

# Deaths

**Virginia Johnston**, 58, a former resident of Cedar Rapids, died Wednesday in a Davenport hospital following a long illness.

She was born Jan. 20, 1920, at Osceola and was married to Wayne Johnston on July 8, 1941, at Benton, Ark. The family lived in Cedar Rapids for seven years prior to moving to Davenport two years ago.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a daughter, Patricia Fortune, Corydon; four grandchildren; two sisters, Ida Belle Luett, Perry, and Martha Salsbury, North Hollywood, Calif.; one brother, Robert Callahan, Chicago; and her father, Russell Callahan, Perry.

Services: Saturday at 10 a.m., St. John's United Methodist Church, Davenport. Burial at Osceola. Visitation Friday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Hill and Fredericks Funeral Home, Davenport. Cedar Rapids memorial donations may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church.

## Services Pending

**Elmo Alger**, 72, of 700 35th St., Marion, died Wednesday at a local hospital following a lingering illness. Services pending at Baxter's in Marion.

## Memorial Services

**Quick, Molly Amanda** — Private graveside services were held Wednesday at St. John's Cemetery by Father Edward Roling of St. Ludmila's Church. She is the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Quick, 3717 Western Pine Drive NE. Brosh Chapel was in charge of the services.

**Charipar, Charles** — 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Jude's Catholic Church by the Rev. Eugene Kutsch. Burial: St. John's Cemetery. Rosary at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Janeba-Kuba Funeral Home West.

**Maleek, Gladys** — 1:30 p.m. Friday at Turner Chapel East by the Rev. Clifton W. Ellerbeck of Kenwood Park United Methodist Church. Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery. Friends may call at Turner Chapel East.

**Popelka, Godfrey** — 1:30 p.m. Friday at Janeba-Kuba Funeral Home West by T.B. Hlubucek. Burial: Czech National Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home.

**Hutchins, Gary James** — 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Baxter Memorial Chapel by the Rev. John D. Huber. Burial: Oak Shade Cemetery. Friends may call at Baxter's from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.

**Harold H. Boddicker**, 63, of Newhall, died Wednesday in Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids.

Born in rural Newhall Aug. 13, 1915, he was married to Beatrice Olson on Feb. 8, 1937, at Watkins. He had farmed all his life in the Newhall-Watkins area.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, David, and a brother, Arley, both of Newhall; four sisters, Mrs. Lester Wheeler and Mrs. Howard Johnson, both of Newhall; Mrs. Lawrence Werning, Shellsburg, and Mrs. George Fahnle, Cedar Rapids, and two grandchildren.

Services: Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Newhall. Burial: St. Patrick's Cemetery near Walker. Rosary Friday at T.W. Van Beck's, Blairstown, where friends may call after 8 a.m. Friday. The body will be taken to the church at 10 a.m. Saturday.

**Harry W. Kester**, 79, a former resident of Linn County and the state of Wisconsin, died Tuesday morning at Hemet, Calif., following a long illness.

Born at Central City on March 6, 1899, he was married to the former Mary C. Bading at Coggon on Feb. 19, 1924. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Catholic church.

Surviving are his wife of Hemet, Calif.

Services: 10 a.m. Saturday at the Murdoch Funeral Home in Walker by the Rev. R.J. Axen. Burial: St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 9 a.m. Saturday.

## Iowa Deaths

**Oelwein** — George King, 58. Pending at Hintz'.  
**West Branch** — Mrs. Florence Pilkington, 80. Friday, 2 p.m., United Methodist Church. Visitation at Barker's.

**Oxford Junction** — Charles M. Buresh, 47. Friday, 10:30 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rosary 8 tonight at Hayden's, where friends may call.

**Decorah** — Mrs. Edward (Amy) Bruening, 64. Pending at Olson-Fjelstul's.  
**Deep River** — Ralph R. Weiss, 75. Pending at McAninch-Fremming's in Victor.

**Wyoming** — Fern Scripture, 62. Saturday, 11 a.m., Wyoming Methodist Church. Visitation after 1 p.m. Friday at Hayden's.  
**Marengo** — Percy Edwards, 97. Saturday, 1:30 p.m., at Hoover-Valentine's, where friends may call after 2 p.m. Friday. Burial: Koszta Cemetery, rural Marengo.

# Body is identified as Grinnell girl

DES MOINES (AP) — A decomposed body found Tuesday near Des Moines has been identified as that of Camille Njus, 20, authorities said.

The woman's mother, Jean Gould of Grinnell, described her daughter as a "brilliant child" with a "brilliant future."

Miss Njus, who lived in an apartment in Des Moines, was reported missing after she failed to arrive at her family's home in Grinnell Aug. 4.

"I knew from the first that she would never have run away," Mrs. Gould said.

"My daughter was a brilliant child, a very fine daughter," said the mother, who is on the faculty at Upper Iowa University at Fayette.

"She didn't take drugs. She spoke three languages fluently and had a brilliant future planned as an international lawyer."

The woman's body was found by a man looking for firewood in a remote area north of Des Moines known as the Flint Access. The body was discovered under a pile of brush about 100 yards from a dirt road and about 300 yards from the Des Moines River.

