

Public Utility Will Spend \$1,711,000 in '44 on New Replacements and Extensions

Wartime restrictions permitting the Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Co. plans to spend \$1,711,000 on gas and electric replacements, maintenance and extensions throughout the territory served in 1944.

CITY SCHOOLS FACE SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

Attendance Drops As Youth Discard Books To Enter Service.

With war demands reverting to normal, Davenport city schools are reporting a shortage of teachers and a shortage of students.

War Production In Quad-Cities Hits Peak in '43

Have 11,000 employees on the payroll, the Quad-Cities War Production Administration reported today.

DELINQUENCY IN CITY, COUNTY INCREASES 100%

Girls Lead Boys in Number of Cases; Judge Blames Parents.

In line with the national trend, juvenile delinquency figures in Scott county for 1943 have increased more than 100 per cent.

10 Killed on Home Front

Accidents and illness on the home front and in the training centers claimed the lives of 10 Davenport and Scott county servicemen during the year.

TAX PAYMENTS CLOSE TO 100%

Less than one-half of one per cent of the county tax levy, scheduled in 1941 and collectible in 1943, failed to find its way into the coffers in County Treasurer Ben Laetia's office in the past 12 months.

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21 Held In Prison Camps

Twenty-one Davenport and Scott county men were listed as prisoners of war; the majority of whom are held in German prison camps.

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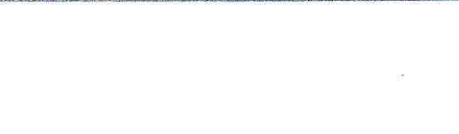
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DAVIS HALL ON THE CAMPUS OF ST. AMBROSE

Best Wishes to the Community For A Happy New Year

St. Ambrose College



1882
1944

A MESSAGE to the PEOPLE of the QUAD-CITIES

THE DOORS of the past year close, and those of the New Year open. We can not know what these new days and months hold in store for us, but we do know that our aim must be to keep faith with those who have served, and with those who now serve in the great task of making this world a better place in which to live.

A few years ago, some of us may have felt that we had grown soft that the strength of what we call "The American Spirit" had weakened. If we had such doubts and fears, they have been cast out of our minds now.

We have met the challenge from evil forces in the world which seek to steal and destroy those things we have learned to value more than life itself—freedom of soul, heart, and mind; the freedom of expression and impression. The mighty forces for good, created by men and women seeking to equalize opportunity, shall—and will—prevail.

Together with many other industries, our American system of broadcasting has earned the right to be proud of its part in the war effort, and I am glad and appreciative of the opportunity to be of service to my community and my country by my association with Radio.

Every Radio Station in this country has, in my opinion, recognized its duty and obligation to those it serves. They, too, could tell of many practical services freely and gladly performed in behalf of the war effort. However, I believe you will be particularly interested in the campaign conducted by Radio Station WHO, to sell War Bonds, because this record bespeaks patriotism, confidence, and determination in the hearts and minds of our people.

STATES and TERRITORIES from which Radio Station WHO has received orders for WAR BONDS, together with the number of towns or cities therein, represented by such orders.

Alabama	19	Iowa	693	Nebraska	92	Tennessee	11
Arizona	11	Kansas	71	Nevada	2	Texas	59
Arkansas	21	Kentucky	8	New Jersey	3	Utah	4
California	29	Louisiana	14	New Mexico	37	Virginia	3
Colorado	66	Maine	1	New York	3	Washington	2
Connecticut	1	Maryland	3	North Carolina	2	West Virginia	3
Delaware	1	Massachusetts	1	North Dakota	128	Wisconsin	59
Florida	3	Michigan	16	Ohio	13	Wyoming	78
Georgia	8	Minnesota	114	Oklahoma	28	Alaska	1
Idaho	11	Mississippi	15	Oregon	3	Dist. of Columbia	1
Illinois	59	Missouri	68	Pennsylvania	6	Hawaiian Islands	1
Indiana	12	Montana	160	South Dakota	116	Puerto Rico	1

The above table lists 44 states and four territories, with a total representation of 2,014 cities and towns. There are only four states not represented up to the time this list was compiled, November 30, 1943, namely—New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Vermont.

