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Merchants plan free pancake day

Discuss traffic signal at Fire Station corner

Two representatives of the Iowa State Highway Commission met with a special committee here Tuesday afternoon to discuss the feasibility of installing traffic control lights at the corner of First and Pleasant Streets to be activated in time of fire calls.

They were Jim Thompson of the Iowa State Highway Commission, Traffic Control Division, Ames, Iowa and O. C. Solem, District Urban Engineer, Iowa State Highway Commission, Mason City.

Meeting with them were Paul Fridley of the Sumner City Council, Jim Duhrkopf and Herb Forsman, committee members of the Fire Department, Steve Reuter, and Leon Reimler, Department Officers, and Duca Miner, Department Secretary.

The committee had been authorized by the department to obtain information on traffic control measures because of the congestion that occurs at the intersection particuarly at day time fires.

After inspecting the intersection, and discussing the problem with the committee, it was the recommendation of the Commission Representatives that a Flag Man be used rather than attempt to install traffic control signals.

Thompson siad that it isn't only a matter of stopping traffic, but also in directing traffic and this can only be done with a Flag Man.

He said that this is the recommendation being made by the Commission in many similar situations across the state where Fire Departments must pull off a side street onto a main street or highway. Thompson said that the effectiveness of lights for control has decreased with the increase of lashing and stop lights for a greater variety of uses.

Thompson said the main responsibility still must lie with the drivers and this includes department drivers as well as those who congregate near the station just out of curiosity.

It is suggested that all drivers be particularly cautious at times of fires when approaching the intersection of First and Pleasant Streets. In nearly all instances, the department vehicles will pull onto First Street when going to fires. Traffic approaching the intersection from either east or west should stop in the outside lanes, leaving the remainder of the street open to firemen and department vehicles.

Chief Art Kitner praises parents for cooperation

Sumner Police Chief Art Kitner said he was gratified at the response to his appeal to parents, published in last week's paper to aid in attempting to curb drag racing both in and out of the city.

"I had a lot of favorable comments and there are apparently quite a number of parents who plan to discuss the problem with the young drivers in their families", Kitner stated.

Chief Kitner reminds all drivers, young and old, that a drag racing conviction carries a fine of $100 or imprisonment of up to 30 days in the county jail.

In Senate File 76, under Drag Racing, it is stated: "No person shall engage in any motor vehicle speed contest or exhibition of speed on any street or highway of this state and no person shall aid or abet any motor vehicle speed contest or speed exhibition on any street or highway of this state, except that a passenger shall not be considered as aiding or abetting. Motor vehicle speed contest or exhibtion of speed are defined as one or more persons competing in speed in excess of the applicable speed limit in vehicles on the public streets or highways.

"Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of drag racing and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days."

In drag racing further the Senate file states that this law provides that any person engaging in a speed contest or exhibition of speed on public highways or streets will be guilty of a simple misdemeanor, and upon conviction will have his driver's license revoked.

The essential elements in the statutes on drag racing are: a passenger in a car competing cannot be considered as aiding and abetting; a drag race may consist of speed contest or exhibition between one or more persons, it may be a race of one person versus time; the applicable speed limit must be violated in order to constitute drag racing; the period revocation is for one year.

Evansdale Police Chief issues crash statement

A statement has been issued by Chief Floyd Warneka of the Evansdale Police Department in which he states that there is no way to determine who was driving the car in which Joe Quandt of Sumner and two other occupants were killed at Evsandale on July 4.

It had previously been reported that Quandt, 26, a lifetime resident of Sumner, was reportedly the driver of the car.

Since that time, Chief Warneka has issued the following statement dated July 8, 1966: "I, Chief Floyd Warneka, of the Evansdale Police Dept. will say that there is no way to tell who was driving the car in which Joe Quandt and Domke and Zink were killed on July 4, 1966".

