Strange Operation for Iowa

Manchester Manager Wears Lots of Hats

MANCHESTER — Like an oasis in a desert, this city of 4,700 functions under a city manager.

The only other town with similar local government in Northeast Iowa is Iowa Falls; both are operating successfully.

The idea of paying an administrator a fairly healthy salary to manage city finances and operations doesn't seem to appeal to most town residents in Northeast Iowa.

Manchester pays Clarence Motz bout $12,000 for the position. Donald Dobson, executive secretary for the chamber of commerce, has commented, "It still saves us money to have a paid professional manager."

Since 1915

City manager government was voted into being here by the city council, not referendum, in 1915. Manchest is one of 50 cities in the nation with more than 50 years of continuous city manager government.

Since 1915, there have been 10 city managers here. City officials praise the system as being functional and efficient.

"It's been doing real well," comments Norm Nagel, Manchester Fire Chief. "Our department operates through a committee of councilmen."

Mayor Lou Holbert also is pleased with the system.

Mayor Lou Holbert (left) and City Manager Clarence Motz at Manchester.

"The council represents the people and sets the policies," Mayor Holbert explains. "The manager enforces those policies."

Lots of Hats

"The manager wears a lot of hats," Motz continues.

"I have charge of all the day - to - day operation, excluding police, for the city. This includes parks, garbage pick - up, financing, maintenance, water, sewer and what - have - you."

Mayor Holbert has charge of the policies of the police department.

"Having a city manager has allowed the better qualified businessmen to serve on the city council. They don't have to serve as commissioners, besides being councilmen," Holbert says.

"These men are busy. They have their own businesses to run," Holbert explains.

"On the debit side, it's hard to find qualified and good administrators. The real thing to watch out for is a conflict between the manager and council or mayor and manager. This could really cause some problems."

Motz had been in city government for 13 years, having been a city manager in Illinois and working in a public works department before that.

Most for Dollar

In city operation he tries to resemble private enterprise. "It's my job to get the most for the tax dollar. It's a matter of spending the dollar wisely.

"Nearly all of the major items purchased are put out for bids so we can get the best buy possible.

"Labor has become a major cost item once you consider fringe benefits. Here, there are 22 city employes, which sometimes leaves us short. Automation and modern equipment is important.

"The pick and shovel days of digging holes are over.

"I feel many administrators are over - emphasizing education for manual labor jobs. The prerequisites are too high. When I hire a man, I try and determine if he wants to be trained and develop.

Lost Sight

"Some administrators have lost sight of the responsibility for low cost," Motz says.

Employes are under a five-step wage program, which provides for an approximate 6 per cent annual raise upon the employes anniversary of employment.

A firm believer in training and safety, Motz encourages employes to take advantage of seminars and workshops.

NE Iowa Deaths

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

MRS. FRANCES FISHBACK

CRESCO — Graveside services for Mrs. Frances Fishback, 69, former Cresco resident who died Thursday at Wichita, Kan., will be 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Kendallville cemetary; friends may call at Bradley - Lindstrom Funeral Home after noon tomorrow; survived by a sister, Mrs. Urbin Culbelt of Cresco.

MRS. GEORGE J. ANDERSON

WAVERLY — Services for Mrs. George J. Anderson 65, former Waverly resident who died Friday morning in San Antonio, Tex., will be 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church; burial in the church cemetery; rosary 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Kaiser - Corson Funeral Chapel; survived by 2 daughters: Mrs. John H. McAuliffe of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. William D. Kutac of San Antonio; a son, Joseph J. of Carson City, Nev.; a sister, Sister Frances Marie Melroy of Davenport; and 7 brothers: Edward and Thomas, both of Davenport, Francis and John, both of Winterset, James of Denver, Colo., J. Walter of San Francisco, Calif., and Charles of Des Moines.

MRS. MARY LUZ

DYSART — Services for Mrs. Mary Luz, 75, who died Friday evening at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, are pending at Overton Funeral Home.