These 2,014 cities and towns embrace a total of 18,714 individual orders received from WHO listeners, and represent a total maturity value in War Bonds of \$4,242,900. About 45% of these totals represent the response from radio listeners in Iowa.

The response our people have made is the one they will continue to make, because, with few exceptions, they sense the spirit of our land, which cannot be defined in words. It is a part of them, and they are a part of it. As long as this spirit endures, we shall continue to grow, and to meet our worthy needs with righteous deeds.

'43 in Chronological Order

A Glance Backward Over the Important Events and Deaths in and Near Davenport in the Last 12 Months

January

War continued to dominate the news as 1943 opened with dispatches from the battle fronts and news of activities on the home front. The year was marked by the 200th anniversary of the First Christmas observance in the United States. The year opened with the 200th anniversary of the First Christmas observance in the United States. The year opened with the 200th anniversary of the First Christmas observance in the United States.

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They Figured in the News of the Year

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Four Davenport Firms Are Presented With 'E' Awards

Four Davenport-manufacturing concerns were given Army-Navy "E" awards for production efficiency during 1943. They were the Upholster Co., which was the first local concern honored; the Sears Co., Zimmerman Steel Casting Co., Bellender and the Davenport Electric Co. The award entitles the employees of these firms to wear the coveted "E" pin while the companies display their plaques under the American flag.

February

Advances in the war... The year opened with the 200th anniversary of the First Christmas observance in the United States.

March

Thousands of Davenporters... The year opened with the 200th anniversary of the First Christmas observance in the United States.

April

Volunteer workers drafted... The year opened with the 200th anniversary of the First Christmas observance in the United States.

May

Highlights of May news... The year opened with the 200th anniversary of the First Christmas observance in the United States.

June

Graduation time found 433... The year opened with the 200th anniversary of the First Christmas observance in the United States.

July

Pleasure seekers jammed... The year opened with the 200th anniversary of the First Christmas observance in the United States.

August

A non-nuclear event by local... The year opened with the 200th anniversary of the First Christmas observance in the United States.

September

Members of the Citizens' Educational... The year opened with the 200th anniversary of the First Christmas observance in the United States.

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Chronology (Continued)

September

School children reluctantly came back to classes... The Rock Island... School children reluctantly came back to classes...

Eight New Homes Are Built Compared With 374 in '42... War-time construction on building materials resulted in a reduction of 31,371,000 in the valuation of construction work...

Marriages-Divorces Drop Despite Wartime Boom... Both the number of marriages licensed and the number of divorces granted in the district during 1943 were below figures for the preceding 12 months...

RESTRICTIONS HURT BUILDING IN DAVENPORT... War-time construction on building materials resulted in a reduction of 31,371,000 in the valuation of construction work...

CANNON BUILT AT ARSENAL... The above picture of a new B-21 Mitchell bomber with a 35 millimeter cannon mounted in its all-angled nose...

DRUNK DRIVING, LEWDSNESS TOP CRIME RECORD... Three Times As Many Traffic Motorists in '43 As in '42... Three times as many motorists drove and crashed their cars during the past year...

TAXES LEVIED BY CITY IN 1943... TOTALLED \$1,038,430... The 1943 tax levy in the City of Davenport amounted to \$1,038,430...

December... The final month of 1943 brought record crowds of shoppers to jam Davenport streets...

November... The first snow of the season, a light one which did not melt, was recorded in Davenport on Thanksgiving...

October... While Scott county residents dug deep to buy war bonds during the third war bond campaign...

WASTE PAPER IS A WEAPON FOR VICTORY... Conserve it... do not burn or destroy... Blood Plasma cartons and ration kits are Made from Waste Paper

With Best Wishes For the NEW YEAR... FEDERAL BAKE SHOP... 161 West Second Street Phone 4-2771

ROYAL NEIGHBORS SHOWS INCREASE IN NEW BUSINESS... New insurance placed in force by Royal Neighbors of America in the period of Oct. 1, 1942 to Oct. 31, 1943 shows an increase over the volume for the preceding 12 months...

