

New Radio for Firemen to be On Civil Defense Network

Mt. Vernon and Fire District No. 1 will join the county and statewide Civil Defense Fire Service network, following joint action at a special city council meeting Friday.

Bill Bjornsen, Linn county civil defense director, attended the meeting with Fire Chief Darwin Cook and Don Dolezal, George Vislisse and Tom Armstrong, trustees of the fire district.

Bjornsen told the gathering that Mt. Vernon, Lisbon and Springville are the only fire departments in the county using low frequency radios. Everyone else has converted to high frequency at 154.3 m.c. Of the low frequency departments, only Mt. Vernon is operating at 33.78 m.c. The other two are broadcasting on 37.1 m.c.

The conversion to high frequency band is part of a county-wide program encouraged by civil defense. It enables any department seeking mutual aid to radio direct to another department, rather than radioing back to the home department and asking someone to call.

The conversion is aided by a joint purchase of the radios through civil defense. Bjornsen said that 29 of the units have been ordered from Motorola at a cost of \$250 each. Most of the units have already been installed. Each fire department which purchases one of the units is eligible to receive half the purchase price reimbursed by the federal government.

Motorola, low bidder on the project, has offered a like-new rebuilt set with the same guarantee as a new set. The price is much lower than that of a new set purchased on the open market.

The Fire Service network has set up a base at the county home a centrally located part of the county which is more than 1,000 feet above sea level. The antenna will be set atop the water tower at the home.

Bjornsen claimed many advantages in joining the program, one of which is the availability of getting mutual aid from anywhere in the state in the event of a major disaster.

He advised that one of the high frequency sets be purchased and put in the fire district pump house which goes to all call areas. He also advised retention of the present sets as mobile units, and suggested that application be made to convert them to 37.1 m.c. to fit in with Lisbon and Springville. "Mt. Vernon will thus be able to talk with 15 other departments in the county," Bjornsen said.

After further discussion, the fire district trustees agreed to pay for the new radio and the city agreed to pay the cost of converting the low frequency mobile units to 37.1 m.c. The cost was split in this way to avoid legal entanglements, as a law permitting fire districts and cities to provide joint facilities has not yet been passed by the state legislature.

EMERGENCY OPERATING CENTER

Bjornsen also advocated the addition of space in the basement of the new fire station to be built next door to the present city hall, as an emergency operating center.

The federal government would again pay half the price of construction of this part of the building, if it were so designated. Allowed would be showers, a kitchenette and a meeting room.

The room could be used by the firemen for their meetings, or any other similar business. Its purpose is to give the municipal government a place to function in the event of a disaster.

Matching funds are available for three phases of the project. The first is a feasibility study by a qualified architect to decide if the project is sound and workable. The second is the final preparation of plans, followed by the final phase, actual construction.

A committee consisting of Councilman Robert Voetberg, Trustee Tom Armstrong and Fire Chief Darwin Cook was appointed to study details of the project.

In other action, the council voted to have a wooden structure, six feet square, built for city dump custodian Palmer Hubbell. The shelter will have a door and a window. It will be built by Kruse Lumber Co. at a cost of \$10.

Blind Corners, Icy Streets, Pose Problems

Several unmarked blind corners and icy streets posed a slippery problem for the Mt. Vernon city council Monday.

Mayor Otis E. Young requested the installation of yield signs at several corners on south Third street, Southbound traffic on Second and Third avenues has to stop at Third street, but northbound traffic on the avenues does not. Third street, the main route to the south entrance of Cornell has heavy traffic and is uphill for the five blocks it covers between highway 1 and the campus.

The mayor told councilmen that court cases involving collisions between cars on Third street and cars going north on one of the avenues are difficult to adjudicate. He requested the yield signs to be placed to make it clear who has the right of way.

Councilman Joseph Meade objected to the signs because of the impossibility of stopping at the corners on the ice. "The only thing we'll improve (by the installation of signs) will be the ease of judgment, but we'll be flooded with complaints," Meade said.

Also voted was installation of yield signs on Third street because it also has a hill, which makes it impossible to restart after stopping on ice.