HENRY C. OHL

OELWEIN — Services for Henry C. Ohl, 83, who died yesterday at the Oelwein hospital, have been tentatively set for 1:30 p. m. Tuesday at Brant Funeral Home; burial in the Littleton cemetery; survived by a son, Albert of Aurora; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Haskins of Lamont; and 2 brothers: Albert of Oelwein and Wilbur of Dunkerton.

MICHAEL KUSAC

Services for Michael Kusac, 86, who died yesterday at the Oelwein hospital, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Church facilities; burial in Woodlawn Cemetery; rosary 8 p. m. tomorrow at Hintz Funeral Home; survived by 2 daughters: Mrs. Cecil Larson and Mrs. Raymond Harford, both of Oelwein; a son, William of Oelwein, and a brother, Nick of Lockport, Ill.

MRS. CARL BENTLEY

HAZLETON — Services for Mrs. Carl Bentley, 63, who died Friday at a Mankato, Minn., hospital, will be 11 a. m. tomorrow at Hintz Funeral Home; burial in the Fairbank cemetery; survived by her husband, Carl; 3 daughters: Mrs. Joan Volker of Green Bay, Wis., and Mrs. Karen Kleiman and Mrs. Denise Damon, both of Oelwein; a son, Mark of Hazleton; a brother, Melvin Mersch of Fairbank; and a sister, Mrs. Hazel Ebertsch of West Union.

HARRY M. WILHELM

GRUNDY CENTER — Services for Harry M. Wilhelm, 94, who died Friday at a Reinbeck nursing home where he had been a patient a year, will be 2 p.m. tomorrow at Ferree - Abbas Funeral Home; burial in the Grundy Center cemetery; survived by 2 daughters: Mrs. Ray Weiss, of Reinbeck and Mrs. Harriette Terrall of Grundy Center.

EDWARD HENRY HUXSOL

CHARLES CITY — Services for Edward Henry Huxsol, 80, retired farmer who died late Friday afternoon at the Charles City hospital of an apparent heart attack, will be 2 p.m. tomorrow at Hage Funeral Home; burial in Riverside Cemetery with military rites by the Amerifan Legion, VFW and World War I Veterans; survived by a daughter Mrs. Clyde Harrison of Charles City; 2 brothers: Elmer and Julius, both of Charles City; and a sister, Mrs. Nell Anderson of Milpitas, Calif.

Floyd County Check Is Found 75 Miles Away

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

CHARLES CITY — A cancelled check from the Floyd County treasurer's office has been found in St. Charles, Minn., evidently blown there by the May 15 tornado.

Treasurer Allen P. Kellogg said he had been notified of the check's discovery by a St. Charles resident.

St. Charles is approximately 75 air miles from Charles City.

Scholarships Awarded at Iowa Falls

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

IOWA FALLS — Fourteen tuition scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors at the Iowa Falls High School Commencement exercises Thursday evening.

Twelve of the awards were to apply at Ellsworth College and two were for the school of the recipient's choice. Amounts ranged from $100 to full tuition coverage at Ellsworth for a year. Individual amounts were not released by school officials.

Awards included: E. O. Ellsworth, Christia York; Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Jay Rector; Plugger's Prize, Ruth Richtsmeier; Business and Professional Women's award, Susan Jacobsen; Nissly and Nissly, Bob Ramey; I.O.O.F., Marlyn Wagoner; Hanson Speech and Drama, Ken Abbas; Blanche Stoddard PTA, Malinda Jones.

Also: Julia O'Neill award, Legran Miles; West Side Community Club, Greg Brass; American Legion Auxiliary, Mary Jo Rieber; American Legion, Roger Raisch; Hecht's Art Scholarship, Brad Severtson; Iowa Falls Teachers Association, Mary Winter.

The American Legion Auxiliary award, new this year, may be applied to any school, as may the IFTA award. Also new is the Hecht's Art Scholarship.