The Peterson Paper Co. Davenport, Iowa... Every bit of wastepaper... in every home, in every attic, in every office, in every shop or factory is urgently needed!

Downtown Realty Staging Comeback in Selling Boom

Real estate sales boomed in 1943, with downtown property selling at higher prices than in recent years and residences selling like "hotcakes" at very good prices.

Due to the influx of war workers, residential properties were at a premium, and hundreds decided to buy their own homes even at the higher level of prices now prevailing.

One of the most important sales of downtown property was the transfer of the Montgomery Ward & Co. store building at the southeast corner of Second and Third streets to the Sherman-Williams store building at the southwest corner of Second and Third streets. This was secured by the Union Savings Bank receivership for \$125,000.

Joe Stone recently paid \$20,000 for the Schmitt building at the northeast corner of Second and Third streets. Tom was secured from John P. Feltz as trustee for a committee of mortgage holders who had acquired the property from the Shabcock estate.

GEORGE COOPER ON CORNER

F. J. Feltz, president of the Scott Corp., called the attention of personally owning or holding interests that would force the corner of Third and Harrison street by purchase during the year.

The last had been the owner of the property at the southeast corner of Third and Harrison streets. In May the Scott Corp. paid \$12,000 for the building at the southeast corner of that location in the Union bank receivership. In November he acquired the building at the southeast corner from the Washburn Corp. for \$28,000.

In other typical downtown sales:



HERE'S VALLEY VILLAGE—Part of the 1942 building boom in Bettendorf was the erection of 15 hotel duplex homes, by Davenport Garden Homes, Inc., at cost of \$118,000. The project, known as the Valley Village development, has not been completed but will be ready in 1944 in French quarters for 30 families. Valley Village is located between State and Great streets and Tenth and Twenty-seventh streets at the base of the Hill on which the St. Joseph's hospital is located.

NEW HOMES IN BETTENDORF—The year 1943 saw completion of a building boom in Bettendorf. Among the projects carried there was erection of 14 homes by the Owen-Van Tine Co. of Davenport. These homes are on Great street between Tenth and Twenty-first streets, and are typical of those erected there in the past two years.

Three Projects Spur Home Building in Bettendorf

Three housing projects for war workers' families were largely responsible for building permits totaling \$208,528.50 in Bettendorf during 1943. In 1942 the amount was \$322,081.

Fifty-two new homes are being provided, including 30 in 15 brick duplex bungalow, not complete, which represents a new type of war housing in this community. This is a project of the Davenport Garden Homes, Inc.

The Smith Corp. obtained permits for eight homes, and W. J. Vale for 14. The total estimated investment in new houses was \$173,431.

Building of garages, repairs, additions and remodeling added \$32,104.50.

Despite gains in the taxable value of its residence districts, Bettendorf faces a reduction of

City's Bank Clearings in '43 Reach New All-Time High

Bank clearings in Davenport for 1943 increased by \$20,000,000 to a new all-time high for the city, while the combined deposits of the three commercial banks increased by slightly over \$14,500,000 in the 12-month period.

Clearings were \$461,083,771 compared with \$441,083,637 in 1942, while deposits now total \$21,182,000 compared with \$44,824,000 at the end of last year.

The only change in retail structure of any of the local banks during the year, year-wise, in increase in the capital stock of the First Trust & Savings bank from \$125,000 to \$100,000. The capital of the Davenport Bank Trust Co. is \$200,000 while that of the Northwest Bank of Davenport is \$100,000.

Deposits were noted not only in bank clearings, deposits and capital stock of all institutions but in most other financial institutions.

Loans of the three banks increased from \$10,818,000 to \$11,394,818, while reserves and undivided profits increased from \$1,145,656 to \$1,344,255. Total resources climbed from \$20,841,000 to \$22,277,323. The combined surplus of the three banks increased from \$1,200,000 to \$1,870,000.

NOW MADE IN INDIA.

New Delhi—(AP)—More than 200 items of drugs and chemicals formerly imported are now manufactured in India.

