

Our Side Of The Story

Whose Fault Is It?

The city administration is working on cleaning up unsightly and unsanitary conditions along Virden Creek. The Mayor, along with sanitary, health and park heads want to remove the offending rubbish and plant grass wherever possible.

"It's all part of the city's continuation of the cleanup program and it is hoped property owners will do the same," Mayor Ed Jochumsen remarked when explaining the city's clean-up program.



Every Spring, every community has a Clean-Up campaign, and I wonder how much good it really does. The city department heads get some things done, to be sure. But the most important phase of these campaigns falls flat. The city government can't do much cleaning up, and make it last, unless individual citizens and property owners pitch in and do their share. It is the

property owner and the citizen who frustrates Clean-Up campaigns.

Last month the City Plan Commission got good publicity for the proposed Urban Renewal program. But government action on renewing run-down areas will be worthless unless individual property owners take upon themselves the responsibility of making their property neat, clean and becoming.

Clean homes, sanitary neighborhoods are within the means of almost every family. Paint isn't so expensive that homes should go unpainted year after year. Water isn't so expensive that homes must be caked with dirt. Grass seed isn't so expensive that homeowners can't plant some. Flower seeds are cheap. A hammer and some nails are inexpensive. Lumber isn't so expensive that a property owner can't get a few pieces to patch up a fence.

Before the city begins an urban renewal program, it should begin a concentrated effort to get property owners to clean up. Neighborhood committees should be formed throughout the city. The city could appoint inspectors who would consult with property owners and get them to join in the campaign.

Let's face the truth. Waterloo is one of Iowa's dirty cities. It isn't as bad as Chicago or Los Angeles, but for a community this size, the dirt and mud in our neighborhoods is beyond excuse.

This is a problem the city council should consider. I know that no legal action can be taken against homeowners who don't paint their property. No ordinance can force a man to plant grass. But some moral force might convince most property owners to clean up and paint up.

THE PUBLISHER

Boys Take To The Sandlots . . .



NEIGHBORHOOD BASEBALL is back in the news as youngsters throughout Waterloo begin vacation this week. The Waterloo Dodgers and the Waterloo Cardinals are already battling it out in the Seven-Up sandlot league (next to the Seven-Up Bottling Co. on Esther St.) Among the boys playing are Richard Braun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Braun, 106 Anita St.; Jimmy Kneeskern, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Kneeskern, of 302 Boston Ave.; Gerald Tarkett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Tarkett, of 88 Gable St.; Gregory Sissel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sissel, of 310 Ester St.; David Gorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gorman, of 2515 E. 4th St.; Richard Schultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schultz, of 628 Hope St.; and Larry Ash, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Ash, of 2817 E. 4th St.

Elks Planning Convention

The local Elks Lodge 426 and Auxiliary are making plans for the 32nd annual convention of the Mid-West States Association of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, June 21 - 25.

More than 500 men and women from eight states and Canada are expected in Waterloo for the event, said Scott Mardes, associate auditor of the IBPOEW and general chairman of the local arrangements committee.

Registration and informal opening events are scheduled for Saturday, June 21, at the

Elks home on Shilliam Ave. Highlighting this first day is an address from Dr. G. B. Key, M. D., at the testimonial banquet in the Elks Annex. Dr. Key is the original director of education of the Elks, from St. Louis, Mo.

Outstanding events on Sunday, June 22, are the competitive drill in the East High stadium, on Vine St., at 3 p.m. and the oratorical contest at the East High school auditorium, at 7:30 p.m.

Business sessions for the Elks and Daughters are planned for Monday, June 23, along

with a convention parade, which will assemble at W. Park Ave. and South St. The Gold Plate Dinner is planned for Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Taver on the Green. Speaker at the dinner will be George W. Lee, of Memphis, Tenn., Grand Commissioner of Education of the Elks.

Wednesday, June 25: business sessions, sight seeing, shopping, farewell party.

Conclusion on the printed program: "We are not 'chuck full o' nuts' like the company our beloved Jackie Robinson is affiliated with — but — we are chuck full of interesting events for this convention."

