

Hawk-Eye happenings

The basic salary of Des Moines county Sheriff Merritt Quick is \$10,000, not \$10,750 as stated in a story last week. The higher figure includes a \$750 annual housing allowance the sheriff draws in addition to his regular pay.

A combination street and stop sign located at the intersection of Dankward Dr. and Madison, was found bent over, apparently by a car that jumped the curb, police said.

Rosella Wasson, assistant to the cashier at Burlington Bank & Trust, will speak on "How to Succeed in Business By Really Trying" to secretarial students in the office training class at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Burlington high school.

Des Moines County Democratic Central Committee will meet tonight at eight at the courthouse. Business to be discussed will be the precedent-setting off-year caucuses proposed by the state Democratic organization.

Denio's Pizza open 11-1 daily—Adv.

James Rowan, 1015 N. Ninth, reported to police someone attempted to steal the battery from his car, but failed. The cables had been cut, he said.

Thursday is the deadline for those who wish to be listed as patrons in the Duke Ellington souvenir booklet. Call 752-1859 or 754-6194.

The Burlington Singles Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Party Room of the Bowl Inn for its regular monthly meeting and card party. All single people 23 and older are invited.

Sympathy Wreaths, Schier's—Adv.

Marv Worrell will call a modern square dance for the Donnellson Dancing D's Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Legion hall.

Closing Out Sale—Narda Shop, 914 Maple.—Adv.

Jess Pennoek will teach a beginners class in square dancing at 7 p.m. Friday in the K of C hall, Ft. Madison. The regular dance for the Star Promenaders will follow.

Helmer Campbell, 1001½ N. Seventh, reported to police the theft of a battery valued at \$35 from his car parked in the unlocked garage at his residence.

'Unknown' could be attraction

A relatively unknown Nixon administration official may arouse more interest than several Cabinet officers next week when officials of Burlington and West Burlington travel to Washington, D. C. to attend a Community Officials Conference.

City Manager John Dullea, Mayor Ray Eastin, Councilmen Fred Savelly, Milt Titus and B. L. Robinson are scheduled to attend the conference along with Mayor Chet Mason, Councilman Warren Kester and Utilities Supt. Dale Broeker of West Burlington.

In addition to hearing Attorney General John Mitchell, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George Romney and Secretary of Agriculture Clifford Hardin, the group will also talk with William Patterson.

Patterson is special assistant to the director in the office of urban renewal assistance.

One reason for the large Burlington representation is the interest in urban renewal. The council recently approved the expenditure of local funds for planning of the North Hill rehabilitation project. Several councilmen have expressed a desire to learn more about the administration of renewal programs while in Washington.

The local officials will also meet with William Ruckelshaus, newly-appointed director of the Environmental Protection Agency and Don Johnson, Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

The visitors will be kept busy during their stay in Washington. They will arrive Monday and begin official activities at 8:30 Tuesday morning with registration at the Rayburn office building. The day won't end until 7 p.m. with a reception in the Cannon House Office Building.

The conference is being sponsored by Rep. Fred Schwengel, First District, and Rep. John Kyl, Fourth District.

Plumbers claim in-industry work is sometimes inferior

By DON HENRY

Evidence that Burlington industrial firms have apparently violated city inspection laws for years capped a marathon debate of new plumbing and electrical ordinances at Tuesday night's regular city council meeting.

The revelation came after local plumbers charged that the industries, using maintenance employees who are exempt from licensing requirements for "in-house" plumbing work, sometimes perform inferior work through lack of thorough plumbing knowledge.

Several representatives of local industries, lobbying to keep the licensing exemption, countered that such work is still subject to inspection by Plumbing Inspector Willard Patterson.

But Patterson retorted, "I have never had a call for an inspection at these firms," and declared that city-initiated inspections have recently revealed "serious problems in some of the places represented here tonight."

He also said Memorial hospital, inspected earlier Tuesday, was found to have "potential contamination" of its water lines due to a substandard plumbing job.

Asked for more details Wednesday, Patterson explained the hospital defect "is nothing serious right now, but it could be. There's a possible contamination by backflow in the event that city water (pressure) would fail."