City Court Fines Drop \$5,591 Under Mark Set in '42

Receipts in Police Magistrate John J. Hoffmeyer's court in Davenport for the period from Jan. 1, 1943, to Dec. 31, 1943, totaled \$138,817.14, a decrease of \$5,591.03 by comparison with the same period in 1942.

The collections include fines and court costs assessed to city and state cases, forfeiture bonds and payment of \$119 each month for four months by the Scott county board of supervisors as the county's share of the cost of operating the police court.

The city treasurer received \$124,443 from Justice McGraw's collections while the county treasurer was paid \$14,374. The auditor of Scott county \$178.13.

BOY SCOUTS REPORT GAIN OF 10% IN NEW MEMBERS

A gain of 10 per cent in membership was reported in 1943 by the Boy Scouts. It was the largest net increase in a number of years. The goal for 1944 calls for a 14 per cent increase.

Scouts were active during the year in the Buffalo Bill area which includes Scott, Cedar and Muscatine counties. In addition to operating Victory Gardens, 200 scouts assisted in salvage drives, delivered posters and leaflets for various county organizations and found time on the side to carry out their regular camp period at Camp Minnetonka, near Dixon.

Since Pearl Harbor a total of 2,374 men and women employed at the Rock Island arsenal have quit their jobs to enter some branch of the armed services, according to figures released Friday.

A total of 2,517 entered the service in 1943.

Approximately 50 per cent of the total remained at work until called in the selective service. The remainder quit their jobs and volunteered.

Total revenue for the State of California for the 1943-44 fiscal year was \$461,121,150, more than 15 per cent better than the previous year.

DOG LICENSES INCREASED IN '43

The canine population increased in Scott county during 1943 when owners took out licenses for 6,179 as compared with 5,182 for the year 1942, according to figures compiled by the county auditors office.

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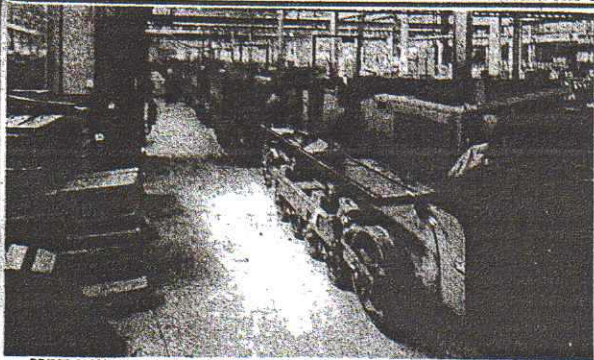
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PRIME MOVERS ON THE MOVE—Production of the High Speed Tractor, which is popularly known as a "prime mover" because it pulls 110 tons, goes up steep hills and thru thick mud, is now nearing capacity at the Quad-Cities Tank Arsenal serviced by International Harvester Co. in Davenport.

Shown here is the final picture of the main assembly line that was reorganized by the Quad-Cities regional office of the Chicago Ordnance District. The view is to the west, and shows the powerful 10-ton tractors moving forward toward completion.

Spend \$4,500,000 for New Arsenal Buildings

The important permanent constructions were projects completed and utilized at the Rock Island arsenal during 1941 at a cost of \$4,500,000 to make the plant one of the greatest of all manufacturing arsenals. These three buildings are the assembly shop on the south side of Rodman avenue, adjoining the old Administration building on the west; the Laboratory building which provides space and facilities for the augmented testing processes that modern war manufacturing has brought about; and the new main structure, a power plant to feed the main structure.

The new main structure is 300 feet long and 100 feet wide. The shop is divided into five 60-foot bays running the length of the building with a 60-foot cross bay at each end. Each bay is served by two cranes with capacities varying from five to 20 tons and cranes of two 10-ton cranes.

In addition to the main structure there is a connecting building joining the assembly shop with the old Administration building and in this connecting structure are housed offices, mess hall and station, a 60-foot ramp and a dynamometer room with a 10-ton crane.

The new Assembly building was built by the Primer Construction Co. of Davenport at a cost of approximately \$1,800,000. Measurements are 110 feet long and 100 feet wide.