What states are represented? Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Wyoming, along with Canada.

Who are the visiting dignitaries scheduled to attend? Robert H. Johnson, Philadelphia, Penn., Grand Exalted Ruler; Reuben Warren, Minneapolis, Minn., president; John Williams, Des Moines, Ia., secretary; "Chick" Pullman, Kansas City, treasurer; Arretta Butler, Souix City, Ia., state president; Anna Bailey, St. Louis, Mo., first vice-president; Polly Kirkpatrick, Oklahoma City, Okla., treasurer; Nettie Carter Jackson, Washington, D. C., Grand Daughter Ruler; Gen. Roy E. Barnett, Chicago, Grand Major; Julia DeLarosa, Waterloo, special deputy; Neola Downing, Mercer, Mo., financial secretary; Clarence Sheppard, Waterloo, Exalted Ruler, Cedar Valley Lodge No. 426; and Verona Stevenson, Waterloo, Daughter Ruler, Melrose Temple No. 277.

Gus Retires After Thirty Years

School ended last week for the Catholic school students and teachers.

And, for the first time in 30 years, school also ended for Gus Delamore, custodian at St. Mary's school.

Gus retired May 31, after serving as janitor at St. Mary's since March, 1928.

Gus, who is living at 222 Quincy St., feels this is a record of some sort. He also has a couple other notable records to his credit: during those 30 years, he was never away from the school for more than three days at a time (those were his vacations), and during those 30 years he missed only two monthly meetings of the parish Holy Name Society.

Few men could do the work that has kept Gus occupied these past 30 years. We'll follow Gus through one of his past regular days:



GUS DELAMORE

He awakened at about 3:30 a.m. so he could get to work at 4:15 a.m. Starting the heating system came first; next came preparing the school for opening hours and for Mass. After

Mass and at noon he took over the milk selling chores. During the day he was everyone's fix-it-man. Some said his specialty was repairing broken down desks, but he was proficient at dozens of odd jobs, washing windows, building scenery and props for plays and operettas, arranging Christmas decorations, painting walls, adjusting doors . . .

By 5 p.m., on his normal day, school was closed, so Gus went home, to return at 7 p.m. for checking the boiler room.

Sometime during the day he usually managed to work in three meals.

All of this is past, now.

Gus is going to rest up, get behind the wheel of his 1949 Mercury, and take off for parts unknown. He's going to drive where he's never had the time to drive before, go fishing, see the country, visit friends and relatives.

This isn't saying Gus didn't enjoy life at St. Mary's. Gus was everyone's friend. He was custodian, stage manager, interior decorator, cook (he brewed coffee at the monthly Holy Name breakfasts for 30 years!) and most of all, friend.

When asked which work he enjoyed most as custodian, Gus replied, "I enjoy all of my work."

That's the way he is with everything. Many of the students and teachers at St. Mary's thought of Gus as some kind of human Saint — for they were sure that no one but a Saint could work as hard and as long, as Gus did, at so many odd jobs, without developing Saintly virtues.

Gus seldom complained. Always he had a joke for the students, always he could take out time to chat and comment about his work.

St. Mary's says, "So long, Gus. Have a good time wherever you go, and remember the happy hours and days at school."

Editorials . . .

Smitty Scores A Hit

Wellington Smith, in his column today, proposes that forward-minded citizens form a corporation for the purpose of encouraging new businesses and industries in Waterloo. Smitty's objective is obvious: the more jobs in Waterloo, the better off everyone will be. He asserts that dependence on one or two industries is not a healthy situation. He says his idea is a dream, and asks if there isn't some hard-headed individual brave enough to try his idea out.

The PROGRESS seconds Smitty's plan, and presents some facts and figures to give support to his Create-New-Jobs-Through-New-Business-and-Industry campaign. These statistics are taken from a report, "What New Industrial Jobs Mean to a Community," prepared by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and reprinted by the Industrial Committee of the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce.

