

# \$41 million in highway projects on tap in area

By DON HENRY

AMES — Hawk-Eyeland will cash in on more than \$41-million in state highway projects over the next six years, but will still have "critical needs" estimated to cost \$45 million which is not programmed.

Those figures appeared in the annual primary road construction program released here by the Iowa Highway Commission at noon today.

The plan calls for \$5,563,000 in 1971 projects throughout The Hawk-Eye's five-county Iowa circulation area, most of it (\$4,943,000) going to Des Moines county for 2.6 miles of work on the US 534 freeway and 1.1 miles of US 61 improvements.

Purchase of 1.8 miles of 534 right-of-way from Osborn west through the Hawk-eye fair-ground is the biggest 1971 expense (\$1.64 million) in Des Moines county; bridge and culvert work from Osborn east to Third is tabbed for \$1,611,000.

Already under contract for \$849,000 is paving the 6-mile Osborn-to-Third stretch, while right-of-way acquisition from Third to MacArthur bridge is scheduled for \$263,000. US 61 re-location north of Sunnyside will incur an expected \$580,000 in right-of-way costs.

But in future planning years, US 61 development expands. Grading and paving the north end of the project is down for \$346,000 in 1972; also that year, the IHC plans \$1.1 million for right-of-way work south to Agency with \$1,652,000 set aside for widening and paving the 1.3-mile stretch.

Right-of-way for another mile south to West avenue is slated for 1973 purchase (\$850,000) and 1974 paving (\$889,000). The last segment of that project, 4.5 miles south to Spring Grove, has been put off until 1976 when \$208,000 is planned for right-of-way; \$1 million for construction goes into the late 1970s.

Statewide, the IHC proposes \$138 million in 1971 construction and right-of-way acquisitions. Longer-range plans call for expenditure of \$655 million more through five fiscal years ending June 30, 1978.

## 'Current' Projects

The 1971 IHC program, unlike those released in past years, "includes only those projects which can be developed with (present manpower) and which can be funded from current resources at current rates," IHC Director Joseph Coupal said.

(Until this year, the IHC deliberately planned "more projects than could be funded," Coupal said, because some were always dropped or postponed "due to circumstances generally beyond the control of the highway commission.")

Instead of over-programming, the director explained, the commission will draw on a \$1-plus-billion list of projects labeled "current critical unmet needs" to replace jobs from the "funds-approved" list which cannot be completed.

The 1971 budget, besides the US 534 and 61 work in Burlington, calls for these tasks elsewhere in Hawk-Eyeland:

**HENRY county** — US 218, right-of-way purchase from Lee county line 2.4 miles north of Iowa 125, and embankment repair south of Mt. Pleasant, \$83,000; Iowa 249, surface restoration 3 miles from Winfield to Iowa 78, \$59,000.

**LEE county** — US 218, right-of-way acquisition from Henry county line 11.8 miles south to Iowa 2, \$321,000. (In both Lee and Henry counties, target for the US 218 freeway completion is set back a year to 1973 for design shortcomings and "financial considerations.")

**LOUISA county** — Iowa 99, bridge deck repair over Iowa river at east edge of Wapello, \$158,000.

**VAN BUREN county** — No

1971 right-of-way or construction work programmed.

Major projects proposed through fiscal 1976 center on US 61, and 534 in Des Moines county. Most of the 534 freeway work is set for 1972 completion, but 2.6 miles of paving has been set back to 1973 due to a "problem with concept agreement," the IHC report said.

## Squabble Reference

That reference is to a long-standing squabble between various elements in West Burlington and the IHC. Several

local factions had battled several years over various alternatives for location of US 534 freeway interchanges.

Only this summer did the IHC settle the dispute — by declaring a stalemate and deciding that since the city could not reach an accord, it would have no interchanges at all.

The commission also plans to extend US 534 to the Henry county line at a cost of \$10-plus million, but does not propose funds for that project extension until after 1976.

He said the ruts did not destroy the sealing value of the slurry "but are poor in appearance and riding quality," but also noted that "the process virtually eliminated complaints about dust and a long curing time" which arose from the old oil-and-rock-chip sealing method.

"I think we can learn a lot about this," Titus said, "but we'll have to wait until next year" to discover if slurry-sealing is a better process.

## Snow beats winter

**NORDEN, Calif. (UPI)**—Winter's arrival found this tiny Sierra hamlet with a record 135-inch snowpack. That's half again as much as the previous record of 90 inches.

Norden is at the 7,000-foot level of the Sierra in Nevada County north of Lake Tahoe.

