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REGISTERLAND WEATHER
Partly cloudy and colder for Tuesday night and Wednesday. Lows Tuesday night in middle to upper 20s. Highs Wednesday in the 40s. Chances of measurable precipitation in per cent: 10 Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Oelwein, Iowa 50662

4-Year-Old Found Safe In Texas

Concert At Senior High March 25

The 80-voice Senior High Concert Choir will present a spring concert Monday, March 25, 8:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The choir is under the direction of John R. Thomson.

Balance of the concert will consist of contemporary choral works by Aaron Copland, Randall Thompson, and Lee Kjelson.

Featured will be the Bach Motet No. 3, Jesu Meine Freude. It will be performed with two violins and harpsichord accompaniment. Assisting on the violins will be Dr. Darwin Jack and Rodney Sundstrom. Julie Kaufman will accompany at the harpsichord. Andrea Allen, mezzo-soprano, will be the featured soloist for the finale of the operatic Dido and Aeneas by Purcell. It will also be accompanied by the harpsichord.

The concert will also include performances by the 16-voice madrigal and two-girls' trios.

For the finale, the ninth grade chorus will team with the senior high to sing "As Long As He Needs Me" the title song from the Broadway hit Oliver. Thomson has arranged the tune for mixed chorus, two violins, percussion, and piano.

Admission for the event is \$1.00 adults. Students may enter with activity tickets.

Richard Meighan Killed In Vietnam Action

SUMNER (Special)—Word was received Monday of the death Sunday of Pfc. Richard James Meighan, 24, of Sumner. He died in action at Sia Ghan, Vietnam. Funeral services are pending.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meighan. He was born in Sumner on Feb. 4, 1944. Graduated from Sumner High school in 1962, and entered the Army, March, 1967. Meighan received his training at Ft. Campbell, Ky., and was then sent to Ft. Dix, N.J., for radio and teletype school, and then to Ft. Gordon, Ga. for further training in communications. He was shipped to Vietnam in Nov. 1967, where he served in an artillery unit.

At Christmas time he was in Dau Ting, northeast of Leo Nix in Vietnam. This battalion operated in the hobo woods. At time of his death he was near Saigon with Headquarters 313 Artillery R.T.T. Section.

Survivors include two brothers, Tom and David; Sumner; seven sisters, Mrs. William Faring, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Daniel Long, Waukegan, Ill.; Mrs. Carl Stanfield and Mrs. Thomas Larkin, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Richard Howard, Sumner; Mrs. Terry Beaman, Randallia; Mrs. Larry Foster, Independence paternal grandfather James Meighan, Hawkeye; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lulu Miller, Waucoma.

Beck Takes A Swing At Democratic Policies

By The Associated Press
Republican political candidates in Iowa were beginning their week by hacking at Democratic administration of state and federal governments.

Robert Beck of Centerville, running for the Republican nomination for governor, took a swing at Democratic Gov. Harold Hughes and State Treasurer Paul Franzenburg, who seeks his party's nomination to succeed Hughes as the governor runs for the U.S. Senate.

In a speech for a Red Oak audience Tuesday, Beck said Iowans "have had enough of the high taxes and decreased job opportunities of the Hughes-Franzenburg administration and will vote for a change in November."

The Centerville publisher said Iowa lost 1,200 job opportunities last year while "the number of state employees put on the Hughes administration payroll was 4,900. It is plain to see from this that the only progress in developing job opportunities is in the field of government bureaucrats."

Robert Ray of Des Moines, seeking the GOP nomination for governor, urged an investigation Monday of activities of John M. Pogue, a broker for Douglas Securities, Inc., of Chicago, and his role in an investment counseling contract be-



MAYNARD—PAST FAYETTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU CHAIRMAN Mrs. W. H. Hatch, (Oelwein 1925-'26) was on hand Monday at Maynard Community Hall to help celebrate Rural Women's Day and its 50th Anniversary. Mrs. Hatch was one of the originators of the program, along with being one of the women who helped form 4-H throughout the county when it was getting its start. She was also honored as the group's first chairman. Dinner was served by the Lutheran Ladies Aid; a style show was presented, and door prizes awarded during the day-long program.

NFO County Chairman Quits After Hog Kill

MOUNT PLEASANT — The Des Moines County National Farmers Organization chairman resigned Monday in apparent disgust over shooting of hogs, and predicted that most of his county members also would quit.

