

WATERLOO, IOWA, SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1942

C. OF C. STARTS MOVE TO SIFT WAR AID DRIVES

CITY SNOW PLOWS MAKING PROGRESS IN DIFFICULT JOB

Many Streets Cleared, Many Still to Clear; Mercury Takes Nosedive.

Railroad, bus and truck traffic in the Waterloo area was nearly back to normal last night, following the heaviest snow storm in 36 years, but the city street department still faced one of the most vexing jobs in years.

All primary highways in this area had been almost completely opened to two-way travel, permitting passage of passenger buses, trucks and cars, and buses were making their runs through the city on normal or nearly normal schedules.

Tho the New Year's blizzard was over in the Waterloo area, the state weather bureau forecast that temperatures in northeast Iowa might drop as low as 20 degrees below zero. Minimum Friday night was seven below in Waterloo.

At 6 p. m. yesterday, the official reading was 11 below.

Most Harassed Man.
In Waterloo, Street Commissioner A. C. Behrens was the town's most harassed man, listening to incessant demands for opening of lesser-traveled streets and alleys, while the larger portion of the street department's snow plow equipment was scattered in auto shops for repairs.

At one time yesterday morning only three out of 11 snow plow trucks were in serviceable condition.

It had been the hardest grind the machinery had faced in recent years, Behrens said.

Trucks were grinding in low gear pushing plows against the packed, resistant drifts; overheating was breaking down motor oil, burning out connecting rod bearings, starting trucks against the drifts was throwing abnormal strains on clutches and transmissions, and axles and differentials also were giving trouble.

Maintainers Also Used.
The city owns nine trucks, and two others had been rented, Behrens said. Also available and in serviceable condition are two maintainers, but they are out of service part of the time because the several men capable of operating them are having to take time out for sleep.

"The stork must have been flying every direction over Waterloo Friday and yesterday," Behrens commented, asserting he had had seven or eight calls asking about getting streets open to take prospective mothers to hospitals.

There were also calls to open the way for fire trucks.

No Work in Alleys.
Opening of alleys is out of the question, Behrens said. It will be a struggle even to get all outlying streets open in the next several days, he reported.

Street Foreman Carl Fagerlind said last evening two additional rented trucks and two due out of repair shops would make seven in operation last night—if no more had to go to repair shops in the meantime.

Threatens Prosecution.
While the street department struggled to plow and widen lanes, Mayor Ralph B. Slippy took a

County January Tire Quota for Autos 72, Trucks 144

step to facilitate its work by warning that persons who leave parked autos at a distance from the curb will be prosecuted under an ordinance dealing with obstructing traffic without use of barricades or red lights.

Mayor Slippy said the trouble the street department is reporting as result of having to work around automobiles has made drastic action necessary.

Behrens and Fagerlind said the snow clearance work would go forward on a 24-hour basis over the weekend. Meantime, they were anxious about the weather forecasts — or lack of them — for they recalled that the New Year's blizzard was preceded only by warnings of colder weather and "snow flurries."

Milk Supply Renewed.
Altho in some instances the supply was late in arriving from the country, Waterloo dairies were able to deliver milk to almost all, if not all, of their customers by late yesterday.

Some of the dairies said that they will make deliveries today because they did not have large enough supplies in time yesterday to make the customary double-order deliveries to their patrons.

In some cases, deliveries had been cut to as much as one-tenth of the regular routes Friday because of the difficulty of getting supplies over snow-blocked roads and the problem of distribution thru the city.

Plows Tackle Shoulders.
J. E. Goodrich, division maintenance engineer for the Iowa highway commission, reported that plows will be working today to clear off shoulders of the primary highways and will keep at this task until it is completed.

He said that all primary highways in Black Hawk and Buchanan counties, the area served by the office here, had been opened to two-way travel shortly after noon yesterday, with but two exceptions in places where stalled trucks delayed completion of the job.

Some of the highway shoulders also had been cleared of snow late in the day, Goodrich stated.

Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Northern buses between Waterloo and Cedar Rapids resumed operation yesterday and buses were reported operating on other lines in and out of Waterloo.

Ask Path for Coal.
Coal dealers are requesting persons who want coal delivered to their homes to shovel a path for the driver, according to Frank Megow, secretary of the Waterloo Retail Coal Dealers association.

"When a driver has to shovel a big path thru a drift and then get stuck anyway, it takes too long to deliver the coal," he said.

Many dealers are planning to keep their offices open today to handle a large volume of orders, Megow added.

All of the Black Hawk county trunk roads and about half of the remainder of the roads in the county had been cleared of snow by last evening. In many places where roads had been plowed, drifting had started again, according to County Engineer Raymond Stevenson.

Rationing Boards Will Not Be Able to Start Monday.

Seventy-two tires and 60 tubes are the limit of purchases set for passenger automobiles, motorcycles and light trucks during January.

Black Hawk county, while the county allotment for trucks and buses has been limited to 144 tires and 120 tubes for that month, the state tire rationing administration, Des Moines, Saturday notified Sheriff H. T. Wagner, county civilian defense chairman.

It will not be possible for tire rationing boards to start operating on Jan. 5, the original time set for them to begin functioning, the letter received by Sheriff Wagner stated.

Forms Not Here.
Because of the congestion of the mails during the Christmas rush, it will not be possible to get necessary forms to the boards in time to get them started Monday, the bulletin said.

Setting up of a tire rationing board is just one of the many departments of the civilian defense organization. In the rapidly growing records of Sheriff Wagner's civilian defense files are large envelopes for the various departments.

Waterloo Group Consolidated.
The major civilian defense unit, headed by Wagner, is a consolidation of his group with the previous Waterloo committee headed by Mayor Ralph B. Slippy and Edward Jochimsen, it was announced. It will be designated as unit one.

Others are unit two, Cedar Falls, headed by Mayor C. N. McHugh; unit three, La Porte City, Mayor Roy Hawkins; unit four, Dunkerton, Mayor Clair Bailey, and unit five, Hudson, Mayor W. G. Strayer.

Other departments for which file envelopes are provided are: Registration of volunteer service; short wave radio, headed by Russell Rosenkrans; speakers bureau; health conservation demonstration; wild air patrol; emergency medical defense; county medical association; conservation; Boy Scouts; AAA, 4-H clubs and the like; Red Cross, nurses, first aid and instructors.

Hearing Tuesday on NLRB Charge Against Rath's

Hearing on a NLRB charge that Rath Packing company failed to disestablish a "company" union under an appellate court order will be held at 10 a. m. Tuesday in the federal courthouse building before Philip C. Vothers, Cedar Rapids lawyer, named by the federal circuit court of appeals to hear evidence and make recommendations for a finding of fact.

The national labor relations board reportedly seeks to have the Rath company held in contempt of court on allegations that a present independent union at the plant is a continuation of one dissolved by court order.

The hearing is under circuit court rules and the usual court rules of evidence will be followed, it was said.

B. F. Swisher of Waterloo will represent Rath's and Marion A. Maxwell, Washington, D. C., a labor board attorney, will represent the complainant board.

MRS. W. P. HOXIE, OFFICER IN FRUIT FIRM, DIES AT 61

Former Teacher and Civic Leader Was Widow of County Attorney.

Mrs. Ruth Lee Hoxie, 233 Prospect avenue, vice president of Waterloo Fruit & Commission Co., and widow of Wirt P. Hoxie, died yesterday at 7 p. m. in Allen Memorial hospital from carcinoma of the lungs. She was 61 years old.

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Daughter of Schoolman.
Born Nov. 30, 1880, at Cresco, Ia., she was the daughter of L. E. A. and Sarah E. Ling. Her father had been superintendent of schools there for 15 years when the family moved to La Grange, Ill., in 1906.

He taught mathematics there in the Lyons Township High School for 23 years.