Superintendent Robert A. Baker also announced the top ten students of the class. They include: Jeffrey Royce Johnson, 3.88; Meredith A. Miller, 3.88; Dana M. Craig, 3.83; Mary B. McClure, 3.76; Susan Jane Nolte, 3.73; Michael Fitzgerald, 3.63; Marian Arlene Messa, 3.58; Christie York, 3.50; Rita Ann Scallon, 3.42; and Connie Rae Klein, 3.39. Grade point averages are based on a four-point scale, a 4.0 representing a straight "A" average.

Decorah Voters Approve School Improvements

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

DECORAH — A light turnout of voters here Friday approved a $238,500 school bond issue for improvements to Thomas Roberts High School by 79 per cent of the vote.

The total vote was 564 with 443 yes votes and 121 no.

The issue will finance a new vocational-agriculture shop, industrial arts shop, dressing rooms, increased library facilities and additional classroom at the high school and minor improvements to some of the elementary schools.

If you didn't read it in the Daily Courier, it didn't happen!

267 Take Part

Wartburg Lists Graduates

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

WAVERLY — Two hundred sixty-seven Wartburg College seniors participated in Commencement Exercises here Saturday morning.

This includes fifty students who will complete graduation requirements at the end of the summer term in August.

Bachelor of arts degrees went to 213; 44 received bachelor of science in education degrees; and 10 were awarded bachelor of music education degrees.

Dr. Arthur Larson, a consultant to President Johnson in international affairs and director of the Rule of Law Research Center at Duke University, was the Commencement speaker.

Those receiving degrees were:

Bachelor of Science in Education—Judy Anderson of Forest City, Ruth Ide Bomhoff of Waverly, Janette Brinkman of Greene, Janice Christiansen of Osage, Julianne Dahlquist of Cosmos, Minn., Jane Dixon of Titonka, Jean Larson Druckery of Clarion, Christie Fisher of Aplington, LuJean Bramer Gohlmann of Maquoketa, Judy Ann Henricksen of DeWitt, Carol Hoffman of Humboldt, Jean Johnson of Lake City, Grace Kuehl of Watertown, Wis., Loretta Levis of Delmar, Joan Long of New Hampton, Connie Mellencamp of Cedar Falls, Cynthia Rokow of Wesley, Bruce Rieckenberg of Waverly, Myrna Rike of Titonka, Barbara Risteu of Nora Springs, Audrey Schmidt of Fairbank, Gail Schmiedendorf of Hampshire, Ill., Mary Schmuhl of Appleton, Wis., Ellen Schnack of Clinton, Dorothy Schulte of Palmyra, Wis., Mary Simonsen of Humboldt, Arlys Soeder of Denver, Susan Weigel of Middleton, Wis., and Lois Wilms of Delmar.

Bachelor of Music Education—Ronald Bartelt of Grimes, Jacquelyn Bossom of Plainfield, Franklin Dahn of Kesley, Beverly Haveland of Renwick, Karen Kurschinski of Des Moines, Karen Nuehring of Kanawha, Cheryl Reines of Leland, Gayla Shepherd of Grundy Center, and Janice Schutte Wendt of Fredericksburg.

Bachelor of Arts—Luther Ahrens of Thornton, Dale Alexander of McLaughlin, S. D., Roger Andersen of Treynor, Allen Anderson of Rothschild, Wis., Carol Anderson of Green Bay, Wis., David Anderson of Hanlontown, Joan Anderson of Winfield, Louise Anderson of Moorland, Marilyn Anderson of Malta, Ill., Lynn Gerisch Andrews of Darlington, Wis., William Armbrister of Ellis, Kan., Darrell Arntzen of Cedar Rapids, Gerald Augst of Montgomery, Minn., Craig Ayers of Aplington, Charles Baird of Waverly, Judith Baker of Mendota, Ill., Richard Bartell of Mt. Prospect, Ill., Margaret Beatty of Oak Lawn, Ill., Linda Bensen of Chicago, Ill., Naomi Berg of Stanton, N. D., Kay Biederman of Elkader, John Bitner of Melvin, Ill., Darlene Bleakley of Utica, Ill., Joseph Bleakley of Clinton, Gary Blumenthal of Lynden, Wash., William Boettcher of Mayville, Wis., Daniel Bomhoff of Waverly, LaVonne Bonewitz of Rudd, Sharon Botkorff of Onarga, Ill., Dennis Bowman of Clarion, James Bowser of Creve Coeur, Mo., John Brandes of Waverly, Richard Bringewatt of Bruning, Neb., Richard Bro of Warren, Minn., Mark Buis of Tripoli, Colleen Burk of Waterloo, and Gerald Caruthers of Des Moines.

