

## Ebinger is named chief federal probation officer

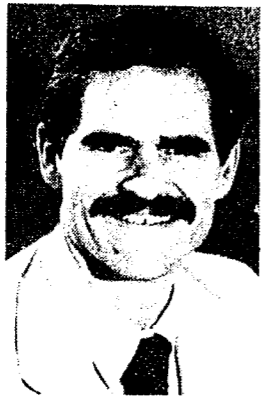
Michael Ebinger, a federal probation officer here for five years, has been named chief probation officer for the Northern District of Iowa.

He was named by Chief Judge Edward McManus to replace Dale H. Martin of Sioux City, who retired.

Ebinger, who took over the administrative duties Aug. 1, supervises federal probation activities in the 50 some counties in the district. He also continues to serve as one of three officers working with probationers.

Each officer has a caseload of about 40 persons who have been placed on probation by the court. They also prepare pre-sentence reports for the court.

Ebinger, 31, an Ottumwa native, has a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in political science from Iowa State



Michael Ebinger

University.

He resides in Cedar Rapids with his wife and two sons, aged 4 and 1.

Before working for the federal court, he was a state probation officer for about three years, most of the time in Waterloo.

## Escapee charged was soon due for release

An escaped convict from the Fort Madison Penitentiary was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail Thursday after he pleaded guilty in Linn District Court to eight traffic violations.

Bond also was set at a total of \$35,000 on charges of armed robbery and two firearm violations during his Thursday appearance in First Avenue division of Linn District Court.

Michael M. Harrigan, 22, is to serve concurrent 30-day sentences in jail on each of the eight traffic charges. The charges were filed when Harrigan attempted to flee from Cedar Rapids police early Thursday following an armed robbery at the Danish Book World.

The robbery occurred four weeks after Harrigan reportedly walked away from a minimum security work farm near Augusta, a penitentiary official said. His July 24 escape from that Fort Madison Penitentiary unit was just a little over a month before Harrigan's sentence was to be completed at the penitentiary, she added.

While on the run from the penitentiary, Harrigan is alleged to have robbed a clerk of \$375 at the all-night bookstore at 1601 16th Ave. SW early Thursday. He allegedly pointed a sawed-off shotgun at the clerk and asked for cash.

Making his getaway in what police believe may have been a stolen car, Harrigan was chased for eight minutes by sheriff's deputies through three quadrants of the city before being apprehended at a police roadblock at B Avenue and 18th Street NE.

Harrigan is charged with first-degree robbery, with bond set at \$15,000, unauthorized possession of

a firearm and with possession of a firearm as a felon. Bond was set at \$10,000 on each of the latter charges.

He pleaded guilty to four charges of disobeying stop signs; two charges of going the wrong way on a one-way street; a charge of attempting to elude police officers; and driving without an Iowa driver's license.

He will be held at the Linn County Jail in lieu of bond and pending arraignment on the charges stemming from the bookstore robbery and escape charges that could be filed by the state attorney general's office, a Fort Madison spokesman said.

Arraignment on the Linn County charges should be held within a week, according to an assistant county attorney. Then, he said, Linn jail and penitentiary officials will determine whether Harrigan will remain at the jail or be returned to the state penitentiary to await trial on the charges. A transfer could preclude serving the full 30 days in jail, he added.

A trial date will be set at the Linn District Court arraignment.

Harrigan was scheduled to be released after serving four years of a 10-year sentence. He pleaded guilty to an October 1975 Linn County charge of robbery without aggravation. He was sentenced in February of 1976, according to court records.

Papers restoring citizenship, preparing for Harrigan's release from the penitentiary, were filed with the Linn Clerk of Court July 17, a deputy clerk said. The papers were signed by the governor's office, tentatively setting a release date of Aug. 30.

## Police chief orders officer to take test

A Cedar Rapids police officer has been ordered in writing by Chief Raymond Baker to take a polygraph test in connection with an internal investigation being conducted at the Police Department, according to an informed source.

The investigation, which reportedly involves at least four people, is in connection with the alleged disappearance of about \$53 from a billfold belonging to a Cedar Rapids woman, Nancy Anne Clements, who was found dead last Monday night in front of 1810 Wilson Ave. SW. According to one source in the Police Department, the billfold contained about \$60 in cash when checked by one officer, but when it and Clements' purse were turned into the records room by another officer, allegedly only about \$6 or \$7 remained in the billfold.

A source said today that another officer and two civilian records room employees have taken polygraph

tests (lie detector) and have passed the tests. The officer who reportedly refused to take the polygraph test did so on the advice of his attorney, the source said.

That refusal, the source continued, was "followed with a written order (from the chief) given to the officer that he would appear at a specific time and date to take a polygraph test."

The source declined to be specific when the test is slated, but said it is scheduled for early next week. As of late this morning, there had been no response to the chief's order, the source said.

The only comment Chief Baker would make is that he expects the internal investigation to be complete by the end of next week.

## Anderson sets visit to Des Moines

DES MOINES — Independent presidential candidate John Anderson will visit Iowa next week, his first visit to the state since the Republican debates last January.

Anderson's Iowa campaign coordinator, Luther Hill, today announced that the Illinois congressman would limit the visit to appearances in Des Moines and Booneville. Anderson is scheduled to arrive in Des Moines at 4:50 p.m. Wednesday, take part in the opening of the Polk County headquarters for his campaign and attend a fund-raising dinner Wednesday night at the Hotel Fort Des Moines.

