



FIRE DAMAGE, estimated at several thousand dollars, forced Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Roozenboom out of their home at 604 Liberty street the evening of March 30. The fire was believed to have started in a clothes dryer and spread through the north wall of the house. Most of the Roozenbooms' belongings sustained heavy damage from smoke, fire and water. There was no one home at the time of the fire. The house, owned by Henry Van Buren, and the contents were said to be covered by insurance. —Chronicle NEWS Photo

Rites Today for Jerry Hellings, 86

Funeral services for Jerry Hellings, 86, will be held on Tuesday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m. from the chapel of the Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home. Rev. Gerald La Motte, pastor of the Central Methodist church of Oskaloosa will be assisted by the Rev. John S. Ter Louw at the service. Burial will be made in the Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Hellings died at midnight Saturday at the Pella Community hospital. A former light plant employee and employed for some years in the plumbing and heating business he is survived by his wife, the former Nancy Andeweg. Their home is at 314 Franklin street.

A complete obituary will appear in a later issue of The Chronicle.

TULIP TIME MEETING

Committee chairmen of Tulip Time will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the Legion Hall to discuss progress to date and any adjustments which might be deemed necessary. It is urged that the chairman or a representative be present.

Community High Accredited Again

The Pella Community High School has again received its approval from the North Central Assn. of Colleges and Secondary Schools for the year 1962-63.

The action was taken at the annual business meeting of the Association in Chicago March 18-22, 1963.

Accreditation is based upon many conditions. Some of these are teacher load, preparation of teachers, course of study, physical facilities, type and kind of organizations, testing and guidance programs, types of extra-curricular programs and many others.

A certificate of approval was received and will be displayed or kept in the files for reference.



TAKING ADVANTAGE of spring vacation, these Community high juniors (and one sophomore) spent several hours last week in the Edgar Roorda home's recreation room making table decorations for the Junior-Senior Banquet, to be held Friday night at First

Reformed church. Among those assisting with pre-banquet chores were Eunice Roorda (left), Jean Ruthven, Ruth Hiemstra, Sandra Roorda and Carolyn Van Den Berg. The Junior-Senior Banquet, of course, is the highlight of the school's social season.

Vander Laan Explains Value of Big Rock Park

Chronicle Will Carry Series Of Park Features

Further progress in the development of Big Rock Park was noted here last week when Dick Vander Laan, coach and biology teacher at Christian high, appealed to the local Red Rock Chapter of the Izaak Walton League for assistance in maintaining the park.

The Waltonians agreed to offer their services in the fields of erosion control, maintaining trails and foot

bridges, or possibly acting as guides.

Speaking to the Walton League Tuesday night, Vander Laan explained the potentials that Big Rock Park has as a nature center which promises to be a source of education and recreation for the entire community.

Gift to City

The park, an 87-acre tract of land donated to the city by Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Kuyper in 1958, is one of the few virgin timbers in this area. It is intended to preserve the park in its natural state, which was the purpose of its being turned over to the city.

Last fall Dick Vander Laan, working on his masters degree, chose Big Rock Park as the subject for his independent research toward his thesis. Since then Vander Laan has seen the potential the park has to offer in the way of education and recreation for the public.

WORK DONE in the park last fall was tagging one thousand trees and shrubs, giving both the common and scientific names.

Vander Laan cited Herbert Vander Waal, a member of the

Pella Park Board, as having originally marked and opened the trail system in the park. Later the Jaycees, City Street Department and the Park Board joined forces in clearing certain areas in the park and established at least three picnic grounds.

Plans now are being made with the Pella Recreation Commission and the Park Board to include in their program a nature day-camp for youngsters between the ages of 8 and 18. Vander Laan says he is working with Paul Brodigan, director of city recreation, in arranging a community nature study program on a year-to-year schedule.

Series Start Apr. 23

Beginning next Tuesday, The Chronicle will carry the first in a series of articles about the values of Big Rock Park, its biological stages from the original prairie to its present hardwood forests. The articles will be authored by Vander Laan.

Too-Lees, Not Too-Less

In Stravers Hardware ad last Thursday appeared the brand name "Teweeless" for lawn applications. The correct pronunciation is "Too-Lees."

New Records Set Here as Central Downs Penn 70-66

Seven new dual meet records and one school record in track were set at Kuyper Stadium Friday afternoon as Dr. Marinus Kregel's thinclads defeated William Penn 70-66.

Doug Schakel of Pella set both a new meet and new school record in the pole vault with an 11-9½ effort. The old school record was 11-6, set by Schakel last year.

Other new records were set by Jim Freeze (P) 44-10½ in the shot put, Duane Krueger (C), 173-2 in the javelin, Dave Eidahl (C) 21-3½ in the broad jump, Jafari (P) 4 512 in the mile; Whitten (P) 125-4 in the discus, and Rollins, (P), 10.1 in the 100. Bob Pentico of Central tied a record in the 120 high hurdles with a time of 18.1. Pentico also captured the 220 low hurdles.