She was graduated from Cresco high school and from Iowa State Teachers college (then Iowa State Normal school) in Cedar Falls about 1900.

She came to Waterloo in 1900 and did her first teaching at Alcott school and was instructing in East High school at the time of her marriage to Wirt P. Hoxie Sept. 25, 1907, at La Grange, Ill.

Husband Retired from Law.
Mr. Hoxie, many years a Waterloo attorney and merchant, was Black Hawk county attorney from 1908 to 1914. About 1915 he retired from the practice of law and joined his brother, Ralph, president of Waterloo Fruit & Commission Co., as its vice president, which position he held until his death Jan. 17, 1929. He was succeeded in that office by his widow.

Waterloo Fruit & Commission Co. was organized here under that name. Since then branch offices have been established in these cities: Iowa Falls and Des Moines; Iowa Falls and Mason City—and now operates under the name of Hoxie Fruit company. The Waterloo branch still uses the old name.

Active in Clubs, Church.
Mrs. Hoxie was a civic leader and was a member of Waterloo chapter, Order of Eastern Star; chapter F. P. E. O., of which she once was treasurer, and the Waterloo Woman's club.

She devoted much of her time to Grace Methodist church, of which she was a steward and a finance committee member at the time of her death. She was superintendent of the primary Sunday school department for many years and until about three years ago taught a Sunday school class for a long time.

Surviving are a son, Wirt P. Hoxie, jr., 404 Belmont avenue; her father, 233 Prospect, and a sister, Mrs. C. C. Bradley, Omaha, Neb.

Car Stuck on Crossing Crumpled by Train



A large 1939 sedan became a mass of priorities scrap metal at 7:30 a. m. Saturday—before the eyes of the driver, James Kurtz, Route 3, who is pictured above at the wreckage. Kurtz, on his way to work at Rath Packing company, said he got stuck in the rail eas of the Illinois Central railroad snow-packed crossing on Lafayette street near Elm street. While it was there, a steam passenger train, making a Land o' Corn run while mechanical work is being done on the streamliner, rounded a curve, leaving the city. Kurtz got out of the car and tried to flag the train, which was unable to stop before hitting the auto. Ground against freight cars on a siding, the car was reduced to a mass of debris. The car was owned by the youth's father, H. M. Kurtz.

January Court Term Here Has 34 Civil Suits

Thirty-four civil cases will be up for consideration of the district court when civil assignments are conducted tomorrow afternoon, on opening day of the January, 1942, term.

Among the 34 trial notices are 21 in lawsuits, 11 in equity cases and one each in divorce and probate. Of the 169 new cases filed for this term, 99 were in divorce, most of which will go to default trial.

Presiding during the term will be Judge A. B. Lovejoy of Waterloo. Assisting will be the Tenth district's new judge, Shannon Charlton of Manchester. Charlton already has started a three-month shift of routine judicial work on "order" days in the three outlying counties, Grundy, Buchanan and Delaware.

CITY SNOWPLOW HELPS STORK ON PARK DRIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Andrews, 1016 Park drive, are parents of a daughter born Friday evening in St. Francis hospital.

A city snowplow had made an emergency trip to the Andrews home Friday morning to take Mrs. Andrews to the hospital.

Farmers Mutual Fire Has Net 1941 Gain of \$914,000

Insurance in Force Now Over \$17,000,000.

A total gain of \$914,247 worth of new insurance business over amount of policies expired was reported by the Farmers Mutual Fire insurance company for the past year at the annual meeting Saturday afternoon in the courthouse.

There was \$3,268,793 worth of new insurance sold during the year; amount of policies that expired was \$2,354,546, it was reported.

Total amount of insurance now in force is \$17,458,803, the report showed.

All officers were re-elected: P. A. Lund, Cedar Falls, president; W. H. Bell, Buckingham, vice president; W. D. Strayer, Hudson, secretary; and W. W. Blough, Orange township, treasurer.