After further consultation with patrolman Robert Hess and City Attorney R. B. Wolfe said, both Hess and Wolfe said the Code of Iowa states that when two cars approach an unmarked intersection, the one on the right has the right-of-way.

Crippled Children Money Stolen

The spirit of Christmas means different things to different people. To someone it apparently means nothing.

Mt. Vernon firemen went around this week collecting canisters which were placed in local businesses for contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. Two of the canisters were missing.

Hardest hit was the one in the Hawkeye Grill. Proprietor George Pospisil adopted a policy of putting a dime in the canister whenever a customer pays for a cup of coffee. He put a dime in Saturday afternoon which filled it to the top.

When he closed the restaurant at midnight he noticed the canister was gone and assumed that it had been taken by the charity Sunday morning he asked Mrs. Pospisil how much it contained. Only then did they realize that it had been stolen.

"It's about as low a trick as someone can pull," Pospisil said. He estimated that at least \$20 went into the thief's pocket, rather than to the organization for crippled children.

Fire Chief Darwin Cook showed exasperation and anger when he told the Hawkeye-Record. "The entire Muscular Dystrophy drive sponsored by the fire department, brought in only \$19.73 from the 34 canisters collected. Another canister was stolen from Randall's Standard. It contained hardly any money, but it still showed that someone was sick enough to steal from crippled children. I don't know how anybody can pull such a dirty deal. If the money from the Hawkeye Grill had been included in the collection, we might have had something to offer the MD drive."

Chief Cook sent out a plea to the canister culprit to return the missing money. "Obviously he won't want to turn himself in," Cook said, "but if he would deposit the canisters in the mailbox in front of the post office and would forget the whole sordid deal."

Defense Test Planned Soon

Some time during the next few days, there will be a county-wide Civil Defense test, in which Mt. Vernon will participate.

A one minute blast will sound on the fire siren, followed by a minute of silence and then a minute of wailing by the siren.

Mt. Vernon residents are urged to turn on their radios to the Cedar Rapids stations to confirm that the test is a test.

Area school children will carry out exercises already planned.

Mrs. J. Frank Young was transferred on Wednesday from the Springville Nursing Home to Crestview Acres at Marion.



Open House Is Planned At Gardner Arms

OPEN HOUSE will be held at the new Gardner Arms apartment in Lisbon on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13, from 2 until 5 p.m. Contractors, material furnishers and the builders, Buddy Schenk and Harry W. Sizer, jr., in advertisements in Section 2, pages 2 and 3, invite the public to visit the first completed unit and inspect the apartment.

A full description of this latest addition for Lisbon appears in section 2 page 3.

Completion of this project will make the most modern apartments available in Lisbon.

Rites Held Here For Bruce Mullen

Funeral services were conducted for William Bruce Mullen 55, on Monday afternoon, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Charles Q. Wallace, pastor of the Methodist church, at the Morgan Funeral Home Mt. Vernon.

Burial was in the Mt. Vernon cemetery. Pallbearers were Julian Johnston, Seward Morrill, Alvin Butler, Lawrence Johnston, Bruno Beckman and Dan Davies.

Mr. Mullen died of a heart attack in his chair at his home while watching television early Saturday morning Dec. 5, 1964. Mrs. Mullen found him when she returned home from her duties at St. Luke's hospital, Cedar Rapids, a little before 1 a.m. He had suffered a coronary in 1945 and a light stroke five years ago from which he had recovered.

William Bruce Mullen was born to Frank and Edith Mudgett Mullen at Clinton on Feb. 3, 1909. His father died when he was an infant. Bruce attended the Clinton schools and was graduated from Clinton high school. He attended Cornell college for a semester.

On Aug. 17, 1934 he was married to Helen Hemenway at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. I. Mitchell in Mt. Vernon.

From 1934 to 1942 were spent in southern Iowa while he was associated with the Soil Conservation Service. For four years during World War II, he was with the chemical warfare plant at Pine Bluff, Ark.

In 1946 following the war the Mullens returned to Mt. Vernon and Mr. Mullen was in the plumbing and heating and television business here.