He said the defect was in the hospital laboratory area, where "a required system of vacuum breakers was not installed." A water pressure drop without the breakers, he said, "would draw dirty water back into the pipe system."

Equipment On Order
Hospital Administrator Paul Sot said Wednesday the hospital had ordered the necessary equipment immediately when notified of the condition, and expects it "to arrive soon, and it is fairly standard."

It will be installed by hospital maintenance personnel rather than licensed plumbers, however, Sot said.

Turning to industry, Patterson said management representatives Tuesday night "led themselves to their own slaughter block" by admitting they have not sought inspection of various plumbing installations made by their own personnel.

"They are obliged by the code to call for an inspection" regardless of who makes the installation, he explained.

Among the firms represented at the session were J. I. Case, Winegard, Murray Iron and Iowa Industries.

Manufacturers Bureau manager Sam Mahon of the Chamber of Commerce, with backing the local plants "have competent engineering personnel (who) are qualified to design modifications" of plumbing and electrical services.

Union Problems?

Plant Engineer Jerry Fichtenkort of Case said his firm's "designs have always provided for using the best, not the minimum standards" and said a change in licensing "could cause jurisdictional problems" with Case Co. unions.

Howard Auten, toolroom and maintenance manager at Winegard, said his firm "gets the job done" with its own employees and "we lose tremendous flexibility if you start pinning us down" with ordinances.

Vice President John Siefert of Murray Iron declared "industry has been taking care of its own. We have no problems. . . and we're still subject to the city inspection code."

Councilman Fred Savelly

said he felt the plumbers had "a selfish interest. . . in protecting their own jobs" rather than being motivated "to protect the public" in the debate.

But Plumber James McCann replied, "Who's working in those factories? Isn't that the public?" He added that good plumbing to prevent health hazards should be even more important in industrial plants than it is in a private home.

Patterson agreed Wednesday that "the licensed plumbers are the least of my problems. When they do a job, it's done right."

The inspector said the bulk of the problems he's seen in local plants were "open lines that gave the possibility of sewer gas in the buildings. I called attention to these, and they were corrected."

Patterson said raw sewer gas improperly vented "pollutes the air; it can give the employees headaches; and it can release germs" into the plants.

He vowed a stepped-up inspection of industrial buildings and warned that under the new city code, he can order improperly installed plumbing ripped out and replaced if the firm has not asked that it be inspected during installation.

The plumbers won the bulk of their argument, as the

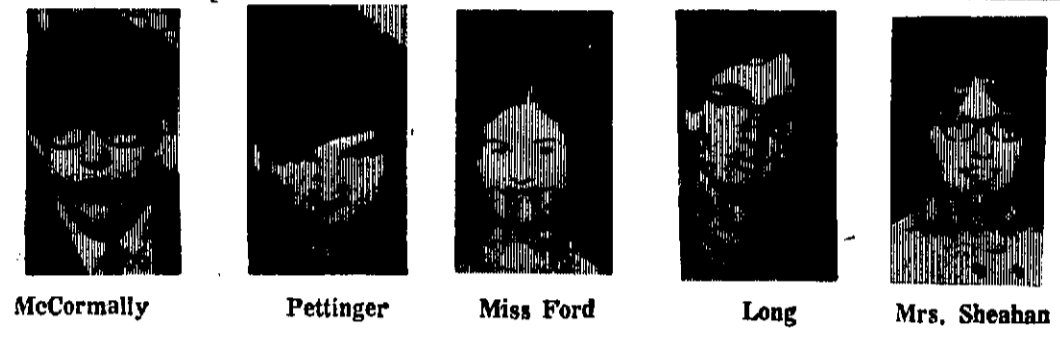
council amended the licensing exemption clause to restrict the work of unlicensed industrial, railroad and public utility employees.

Also rejected by the council was a clause permitting employees of commercial firms to do any plumbing. This came when the plumbers charged that some downtown businesses have also made substandard installations — apparently deliberately because the plumbing includes "caps" for correction if required by an inspection.

Councilman B. L. Robinson appealed without success to "protect these businessmen" by maintaining license exemptions for all employe-performed work, but voted with the majority after the alleged deficiencies were revealed.