"I can't go along with a deal like this," said the chairman, John Holstein of Mediapolis, as an estimated 75-100 hogs were put to death and buried on the Wilbur Garrell farm near here.

Farmers were slaughtering and burying their hogs, as some have in Illinois and Indiana, in protest of low prices and in support of the NFO's drive to raise prices by keeping animals off the market.

Holstein, announcing his resignation, added, "I think a majority of members in Des Moines County will go along with me."

Witnesses said repeated .22 caliber rifle shots failed to kill many of the hogs and, squealing, their throats were cut and they bled to death.

NFO President Oren Leo Staley said after an Indiana slaughter last week that he first urged farmers not to kill, then said the hogs were their property to do with as they liked.

The slaughter will stop, Garrells said, if producers agree to the NFO's target price boost from the present average of around \$19 to \$23.75 a hundredweight.

"Meat packers have played one farmer against the other for years," Garrells said.

The Iowa NFO president, Clarence Schuchmann of Hawkeye, watched as the hogs were killed and buried.

Flying Blubber

FT. ROSS, Calif. — A 40-foot-long eight-ton whale was scattered in bits over a half square-mile of seashore and countryside.

The harpooned whale washed up on the northern California beach near a resort last Friday, and on Sunday 135 pounds of dynamite were planted in the decomposing mammal.

Flying blubber filled the air. A 300-pound chunk landed on fashionable Timber Cove Lodge. A 10-foot tail section was all that remained on the beach.

Hire Dog Catcher 1,000 Attend Benefit For Tobiason

Mayor Samuel Mazzotti said late Monday afternoon that Oelwein City police officer Duane Brandt has been hired on a temporary basis as the city's dog catcher.

Brandt will replace Assistant Chief of Police Jack Stoffus who resigned last week.

More than 900 Registerland citizens appeared at the Coliseum Monday night to attend a benefit dance for "Toby" Tobiason who was critically burned when the Marsh Music Company on East Charles Street burned.

Chairmen for the benefit report that \$1,800 has been deposited in behalf of "Toby," with more to be collected throughout the city as workers find the time to call at each place of business collecting for the fund.

"Toby," who is currently listed as serious at Iowa City hospitals, was told about the benefit just recently. He requested one of the posters be displayed throughout the city and area so that he could have it hung on the wall in his hospital room.

Further financial reports will be reported as they are received.

Attempted Abortion
CEDAR RAPIDS — Joe Bodelly, owner of a Cedar Rapids tavern, was charged with attempted abortion Tuesday, the third man to be charged in connection with an alleged abortion ring investigation.

WAPSIE VALLEY
Today's issue of the REGISTER contains a special sports feature on Wapsie Valley's boys (page 3) plus a congratulatory ad on pages 10-11. Don't miss the features.

Stock Market

NEW YORK — Gold mining prices were mixed as the stock market went through an irregular decline with trading considerably slower early this afternoon.

The Dow Jones industrial average at noon was off 3.35 at 836.74.

Kill 67 Enemy In DMZ Battle

SAIGON — U.S. Marines overran a rocket-firing band of North Vietnamese regulars Monday and reported killing 67 of the enemy in new fighting below the eastern end of the demilitarized zone.

This brought enemy casualties around the U.S. Marine base at Dong Ha to more than 900 since March 1. Twelve Marines were killed and 24 were wounded in the clash Monday four miles north of the big Marine supply base.

About 150 Marines were maneuvering to attack the enemy position when they were flayed by about 40 rounds of 140 mm rocket fire. Allied artillery, helicopter gunships and fighter-bombers hammered the enemy lines for an hour, and then the Leathernecks attacked.

The heavy fighting ended quickly, as the enemy fled. The Marines captured three prisoners.

Dong Ha, headquarters of the 3rd Marine Division and supply depot for all allied outposts along the eastern half of the DMZ, has been under pressure from troops of North Vietnam's 324B Division that slipped through the buffer zone and past allied outposts earlier this year. South Vietnamese forces have reported killing more than 700 of the enemy in the area this month while the Marines say they have killed more than 150.

Below the western end of the DMZ, North Vietnamese gunners hurled 125 rocket, mortar and artillery shells into the much-scarred Marine combat base at Khe Sanh Sunday. A U.S. military spokesman said casualties as usual were light among the base's 7,000 defenders.