Central took 11 first places to Penn's six. But Penn picked up 12 second places to Central's four.

The next meet is Wednesday with Simpson at Indianola.

Dahm Bid OK'd For Mahaska Road

AMES — The Iowa State Highway Commission Wednesday approved a low bid of \$38,104 submitted by J. B. Dahm, Pella, for grading about 5 miles of farm to market road in Mahaska County. The road is located east of Lacey and extends to the Keokuk County line.

College Petitions Council to Vacate Streets on Campus

Central College has petitioned the City Council to vacate Peace St from Broadway to West Third, and West First and West Second from Peace St north 200 ft to the alley, it was reported today.

The College has asked to purchase the vacated area, and convert it to sodded campus grounds. There is no private residential property fronting on any of the street areas involved.

The move was necessitated, college officials said, to facilitate college expansion, and to eliminate a traffic and pedestrian hazard in the center of the campus.

Central's enrollment has increased 103% since 1954-55 to a record of 620 students this last fall. Enrollment next fall is expected to reach 650. The increasing number of students, and resulting expansion of faculty and staff have greatly increased both pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic on the street and added to the already over-crowded conditions.

The college is currently studying various proposals designed to minimize parking by college students and personnel along the various streets adjacent to campus.

Three Purposes

"The college feels the closing of Peace St in the immediate campus area will serve a three-fold function: First, it will eliminate a traffic hazard, second, it will enhance the beauty of the campus, and third, it will allow an orderly expansion of facilities in line with the planned development program," officials said.

For Girls Too

To Organize City League Softball Here Thursday

A meeting to organize the 1963 Pella Municipal Softball League, which is sponsored by the Recreation Commission, will be held on Thursday, April 18, at the Public Safety building at 7:30 p.m.

Those teams which participated in the league last year, as well as any which might be interested in joining the league this year, should attend the meeting. Also, any individuals who would like to play on a team, but are not already assigned to one, should attend.

Tentative plans are to conduct the league on Wednesday and Friday evenings. All players in the league must be at least 16 years of age.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

Tentative plans are being made to conduct a girls' softball league this year, which will be sponsored by the Commission. Plans are to schedule games during the twilight hours, beginning about 5:30 p.m. An effort will be made to secure six teams for the league. A meeting will be arranged very soon to organize the league, and the date and time of the meeting will be announced in next week's Chronicle.

Tulip Times

Queens' This year charming Mary Ver Meer will be crowned our 26th Tulip Queen. Have you wondered what has become of our past queens? This week's and future columns will tell of them.

Past queens still claiming Iowa as home include: Mrs. Vern Meidemeier (Martha Van Berkum), Mrs. Donald Heene (Lou Ann Le Cocq) and Mrs. Martin Sullivan (Sandra Cummings) all of Des Moines; Mrs. Ronald De Bruin (JoAnn Schagen), Prairie City, and Mrs. Larry Kruse (Sandra Sels) of Marshalltown.

Our second Tulip Queen, Mrs. Charles Lytle (Freda Den Burger) probably possesses a southern Dutch charm for she lives in Brookhaven, Miss., where she is teaching school.

Our neighboring state of Illinois is home for Mrs. Frank Lokerse (Jeanne Van Gorkum). Residing at Marion, she finds time for bookkeeping duties in her husband's hotel and father-in-law's construction firm. In addition to the usual household tasks and the bookkeeping she also finds time to assist in the Girl Scout program.

A popular vacation spot for many is Colorado and this is home for Mrs. H. K. Cunningham (Judy Cook) who lives at Littleton. Plans call for being home for the festival this year.

Mrs. Roger Duven (Glenda Steenhoeck) will again become a Pella resident once Roger has completed his studies at the Milwaukee, Wis., Institute of Mortuary Science.

Mrs. Arthur Downey (Gwen Vanden Berg) holds the queenly charm on the eastern side of the United States and resides in Ithaca, N. Y.

Mrs. J. V. Manussier (Carol Ver Steeg) is currently living in Minneapolis, Minn., where her husband is a co-pilot for Northwest Orient Airlines.

Six of our past queens continue to reside in or near Pella. They are Mrs. Siebolt Hellinga (Leonora Gaass), Mrs. Chester Zylstra (Leona Schilder), Mrs. Elmer Van Zee (Marge Veenman), Mrs. Wayne Greving (Beverly Thomassen), Mrs. Galen Dykhuis (Wilma Van Zee), and Miss Kathy Goselink.

Perhaps Broadway Street should be renamed Queen Boulevard for three of these former queens reside on it.