The itinerary for Anderson's visit also calls for him to visit Francis Ingham, the 78-year-old Booneville woman who agreed to have her name placed on the Iowa ballot with Anderson as his vice presidential running mate. She volunteered her name as a technical aid to Anderson, who needed a running mate to get on the ballot.

Anderson is scheduled to visit the Ingham farm Thursday morning and later, at about 11 a.m., deliver a speech at the Iowa State Fairground on Des Moines' east side.

A spokesman for Anderson today said that if Anderson chooses a running mate before next week, the running mate may travel to Iowa with him.

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### Theft complaint

A disagreement over the price of repairs on a bus has led to a theft complaint filed by the Rev. Paul Beets of the Gospel Tabernacle Church, 716 Eighth Ave. SW. The complaint charges the front end of a bus owned by the church was taken by Walter Hickey of Hickey's Truck Service, 5715 Sixth St. SW.

According to Beets, he had disagreed with the price Hickey charged for repair work to the bus. In order to gain possession of the bus, he posted a \$955.62 bond — twice the amount of the repair bill — with Linn County.

Beets said the sheriff's office notified Hickey about the bond. But before he could pick up the bus, Beets said, the front axle, tires and brakes had been removed from the bus. Beets then had the bus towed from Hickey's Truck Service. Beets added he has taken no other action to dispute the repair charges beyond filing the theft complaint.

The value of the front end parts has been placed at \$2,000.

### Robinson named

Michael J. Robinson has been named director of placement for Mount Mercy College. He begins his duties Aug. 18.

Robinson's responsibilities will include assisting students in preparing professional credentials and résumés, providing career and job-search counseling, maintaining a job

information data bank and other related duties.

Robinson has been director of career planning and placement at Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, N.Y., for the last two years. He graduated from Ripon College in Wisconsin in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in history.

He received his master's degree in college student personnel administration from Indiana University at Bloomington and currently is working on a doctorate in higher education administration.

### Women's programs

Women's assistance programs will be held at Kirkwood Commu-

nity College Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 1 and 7 p.m.

The programs are designed for adult women considering a return to college studies. Information will be presented on financial aids, child care for students, learning resources, typical concerns of adult learners and personal achievement (developmental learning) resources.

Kirkwood staff members and older students will take part in the programs. Each session will last about two hours and will be held in Iowa Hall.

Persons with questions about the programs should call 398-5667.

## Bid accepted for county chiller

Linn County employees at the County Administrative Building have been subjected to sweltering heat during the summer. That problem will be solved just in time for fall, with installation of a chiller cooling system to be completed by Sept. 18.

This morning, the Board of Supervisors accepted a low bid of \$41,855 from Charipar Plumbing, Inc., for installation of a chiller unit.

That action was taken after an hour and a half delay during which county officials tried to determine if Charipar had an affirmative action

plan on file with a public agency — a plan that must be filed in order for a contractor to qualify for projects utilizing federal revenue sharing funds.

The search finally turned up a plan filed with the city, and a copy of that plan was delivered.

After the contract is signed Monday morning, Charipar will begin work installing the chiller. The chiller was purchased a month ago at a cost of \$17,600.

The contract calls for project completion within a month after the contract is signed.

## Linn goal: Keeping track of gas use

By Dave Rasdal  
Gazette courthouse reporter

A new system to keep track of gasoline used in Linn County vehicles is ready for expansion now after a two-month initial period of use by the Linn County Health Board.

The system utilizes a gas pump and a 10,000-gallon underground storage tank located on the grounds of the Linn County Public Health Department office building at 751 Center Point Road NE.

The gas pump has 96 slots for keys that activate the mechanism in the pump. Each county car is assigned a key and when that key is used a meter automatically registers the amount of gasoline used to an account for that car. At the end of the month, each department will receive an itemized bill for the cars in its fleet.

Currently there are 24 cars assigned to use the pump — 16 from the Health Department and eight from the Linn County Board of Supervisors.

Some county cars — those used by the Linn County Road Department and by the Linn County Sheriff's Department — will not be filling up at the Health Department pump. The road department and sheriff's office have their own gasoline pumps because of the high number of miles their fleets travel.

But other department heads will be receiving a letter soon asking if they want to begin using the Health Department pump. Those departments include Linn County Juvenile Probation, the Mental Health, Building and Zoning, Health Center and auditor.

The Health Department needs to determine how many additional keys should be activated and how much gasoline to buy, said Al Ahern, director of the Health Department, so that is why the letters are being sent out.

According to Supervisor Joe Rinas, using the system saves the county about 10 cents per gallon because of the bulk rate paid for gasoline. The Health Department purchases 8,000 gallons at one time, Ahern said.

The county is also exempt from paying 10 cents per gallon in state taxes and 4 cents per gallon in federal taxes, so the actual cost is even less.

The system was installed at the Health Department office after a request by Ahern. The Health Department had been purchasing its gasoline from a service station. Cost of the pump and storage tank was about \$15,000.

Ahern said the Health Department has been happy with the new system, and he feels it will be good for the county to be able to keep track of how much gasoline each vehicle is using.



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## Titanic found?

NEW YORK (AP) — An American search party believes it has found the ocean liner Titanic, which sank 68 years ago after hitting an iceberg some 380 miles off the Newfoundland coast, the expedition leader reported Friday.

"We think we've got the Titanic," Mike Harris told The Associated Press by ship-to-shore telephone from the research vessel H.J.W. Fay.

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