Margaret Christensen of Mendota, Ill., Cathy Christiansen of Osage, James Cockefair of Bloomfield, N. J., Jeanne Coolon of Davenport, Sally Wing Crawford of Waterloo, Dennis Daniels of Elmhurst, Ill., Lavern DeVries of Plainfield, John Dickson, Clarissa, Minn., Maurice Ehm of Greenfield, Stephen Epley of New Hartford, Eugene Ferry of Shannon, Ill., Ronald Fisher of Mendota, Ill., Loren Fjone of Kiester, Minn., Kathy Vanourny Fliehler of Ashley, N. D., Linda Frilschel of Hull, Victoria Gardaten of Papejoy, Janet Gerrietts of Akron, Curtis Goke of Platteville, Wis., Lance Gordon of Milwaukee, Wis., Dennis Graham of Urbandale, and Burr Graves of Owatonna, Minn.

Linda Haage of Akron, Alice Hall Hall of Mequon, Wis., Winston Hansen of Battle Creek, Alan Hanson of Silver Bay, Minn., John Harwood of Waverly, Roger Hayes of Tinley Park, Ill., John Hearn of Racine, Wis., Ricki Helm of Plymouth, Keith Henrichs of Rock Falls, Ill., Larry Hereld of Charles City, Richard Hertenstein of Rantoul, Ill., John Hill of Lanark, Ill., Jean Hillemon of State Center, Daniel Holste of Edson, Kan., Susan Brown Holtzrichter of Peoria, Ill., Paul Homan of Waverly, Richard Huber of Lesueur, Minn., Donald Hurst of Altoona, Pa., Kathleen Hyde of Fontanelle, Carol Zuber Jensen of Davenport, Eric Johnsen of Brooklyn, N. Y., Alan Johnson of Fonda, Betty Judisch of Sumner, Bruce Kettner of Waverly, Margaret Kilman of Cedar Falls, Kermit Kirchoff of Hardy, Neb., Roger Koester of Milwaukee, Wis., Brian Kosier of Sterling, Ill., Lynda Krouse of Titonka, Paul Krause of Trimon, Minn., James Kruger of Waverly, Phyllis Langland of St. Paul, Minn., Mary Norman Lewis of Benson, Ill., Pamela Peterson Long of Austin, Minn., and Elizabeth Luckey of Cedar Rapids.

Dwight McEtree of Oelwein, Jerry Mager of Tinley Park, Ill., Carol Mordort of Wyoming, Albert Mews of Williamsburg, Robert Meyer of Heron Lake, Minn., Ronald Meyer of Strawberry Point, Douglas Miller of Dumont, Marilyn Miller of Fontanelle, Gary Moe of Montevideo, Minn., Jerry Moericke of Marion, Wis., William Moews of Prophetstown, Ill., Gary Monserud of Monona, Jay Mowry of Lost Nation, Carol Neessen of DeWitt, Daniel Nelson of Park Ridge, Ill., Kenneth Nevenhoven of Grundy Center, Paul Nickel of Clara City, Minn., Glen Nicola of Melvin, Nels Olson of Chicago, Ill., Glenn Oshiro of Lanai City, Hawaii, David Paugel of Beloit, Wis., Candace Person of Waverly, Randall Peters of Grundy Center, Mary Peterson of Red Wing, Minn., Cheryl Pina of Appleton, Wis., Bruce Pogue of Dundee, Susan Queck of Fontanelle, Susan Radig of Oshkosh, Wis., William Reents of Sibley, Noel Reverts of Grundy Center, Edward Rickert of Hoffman Estates, Ill., Barbara Rohlfer Rounds of Loyal, Wis., James Rudy of New York, N. Y., Patricia Rundhaug of Hollandale, Wis., Louis Sagert III of Denver, Richard Salge of Waverly, and Robert Salge of Waverly.