## Schwengel sets tour of 1st District

**DAVENPORT** — Congressman Fred Schwengel will be on his annual tour of the First District between Jan. 4 and 16.

Schwengel will spend a day in each of the 12 First District counties meeting constituents, speaking at high schools and meeting with civic groups.

Schwengel usually makes his trip around the First District soon after the election, completing it before Jan. 1. This year the post-election session of Congress prevented him from doing so.

## No sign of major break in slaying investigation

**By DAVE COLLOGAN**

No sign of a major break in the mysterious death of Mrs. Mary Lange is in sight, investigators said Wednesday as they continued to sift evidence and track down tips.

Funeral for Mrs. Lange, 37, and the mother of three, was held Tuesday.

Mrs. Lange's body was discovered in Long Creek, nine miles west of Burlington last Saturday, two days after she was reported missing by her sister. Her blood-splattered car had been found on a Burlington street early Friday.

It appears Mrs. Lange was struck in the back of the head, taken to Long Creek

## Hawk-Eye happenings

Mrs. Ellen Schmiege, 603 Barret, is a medical patient in Burlington Memorial hospital.

Donna Fitzpatrick is now taking appointments. Dorothy Ann's Salon of Beauty, 1401 Smith, 753-1603. — Adv.

Tonight a Christmas dance will be held at the West Burlington youth center. The "High Coincidence", formerly "The Mother Fox", will play from 7:30 to 10:45 p.m.

**HELP INC. YOUTH LINE**  
Narcotics, Drugs or Any Problems  
CALL 2-1218  
Between 4 & 12 p.m. Daily

Christmas Eve at nine will find the candlelight service of Westminster United Presbyterian church starting; the theme is The Bethlehem Story.

**CRIME ALERT**  
Call 754-4636  
Or 911

Denzo's Pizza open 11-1 daily — Adv.

The Rev. Henry T. Hackman, pastor of Grace United Methodist church, delivered a Christmas message to the Lions club at its dinner meeting at Hotel Burlington Tuesday noon.

**New city Maps available at The Burlington Hawk-Eye, 50c. — Adv.**

A jury trial was set for Feb. 22 for Lyle A. Robinson, 22, 1024 Brooks, on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Police charge Robinson with making beer available to a minor on Oct. 9.

Theodore Story, 3131 Sunnyside, told police someone jimmied the lock on his car but did not gain entry sometime Monday night while the car was parked at his residence.

Richard W. Moore, 1519 Linden, told police someone broke into his residence and stole two fifths of whiskey sometime between 6 and 11:30 p.m. Tuesday.

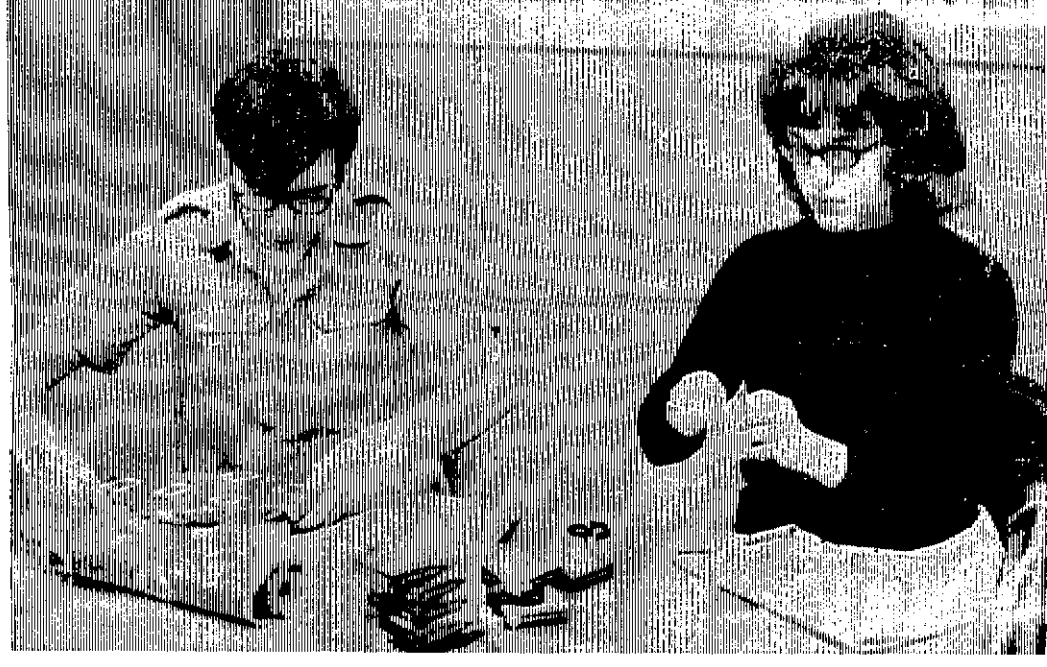
A disassembled snow blower was stolen from a truck parked at the Holiday Inn sometime Tuesday night.