Members of the board of directors whose terms expired also were re-elected for three years: Bell, Lund and W. H. McIntosh, Dunkerton.

NYHAN SUCCEEDS QUINN AS Y.M.C.A. ASS'T SECRETARY

Former Morris Isle Leader and ISTC Graduate Appointed.

Appointment of Ray C. Nyhan, 912 Broadway, assistant secretary of the Waterloo Y. M. C. A. was announced Saturday by S. A. Co-hagan, general secretary.

Nyhan succeeds Frank Quinn, membership and activities secretary, who resigned to become Waterloo district secretary. Nyhan's duties will be largely the same as those Quinn had, but a few responsibilities will be added. He



[Flint Photo] RAY C. NYHAN

will have charge chiefly of membership, some clubs and activities, and will do general office work. The new appointment was graduated from Iowa State Teachers college, Cedar Falls, in 1937, and for about 18 months was a teacher and supervisor in the Norris foundation school for delinquent and pre-delinquent boys, 20 miles southwest of Milwaukee, Wis.

For a short time also he did personnel work with Union Special Machine company, Chicago. During the last few weeks he has been working for John Deere Tractor company.

For seven years he was at Morris Isle Y camp as camper and leader. He was awarded the gold Order of the Cedar. He is married and has no children.

The position Quinn is taking was resigned by Vern Harper, who became executive secretary of the Camp Foster district of the Y. M. C. A. in northwestern Iowa and southwestern Minnesota.

SCHOOL WEDNESDAY FOR TAX ASSESSORS

There will be a school of instruction for Black Hawk county tax assessors at 10 a. m. Wednesday in the supervisors' room of the courthouse. Bailey Barnes, county auditor, announced Saturday. The 25 assessors will begin their work on Jan. 12.

OTHER GROUPS TO BE ASKED TO JOIN CENTRAL AGENCY

Will Give Support to Most Worthy and Important Campaigns.

Chamber of Commerce directors Saturday decided to take the initiative in helping to form a committee in Waterloo to investigate the merits of various war aid campaigns and others which will be conducted here in the future and to help organize the worthy ones.

The decision was made at a luncheon meeting in Hotel Russell-Lamson.

The Chamber of Commerce will ask all organizations in the city to name delegates to a meeting at which the preliminary steps incident to the committee's formation will be taken if it is deemed advisable by the delegates to form the committee.

Would Ban None.
E. A. Warner, C. of C. secretary, said the committee, if formed, will not indicate whether any campaigns shall or shall not be conducted but merely will state after consideration, which ones seem worthy and important and which are most worthy and important, and will insure that groups conducting campaigns will get assistance.

The directors also decided to take a referendum vote among C. of C. members to determine whether they wish to have the regular annual meeting this year.

Since it is largely a social affair, it was thought there might be some criticism of the chamber for holding the meeting this year because of the expense. If it is scheduled it will be in the last week in February.

12 Director Candidates.
Named as a committee to prepare ballots for the coming election of six directors were the six directors whose terms expire next month: Seth Beem, L. S. Holden, Louis Walker, L. A. Rowland, E. F. Tangney and J. A. Young.

The ballot will include the names of 12 candidates, six from each side of the river.

Ballots will be mailed by Tuesday, Feb. 3, and ballots will be counted on Friday, Feb. 13, and the new board, consisting of the six new directors and 12 holdovers, will organize not later than Thursday, Feb. 19.

To Aid Bond Sales.
The side of the river a candidate represents is determined by his business location, rather than home address. Directors' terms are for three years.

Directors unanimously agreed to offer the help of the Chamber of Commerce and its staff to the Black Hawk county branch of a state committee to promote sales of defense stamps and bonds. C. A. Clark and Sheriff H. T. Wagner are Black Hawk's representatives.