Mayor pro tem Milt Titus, reminded that the pack of code amendments has been under study for more than a year, declared that "we're not going to let this go any longer."

The new code section, as approved and adopted, permits unlicensed full-time employes to perform "maintenance, service repair, or replacement of existing fixtures and indirect drainage," but does not allow such work on drainage and ventilation systems or equipment.



McCormally Pettinger Miss Ford Long Mrs. Sheahan

Lions prefer affirmative

Burlington Lions voted for the affirmative after listening to the Burlington high school debate squad tear into the question. Resolved: That the federal government should finance, control, and administer programs for the control of air and water pollution — the National Forensic League topic for 1971.

The affirmative side was presented by two seniors, Robert Long and Merry Ford, and there were those who suggested that Miss Ford charmed the Lions into voting for her side.

The negative was upheld by

two juniors, Terence McCormally and Joseph Pettinger. The quartet was accompanied by the debate coach, Sieglinde Sheahan, daughter of a pillar of the Lions club, Edwin J. Landwehr.

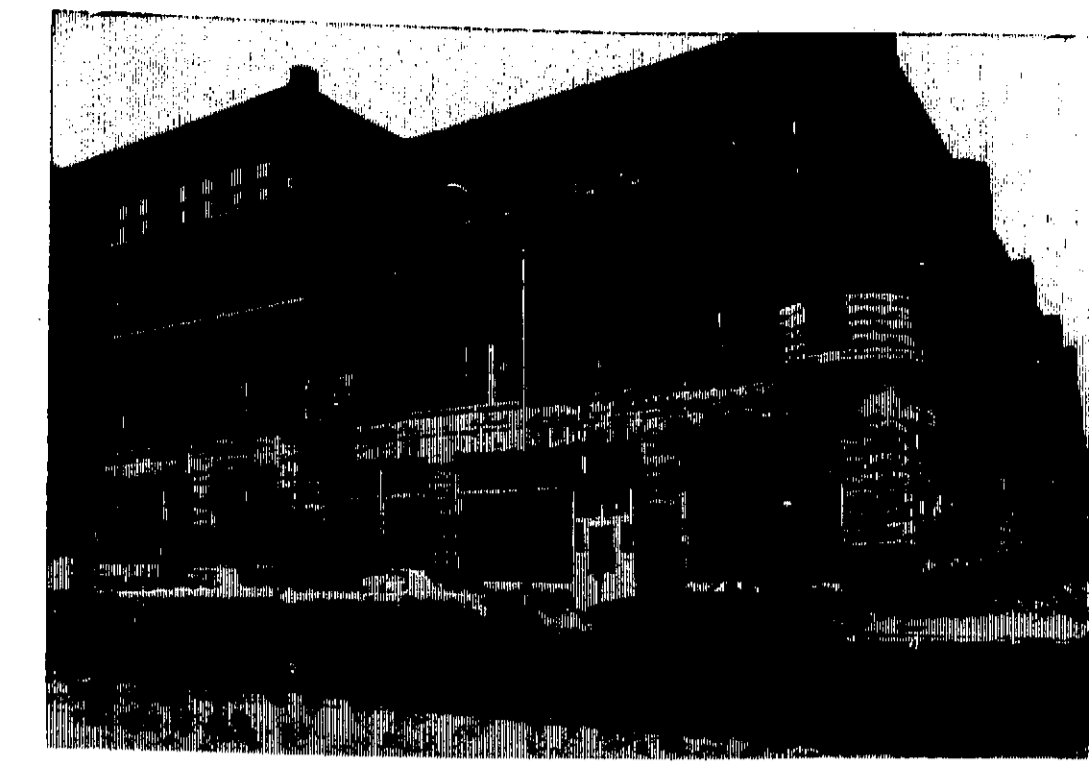
The affirmative argued that the government should consolidate state and local anti-pollution agencies into regional agencies responsible to the Environmental Protection Agency, because the state and local agencies are uncoordinated and inefficient.

The negative contended that bringing the federal government

into local and state anti-pollution programs is unnecessary, because the job is already being done.

