroy Kyger, 26, of 2930 Tiffin ave. Kyger told authorities he had several drinks and a meal with Nervi the evening of Dec. 14, then let him out near the Firestone plant on Second avenue north of Des Moines about 9:15 p. m., after the two had an argument.

Hildreth said Kyger's car was impounded Saturday afternoon, and identification experts are going over the automobile. Kyger, now in Iowa Lutheran Hospital suffering from a blood ailment, was questioned by police after Nervi's disappearance.

Authorities said Kyger volunteered to take a polygraph (lie detector) test, and that results from the test in December tended to substantiate his account. Kyger said he had met Nervi for the first time that night in a tavern.

Cold weather has hampered a search of the gully in which Nervi's body was found, Hildreth said. He said he planned to use chemicals to melt the snow in the area, in an effort to find more clues.

Hildreth said he doubted Nervi could have remained very long on Second avenue, where Kyger reportedly let him out, without being noticed by either passing motorists or persons working in businesses in the area.

Sports Jacket  
No tests have been made on a brown tweed sports jacket found along a fence near where the body was found, Hildreth said. The jacket is assumed to be Nervi's, he said.

Nor have tests been made on the brown work shirt and pants and jacket found on the body, Hildreth said. Nervi originally was reported to have been wearing gray clothes. The sheriff said the discrepancy in the description of the clothing has not been cleared up.

Fine Myers \$50 In Police Chase  
Robert John Myers, 19, who gave his address as 185 N. E. Forty-sixth place, was fined \$50 Monday by Municipal Judge Harry Grund for reckless driving.

The ticket was issued Dec. 23, in connection with a police chase between the 2900 and 2600 blocks on N. Union street.

Several other tickets that were issued in connection with that same incident were dismissed.

Driving Charge Draws \$50 Fine  
Roger M. Fontanini, 19, who gave his address as 401 S. W. Forty-second st., was fined \$50 Monday by Municipal Judge Harry Grund for reckless driving. He was issued the ticket Jan. 21 at Beaver road and Urbandale avenue.

Woman, 83, Injured In Fall on Ice Here  
Mrs. Mary Bongers, 83, of 1123 Twenty-fourth st., suffered a fractured left hip about 2:15 p. m. Monday when she slipped on ice and fell. She told members of a fire department rescue crew, who took her to Broadlawn Polk County Hospital, that she fell as she was walking north on Twenty-fourth street toward University avenue.

Sentence Mother On Curfew Count  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. (AP)—Mrs. Helen Rasmussen received a 30-day suspended sentence Monday after pleading guilty to a charge of violating the Cedar Rapids curfew ordinance.

Mrs. Rasmussen admitted she had allowed her 15-year-old daughter to stay out until 1 a. m. last Monday.

The ordinance set a time limit of 10 p. m. for children under 13 and 11 p. m. for those 13 to 15.

## HEAR HUGHES, STALL PROJECT

The Iowa Executive Council delayed approval of a printing project Monday after Gov. Harold Hughes raised objections.

The action was taken on a proposal for printing 200,000 copies of a State Conservation Commission pamphlet encouraging land owners to grow more cover for game birds. Estimated cost of the printing would be about \$6,500.

Hughes pointed out there are only about 175,000 farms in Iowa and suggested similar booklets are available readily from federal government and other sources.

"I don't think they could get rid of them if they threw them from an airplane," Hughes said.

For similar reasons, the council delayed approving the printing of pamphlets on Iowa legislative procedures, and a report by the Iowa Higher Education Facilities Commission.

The council also refused to approve use of a state car for Ronald Paul, the executive secretary of the Iowa Swine Producers Association, to judge the Minnesota Spring Broom Show Feb. 17-19 in Albert Lea.

Paul is paid by the state as are the chief officers of the beef, sheep and dairy associations but officials said the attorney general has ruled such jobs are not state employment.

The council asked Agriculture Secretary Kenneth Owen to seek another attorney general's opinion clarifying status of such officials, and whether or not they should be regarded as state employees.

The council adopted a holiday policy for state employees which declares a day off for New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If these holidays fall on a Saturday, state workers will get Friday off as well. If they fall on Sunday, then Monday will be a day off.

Labor Day and Veterans Day are declared holidays for state employees, but are not subject to being observed on any other day.

Neither Abraham Lincoln's nor George Washington's birthday anniversary will be a day off for state workers. The council will consider later making Good Friday a holiday for state employees.

## Calls Iowa's Patrol Cars 'Rolling Piles of Junk'

A state representative said Monday the cars used by the State Highway Patrol are "nothing more than rolling piles of junk."

Representative Kenneth Robinson (Dem., Bayard) made the charge at a meeting of the Legislature's Iowa Motor Vehicle Laws Study Committee.

The committee, headed by House Speaker Vince Steffen (Dem., New Hampton), is studying Iowa motor vehicle and traffic laws with a view to recommending changes to the 1967 Legislature.

The state is limited by law to a \$2,250 per car price for the Highway Patrol. The ceiling for most other vehicles purchased by the state is \$2,000.

State Safety Commissioner Gene Needles and Highway Patrol Chief Theodore Mikesch testified the patrol has had difficulty purchasing adequate cars under the ceilings.

Robinson called the limitation on price for Highway Patrol cars "penny wise and pound foolish" and added:

"It is false economy to think that just because these cars cost less originally, that it will be cheaper for the state to own them."

"If more money is needed to buy better cars for the patrol, then let us recommend that funds be provided to buy them."

Robinson said Iowa patrolmen are furnished "the cheapest and most poorly equipped Fords and Chevros" on the market.

He said that in one Highway Patrol district all the Chevrolet patrol cars have had the braking system overhauled "and they still are hardly more than death traps."

Woman, 83, Injured In Fall on Ice Here  
Mrs. Mary Bongers, 83, of 1123 Twenty-fourth st., suffered a fractured left hip about 2:15 p. m. Monday when she slipped on ice and fell. She told members of a fire department rescue crew, who took her to Broadlawn Polk County Hospital, that she fell as she was walking north on Twenty-fourth street toward University avenue.

Sentence Mother On Curfew Count  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. (AP)—Mrs. Helen Rasmussen received a 30-day suspended sentence Monday after pleading guilty to a charge of violating the Cedar Rapids curfew ordinance.

Mrs. Rasmussen admitted she had allowed her 15-year-old daughter to stay out until 1 a. m. last Monday.

The ordinance set a time limit of 10 p. m. for children under 13 and 11 p. m. for those 13 to 15.

WINTER CLEARANCE SALE  
40% TO 50% OFF

Entire Remaining Winter Stock—DRESSES, SUITS, COATS, SKIRTS, SLACKS, SWEATERS, BLOUSES, JACKETS, STRETCH PANTS and CO-ORDINATES

All Winter Dresses, Skirts & Sweaters—Now . . . 50% Off  
All Winter Slacks, Stretch Pants, Suits & Coats—Now . . . 40% Off  
All Spring Pastel Wool Skirts, Sweaters & Slacks—Now . . . 40% Off

FELDMANN'S  
Merle Hay Plaza

MORE THRU BUSES  
**YAMAHA**  
ERANG new buses go straight thru round the clock schedules. One way \$2.99. Phone 262-3211.  
**GO GREYHOUND**  
...and leave the driving to us