JOB CHANGES

(Plus or Minus the number of workers)

Manufacturing	+100
Retail Trade	+33
Construction	+25
Professional and related services	+14
Transportation, communication and other public utilities	+13
Business and repair services	+5
Wholesale trade	+5
Public administration	+5
Finance, insurance and real estate	+4
Entertainment and recreation services	+2
Industry not reported	+2
Forestry and fisheries	+1
Personal services	-2
Mining	-2
Agriculture	-31
Total, all industries	+174

This chart does not tell the entire story. One-hundred new factory workers, in Waterloo, means 296 more people (husbands, wives, children), 112 more households, 51 more school children, \$590,000 more personal income per year, \$270,000 more bank deposits, 107 more passenger cars registered, 174 more workers employed, four more retail establishments and \$360,000 more retail sales per year. The breakdown on the increase in annual retail sales — when 100 new factory workers are added to the city's economy — is interesting.

INCREASED RETAIL SALES

Grocery stores	\$70,000
Eating and drinking places	\$30,000
Department, dry goods and variety stores	\$45,000
Clothing and shoe stores	\$25,000
Automobile dealers	\$50,000
Gasoline service stations	\$20,000
Lumber yards and building materials dealers	\$15,000
Other stores	\$105,000
Total increase in annual retail sales	\$360,000

Every organization — business, labor and fraternal — should get behind Smitty's plan. His idea is a progressive move, and we are proud that he announced it in our pages. We are hopeful that we can report on its progress toward reality.

A Revoltin' Development

It isn't surprising. Last week Vice President Richard M. Nixon blessed Sen. William F. Knowland's bid for the California Governorship. Nixon's clap on Knowland's back came just four days after Knowland called the vice president the only "major" GOP candidate for president in 1960.

As of this date, the Progress takes no stand on political candidates — for or against. But we do have the right to criticize their actions, from time to time. We have always maintained a generally high regard for the vice president, and a generally low regard for the minority leader, Knowland. Knowland's stand on most legislation, and specifically on labor legislation, is radically reactionary. In California, he is basing the success of his campaign on his endorsement of a proposed state Right-to-Work law. We realize that Nixon, as a politician, had to support Knowland's bid. After all, Knowland may lead the California delegation to the convention that will nominate Nixon. Nixon has to keep peace in the family. Nixon's action is no worse than action by Northern Democrats in courting Southern votes during Presidential election time.

But Nixon's warm blessing of Knowland scares us. We wonder if it means Nixon's blessing, also, of the Right-to-Work concept on a federal as well as state basis. Nixon should clarify his stand on this all-important domestic issue before too long.

Smitty's Punches

By Wellington Smith

I am naive enough to believe that most of Waterloo's economic and social problems have solutions. I am also practical enough to know these solutions are or will be — complex, difficult, and, therefore, automatically shirked.

But since I am more of a dreamer, than a realist, I can dream up some solutions, from time to time, hoping a few practical, hard-headed folks will come along to turn my dreams into reality.

Right now, one of Waterloo's basic problems is an almost total dependence upon Rath's and Deere's. This total dependence upon one or two industries for economic well-being is a common problem with many cities. The more diversified a city's industry, the sounder its economic foundation. Everytime Rath's or Deere's lays off men, business throughout the city feels the pinch. If more men, proportionately, were employed in different industries, layoffs in one plant could be compensated for by increased work and payrolls in another plant. Supposedly, the only solution is to Lure outside industry into the community.

Is this the only solution? Doesn't Waterloo have enough native genius to provide jobs for her people? I think there are a number of young men who could think of ways to provide jobs.

First, of course, Waterloo businessmen should organize a

corporation to give financial backing to young, small businessmen and manufacturers. The board of directors of this investment corporation — let's name it Waterloo Promoters, Inc. — would be chosen for their interest in this project and for their ability to recognize sound business sense in others. Naturally, these board members must have business experience and what is called "business sense." But most important, they will have to recognize it in others, and be able to encourage others to gamble and take a chance on ventures.