The negative pointed out that the automobile industry — Public Enemy No. 1 as far as polluting the atmosphere is concerned — has been given until 1976 to eliminate pollution by automotive vehicles, and that industry — a major pollutant of air and water — is working hard on anti-pollution measures.

The affirmative rebutted that the EPA guidelines are not always strictly followed by agencies at lower levels of government.



The Blaul building

Blaul building sold

Mary Lou Skerik, president of MLS, Inc., Burlington, has announced the purchase of Burlington Warehouse Co., known as the Blaul Building, at Fifth and Valley, from Anna, Mark and Meter Blaul. The building was constructed around 1910.

In the past it housed the Blaul Grocery firm, which went out of existence a decade or so ago. Since that time, it has been used for rental storage space for local businesses and public warehousing of local foodstuffs.

"This type of business operation will be maintained and all Blaul employes will be retained," Mrs. Skerik said.

The 4-story brick building, containing about 100,000 square feet, a railroad siding and truck docking facilities, also has leased space to the Don Pease Co., Pioneer Supply Co. and there will be one new tenant, Skerik Parts Service Co.

Parts Distributor
MLS, Inc., has been in existence about four years, and is a warehouse distributor for automotive parts; one of MLS's customers is Skerik Parts Service Co., a 47-year-old firm. The parts service company, currently located at 512 N. Main, utilizes 14,000 square feet of space and will expand to 25,000 square feet in its new location.

Mrs. Skerik announced that a continual program of gradual remodeling of the entire former Blaul building is contemplated over the next five years.

Interior remodeling on the first floor and basement to accommodate the Skerik firm is the initial step, scheduled to begin shortly. The Skerik company plans to move about June 1. Their North Main location will then be available for lease or sale.

There will be additional needs for personnel as the project moves forward but it is too early to speculate on when or how many new people will be needed, Mrs. Skerik said.



Present location of Skerik's

Productions, Inc. seeks new location

Chuck Paule, president of the board of Productions, Inc., sheltered workshop for the handicapped, which is housed on the first floor of the former Blaul building, said his group is looking for a new location.

"Mr. and Mrs. Tiemeyer are doing the leg-work, investigating possible locations. There are a number of vacant buildings in downtown Burlington which are being considered," Paule said.

He added that they were looking for a building with 8,000 to 10,000 square feet of space, preferably on the first floor, or barring that, one with an elevator, "since a number of our people use wheelchairs and find stairs impossible."

"Another consideration is the rental price," Paule emphasized. "We are operating on a deficit budget right now and we are only paying a very nominal rental which includes utilities. We have to keep costs down in this area."

Ken Tiemeyer said that no definite date for a move had

been given, "but as soon as we find a suitable place, we will move." Paule said he understood that Productions, Inc., would have 30 days after the purchase was finalized before it would have to vacate but no notice had been given as yet.

Pre-registration for parochials

Pre-registration for the Burlington-West Burlington school system for those who are not now attending parochial school but intend to next year is now under way.

David Walker, administrator of the system, said the registration is being held at this time to assist in planning staff and teachers for the next school year.

Registration, he said, can be made at Notre Dame high school or at the St. John's or St. Paul's attendance centers. There are 850 students in the system this year — including 244 at Notre Dame — and a larger enrollment is expected next year, Walker said.

Rubber stamp allegation denied here

Are school boards mere rubber stamps for ambitious superintendents?

They are that, charges Mrs. Barbara Thomas of the Lin-Mar school board of Linn county.

They are not, counters Dr. Donald W. Allgood, president of Burlington Community school board.

Testifying before the Iowa House Schools Committee in Des Moines, Mrs. Thomas alleged that school boards have almost completely surrendered their duties and seldom question the "empire-building dreams" of school administrators.

Mrs. Thomas, a former teacher, urged the legislature to create a state education commission to investigate the complaints of taxpayers in school districts.

She also recommended standard evaluation tests, so schools can be compared against each other to tell if they are doing their jobs.

The primary function of school boards is to set policy and to see that the policy is carried out, Mrs. Thomas declared, yet most boards merely approve policy submitted by superintendents.

