

Split on Control Of Area Schools

By John Armstrong

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa area school superintendents are divided over whether lack of local control has hurt their schools.

Strong state control of the institutions has created "frustration and uncertainty," said Supt. Robert E. Horsfall of Marshalltown.

Supt. Paul J. Lowery of Ankeny complained of "excessive expense" resulting from state mandates on curriculum, length of programs and use of laboratories and equipment.

Strong Guidance

At the same time, however, Supt. Max R. Clark of Calmar said, "We recognize these area schools are new institutions, and thus, of necessity, must be given strong guidance and direction at the state level."

In an Associated Press survey of the area school superintendents, six of them said lack of local control has not hurt their schools while seven said

their programs have suffered. Two superintendents did not respond.

Virtually all of the superintendents agreed, however, that more local control will be necessary in the future years.

"Each area is different," said Supt. Edwin Barbour of Fort Dodge, "and must be allowed to develop along the lines needed and necessary within the area."

"The area board and the area staff are much better equipped to ascertain the needs of their people and plan programs accordingly than someone sitting in the bureau at the state office," said Supt. Mel A. Everingham of Ottumwa.

NCA Report

The North Central Assn. of Colleges and Secondary Schools cited "heavy handed" control by the State Department of Public Instruction when the association revoked its accreditation of area schools at Mason City and Burlington.

State Public Instruction Supt. Paul Johnston said he feels it was the intent of the legislature to establish strong state control when it set up the area school system in 1965.

"We believe we're following statutory provisions," said Johnston, "and frankly, I don't think it has hurt the schools."

"Sure, the schools don't have a blank check to do whatever they want, but by the same token I think a lot more local control will come as the system develops."

Johnston said the state department is not sure what North Central's complaint had reference to specifically.

"If there is something wrong with the way we're operating," he said, "we would be receptive to making changes that do not conflict with the law. But I don't think the legislature will ever reach the point where it will remove the schools from the control of a state agency."

Programs Damaged

The superintendents of area schools at Marshalltown, Mason City, Sioux City, Ankeny, Creston, Waterloo and Sheldon said lack of local control has damaged their programs at least to some extent.

"The necessity for filling in so many forms to justify our local efforts creates a need for additional administrators, which we cannot afford," said Supt. William R. Pierce, jr., of Creston.

"Therefore, our administrators must devote time to filling in forms rather than improving the instructional program."

"The state may not be aware of the depth of some of our problems," said Supt. Robert Kiser of Sioux City.

"The local board and administration were held responsible for developments," said Supt. William F. Berner of Mason City "while having little to say about the factors of control."

Standards

Supt. Travis Martin of Waterloo said lack of local control "has not dealt a dramatically damaging blow" to his school but state standards for area schools might place excessive financial burdens on it.

"We feel that these standards should be revised and re-evaluated before the state . . . seems to enforce them," said Martin.

Supt. Robert W. Johnson of Bettendorf indicated that problems over control are not limited to the department of public instruction.

"Too many organizations are attempting to control the area schools," said Johnson. "Consequently, we have been spending too much time putting out brush fires and not enough time planning and supervising."



—Gazette Photo by Phyllis Fleming

500 Parking Places Coming Up

Anyone who has ever searched for a parking place in the area of University hospitals in Iowa City should be interested in knowing that this parking ramp under construction at the west end of the hospital complex will be open for use in the fall. Total cost of the 500-car ramp is \$1,162,000. General contractor is Rinderknecht Construction of Cedar Rapids. The project is to be financed by the sale of bonds to be paid off from parking revenue.

A suit to test the validity of the statute which permits parking financing by revenue bonds probably will be heard in district court in the next four to six weeks. That decision will then be appealed to the supreme court. In addition to testing the validity of the statute, University of Iowa officials want the court to rule on whether or not the university can consider the total parking system as one system for financing purposes. This is the way the dormitory system is financed; a new building is paid for with revenue from the entire system. In the meantime the hospital parking ramp will be financed on an interim basis with funds available for other building projects.

Reunited with Daughter, Then Goes Back to Jail

DES MOINES (AP) — The Iowa supreme court gave the nod to the father Thursday in a dispute over custody of a five-year-old girl.

The court dismissed an appeal from a district court ruling which gave Michael Edward Gilligan, 28, custody of his daughter, Lisa.