Who would I put on the board of directors? First, Pat Touchae, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Next, I would put Bill Henke, a big gun (and gun is a good description of this high powered young man) in Waterloo and Iowa Jaycee activities. Then I would put Bob Peterson a young, forward-looking executive, head of the newly established Peterson Associates Inc., an advertising agency. These men would be a nucleus for the board of directors. Waterloo has many other men, and women, who could provide knowledge and experience to the board.

This corporation — the Waterloo Promoters, Inc. — would set about doing two things: (1) find men and women who have ideas for new businesses and new industries

(tiny, small, medium or large) and, (2) help finance and promote these new concerns in Waterloo.

In simple language, Waterloo Promoters, Inc., would do everything possible to create more jobs for Waterloo citizens.

If Waterloo hopes to grow and prosper, it must take a dramatic step — a novel, new plunge, I might say — in a new direction.

Waterloo businessmen are noted throughout the state for organizing organizations: East Side Businessmen to build a ramp; West Side Businessmen to build a ramp; Sycamore Businessmen to boost Sycamore business; Falls Ave. Businessmen to boost Falls Ave. business; etc. etc. etc.

I'm not proposing another organization. I'm proposing a new business operation that would build new businesses and industries in Waterloo. This would be a kind of parent-business establishment, set up to nurture to maturity, promising establishments.

The more businesses Waterloo has, the more industries and manufacturers — the more varied and the more diversified — then the more prosperous a city we will have.

Is this a dream, this Waterloo Promoters, Inc.? Well, then, isn't there one hard-headed realist who could push it, and make it go? Waterloo needs it.

of by his opposition, and organized labor has been campaigning against him because of tax manipulations favoring the large landowners. Furthermore, the many times he has made irresponsible charges against political enemies has certainly been brought to the mind of the voter, for never has he produced evidence to back up his charges.

In spite of the thorny road lying ahead of this governor, it is the opinion of this writer that he will be elected for an unprecedented third term. A third term for Faubus means he will be able to appoint his third member to the highway commission and will thus control this important body (and thus reap the political fruits of this control). During the past several months we have been traveling throughout Arkansas, and have discovered that although the population is well aware of the dangers to the state of re-electing the present governor, still the sentiment is for re-election.

And if Orval Faubus continues as governor, it bodes ill for the colored population throughout the entire South, for

it will mean that the White Citizens Councils speak for the majority!

NAACP Meeting Set Saturday At 8 p.m.

The local Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will meet at 708 Mobile St., Saturday, at 8 p.m. Miss Anna Mae Weems, president, urges all members and interested persons to strive to attend this meeting.

The board of directors will meet at 7 p.m.

"The NAACP's recent victory in helping to get the school board to reconsider the use of Washington Community Center as a school is surely proof that this community needs the NAACP," Mrs. Weems said in announcing the meeting. "I urge everyone to get in on our membership drive now," she said.

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Behind The Grits and Gravy Curtain

By Joseph Paul

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Democratic primary race for governor of Arkansas will be watched with interest by the colored population of this country. Through this election they may well gauge the temper of the Southern whites.

Gov. Faubus will be opposed by three candidates seeking the Democratic nomination, which in Arkansas is tantamount to victory in the general election. All four candidates are avowed segregationists, publicly pledged to use all lawful means to avoid integration. Thus, the issue is not integration, per se.

However, in the mind of the Southern white, Gov. Faubus represents the blind unreasoning opposition, the man who will stop at nothing, and his popularity is immense.

It must be made clear that racism is the only important issue in the race, contrary to most newspaper reports in the North which seems to ignore this problem entirely. On all other issues, the present governor must stand condemned by the vast majority of citizens in his state. The natural gas scandal has been much talked

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Paper Hits Race 'Incidents'

OKLAHOMA CITY (Special to the PROGRESS) — Nearly all "racial incidents are purely imaginary," the **Daily Oklahoman** has said editorially.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called the editorial important, and of interest, "because there has been so much misrepresentation about incidents of alleged interracial conflict in integrated schools."