The Sumner man and John Domke, 29, of Evansdale, were dead on arrival at the St. Francis Hospital, Waterloo, following the Independence Day crash. Leon Zink, 24, of Omro, Wisc., died five hours after the accident.

EWALU CHAPLAIN

Rev. Ervin Schemmel of Sumner will be Chaplain for the Junior II EWALU Bible Camp to be held July 10-16. Bible teacher will be Rev. Erwin Eden of Alta Vista.

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School budget shows $100,000 increase next year

An increase of nearly $100,000 is noted in the Budget Estimate of expenditures for the coming year as compared with the Budget estimate filed for the school a year ago.

According to the Estimate published on page 8, total proposed expenditures for the coming year for all purposes, is $675,946. This compares with the budget estimate a year ago of $576,417.50.

Actual expenditures for all purposes from July 1, 1965 to June 30, 1966 were $610,958 or approximately $34,500 more than last year's estimate.

Expenditures for the previous year, July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965, were $549,972.

Out of the budget total for the coming year, it will be necessary to raise $523,956 by taxation, an increase of only approximately $34,000 over the amount indicated to be raised by taxation in last year's budget.

The hearing for or aganist the budget estimate will be held **Tuesday, July 26** at 8:00 p.m. at the Office of Superintendent M. M. Rogers at the Junior High building.

Assessor Budget Hearing

The hearing on the County Assessor's Estimate of expenditures for the year beginning January 1, 1967, will be held by the County Conference Board on Tuesday, July 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bremer County Court House in Waverly.

It is estimated that $39,950 will be needed to conduct the business of the Assessor's Department during the year. Of this amount, $37,700 is to be raised through taxation.

This year's setimate constitutes an increase of $11,500 over last year's estimate.

Taxable valuation, of properties in Bremer County, subject to County Assessor levery for the year, 1965, was $44,881,428.00.

RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

David P. Stahlhut of Sumner is one of 554 students at Iowa State University in Ames who will receive a scholarship grant in 1966-1967.

Middle of the night swim proves expensive

Fines of $50 and costs were assessed against each of two Sumner young men in Mayor Mattia Zurbriggen's court Tuesday, in connection with after-hours swimming at Whitmire Memorial Swimming Pool.

The two, one 18 and the other 19, were apprehended at the pool at about 1:15 a.m. Tuesday by Sumner Police Chief, Art Kitner. Chief Kitner and pool manager Ron Maxson were in the pool building when the two arrived.

They appeared before Mayor Zurbriggen Tuesday afternoon and plead guilty to charges of "Public Loitering". The fine for each was $50 plus four dollars in court costs.

The arrests followed increasing reports of night-time after hours use of the Whitmire Pool facilities and an alarming amount of vandalism at the pool.

It was emphasized in a pretrial meeting between officials and members of the pool board Tuesday morning that there was no evidence to indicate that the two apprehended had anything to do with the vandalism that has occurred at the pool.

Chief Kitner said an investigation is continuing in an effort to obtain information on those responsible for the damage.

Pool manager Ron Maxon reported that on various occassions a number of objects have been thrown into the pool including bicycles, benches, beer bottles, and rocks. A warning sign was ripped loose and is still missing.