Gilligan was reunited with Lisa only briefly before returning to jail to finish serving a 30-day contempt of court sentence in connection with the case.

The high court decision capped a custody battle in which Lisa had been snatched back and forth five times between Gilligan and his sister, Mrs. Donald L. Thomas of West Des Moines.

Gilligan, a naval petty officer, gained custody of Lisa when she was an infant, after his marriage to the child's mother was annulled. He said he placed Lisa with Mrs. Thomas because he was sent to sea for an extended period.

A series of child snatches began after Gilligan came for Lisa last summer. The battle went to Polk County district court, where Gilligan was awarded custody of the child last November.

The ruling was appealed, and because the child was living with Mrs. Thomas and her husband at the time, the court awarded them temporary custody of Lisa until the case was decided.

In Thursday's ruling, the supreme court dismissed the appeal on grounds it was not perfected within 90 days as the court had directed. More than six months had passed since speedy completion of the appeal was ordered, the court said.

Gilligan was cited for contempt of court in February because he failed to return

Lisa to Iowa after taking her on a court-approved visit to Iron Mountain, Mich.

Gilligan's present wife, whom he married last September, is a teacher at Iron Mountain. She has signed a contract to teach next year at Waukegan, Ill., he said, while he is attending electronics school at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

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—AP Photo

NAVAL PETTY OFFICER Michael Edward Gilligan was awarded custody of his 5-year-old daughter, Lisa, Thursday, following a dispute in which Lisa was snatched back and forth five times between Gilligan and a sister in West Des Moines. The Iowa supreme court dismissed an appeal from a district court ruling which awarded custody to Gilligan. The sailor is stationed at Great Lakes, Ill.

Two Are Promoted by Iowa Power and Light

DES MOINES (AP) — The directors of the Iowa Power and Light Co. have elected J. E. Lahrung of Council Bluffs as assistant vice-president and J. P. Glahn of Des Moines as secretary-treasurer.

In other action at the regular meeting Thursday, the board declared regular quarterly dividends of 40 cents a share on outstanding common stock and dividends from 8 1/2 cents to \$1.20 a share on preferred stock.

Johnson Asked For \$2 Million Disaster Aid

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Harold Hughes has asked President Johnson for \$2,044,000 in supplemental federal assistance to repair damage to public facilities resulting from last week's tornadoes in and near the communities of Charles City and Oelwein.

The governor's telegram said the money is urgently needed. It also noted that the storms resulted in \$53 million in damage and 17 deaths. One of those who died suffered a heart attack several hours after the storm.

The governor described the damage at Charles City as "catastrophic" and said Oelwein and nearby Maynard were badly damaged.

Hughes also reported 370 injured at Charles City and 100 at Oelwein.

The message to the president was sent through the Office of Emergency Planning at Denver.

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Harold White, 78, Of Sigourney Dies

Special to The Gazette
SIGOURNEY — Harold R. White, 78, retired banker, former state representative and mayor of Sigourney, died early Friday.

Born May 27, 1889, at South English, he was cashier at the White State bank, South English, until 1921 when he went to the Webster Savings bank where he was employed seven years. He came to Sigourney in 1928 and was cashier of the First Trust and Union Savings bank until he retired in 1946. He was a director of the bank at the time of his death.

He served one term in the legislature in the early 1950s and was mayor of Sigourney in 1954-55. He was a director of the REC from 1946-64.

Mr. White was married to Jessie Rook May 12, 1910, in Ottumwa. Survivors include his wife; a son, W. W. White of Blairtown; five grandchildren; two brothers, L. W. White of Escondido, Calif., and Virgil of San Pedro, Calif.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the United Presbyterian church. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove cemetery. The body is at Reynolds funeral home.

Woman, Former Iowan, Is Slain; Thirty Wounds

DENVER (AP) — The body of Helen Lucille Boyle, 43, stabbed repeatedly, was found early Wednesday when her husband returned to their apartment from work. She formerly lived in Lost Nation, Iowa.

Detectives said the attractive brunette was found by Albert Boyle, 48, when he came home from his job as a waiter. The woman's body was clothed and lying on a bed. No arrests have been made.

One officer estimated there were "at least 30" stab wounds in the neck and shoulder area. Most were about one-half inch deep, officers said, but one in the neck appeared to be much deeper. No weapon was found.

There was no sign of forced entry to the apartment, and the Boyle home had not been ransacked, officers said. Other residents said they heard sounds like crying or moaning, but no one investigated or called police.