Following is the complete editorial as it appeared in Oklahoma's morning daily paper:

IMAGINARY INCIDENTS

In the integrated school at Spiro two white pupils became angered and proceeded to settle their differences in the old fashioned but somewhat outworn American way. No Negro pupil was involved in the controversy. No Negro had anything to do with that schoolyard brawl. But immediately the principal of the school began to receive calls from all over the country asking for full information concerning the racial disturbances in the Spiro school. All over the country

that little fight began to assume the proportions of a serious racial disturbance.

In their consideration of this integration question too many American people have lost their sense of balance. Some of them have simply lost their sense. Let the least trouble develop in any integrated schools and it is paraded as a racial incident even when the Negro race is in no sense involved. That error has been carried entirely too far for the good of the country and the good of the different races.

Put 20 white boys in any school in the country and you are nearly certain to have a fight before the term comes to an end. Put 20 Negro boys in any Negro school in the country and you are nearly certain to have a fight before term's end. Put ten white boys and ten Negro boys in the same school and a fight before the year's end is almost inevitable.

But when a fight occurs among 20 white boys in a white school it is not regarded as a racial incident. Let a fight occur among 20 Negro boys in a Negro school and it is not considered a racial matter at all. Let two white boys have a fight in an integrated school, and it is immediately heralded as a racial disturbance, notwithstanding the fact that no Negro has been involved. That

is exactly what happened in the school at Spiro. Two white boys handled each other roughly and it was declared a racial incident throughout the country. No Negro was involved, but there are Negroes in the Spiro school, so the extremists saw at once the lowering clouds of racial antagonism in the Spiro area.

Boys have fought in American schools ever since the first American school bell rang. There will be fights among boys in American schools as long as our educational system continues in operation. Those fights seem to be unavoidable and they are to be expected. But now that integration has begun, a new and sinister factor has been introduced. Every personal contest is regarded as an incident. And nearly all of those racial incidents are purely imaginary.

Pools Opening This Saturday

Saturday is the big day. Sun worshippers and just plain ordinary water lovers will invade the Byrnes and Gates Parks swimming pools.

Opening day at the pools, Saturday, will see the two municipal pools re-conditioned after a lengthy program was undertaken this spring.

Bottoms of the pools are painted with a special pool paint, white, with a rubber base which helps to fill up the cracks and pits in the concrete that causes so much injury in the line of skinned knees and legs. It also protects the concrete from the chlorine in the water.

New shower stalls were placed in the girls' dressing rooms and permanent spectator bleachers are installed outside the fences.

The pools will be open every day, seven days a week, from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. The admission is still 15 cents (this is lowest anywhere in the state) for all ages.

The Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program begins the week of June 16. Registrations will be accepted at the Washington Community Center, Wednesday, June 10. Classes in synchronized and competitive swimming for teen age boys and girls are planned for every Monday and Friday, starting June 16, at both pools, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Youngsters interested may register at the Recreation Commission office or at the pool.

Easy Reading NEWS

CITY BREAKS GROUND

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new city hall, at the site of the old East Junior High school on Mulberry St., were conducted this morning at 11 a.m. Tentative completion date for the building is Sept. 15, 1959.

PLAN RIVER SHOW

Pat Touche, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce in Waterloo, is pushing plans for the appearance of the Tommy Bartlett Water Ski and Jumping Boat Thrill Show in Waterloo, Aug. 20-22. This show drew 30,000 people in one afternoon performance last year in Cedar Rapids.

PROMOTE CEMETERY

John Shields is president of the board of directors of the Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery Association, a non-profit corporation. Harry Burd is vice-president and Robert Cooper is secretary-treasurer. The

board is planning a promotion campaign to acquaint local citizens with facilities available at the cemetery.

SCHOITZ LETTING SET

The Presbyterian Hospital Association, directing body of the Schoitz Hospital, will let contracts for the north wing addition to Schoitz Memorial Hospital, on or about July 31. The addition would add 80 beds to the present plant.