California sunshine lured three of our queens. They are Mrs. Victor M. Burkman (Virginia Van Gorp), Los Altos; Mrs. Stanley Porter (Lorraine De Haan), Los Alamitos; and Mrs. Jerome Schakel (Hilma Schagen), Gardena.

We hope other Dutch communities know of our queenly contribution in their midst. Holland, Mich., is home for Mrs. Lawrence Green (Ruth Klein) and Mrs. Ervin Roorda (Andrea Boat), while at Grand Rapids in the same state, Mrs. Allen Flietstra (Ruth Vande Geest) and Miss Lois De Kock lend their charms.

Although scattered near and far, we are proud of our past queens and hope that they will return for a visit during festival days whenever possible. Each has her individual memory and we as a community remember them with fondness.



They Found The 'Lucky' Eggs

It took the kids just 90 seconds to pick up some 3,000 Easter eggs in the Jaycee-sponsored egg hunt here Saturday morning. The Jaycees, earlier that morning, spent about 20 minutes scattering the colorful candy eggs throughout the four-acre park, then looked on with amazement at the speed with which they were gathered up by the 200 or more youngsters.

Twenty-five of the eggs contained "lucky numbers" good for merchandise prized at as many downtown business firms. Hunters finding the lucky eggs (pictured above) were, from left: Charles Drake, Randy Schimmel, Bryce Sietstra, Kent Joosten, Tommy Vines, Craig Van Berkum, Bob Wierenga and Becky Jo Engbers. Second row Rhonda Pope, Linda Olshoorn, Jayni Stenhoeck, Vicki Goemaat, Mark Vander Meiden, Steven Vander Kraats, Lee Ann Peters, Mike Granow and Beverly Warner. Third row: Paulotte Ver Meer, Donna Sparks, Kathleen Van Waardhuizen, Sheila Sparks, Ruth Van Wyk, Dianna Sparks, Bonnie Steenhoeck and Sandy Klein.

The weather was perfect for the hunt and the stampede resulted in no apparent casualties. Although one spectator com-

mented that the hunt was a large scale lesson in greed, Johnny Vanden Oever displayed some of the generosity that was witnessed in the crowd. With ten eggs in his basket after the melee was over, Johnny's pride of possession gave way to a kind heart. He shared a portion of his catches with some of his little friends who came thru the scamper empty-handed.

One corner of the park was roped off for the little ones. For most of these it was their first egg hunt, and the eggs often became secondary to other excitements round about. One mother was overheard coaching her small daughter from the sidelines to forget about picking the dandelions and get an egg.

Business firms who gave prizes for the "lucky number" egg finders were: Gambles, Marion County State Bank, Bob's Clothing, Ulrich Meat Market, Black's Style Shoppe, Jaarsma Bakery, Pella Bootery, Ideal Pharmacy, The Book Shop, Andeweg Toy Shop, Vos Shopping Center, In't Veid Market, Van Berkum Appliances, Wormhoudt Furniture, Lee's, Tot Shop, Tysseling & De Wild, Coast-to-Coast, Vogel's Hardware, Boat & Boat-sma, Van Den Berg Electric, Pella National Bank, De Jong

Floral Shop, Wormhoudt and Kempkes, and Vander Linden's Rexall.

Two Cases in Sully Mayor Court

Recent cases listed in the court dockets of Sully Mayor Henry Boertje include one for illegal parking and one for excessive noise with a motor vehicle.

Illegal parking charges were filed against Case Vonk. The fine was \$5.

Wayne Edwin Dieleman of Grinnell pleaded guilty to a charge of excessive noise with a motor vehicle and was assessed a \$25 fine.

HERE'S AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS

Corn	Bu.	.91	.99
Wheat	Bu.	1.84	1.97
Oats	Bu.	.67	.68
Soybeans	Bu.	2.34	2.43
Hay	Ton	20.80	17.70
Hogs	Cwt.	15.80	13.70
Beef	Cwt.	23.10	20.80
Calves	Cwt.	24.80	24.90
Sheep	Cwt.	5.00	5.80
Lambs	Cwt.	16.50	18.20
Eggs	Doz.	.24	.28
Milk	Cwt.	3.55	3.40
Wool	Lb.	.45	.48



Brings In First Lunker

W. L. "Mac" McNamar Thursday evening brought in the first lunker bass of the season, a hungry 6½ pounder who took what "Mac" described as an "old injured minnow plug that had been in my tackle box for about 15 years." Using a spinning outfit with 8 pound test line, it took McNamar about 15 minutes to land this 22½-inch-long bass. Its girth measured 17 and five-eighths inches. McNamar is convinced there are other plenty of other "granddaddy" bass just as big or bigger out at the rock quarry north of Pella. He says there's one lunker in the quarry he calls "Oscar" that he's hooked several times, but has never been able to land. If his luck continues, maybe this will be the year. —Chronicle NEWS Photo.