A salesman for the Tri-State Toro Co., Richard R. Abshire, 36, Davenport, told police the snow blower valued at \$129.95 was in a box in the back of his truck.



"SHARING TREE" items collected from students at the arts and sciences and the career education campuses at Southeastern Iowa college will be distributed to needy families this week. The project, sponsored by a joint senate venture, called for students to bring non-food items for

cleaning house and personal hygiene to school and place them under a decorated Christmas tree. Tom Rowan, career education senate president, left, and senate member John Jaeger were among 12 senate members who boxed items for distribution.



WRAPPING PRESENTS to be given out by Santa Claus at a Christmas party for 28 disadvantaged children are Southeastern Iowa college students John Carhoff, and Mary

Ann Good. College senates collected more than \$300 for a Christmas party to be given Wednesday night at the career education building.

## Dram Shop suit filed in accident

Two Ft. Madison tavern owners and their insurance company have been named defendants in a \$125,000 suit testing the Iowa Dram Shop law.

The suit was filed in Des Moines county district court against Richard W. Kienlen and Elva Charles Manes, in connection with a 1969 head-on collision on US 61 near Ft. Madison. A Burlington man was killed in the accident.

David and Linda Kay Nelson, of Iowa City, filed the suit against Kienlen, Manes, the Illinois Casualty Co., and Virginia Ambers, administrator of the estate of Vincent Bruce Ambers, who died in the mishap.

The Dec. 27 accident two miles south of Ft. Madison involved cars driven by Ambers, 46, and Mrs. Nelson, 24. The Nelson car was southbound and the Ambers car northbound.

Mrs. Nelson asks \$100,000 for alleged permanent injury and medical expenses. At the time of the accident, she was reported to have suffered a broken jaw and leg.

Nelson, a passenger in the his wife's car, asks \$25,000 for injuries and \$1,809.92 for damage to the car.

The suit alleges Ambers was intoxicated when the crash occurred and that his car was in the wrong lane of traffic. Ambers' car had crossed the center line of the highway, the suit claims.

The suit also alleges that Ambers became intoxicated at the Sixty-One Inn in Ft. Madison, the tavern owned by Kienlen and Manes. The suit alleges the owner sold liquor or beer to Ambers when he was intoxicated.

## Break-in reported at Health Center

A thief sickened officials at the Des Moines county Health Center by tracking up the carpet and stealing \$96.73 from a locked desk drawer in one of the offices.

Police said the money was taken from a locked desk drawer but the drawer was not forced.

The intruder, who tracked mud throughout the building in addition to stealing the money, apparently gained entrance by breaking a first floor window on the north side.

Police were called to scene at 5:25 a.m. Wednesday by janitor, William J. Coakley, who discovered the break-in when he reported to work Wednesday.

# Head Start parents here have some 'veto powers'

By KAREN GOOD

Parental veto power in hiring and firing of Head Start staff members is just beginning to filter down to most local units.

But locally, Carolyn Friedson, lame-duck four county Head Start director, says during her tenure the policy has been implemented in "varying forms for some time."

The push for more parental control started nearly a year ago when two Vermillion Parish, La., staff members were fired by higher echelon Head Start personnel.

Parents, in protesting the move, said: "We want your help in getting these two people back on their jobs... We feel as parents we have very little to say."

Although the two Louisiana officials were not rehired, the new guidelines prohibit any staff hiring or firing without the approval of parent advisory panels and require parental approval of other program decisions.

"If parents don't approve, the

proposal cannot be adopted, or the proposed action taken, until agreement is reached between the disagreeing groups or individuals," the new policy says.

## Power Has Varied

Mrs. Friedson said such parental power had always been in Head Start guidelines, but the amount of "real" parental power has "varied in communities depending on the directors."

"Here in Burlington we have worked with them as much as we could," she said.

However, she added, though the guidelines were a "great ideal," they weren't always the "best way" to direct the program.

"Whenever you try to get humanization and democracy into this kind of program you run into problems."

"Sometimes parents think they were treated all right in school and so that's the way they want their kids treated even though really their classes were run by very authoritarian people.

"So, we try to make the kids'

welfare our first priority and then the parents," she said.

## Some Advantages

But, with more pressure now from federal authorities to implement the guidelines, Mrs. Friedson said she did see some advantages.