Eugene Sanderman of Waukon, Marjorie Sauer of Yorkville, Ill., Kenneth Schafer of Levittown, N. Y., Erma Schlemmer of Monticello, Gary Schuler of Nevada, James Schultz of Milton Junction, Wis., Patricia Schultz of Mason City, Roger Schulz of Hampton, Sandra Moeller Sexton of Davenport, Peter Sherer of Bridgeport, Mich., Diane Shevey of Greendale, Wis., Kay Loveland Shook of Janesville, Sue Siepmann of Bettendorf, Eileen Sievers of Tripoli, Bonnie Simpson of Fond du Lac, Wis., Douglas Sires of Tama, Alan Sisler of Sycamore, Ill., Terry Slingluff of Tama, Mary Smith of Rutland, Ill., John Sorenson of Racine, Wis., Barbara Stager of Clara City, Minn., Jesse Stevens of Lime Springs, Ronald Stewart of Berlin, N. J., Christine Stienstra of Elizabeth, Ill., Thomas Strumpel of Readlyn, John Stueber of Clymon, Wis., Rhonda Swenson of Jewell, Gary Tapper of Parkersburg, and Jon Thieman of Newell.

Merlyn Thorson of St. Ansgar, Bruce Timmerman of Waterloo, Kenneth Trettin of Rockford, Ruth Ufkes of Chenoa, Ill., Jane Vogts of Eldorado, E. Ned Vaughn, Jr., of Shenandoah, Wayne Wagoner of Maquoketa, Eldon Walbaum of Grundy Center, Janice Wallace of Eldridge, Nancy Walther of Waverly, Luana West of Cambridge, Wis., Richard Westphal of Brandon, Wis., Marilee White of Luana, James Wiechmann of Flanagan, Ill., Jolene Willer of Cedar Rapids, Francis Wollenzien of Waverly, Teddy Woo of Schenectady, N. Y., Linda Wuertz of Shawnee Mission, Kan., Charles Yunghans of Waverly, and Marie Zwanziger of Strawberry Point.

Graduates at the end of summer term:

Bachelor of Science in Education—Wilma Ebding Beck of Nashua, Marilyn Borwick of Des Moines, Phyllis Eggers Brown of Iowa Falls, Velda Bruns of Titonka, Joan Christiansen of Cedar Rapids, Janice Collins of Janesville, Vivian Hanawalt of Thornton, Bernice Kosischke of Radcliffe, Oren Larsen of Ferlie, Bernice Platte Ludwig of Tripoli, Margaret Morford of Janesville, Marian Lindaman Newhall of Dumont, Evelyn Person of Waverly, Helen Hinman Trepton of Nashua, and Karen Whitmyre of Eden Valley, Minn.

Bachelor of Music Education—Joyce Thiefeld of Charles City.

Bachelor of Arts—Arthur Alt of Chicago, Ill., Bradley Arthur of Waukesha, Wis., Paul Ausenhus of Kensett, Barbara Boysen of Niles, Ill., Richard Carlson of Minneapolis, Minn., David Droste of Denver, Lawrence Englund of Bronx, N. Y., Opal Eagle of Marshalltown, Ruth Goldammer of Corsica, S. D, Jane Gottwald of Peoria, Ill., Lavoy Haage of Akron, Ida Hackett of Tuscola, Ill., Edward Hamann of Ottawa, Ill., Carol Verlrees Helland of Pontiac, Ill., Mark Holtz of LeGrange, Ill., Dale Honeck of Marshalltown, Thomas Hubbard of Ann Arbor, Mich., Thomas Karrow of Appleton, Wis., Edward Kramer of Des Moines, Dennis LeClere of Cedar Rapids, JoAnn Lembke of Waterloo, Robert Lewis of Baldwin, Mo., D. Craig Lichty of Waterloo, Dennis Midthun of Frost, Minn., Judith Perrin of New Hartford, Joseph Rucys of Chicago, Ill., Linda Schneider of Chicago, Ill., Andrew Sorensen of Latimer, Barbara Tucker of Shell Rock, Royce Van Gerpen of Belmond, Richard Wegner of Arlington, William Wehrmacher III of Plainfield, John Wiese of Andrew, and Janelda Wuttke of Sumner.