During the last few years he has been a steam fitter and has worked on construction projects as far west as Sioux Falls, S.D. and east to Aurora, Ill.

Recently he has been employed on the Memorial Union at Iowa City. He was looking forward to working on the Cornell Commons building which would permit him to return home for lunch.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church and Mt. Vernon lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 112.

Surviving are his wife, two children, Mrs. Tim (Kay) Morrissey of Cedar Rapids and Bruce Mullen jr., who is employed in the truck sales department of General Motors Corp. and a step-son Major Ward Hemenway of San Bernardino, Cal., and seven grandchildren.

Attending the funeral from a distance were Ted Mitchell of Brandenburg, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mullen jr., who came from Evansville, Ind., and Major Ward Hemenway of San Bernardino, Cal.

Mt. Vernon Taxes Up \$7.53 a \$1,000

Real estate and personal property taxes in Mt. Vernon for 1964 which are payable in 1965, will be \$95.57 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation which is an increase of \$7.53 over the taxes for 1963 paid this year.

The county levies were spread on Tuesday by the Linn county board of supervisors and Auditor John Burrill.

All but two small taxing districts in the county will show higher taxes for next year.

Increase in Cedar Rapids is \$5.79 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and in Marion \$6.02.

Total levies in Cedar Rapids will be 107.848 mills and Marion 107.765. Breakdown of the local levy as compared with the previous year follows:

	1963	1964
School	54.270	58.682
City	22.440	23.604
County	11.316	13.771
Total	88.026	95.557

School levy is up 4.412, state and county 1.955 and city 1.164 mills for total increase of 7.531.

CORNELL CALENDAR

Christmas vacation at Cornell college begins on Saturday, Dec. 12, at noon. Classes will be resumed on Monday, Jan. 4, at 8 a.m.

Last day of classes for the first semester is on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Examinations begin on Friday, Jan. 22, and the semester ends on Saturday, Jan. 30.

Arterial Street Paving Set for 1966 in Budget

The Mt. Vernon city council Monday approved a 1965 budget report for the state highway commission prepared by City Clerk Donald Siggins.

Purpose of the report is to give the highway commission an idea of what the city plans to do with its share of road use tax money.

It lists an estimated income of \$25,000 from road use tax money, and an estimated \$22,738 income from property taxes and other sources. Mt. Vernon presently has a balance of \$15,000 in road use money, giving a total of \$38,000.

Expenses estimated for 1965 total \$34,738. This figure includes maintenance, snow removal, tree removal and \$12,000 of road use taxes for the five year sealing and oiling program on curbed streets in the city.

No construction or reconstruction is planned for the year. The balance of \$26,000 in road use taxes will be saved for the arterial street paving program planned for 1966.

The only other street project planned for the year is 2,582 feet of curb and gutter to be installed in Crestview addition at the sub-dividers expense.

After approval, the budget was forwarded to the district engineer of the state highway commission in Cedar Rapids.

When the report was first presented plans for the arterial street program were not scheduled until 1967. This was because the council had assumed that it would have to pay for the paving and storm sewer in the arterial street program, leaving only the curb and gutter to be paid for by the property owner.

Councilman Elmer Prall, who had been absent when the matter was discussed with a representative from a Cedar Rapids engineering firm last month, declared that the present plan had a way been for the property owner to pay for the paving to the center of the street on his frontage.

After the error had been pointed out by the senior councilman the council agreed to set the program ahead to 1966.

Legion Teen Club Plans Friday Dance

Mt. Vernon high school teenagers opened the holiday season by sponsoring a teen club Friday night at the University high game 113 young people gave their stamp of approval to Rex Richardson the newest member of "The Showmen."

Door prizes donated by the Roger Martins, the Robert Roberts, the Francis Webbs and Robert's Photo were claimed by Jill Richardson, John Gunn, Mary Ann Hansen, Dave Brown, Tom Gordon, Margaret Ellison, Irene Kuntz, Ann Bunting and Pete Emerson.

The sparkling Christmas tree was donated by Don Shaffer of Lisbon. Guest chaperones were the Dennis Carneys.