Tax Break for Twister Losses

DES MOINES — John Hanlon, district director of internal revenue for the state of Iowa, said Friday that Iowans who suffered property losses through floods, tornadoes, or other disasters, would, in many cases, be entitled to a tax deduction on their 1968 federal tax return.

Hanlon urged taxpayers who incur casualty losses to inventory and document their loss as soon as possible after the misfortune. Assimilating necessary information and documentation is much easier if it is done soon after the loss and minimizes the chance of overlooking any items damaged or destroyed.

Detailed instructions and information on casualty losses are available in the Internal Revenue Document No. 5174, "How the Federal Income Tax Applies to Disasters, Casualties, and Thefts", and may be obtained free of charge by writing to the District Director of Internal Revenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, or from any internal revenue office.

Iowan Convicted of Slaying Illinois Man

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — A circuit court jury here Thursday convicted Hugh E. Walton III of Davenport, Iowa, of the murder last Sept. 22 of a Rock Island man.

The body of James R. Tribbet, 24, was found on a rural road near here more than a month after the crime.

Walton was returned to prison at Joliet, Ill., pending post trial motions and sentencing. He is serving 4 to 12 years for the armed robbery of a Bradley, Ill., sporting goods store.

Walton, Tribbet and William Hines, 23, of Kankee, Ill., committed the robbery last Sept. 21.

Hines, who also is serving a robbery term, testified that Walton fired eight shots from two weapons stolen in the sporting goods robbery into Tribbet while the trio was driving between El Paso and Bloomington.

Volga Speaker

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VOLGA — Milton E. Thompson, superintendent of Elfigy Mounds national monument, will speak to members of the Volga Business club Monday at the Legion hall. His talk will follow a 6:45 p.m. dinner.

New Officers

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GARRISON — New officers of the Lions club include Ben Corbett, president; Francis Van Deusen, O. K. Hill, jr., and Vern Van DeVenter, vice-presidents; Dan Reed, secretary-treasurer.

W. Delaware Bond Vote Is Tuesday

Special to The Gazette
MANCHESTER — Voters will go to the polls Tuesday to ballot for the third time on a \$1,200,000 bond issue to construct and equip a new junior high school building in the West Delaware district.

Polls will be open from noon until 7 p.m. at the Dundee school, Masonville fire house, old post office building at Ryan, the city office on East Main street in Manchester, and the Greeley school.

The proposed new school building would serve all of the seventh, eighth and ninth grade pupils of the district and would be constructed on school property north of the elementary school at the corner of Doctor and Acers streets in northeast Manchester.

A two-story general classroom section would include nine classrooms for typing, social study, general science and biology on the first floor.

On the second floor of the general classroom section would be eight classrooms and a library. The classrooms would be for English, language, mathematics and reading. Two of the double sized rooms would be equipped with folding walls.

Included in a one-story section would be specialized classrooms for homemaking, art, drafting, music and industrial arts; a kitchen, combined study hall and cafeteria, a combined gym and auditorium, locker, shower and toilet facilities and service areas. A one-story general office section with school nurse, counseling and teacher facilities fronts the general classroom section of the building.

In a 1966 vote the bonds received a 57.9 percent majority; in a 1967 vote the issue received a 54.3 percent majority. A 60 percent majority is needed for passage.

Mt. Vernon Junior To Edit UIC Paper

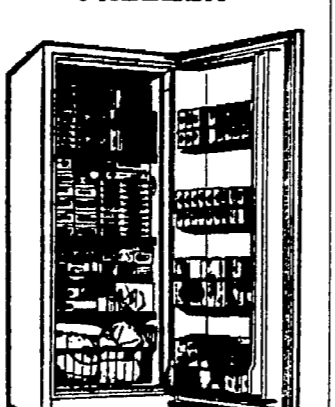
FAYETTE — Jim Rife, 20, junior from Mt. Vernon, has been named editor of The Collegian, student newspaper at Upper Iowa college.

Rife, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rife, will assume his duties next September. He succeeds Bill Wood, Bensenville, Ill.

Brothers Fined

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MANCHESTER — Guy D. Mahaffey, 30, and his brother, Larry, 31, both of Waterloo, were each fined \$50 and costs on charges of intoxication. Their car left highway 20 two miles west of town early Tuesday.

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