W. Delaware Slates Third Vote on New Junior High

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

MANCHESTER — An election on a proposed $1,200,000 bond issue to construct and equip a junior high school here for the West Delaware County Community School District — the third try in about two years has been scheduled for Tuesday.

The estimatec cost of the school in 1966 was $972,700.

60 Per Cent Needed

In earlier elections the issue received 57.9 per cent of a 1,464 total votes Oct. 27, 1966, and 54.3 per cent of the 1,599 total vote May 18, 1967. Approval requires 60 per cent of the vote.

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

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 in Manchester at the corner of Doctor and Acers Sts. in the northeast part of the city.

A two-story general classroom section of the building would include nine classrooms on the first floor for typing, social study, general science and biology. One of the rooms is double-size, and would be equipped with a folding wall for use as either one or two classrooms.

Folding Walls

On the second flior of the general classroom section would be a library and eight classrooms for English, language, mathematics and reading. Two double-size rooms here would also be equipped with folding walls.

The one-story section would include specialized classrooms for homemaking, art, drafting, music and an industrial arts shop. It would also house a kitchen, a combined study hall and cafeteria, a combined gym and auditorium, and 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.

Waverly Lions to Aid Charles City Fund

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

CHARLES CITY — The Waverly Lions Club will donate the proceeds from its barbecue chicken dinner, to be held at the Fairgrounds there on June 15, to the Charles City fund for the relief of the tornado victims.

The local Lions Club has already received $50 donations for this work from each of the Lions Clubs at Fairfield and Centerville.

Youth Accused Of Marijuana Crop in Tama

(COURIER NEWS SERVICE)

GILMAN — Brian Bru, 16, of Phoenix, Ariz., a native of Tama, has been charged with illegal possession of narcotics in connection with a series of episodes involving two other youths, also about 16.

Bru is accused of growing marijuana in six coffee cans in his room at the farm home of his uncle, Elmer Bru, in southwest Tama County.

Sheriff Milo Quigley said the youth told him he had used marijuana and had come to Iowa to break the habit. Bru said he was growing the marijuana to prove to himself he could possess it and not use it, the sheriff said.

Bru also reportedly admitted giving four phenolbarbital tablets to Mike Patterson of Gilman. Patterson told a third youth, Wayne Lasley, the tablets were LSD and sold them to Lasley at $1 each, Sheriff Quigley said.

Lasley, a former resident of the Indian Settlement at Tama now living in a foster home in Gilman, took the pills and became unconscious. Hospitalized, he later became violent and had to be restrained, according to reports.

Bru was held in the Tama County jail several hours Thursday afternoon. He appeared in Toledo Mayor George Stein's court and was released to the custody of his uncle. He is to appear in juvenile court next week.