SYMPHONY OFFICERS

On the executive committee for the Waterloo Symphony — all re-elected at the meeting last week — are Roger Tillapaugh, president; Warren Meade, first vice president; Dick Baker, second vice president, and D. M. Sulentic, secretary-treasurer. New members on the board are Carl Schulz, Mrs. Richard Corton, Mrs. Elmer Cohn, Mrs. Herbert Shulman, Dr. O. J. Halth, Mrs. C. P. Addison, Robert Grow, and Robert Noonan.

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SPORTS EYE VIEW

by jove

Caps off to Gus D'Amato, at the moment when the batter Floyd Patterson's manager, for tried a professional slide into announcing last week that his third. I also saw an outfielder kid will defend his crown in snap up a grounder, on the run, July. Wonder if Gus read my mind you, and flick it into column a couple weeks ago? second for an out. Don't expect so, but he took Also have been watching the someone's advice, just the kids at tennis. And the swim- ming pools open this week. All same.

Note that pix on page one, in all, the Waterloo Recreation kids tossing the baseball Commission is doing a great around like they were pros at job at keeping youngsters oc- cupied, in worthwhile events, it. That's no kidding. I've been watching these youngsters during the summer vacation play, and believe me the sum- mer baseball program — "T" Suppose I'm supposed to shirts, etc. — is really benefi- cial. These kids can handle a on Wilt Chamberlain's quitting ball better than anything I'd the U. of Kansas so he could have dreamed of when I was "make some real money." Well, a kid. This pix was taken just if a guy's got a chance to make

Youngsters Take Over



THESE YOUNG BUSINESSMEN (and businesswoman) were the first to sign up for selling the Waterloo Progress, door-to-door. Jim Collison, editor of the Progress, talked with the youngsters, left-to-right, Michael Garrison, Alvin Pearson, Donald Frazier, Charlotte Coney and Phillip Bryant (standing in front). Fifteen boys and girls are now selling the Progress. Boys or girls who want to seel papers and subscriptions should contact Betty Hackett at the Progress office, Room 211, D.A.V. Building, 620 1/2 Lafayette St.

money, suppose he should. think Charlie is right. You tion League, and Ellsworth Anyway, it's his own business. have to understand a game be- Blackwell, a member of the The way I read it, he's more fore you can like it. Baha'i World Faith. The pub- lic is cordially invited.

(Plug: Collison tells me that the Progress is starting a big push in subscrip- tion sales. Want a good gift for the lady? Then send in a year's subscrip- tion and Collison sends you a free gift — worth 75-cents — that the lady will really like. Also, if you have kids old enough, send them up to our offices in the DAV building. Collison will put them to work, making good money, selling subscrip- tions.)

Charlie Callahan, sports cast- er for Our Sunday Visitor, has an idea about why baseball is such a popular sport compared to football and basketball, for examples. He points out that no mater where baseball is played, "on a neighborhood sandlot, or in the big leagues," you'll always find the same set of rules. Put not in football or basketball. The fans are kept in an utter state of con- fusion, from season to season, trying to sort out all the rules changes and all the red tape it takes to score one, two, three or six points, or whatever. I

What do you think? Why don't you write to me — just drop a note to "Mr. J. — % the Progress — Box 2292 — Waterloo." Tell me what you think of Wilt's move. I, myself have mixed feel- ings on the subject, and would like to get your view. I'll print your letter, too, so other men can share your reaction.

Baha'i Observes Race Amity Day

The Waterloo and Castle Hill Communities of the Baha'i World Faith will observe Race Amity Day with a public pro- gram June 7, 8 p.m., at the YWCA. Speakers for the event will be Judge Blair Wood, a World Federalist, Attny. Mel- vin Wolf, of the Anti-Defama-

Race Amity, an annual Baha'i event, will be celebrated throughout the country. Its purpose is to promote friend- ship and understanding among the races. Practice of oneness of mankind, a basic Baha'i pre- cept, should be an integral part of each person's daily life. This aim cannot be reached without understanding on the part of each race.

Sunday, June 8, a Race Amity picnic will be held at 11 a.m., at Byrnes Park. It will be a potluck, with coffee fur- nished. This picnic will be for fun and fellowship only, with no program. Anyone who wishes to come will be most welcome.

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