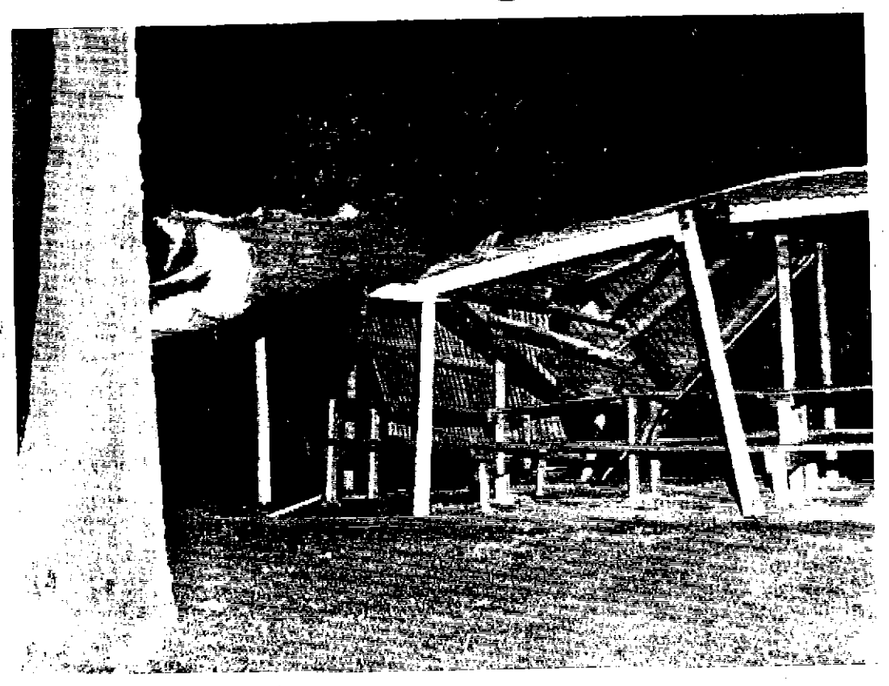
However, Maxon said he was most concerned when drain grills were removed from the bottom of the pool. With the grills off it was possible for a swimmer to step into one of the drains and for his foot to become lodged.

A brick had also been knocked loose on the bathhouse and the fence had apparently been damaged in at least one place.

LONG-LOST RING

It was reported this past week to Mrs. Leo Leuenberger that her graduation ring, which she lost shortly after graduation on her parent's farm near New Hampton twenty years ago, was found there in the driveway recently. The ring is still in good condition.

Storm damage in area



The main picnic shelter at the North Woods Park was partially destroyed when this tree toppled over onto the shelter during the heavy wind storm last Tuesday. Sumner Boy Scouts supervsied by Scoutmaster Bob Duhrkopf volunteer their services in cutting up the big tree after it had been removed from the shelter.

The above normal hot weather prevailing in this area over the past several weeks has bred unusually severe electrical storms from time to time and one of the sharpest hit this area Saturday morning.

There were a large number of rural phone lines put out of commission and service between Sumner and Westgate and Sumner and Fredericksburg was disrupted. Also for a time, the city was without long-distance service.

Arlin Schultz, manager of the United Telephone Co. here at Sumner, said that there was more damage from this electrical storm than from any other he had experienced in 20 years with the local exchange.

Repairmen worked from Saturday noon through Sunday evening, without getting all of the service returned to normal.

Lightning also struck several places in the city, although the damage was relatively minor.

At the Leon Reimler residence on North Division Street, a hole was ripped in the roof and siding was loosened. There was a near miss at the Paul Fagenbaum residence on East Second Street, where a bolt struck the ground, digging a small hole and throwing mud against a section of the house.

Lightning knocked out the televison at the Tom Cain residence on West Fifth Street.

Dr. Richard Smith received a jolt when he touched his car just as a bolt of lightning flashed nearby. Dr. Smith said he just removed a TV set from the car and was reaching over to close the car door when the lightning flashed. He said it shook his whole arm as he touched the car.

Heavy rain accompanied the electrical storm and there were estimates of two and a half to three inches of rainfall in the immediate Sumner area.

Paul Fagenbaum, a resident of East Second Street, studies the result of the near miss by a bolt of lightning at the Fagenbaum home during the severe electrical storm here Saturday. He points to a mark left by the bolt as it struck the ground and surveys the mud thrown against the side of his house. During the same storm a hole was knocked through the roof at the Leon Reimler home by lightning.

Ridiculous Day to be held next Friday in Sumner

A free Pancake Feed will be one of the featured attractions of the big Ridiculous Day-Pancake Day celebration at Sumner on Friday, July 22.

Activities will start at 9:30 a.m. Friday, with the parade of merchants and employees in Ridiculous costumes and the annual "Kiddies Division" in which prizes will be awarded in eight categories.