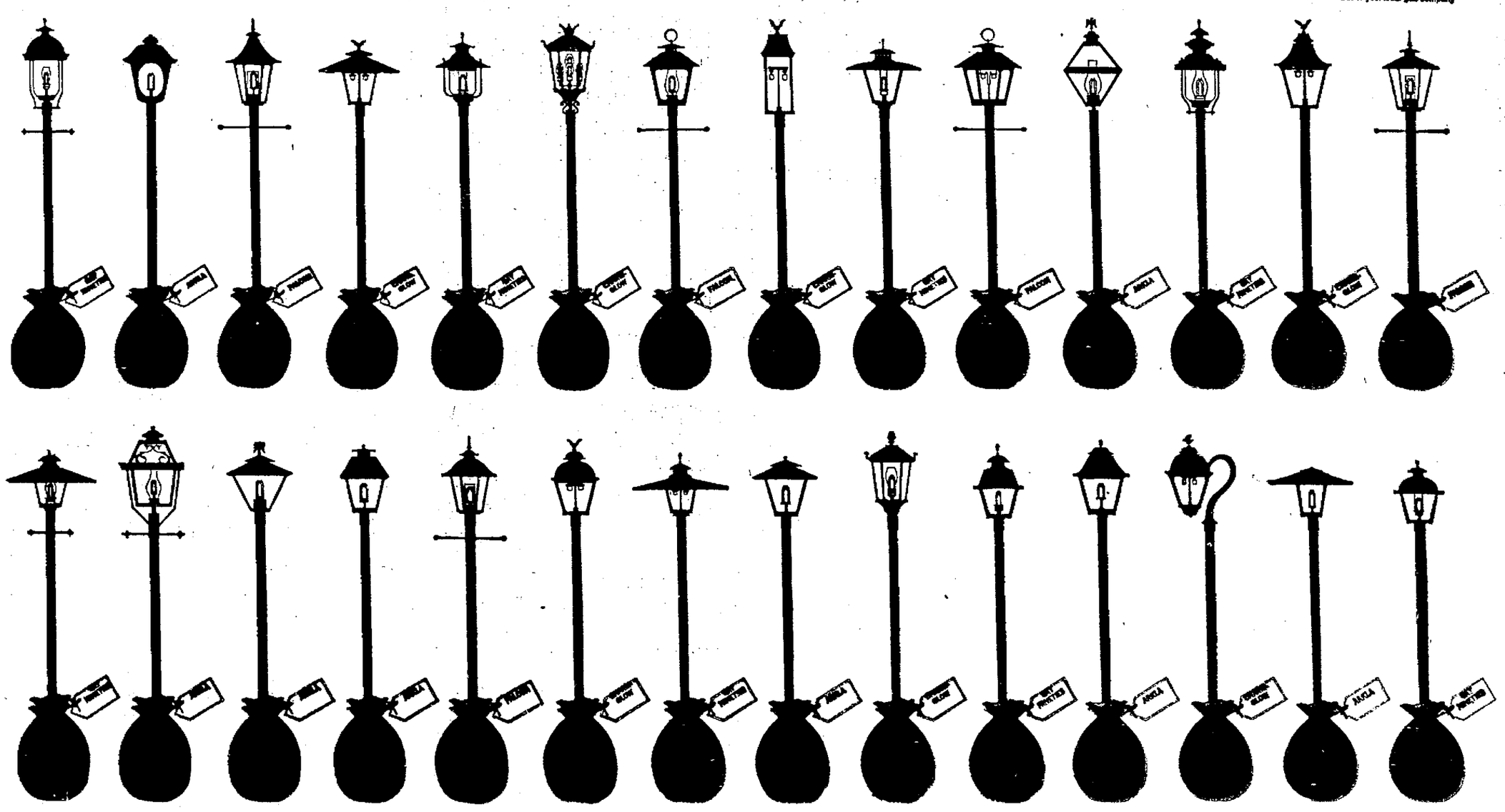
FFA ELECTS

ELDORA (CNS) — The New Providence Future Farmers of America has elected the following officers: Glen Ball, president; Lonnie Balvanz, vice president; Marty Lawler, reporter; Jody Mesch, treasurer; Dan Bernard, secretary; and Frank Lawler, sentinel.

Plant a gas light in your yard.

Look at all the varieties you get to choose from:

There's a gas yard light for every yard, and a gas yard light for every home. No matter what your taste, you can find a gas light to add that perfect touch of warmth and comfort to your patio setting. You'll find its soft glow serves as a welcome to friends while it guards your home against strangers. And a gas yard light virtually will not attract bugs. (There's no glare to draw them.) So, if you've been thinking about planting a gas light in your yard, don't wait any longer. Call your local gas company today. If you haven't been thinking about it, do so. It'll grow on you.

Northern Natural Gas Company

The pipeline serving Natural Gas to your local gas company