"This means we'll have to start educating the parents more. We'll have to start explaining to them why we use the education methods we do, and there's really nothing better that could happen. It will force us to get closer to them," she said.

Mrs. Friedson, who will terminate her work here Jan. 1, said she had already been implementing the guidelines in seeking a new Head Start position.

"Wherever I go to interview I request that I meet the parents and make sure they know me and what I think about education. It makes the interviews a lot longer but this 'pig in the poke' idea just has to stop. It's dishonest."

Mrs. Friedson said also

during her year here she had made sure 51 per cent of the parents agreed with the hiring of a teacher or staff member.

"The only real censoring I do is sometimes when I think someone would be bad for the program, I tell the parents I won't hire the person and why," she said.

## Not So Reluctant

Though parents have had veto power for sometime, Mrs. Friedson said she had noticed they were reluctant to use it.

"Too often, after they've gotten used to a director, they just figure the director knows more about the program than they do, and they expect you to make all the decisions," she said.

Similar guidelines are being developed for parental participation in regional and national Head Start policy-making, said Mrs. Bernadette McTigh, a parent program specialist in the National Head Start office.

Head Start provides education, social and medical services for needy children aged 3 to 6.

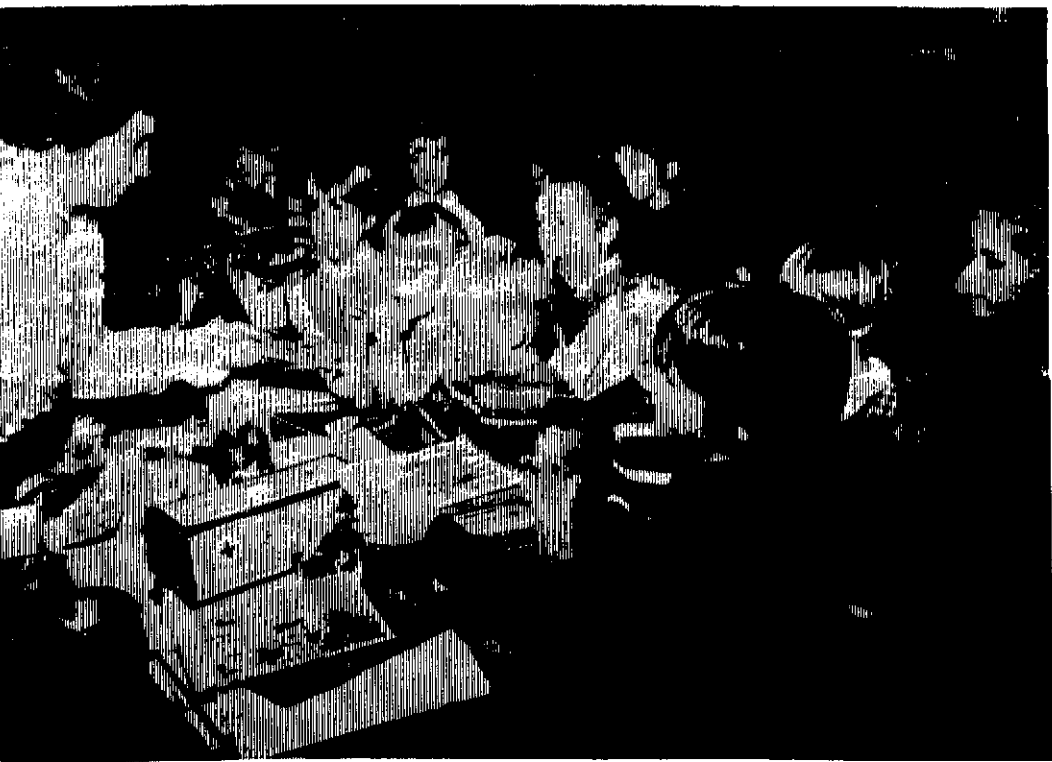
Head Start has no formal arbitration process to cover the expected conflicts between agencies and parents, though according to Mrs. McTigh one is under consideration.

Opposition to the new rules has already surfaced among anti-poverty agencies and school boards that operate Head Start centers.

Directors of community action programs in Arkansas stated their opposition in a letter that said the rules "impose a burden on rural areas" where it is difficult to get parents together for decisions.

Elbert T. Winn, a regional parent involvement specialist for Head Start, said anti-poverty agencies in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas oppose the rules.

One big city school district, which Mrs. McTigh declined to name, said it opposed the requirement because state law required local school boards to make their own personnel decisions.



ANY APPLES? Kindergarten teacher Nancy Brown was loaded down Tuesday with gifts from her West Burlington pupils. The presents were presented at the school's Christmas party.