The area provides public access to the river.

The woman's sweater, bra and ring were found at the site.

"I just don't know how I'm going to pick up the pieces, but I will go on with my job eventually. I'm just not capable of teaching right now," Mrs. Gould said.

Miss Njus, an employee of the state Department of Transportation, was last seen about 8 p.m. Aug. 4 at a hairdresser's shop.

# City Briefs

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**Pumpkins smashed** — George W. Davis, 1220 74th St. NE, found his crop of pumpkins ruined Wednesday morning. According to police reports, the 75 pumpkins were valued at \$35.

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**Dorland elected** — James Dorland, 4970 Harbet NW, has been elected president of the Iowa Easter Seal Society. He has been a member of the group's board since 1973.

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**Careers day** — A Health Careers Day will be held Friday at St. Luke's Methodist Hospital. Students from area high schools will participate.

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**VFW meeting** — Post 788 will hold its regular meeting at 8 tonight.

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**Plywood stolen** — Over \$600 worth of plywood was taken from a job site between 4 p.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today at 1715 First Ave. SE, police said. The plywood was owned by the El-View Construction Co.

# Tokyo most expensive

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Tokyo is the world's most expensive city for international civil servants, the U.N. Secretariat says.

The October Monthly Bulletin of Statistics reports it cost U.N. officials 62 percent more to live in Tokyo than New York City.

Colombo, capital of Sri Lanka, was the least expensive of 124 cities. Living there was 53 percent cheaper than in New York.

# U.S. 'holding Alaskan land'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Alaska Gov. Jay Hammond says the federal government is unjustly holding about 70 million acres of land needed by Alaska for agricultural and industrial development.

Hammond said the land is part of 104 million acres promised to Alaska when the area was granted statehood in 1959.

# 'Slave' auction aids burn victim

WAUKON — A community "slave" auction netted \$2,600 for the David Sniker fund Sunday at Rossville, a village nine miles southeast of Waukon.

Sniker, 45, owner-operator of Dave's Feed and Farm Store in Rossville, was severely burned in a gasoline fire in his shop in July and has been in St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. His medical bills are \$80,000, more than his insurance will pay.

Auctioneers George Ashbacher and Frank Lonning took an hour out of a sale at the Sportsman's Club in Rossville to "sell" the 45 men, women and young people who offered to donate eight hours work each to their purchasers. The highest amount bid was \$120 bid by the Sportsman's Club for the proprietor of a Waterville tavern.

## FUNNY BUSINESS

by Roger Bollen



# Cancer-nitrite criteria subject of GAO probe

By Roger Munns  
 Gazette Statehouse reporter

AMES — The General Accounting Office, the investigating arm of Congress, has agreed to study the procedure used by the federal government last August when it declared nitrite was a carcinogen, U.S. Rep. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said today.

Grassley said "questions" about a study leading to that conclusion have been raised and he said he suspects high officials in United States Department of Agriculture and the Federal Drug Administration used the study to justify conclusions already reached.

Sodium nitrite is a common additive in pork products. Without its use, food poisoning, particularly botulism, would be a real danger, Grassley said.

He said that until an adequate substitute is found for nitrite, its use should be continued, even if there are risks.

Grassley said the GAO and members of his staff, along with staffs of several other congressmen, will hold an initial meeting on the investigation Friday.

The probe itself will not begin before next year.

Grassley said that unless drastic action is taken, "we are now down the road to banning nitrite."

At a news conference on the Iowa State University campus, Grassley said, "We're now at the point with nitrite the same place we were at with saccharin 18 months ago."

Grassley also called for a revision

of the 20-year-old "Delaney clause," the law which calls for outlawing substances proved to be carcinogenic in laboratory test animals.

He said it would be "irresponsible" to repeal the clause, but that there need to be more safeguards and administrative procedures.

Grassley identified the "villains" in the nitrite case as Carol Foreman, an assistant USDA secretary, and Donald Kennedy, head of the FDA.

Grassley also released a letter dated Oct. 14, and signed by himself and six other congressmen, formally asking the GAO to conduct the study.

Grassley said the GAO has agreed to study the contractual agreement between the FDA and the USDA and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which conducted the nitrite study.

He also said the GAO will study the way those agencies responded to the study and also will consider how the "Delaney clause" has been applied.

Grassley's revelation comes on the heels of an announcement this month that scientists from the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institute of Health and the Agriculture Department have been assigned to a special panel to conduct a "slide by slide" review of laboratory results, expected to take months to complete. This probe, alone could delay considerably the phasing out of nitrites.

The Justice Department also is reviewing the legality of the phase-out.

# Mural on building: Owner, city at odds

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Attorney Jack McManus says city officials should be more concerned with adult book stores and nude dancing in nightclubs than with the mural he is having painted on his downtown office building.

"There are pictures of nude people all over downtown, but they pick on my mural," said McManus.

The mural, about one-third finished, shows the state Capitol, Madison's lakes, the scales of justice and the lush rolling green countryside of Dane County.

McManus says he was dumbfounded when city building inspectors told him to paint over the mural by Nov. 1.