There will be sidewalk and street shopping throughout the day, with merchants selling from tables and racks outside their stores.

A tractor pull contest will be held at 2 p.m. in the city parking lot east of the Municipal light plant.

The Pancake and Sausage Feed will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and this is free to the public.

There will be a water fight, staged by the Sumner Fire Department at the ball park at 8 p.m. and at 9 p.m. the Sumner Merchants will challenge the Farmers in a softball game.

Comedy will be the keynote of the day as Sumner businessmen and their employees kick off Ridiculous day with the parade.

Leading the parade will be Sumner High's outstanding marching band under the direction of Jim Burr and there will also be the Boy Scout Troop 45 colors and color guard.

A big feature of the parade again this year will be the kiddie's division and all youngsters 12 years of age and under are eligible to participate.

The parade entries will be eligible for prizes in eight different divisions. There will be top prize for the most Ridiculous Costume and there will be three prizes in each of seven other categories.

These seven divisions will include: *Tricycles, Bicycles, Buggies, Pets, Organizations; Novelty (ages 2-7); and Novelty (ages 8-12).*

Also featured in the parade will be the El Kahir Provost Guard Motorbike Patrol. This group, sponsored by the local Shriners, will not only participate in the parade, but will also present a brief program of precision motorbike maneuvering.

The Tractor Pulling Contest on Friday afternoon will be open to all farmer owned agricultural tractors equipped with rubber tires. No industrial of four-wheel drive tractors, and no chains or duals will be allowed.

Contestants may enter the following classes:

Class A—tractor weighing up to and including 5,500 pounds.

Class B—tractor weighing up to and including 8,000 pounds.

Class C—tractor weighing up to and including 10,000 pounds.

Class D—tractor weighing up to and including 13,000 pounds.

Each class will be limited to ten (10) entries. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

An entry fee of $3.00 will be paid at the time of entry and there will be cash prizes in all divisions.

The weight does not include the driver. No weight changes, weight shifting or driver changes can be made after the weigh in. All weights must be bolted or otherwise securely fastened to the tractor chasis. Weights must not extend more than 24 inches ahead of the tractor's main frame or extend beyond the hitch point in the rear.

Drawbar height must comform to the original manufacturer's specifications for the tractor use, but should not exceed 21 inches. Minimum drawbar height shall be 12 inches. Drawbars must be regular factory built equipment with no chains attached and cannot be raised or lowered during the pull.

Rear tires must have a minimum of 12 pounds air pressure.

The pull to be made will be in the gear selected by the driver. Drivers may use any factory power boosters, shifts or control that would normally be used in routine farming operations (including T.A., Traction Booster, Select-O-Speed. Power shifts and others). However, drivers will be disqualified for touching the clutch except to start or stop the tractor, or in the first 10 feet of pull when they are allowed to select a different gear if desired. Drivers must remain seated during the pull with one hand on the steering wheel and the other hand in view of the official.

Only one pull will be allowed each contestant. unless a tie is declared. The pull is ended when the tractor engine stalls or forward motion stops. No jerking or

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Posthumous award made of Purple Heart Medal

Mrs. Lloyd Avery of Sumner and Major William C. Frank of the United States Marine Corps, hold the Purple Heart Medal, awarded posthumously here Monday to the Avery's son, Marine Private First Class, Allen Avery. Pfc. Avery, the only Sumner serviceman to die in action in Viet Nam, was killed on Feb. 14, 1966, when the Am-trac vehicle in which he was riding struck a land mine. Major Frank, the Inspector-Instructor of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Unit at Waterloo, presented the award at the Avery home. After the presentation he told Mr. and Mrs. Avery that the award was one of the most highly respected and probably the most beautiful of all military medals. The Avery's also received the National Defense Service Medal, also awarded posthumously to Pfc. Avery.