U.S. B52 bombers kept up their daily raids on the North Vietnamese troops encircling Khe Sanh.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — FBI agents rescued dark eyed 4-year-old Dana Lynn Keller late Monday night after a man abducted and held her for 10 hours. A charge of kidnaping was filed today against Hubert Eugene Lively, 57, a television repair service owner.

Lively led officers to the unharmed girl, her face known throughout the San Antonio area because of her appearance on television commercials.

The FBI said an agent found the youngster bound and gagged in an isolated barn 30 miles north of San Antonio. She apparently spent hours in the dark alone.

FBI agents arrested the man because he drove past the pay-off spot on a rural road five times.

A ransom note demanding \$30,000 was left in the Keller home when the abductor took the youngster from a housemaid at gunpoint.

Lively was charged before Justice of the Peace John Benavides on a count of "kidnaping for the purpose of extortion."

The charge is a state one. Lively was not in court when the charges were filed.

The child's father, attorney Marvin G. Keller, 37, told newsmen: "If I ever had a doubt about the existence of God, I don't have it now because all my prayers were answered."

A maid, Mrs. Lupe Garcia, at the Keller fashionable home in suburban Castle Hills, said a man drove up in a white panel truck and posed as a repairman to gain access to the home about 1 p.m. The maid was alone in the house with Dana Lynn and another Keller child, 7-month-old Tracy.

Mrs. Garcia told police the man, a stocking over his face, pulled a gun. He bound her with tape, she said, got some blankets and left with Dana Lynn.

The maid worked free and alerted neighbors who called police.

A penciled ransom note left in the kitchen warned against calling authorities, demanded \$30,000 in small bills and said instructions would be called at 7 p.m.

The call came about 7:40 p.m. FBI agents left the home carrying an airline flight bag. It was left beside a rural road northwest of San Antonio, about three miles from the Keller home.

A district attorney investigator said the repairman directed FBI agents to the barn.

The FBI said Dana Lynn was found wrapped inside a pink and white blanket, lying in a feeding trough in the barn, her mouth taped.

Supervisors In Town Tomorrow

Citizens in or close to Oelwein who seek information from the county board of supervisors are reminded that (unless there is a last minute change to the contrary) the board meets at the Relief Office, 904 N. Fred. Wednesday from 9:30 until 3:30 p.m. This announcement is published as a public service.



HUSKETTES' NEW UNIFORMS—Huskette Director Ethyl Oberfell points out part of the future dance routine she expects each of her 32 Precision Dance Team members to learn and perform. The girls, wearing their new red and white striped traveling blazers, are Janet Falk, Jean Short, and Pam Trower, three of the 32 who performed five times a year before crowds ranging in the 20,000 mark. The girls have appeared on nation wide television and won the 1960 National Championship at St. Louis for their crowd-pleasing routines.

Director Ethyl Oberfell . . .

Curtain Falls On 13th Year For Junior High Huskettes

By Earl Davis
Register City Editor

Each October more than 160 Junior High School girls vie for a berth on the 32-member Precision Dance Team, the Huskettes.

All girls between the ages of 12 and 15, in grades seven through ninth in the Oelwein Community School system are eligible to try out for the much sought after title, uniform, and travel connected with the Huskettes.

"The original 160 junior high girls are taught a basic precision step and asked to repeat it," says Ethyl Oberfell, one of two originators of the popular group.

"As they repeat each step they are taught, an elimination process gets underway and the count is cut to about 85. As each cut is made, a new precision step is demonstrated and the 85 repeat it to determine who are the more precise and who will be eliminated. A total of five basic precision steps are demonstrated and cuts are made after each, until we arrive at the final 32 dancers," Miss Oberfell said.

"I try to give everyone an equal chance," and I'm sorry there can't be more in the Huskettes," the Huskette director of 13 years said.

The Huskettes, originally 22, were formed as a supplement en-

tertainment with and for the Husky Marching Band, under the direction of former Oelwein Community High school band director Milton Mikesh.

Weather conditions in general forced Mikesh and Miss Oberfell to change performance tactics from half-time shows outside to between halves inside.

"Since forming the Huskettes, I've taught more than 300 girls the basic precision steps. No girl is brought back from the year before simply because she has been a Huskette. Many return, but it is because they have an ability to dance," Miss Oberfell commented.