"The mural is a beautifying aspect on a wall that was unattractive," McManus said. "I can't see anyone objecting to this mural except an idiot."

Building inspector George Carran said in a letter to McManus that a city building code provided that a mural "is not permitted unless it is first approved as a conditional use."

"This section provides that if a use is not listed as a permitted use in

a commercial district, it is not permitted. A mural is not listed as a permitted use."

Thundered McManus, "This is bureaucratic hypocrisy. They're a bunch of nitwits and nincompoops."

McManus says he is paying University of Wisconsin art student Russell Fellows "several thousand dollars" for the mural. He says the mural is in line with downtown renovation projects.

"I'm shocked they would do this to a man trying to beautify his own property," he said, adding that city officials once told him he needed a permit to fly the American flag outside his office.

He said the only legal grounds for city objections would be that his mural was a public nuisance, "but no one is claiming that."

McManus said he would apply for a permit for the mural, but vowed to go to court before removing it.

"They're trying to violate my First Amendment rights of free speech and artistic expression," he said. "This is arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of power, and I'm not going to take it lying down."

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## —Mideast talks—

The Carter administration has thus far been cool and non-committal on the aid requests, the sources indicated.

The aid Israel is seeking would be added to the only publicly promised assistance that has been tied to the Camp David agreements.

That aid would pay for two air bases in the Negev Desert to replace bases in the Sinai that Israel is returning to Egypt.

The additional aid being requested by Israel would cover the costs of relocating the settlers in the Sinai who would be liable to eviction by the Egyptians. It would also pay for new bases for the troops that would be withdrawn, first to an interim point and finally back within Israel, the sources said.

They said the discussions are still tentative, and that neither Israel nor the United States have agreed on what should be paid for, how much it would cost, and what percentage of the cost the United States would be willing to bear.

It was also reported today that Egypt has agreed in principle to sell oil to Israel from its Sinai fields pending an Israeli withdrawal from the area. The Washington Post said a tentative oil sales agreement was reached at the Camp David talks and is part of the current peace treaty discussions. The Israelis are seeking a secure source of oil from the Egyptians, the newspaper reported.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union accused Egyptian President Anwar Sadat today of "vicious lies" in claiming the Kremlin tried to arrange an Egyptian-Israeli peace session early in 1972.

Tass said Sadat, in a recent address, said the Soviet Union tried to force him to hold direct talks with Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir in Tashkent before the 1972 October war.

According to Tass, Sadat argued that the Soviets were opposing the results of the Camp David summit when the Kremlin itself had suggested similar peace talks years ago.

## — Airport terminal —

By 1982, the target date for opening of the new terminal, revenues would provide 65 percent of the repayment; revenues would cover about 93 percent by the year 1984. Donoghue said the \$15 million should be raised by that year, since it is likely the terminal would have to be expanded by then.

Donoghue said the commission could get a head-start on financing a new terminal by increasing its revenues before 1982, and Airport Commission Chairman Robert Blythe said that probably will be done.

Leases with the airport's two major tenants, Ozark and United Airlines, are up next March. Blythe said both landing fees and terminal rent will likely go up. Donoghue sugges-

ted terminal rent should be more than doubled and that landing fees go up about 50 percent.

"Hopefully," said Blythe, "We're not going to be asking for a \$15 million bond issue. We're going to have some money in the bank."

(The commission now is paying off a \$3 million bond issue bond land acquisition. The debt, which is to be retired in 1982, has been reduced to about \$1.7 million.)

The Airport Commission set no timetable for a referendum on the bond issue, which would require a 60 percent approval vote, but it is hoped that construction of a new terminal east of the present one can begin in 1980. The old terminal would be converted to facilities for general aviation and air cargo.

# Experts now doubt population doomsday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The doomsday of an overpopulated world may not arrive after all, say two population experts who note that birthrates in developing nations are declining faster than sociologists had expected.

Indeed, the world's average child-bearing rate declined significantly between 1968 and 1975, say University of Chicago demographers Amy Ong Tsui and Donald Bogue in a new report.

At the beginning of that seven-year period, the authors estimate, the rate was 4.6 births per woman of childbearing age in 148 countries. At the end, the rate had dropped to 4.1 births.

"Only 10 years ago, doomsday prophesying called for mass starvation, world chaos and possible world war by the year 2000," says their report, published Wednesday. "If recent trends continue, the world population crisis appears resolvable."

The report, titled "Declining World Fertility: Trends, Causes, Implications," examined the impact of expanded birth control programs on developing countries.

Some countries, such as China, India, Indonesia and Egypt, that have been seen as seedbeds for a population explosion are evidencing major and continuing fertility declines, the authors say.

For instance, they found that China's fertility rate dropped 24 percent, from 4.2 to 3.2 births per woman of childbearing age and may fall to 1.9 by the year 2000. In Indonesia, the fertility rate dropped 29 percent, from 6.5 to 4.6 births per woman.

The fertility rate in India, the world's second most populous nation, dropped 8 percent while Egypt showed a 23 percent decline.

The authors' research shows that by 1976, 63 developing countries had their own family planning programs.

Also by 1976, almost \$1 billion was being provided to developing countries for family planning services, the report says.

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