The club will be open again this Friday, Dec. 11, from 9:30 to 12 p.m. Sweets and slacks encouraged. See the ad appearing in the notices on page 1.

Gifts or cash to be used for door prizes are earnestly solicited by Mr. Viter and Mr. Emerson.

Santa Coming Saturday For Annual Christmas Party

When Santa Claus pays his traditional visit to Mt. Vernon this Saturday he'll be accompanied by a little mouse named Barney.

Barney is the subject of a story which will be told by Mrs. Charles Woods. Entitled, "The Night Before Christmas with Barney," the story will be illustrated with chalk drawings while it is told. The program will begin at 1 p.m. in the American Legion hall.

Sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce, the free Christmas party is open to all Mt. Vernon area children.

Following the show, Santa Claus will arrive at the Legion hall to distribute balloons and candy to area children.

He'll make the hall his headquarters until 5 p.m. Saturday to hear the desires of his countless young followers.

Sales Tax Receipts Again Show Gain

Sales tax receipts from Mt. Vernon for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1964 were \$21,927, a gain of \$1078 over the same quarter in 1963.

Sales tax receipts from Mt. Vernon have shown a gain for this same quarter since 1958 as follows. 1962, \$18,689, 1961, \$17,687, 1960, \$17,002, 1959, \$15,898, 1958, \$15,845.

Country Club Sets Meeting For Thursday

Annual meeting of stockholders of Hillcrest Country Club will be held on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the club house.

A prime ribs dinner will be served by Holiday House at 8 p.m. following completion of the business meeting.

President's report will be given by President R. B. Tuberty, financial report by Secretary-Treasurer Frank Carbee and reports by the following committees greens, social planning, nomination and building.

The planning committee will outline the plan for club activities during the coming year.

The nominating committee consists of Buell Miller, chm. Fred Young and Hugh Lamont.

Four directors will be elected, three to fill terms expiring on one to complete the term of Robert Lind of Lisbon who has resigned.

Terms of Dr. Tuberty, Mt. Vernon Darrel Morningstar of Lisbon and Forest Moffit of Mechanicsville expire.

Current officers are Dr. Tuberty, president, Walter Sebasta, vicepres., and Frank Carbee sec.-treas. Mrs. Lucille Dunn of Lisbon has been named secretary-treasurer beginning Jan. 1, and club house coordinator.

She will work with Mr. Carbee, sec.-treas., during this month and take over the duties on Jan. 1, 1965.

She has already begun her activities as club house coordinator in planning of events for the December holiday season. A Christmas tree-trimming party is planned for Friday, Dec. 11, following the Cornell-Lawrence basketball game.

HILLCREST CLUB HOLIDAY DATES

December 11—Tree-trimming party, please bring tree ornaments. Party begins following Cornell basketball game.

December 22—7 p.m., Santa's party for children, 6 months to 60 years, treats.

December 27—4 to 7, Holiday mixer for young folks, club peroned dance open to all high school and college students, membership not required.

December 31—Gala New Year's Eve party \$1 per person for members and their guests.

January 1—10 a.m. Rose Bowl party, colored television and refreshments. Children welcome.

PLAN FUND RAISING
Mt. Vernon Horizon club girls are trying out a new wrinkle in fund raising. They will hold a sale Friday, Dec. 11, instead of Saturday. The Christmas tree sale will be at 6:30, prior to the basketball game, the girls will sell Christmas cookies, candy and other goodies at Stoltz Cleaners.

This week, stores will be open Wednesday and Friday night until 9 p.m.

A special invitation to attend the puppet show and visit Santa is extended on page 1, section 2 by Mt. Vernon business and professional men.

Lisbon High Set For Yule Fete Tuesday

Annual Christmas concert of the vocal and instrumental music departments of Lisbon Community high school will be presented on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The bands are directed by Jack Tyrril, director of instrumental music, and the glee club and chorus by Mrs. Virginia Frederici, director of vocal music.

Members of the brass choir are Greg Bova, William Beese, Tim Sizer, Ann Carbee, Kathy Kohl and Robert Denison.

The public is invited to attend and speak on it to the group from 3 to 5 minutes.

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