MARINE PFC. ALLEN AVERY

Awarded Purple Heart Posthumously

HELLO WORLD

ADAMS, Gerald Allen, born June 28, at Saatori Hospital in Cedar Falls. Weight 6 lbs., 14½ oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Adams, Jr. of of Cedar Falls. Mrs. Adams is the former Katherine McCue of Sumner. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don McCue.

SMITH, Donald Eugene, born July 8, 1966, at the Sumner Community Memorial Hospital. Weight 8 lbs., 6¾ oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Smith of Sumner.

ERHARDT, baby girl, born July 13, 1966, at the Sumner Community Memorial Hospital Weight 7 lbs., 15¼ oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Erhardt of Sumner.

HENDERSON, James Keith, born June 28 at the Palmer Memorial Hospital at West Union. Weight 8 lbs., 10½ oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Henderson.

KIME, Lisa Sue, born June 30, at the Palmer Memorial Hospital at West Union. Weight 5 lbs., 10½ oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kime of Fayette. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bouska of Waucoma and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Kime of Hawkeye.

Public hearing Tuesday night on new reservoir

A public hearing on the proposed construction of a water reservoir in Sumner near the new city well off South Maple Street will be held Tuesday night, July 19 at 8 p.m. at the city hall.

At that time, anyone interested may file objections to the plans, specifications, contract or cost of the public improvement.

Estimated cost of the project, based on figures provided in 1964 by the Bert Hansen & Associates Engineering firm of West Union, is $26,000.

Bids will be opened at the Tuesday night meeting.

Plans call for construction of a concrete reservoir with a capacity of 250,000 gallons.

Construction is to start prior to June 1, 1967 and is to be completed by November 1, 1967.

Air conditioner over-heats, Fire Department called out

The Sumner Volunteer Fire Department was called out Friday afternoon to put out a fire in the air conditioning unit at the back of Andy's Bar & Grill on First Street.

The air cnoditioner, mounted on a wooden stand, burst into flames. However, the fire was quickly extinguished by the firemen with only mnior damage resulting to the unit itself.

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FFA plans meeting annual hazard tour

The regular meeting of the Sumner FFA Chapter will be held tonight (Thursday) at the vocational agriculture building, starting promptly at 8 p.m. It will adjourn no later than 9:15 p.m.

All members are urged to attend, as well as 1966-67 ninth grade vocational agricultural students.

The annual chapter tour and "Safety Hazard" hunt will be held by Sumner FFA members on Monday, July 18.

Members will tour the following farms: Randy Nolte, Bernard Smith, Jack Pratt, Darrell Hofer, Steve Buhr, Jim Donat, Larry and Allen Zell, Gerry Schwake, and Advisor John Scotts where they will enjoy a picnic lunch. They will also tour the Terry Bohle, Dale Haverkamp, Dale Simerson, Ken Rieck, Dennis Schnadt, Ronald Tegtmeier and Roger Lantzky farms.

The group will leave the Vocational Agriculture building at 8:30 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m.

Announce family swim time schedule change

Ron Maxon, manager of the Whitmire Memorial Swimming Pool, has announced a change in family swimming hours at the pool.

The new hours, effective immediately are: Tuesdays, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, Saturdays and Sundays. from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Children may swim during family swimming only when accompanied by their parents.

A new single day swimming attendance record was set at the pool on Sunday, July 10, when a total of 847 entered the pool.

Courthouse plan group asks $10,000 for work

The Bremer County Court House Improvement Committee Tuesday night approved a proposal to request $10,000 from the Bremer County Board of Supervisors to hire a consultant to conduct a study of the needs for additional county office and court house space.

The possibility of constructing a separate building for use as residences for the County Sheriff and County Deputy Sheriff, as well as to house the county jail was discussed by the group.

Also the Committee discussed a proposal to construct a vault, away from the Court House building in which to store old records.

Committee Chairman Howard Roach conducted the meeting and committee members attending from Sumner were J. T. Bump and James R. Heyer.