Some assembly shop in general. Because of the crisis in steel the original plans were changed to eliminate all steel possible from the project. Footings and foundations were built of mass concrete. The floor, designed for heavy loads, are made of steel reinforcement. The ceiling walls, 46 feet from the first floor level, consist of six inch reinforced concrete between pilasters. There are no movable ceilings. Windows are being thru glass block and skylights.

The building was planned by the arsenal plant engineers and the army engineers, the latter supervising construction.

NEW LABORATORY

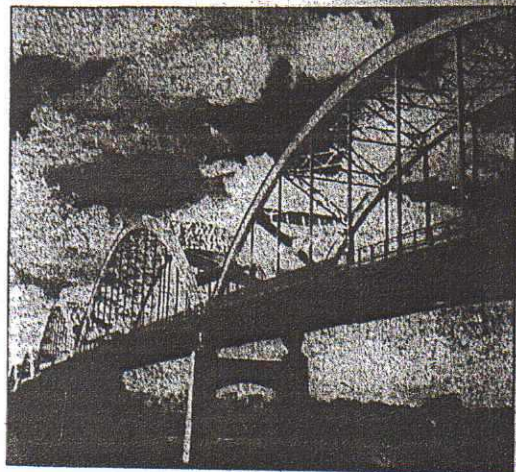
The new Laboratory building erected at a cost of \$2,600,000 adds materially to the facilities of the post. In its steel is analyzed and rubber products tested. There is no longer any guess work as to quality and specification of materials entering into munition manufacture. The arsenal even makes the rubber used in room mechanisms which is of a specific quality no existing firm was found to rubber manufacturer could make it. Any desired test mixture can be established and held constant.

Davenporters Too Busy With War to Read New Books

Davenporters who remained at home in 1943 were too busy with their war activities to read as many books as in previous years, according to a year-end summary announced Friday by the public library.

Records show that book circulation in 1943 totaled 298,215 as compared with 487,893 in 1942. The first year of the war, however, the year in which three and four books a week have been seen for only one, and sometimes two.

More than 4,000 new books were added to the library shelves during the year, bringing the total number of books available to approximately 145,000.



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Very truly yours,
Robert Schick, D.D.

J.I. CASE COMPANY

Rock Island, Illinois

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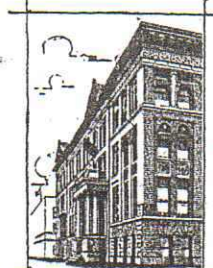
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Very truly yours,
Rose Schick, D.D.

For the America of Tomorrow

Planning for Peace—While Working for Victory

Many great minds now are turned toward planning the economic and social structure of the world for the peace that is to follow our victory. While over-optimism regarding a quick ending of the war must be avoided, the two-year record of our fighting men shows that complete victory is at the end of the road, no matter how long that road may be. Prospects seem bright for an era of industrial and business expansion in that peacetime America of tomorrow, when both the war and the peace are won, and the boys are home again.



War Bonds, Life Insurance and Savings

This foretaste of prosperity following the war can be beneficial only if uncontrolled inflation can be avoided. Inflation, unbridled, can bring only economic and social misery in its wake. The individual has within his power the means to create a backing against inflation through careful use of today's income—by saving more and spending less; by avoiding an excess of credit purchases; by making sound provision for the future. An economically sound and socially strong nation can be made up only of economically sound and socially strong individuals.

Forward in 1944

The motto for Americans is FORWARD ON ALL FRONTS IN 1944—work hard for victory—and plan wisely for the peace. Hasten the victory by the purchase of War Bonds. Provide for you and your family's economic future through adequate life insurance protection and systematic savings. Today's income, invested now to come back to you later, will make your era of prosperity certain and lasting.

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Victory will be won through hard work as well as courageous fighting. The respect and gratitude of the

nation will go to the men and women who have fought, worked and won the war.

Most Americans are responding magnificently to the call of duty in the workshop . . . in the field . . . in the home. A few will shirk. Needless absence, tardiness, slackness, indifference work for the enemy. Let us defeat this attitude wherever we find it!

Only by united effort . . . only by each and every one of us assuming our full share of responsibility will victory be won.

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