Replying to Mrs. Thomas' charges, Allgood told The Hawk-Eye: "As one of several board members in our community who lose more sleep over school problems than we do over our own business problems, I cannot agree with Mrs. Thomas' remarks."

"Board members are not above errors in judgment, but I do think that they weigh the ramifications of their decisions carefully."

"The more involved we become, the more aspects of the problem are known to us, and at this time the supposedly easy answers are not so easy."

"I think that Mrs. Thomas' generalizations apply in a few instances but not in most."

"Her suggestion for a statewide test to compare schools would result, I am sure, in teaching being geared to look good on the test, and would become of little actual value."

"As I see it, we have to become aware of the nature of our problems and pursue the course that gives the children the best opportunity possible at the least dollar cost."

Chases burglar away

A Burlington man armed with a BB-gun pistol chased a would-be burglar from his residence early Wednesday.

J. Martin Shanklin, 19, said he saw a man described as having a "regular build" run out of the front door of his 2228 Vineyard residence and disappear in an alley beside the house.

Shanklin said he and his wife were awakened when they heard the man enter the front door and rummage around briefly in the kitchen.

Shanklin said he grabbed the pistol and apparently made enough noise to scare off the intruder, who did not take anything. Shanklin told police his family is in the process of moving to Florida and the intruder probably thought they had already moved.

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Lange death still a mystery

By DAVE COLLOGAN

Tuesday was one of those gloomy, overcast Iowa days when no one seems to be in a good mood.

Des Moines county sheriff Merritt Quick wasn't in a good mood either as he sat in his office discussing the investigation into the slaying of Mary B. Lange.

The body of Mrs. Lange, an attractive 37-year-old brunette and the mother of three, was found in the muddy waters of Long Creek, nine miles west of Burlington on Dec. 19. She was reported missing on Dec. 17 by a sister.

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Cites Criticism
Quick said, "There's very little I can tell. . ." about the case. He said he had been criticized by a number of people, including judges, for releasing information he has about the case. He said he was reluctant to speak about the matter but he did say investigators still feel their original theory about the death is the correct one.

Quick wouldn't say exactly what that theory is but in earlier interviews officials said they believed the assailant was a local person who knew the roads in the area.

the FBI reports other than saying, "they confirmed our original suspicions."

Many Questioned
The FBI reports were only one phase of the investigation. Authorities have talked to more than 175 people in attempting to get information about the case. Three men have been given lie detector tests. Quick said the men were not "cleared" by the tests but were "removed as principal suspects."

Authorities are still checking out leads which continue to come in but none has led to a break in the case.

Court Rulings
The biggest problem, Quick said, is "Supreme Court rulings," particularly those in regard to questioning. Quick said he still has not been able to interrogate everyone he wants to.

One of those who Quick claims hasn't been interrogated is Marvin Lange, the dead woman's husband.

Lange filed a divorce petition on June 17, 1970. Mrs. Lange later filed a cross petition under the dissolution of marriage act. Both actions were still pending at the time of her death.

Quick charged earlier that Lange would not talk to authorities but at that time Lange's lawyer, T. K. Ford, disagreed.

"Mr. Lange has answered every question put to him and on two occasions investigators have asked whatever questions they wanted with his attorneys present," Ford said.

or give an indication who it might be. He said he is faced by "the old business that people won't give us the information — they don't want to get involved."

Quick charged that people who won't give information "are involved, as long as they have to live in a world with murderers, thieves and burglars."

Quick said he would "do anything I can within the law. . ." to solve the case.

Some Disagreement
There is some disagreement about the course of action to be taken in the investigation. Quick said he has asked county attorney E. Dean Metz to handle some legal work pertaining to the case. He said Metz hasn't done this, claiming he "was too busy," in Quick's words.

Metz, Wednesday morning,

said he and assistant county attorney Steven Hoth have discussed the matter with Quick but said, "we feel we're on very dangerous ground."

"I can understand Merritt's concern in this matter," Metz said, "but as attorneys we lay ourselves open for criticism and possible liability."

Metz said he has also discussed the matter with Dist. Judge William Cahill. Metz said the matter under discussion is very complicated and involves "people's rights," and at present he doesn't feel he can proceed.