As girls were replaced over the years, so were many of the routines and functions of the dance team, including the background music. The marching band became outdated in regard to some of the Huskette's dance routines. They were replaced by the 35-member OCHS stage band, now under the direction of Keith Nash, band director.

Under Miss Oberfell's direction the Huskettes were led to the title of National Champions during competition at St. Louis in 1960. They travel throughout the midwest and have appeared on nationwide television.

"Normally, we make only five appearances each school year," Miss Oberfell said. "This year we appeared at Upper Iowa, at OCHS,

at the UNI game in McElroy auditorium, Waterloo, for the Iowa-Indiana game in Iowa City, and at the Girl's Tournament last week."

"They look like a Broadway production, and for my money, they beat the June Taylor Dancers," Miss Oberfell was told during her personal television interview during half-time ceremonies at the tournaments.

Such comments about the Huskettes are frequent, and the following letter from Bud Suter, University of Iowa, would emphasize the fact:

"May I say that your performance here was the best we have had all year. They were simply a delight. I seldom have mention on our half time programs but there were various laudatory comments after the Huskettes finished."

Travel for the girls is a must, and plenty of fun for the well known precision dance team.

"One of the best compliments I could have received was paid to the girls and myself at the tournaments: I was told the girls were the best behaved of any groups to visit Des Moines," Miss Oberfell said, "and that meant more to me than the compliments paid about the new traveling uniforms the girls wear."

The Huskettes buy their uniforms out of their own pockets; they pay for their own food during travel, and if they stay over night, they foot their own bill. The only item paid for by the school is for a chartered bus.

As the girls travel toward any performance, near or far, they are accompanied by the director and three chaperones, Edith Johnson, Mrs. William Losen, and Marj Ramsey.

The Huskette line for 1967-68 includes Debra Haas, Beth Ottilie, Julie Hoffrich, Janet Falk, Sandra Hughson, Peggy McMaster, Julie Knief, Susan Avenson, Molly McAllister, Marilyn Kuper, Jean Short, and Marilyn Mike.

Paulette Winter, Karen Kroeger, Debra Stasi, Zenda Hershey, Kerri Bain, Jeanne Hamilton, Margie Rehlander, Pam Trower, Judy Kappmeyer, Connie Kennedy, and Sharon Ziegler.

Linda VanDenover, Susan Platt, Elise Kaufman, Barbara Hill, Barbara Kuch, Cindy Meister, Teresa Sheehan, Susan Gregory, and Susan Proctor.

Their routine begins with a "Highkick" line to the tune of Muskrat Ramble; a slumber party to Steeptime Gal (in pastel gowns and caps) is second.

Music To Watch Girls By includes their Carnaby Street presentation in Mini-Skirts as a third act. It is followed by scenes from a Persian Market (A Sultan and

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Senators Urge Rockefeller Bid

WASHINGTON — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller met with 17 Republican senators today and said most urged him after an hour long breakfast session to seek the GOP presidential nomination.

"They felt from the point of view of the party and the country this was desirable," the New York governor said.

But he added he still has not decided whether to make the race. An aide said an announcement would be made in Albany Wednesday on the time and place of Rockefeller's statement on whether he will challenge Richard M. Nixon for the nomination.

Rockefeller said he was urged to run by senators who favor him and those who favor Nixon on grounds that "competition in the Republican party is healthy."

He said he had discussed a number of issues, including Vietnam, but said he felt he would be "less than responsible" if he gave a superficial remedy for the war without being privy to detailed intelligence and military information.

"I don't see how an intelligent candidate could come up with an oversimplification" about Vietnam and feel he has made a valuable contribution, the governor said when asked about Nixon's promise to end the war if elected president.

Asked about his past support for President Johnson's policies, Rockefeller said, "I think that the American people are giving their prayerful support to the President" in hopes he can end the war.

The breakfast, hosted by Sen. Thurston B. Morton, R-Ky., gave Rockefeller a chance to outline for liberal and conservative senators alike his position on government spending and other matters.

Rockefeller has indicated he will decide whether to enter the race by Friday, the deadline for withdrawing his name from the May 28 Oregon primary.

The New York Times said today the governor would announce his candidacy Thursday. But Rockefeller's press secretary, Leslie Sloate said, "I know nothing about it."