Teacher's Wife Injured as Car Hits City Plow

After her husband's car collided with a Waterloo snowplow at 12:30 a. m. Saturday at Washington street and Williston avenue, Mrs. Edgar E. Harden, 33, Charleston, Ill., was in Presbyterian hospital Saturday night for observation and treatment of head and knee bruises.

The Harden car was damaged, but the plow and truck being driven by August Richter, 806 Cleveland avenue, street worker, had little or no damage, and continued at work.

Harden, Charleston school teacher, and his wife reportedly were en route thru Waterloo to their home.

Two Waterloo Men Called to Active Duty at Fort Sill

Two Waterloo men, Roman B. Dahms, Route 5, and Lafe L. Hood, 320 Franklin street, are in a group of Iowa reserve officers ordered to report to Fort Sill, Okla., for a year's active duty.

Two other northeast Iowans are in the group: Frederick E. Gordon, jr., Decorah, and Robert F. Wildes, Riceville.

All are second lieutenants in the field artillery.

Dahms is a John Deere Tractor company gear department employe and Hood is a beef trader at the Rath Packing company.

Visiting Nursing Annual Meeting to Be Next Thursday
Members of the board of directors of the Waterloo Visiting Nursing association are to be elected at an annual meeting of the association Thursday at 12:15 p. m. in Black's tearoom. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Grace K. Haven, director of the association, will present a report of the year's activities.

Officers of the association for the coming year will be elected at a meeting of the new board immediately following the annual meeting.

24 More Navy Recruits Push Week's Enlistment Total to 50



[Courier Photo]

In two days last week the Waterloo recruiting office of the U. S. navy sent 50 men to Des Moines, state recruiting headquarters, to be examined and sworn into the navy ranks.

Friday night there were 24 (shown above in the post office) and Monday afternoon 26 were sent. The two shipments made last week were the biggest by far

the office here has ever enjoyed. As the picture above was taken the men were preparing to leave the postoffice, where the recruiting station is, to go to the Chicago Great Western railroad depot and entrain for Des Moines.

Among the group were the five Sullivan brothers of Waterloo, who hope to be able to remain together in the navy. They are shown in the front row (left to right): Al-

bert, Madison, Joseph, Francis and George Sullivan.

Second row (left to right)—Floyd M. Mulford, Iowa Falls; Ia. Robert L. Gardner, La Porte City; Robert W. Smith, 524 Sumner street; Richard Gardner, La Porte City; August Ebel, 422 Randall street.

Third row (left to right)—Fredrick W. May, 1139 Parker street; Wendell D. Daniels, Iowa Falls; Robert R. Carney, Y. M. C. A.;

Arnold S. Ray, 721 South street; Stuart A. Stitchman, 731 West Mul-lan avenue.

Fourth row (left to right)—Lynn B. Harned, Cedar Falls; Robert R. Embrey, 232 Leland avenue; Charles L. Belsinger, Plainfield, Ia.; Theodore J. Eschen, 314 Corlandt street.

Fifth row (left to right)—Clifford W. Strein, Route 2, Waterloo; Milton B. Quasdorf, Iowa Falls; Edward W. Quercr, Route 4, Waterloo;

Owen T. Gray, 825 Washington street; Roy D. Bradford, 1621 Falls avenue.

Francis and George Sullivan, May, Smith and Strein are former navy members re-enlisting.

In uniform at extreme left is Frank Morgan, recruiter in the station here. The two recruiters in the uniform at the right are Rodney Merrill (left) and E. F. Skene, officer in charge.

Sixteen members of the directorate of the Black Hawk county Red Cross chapter are to be elected at an annual meeting at 12:10 p. m. Thursday in Hotel President. Chapter members are invited to attend.

Eleven will be chosen for full three-year terms. Five more will be elected to fill vacancies, three for two-year and two for one-year terms.

An annual report and reports for December will be given at the meeting.

Officers of the chapter will be elected at a session of the new board immediately following the annual meeting. Mrs. Wells Bar-nett is chairman of the nominating committee.

Red Cross Annual Meeting Set for Thursday Noon