And so the investigation moves into its third month with no immediate expectation of an arrest.

Quick said there are still men working on the case, although not as many as there were because, "there isn't that much they can do."

Local homicide among BCI 'unsolved' cases in 1970

The death of Mary B. Lange stands out in the files of the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation files as the only 1970 homicide which has not been solved.

Leonard S. Murray, assistant chief of the BCI, said the only records they have are for those cases in which the bureau participated. He said the BCI had men "in the field" on six homicide cases in 1970, "five of which were solved, and one of which is still pending. I can't say it is unsolved, as it is still under investigation."

He said the BCI only enters a case when a local agency requests aid. He said some local agencies in the state have

enough men and facilities to handle their own investigation.

Murray said in some instances the BCI handles some technical investigation at its laboratory facilities but does no actual on the spot investigating.

"There are a lot of homicides we never hear about except through the newspapers. . . that is because of the lack of a uniform crime report."

Murray added that if there was a uniform crime reporting statute in all states it would show what the "crime picture really is." He said this would involve the FBI's compiling contributions from 50 states rather than all the thousands of cities and towns that now report.

Dubuque finds way to cut school costs

By KAREN GOOD

At least one school district in the state has found a way to reduce its administrative costs for the coming year.

The superintendent of Dubuque schools estimates the district will save between \$90,000 and \$100,000 during 1971-72 with a redistribution of personnel in the mid-teen salary bracket.

"There won't be any firings, but we'll redistribute the jobs so some of the administrators will be teaching instead of administering," Supt. Garyn Wessel said.

All of the changes will come to the district's curriculum development area.

\$14,000-\$15,000" Wessel said. "What the board has approved is a reorganization of those jobs so we only have five full-time administrators for this area. The rest of the people will start spending most of their time teaching rather than administering," Wessel said.

Pay cuts will follow, with some ranging up to \$4,000, Wessel said.

Expectations Resignations
Though none of the administrators involved has quit yet, Wessel said he anticipated some probably will "before too long."

Wessel said the action was taken to prepare for what he feels will be "some sort" of budget restriction next year. "I think we'll probably see a bill either freezing or increasing budgets only slightly," Wessel said.

13,000 students. This year's budget is \$11,850,000.

Curriculum development is one of the areas in which the North Central Assn. team recommended Burlington's district should add additional personnel.

Currently there are five overseers of curriculum here — Ray Eastin, Director of Secondary Education, Roy Wise, Director of Elementary Education, Helen Caldwell, Supervisor of Elementary Art, Joye Dardorf, Supervisor of Elementary Music, and John Ossian, Supervisor of Physical Education.

Assistant Supt. Haden Keen is directly responsible for all curriculum planning. The association team recommended five curriculum development personnel be added to Burlington's present curriculum staff.

Minutes of the council

Burlington city council, in regular session Tuesday night with all Councilmen present (Mayor Ray Eastin absent), convened at 7:10 and:

- Extended lease of city bus barn to Burlington Transit Co. for one year.
- Approved city license, as amended to consolidate certain routes and cut back operating schedule, for BTL with \$1,000 monthly subsidy from city.
- Adopted ordinance after third readings updating the city uniform building code, minimum standards, establishment of construction appeals board, and plumbing and electrical inspections, all with no discussion.
- Adopted ordinance after amendments and third readings to establish operations of plumbing and electrical examining boards, and supplemental electrical regulations, each after lengthy discussion.
- Tabled ordinance to allow use of plastic pipe in some plumbing installations, pending ruling by HUD on the ordinance's approval by state law.
- Killed for lack of second a motion to restrict consideration of future ordinances for two per council meeting.
- Accepted grading work by Goerd Construction Co. on airport ILS system, authorizing payment.
- Referred petition for paying Flint Hills drive from Division to Planning Ct. to public works department.
- Approved annual road use tax report.
- Authorized payment of routine payroll and claims.
- Approved routine bonds, insurance certificates, driveway permits and beer and cigarette permits.
- Received and filed various departmental periodic reports.
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- Advised of 11:34 making the meeting the longest per session in the council-manager government's 3-year history.