

DAY TO DAY BUSINESS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS

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REGIMES AT CITY HALL, LAW-

RENCE VOTERS, AS IN THE

PAST, AREN'T LINING UP AT

CHOICES, BEGINNING ON PG.

MIRINUL KANSIS

The food co-op, now noted

as a potent political force

in the community, has published

the first local analysis of the

accompanying higher food prices.

This month, the Peoples

Energy Project newsletter in-

cludes information on rising nat-

The Peoples Journal fea-

tures a follow-up on the Law-

and the nuts and bolts of solar

and tips on dealing with negli-

power. See page fourteen.

THE POLLS... OBSERVE THEIR

EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC NOTICE

YEAR, ON MARCH 8 AND

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April 5th is general election day for Lawrence City Commission and #497 School Board. Besides the candidates names, the ballot contains a question of whether or not to change the form of city government.

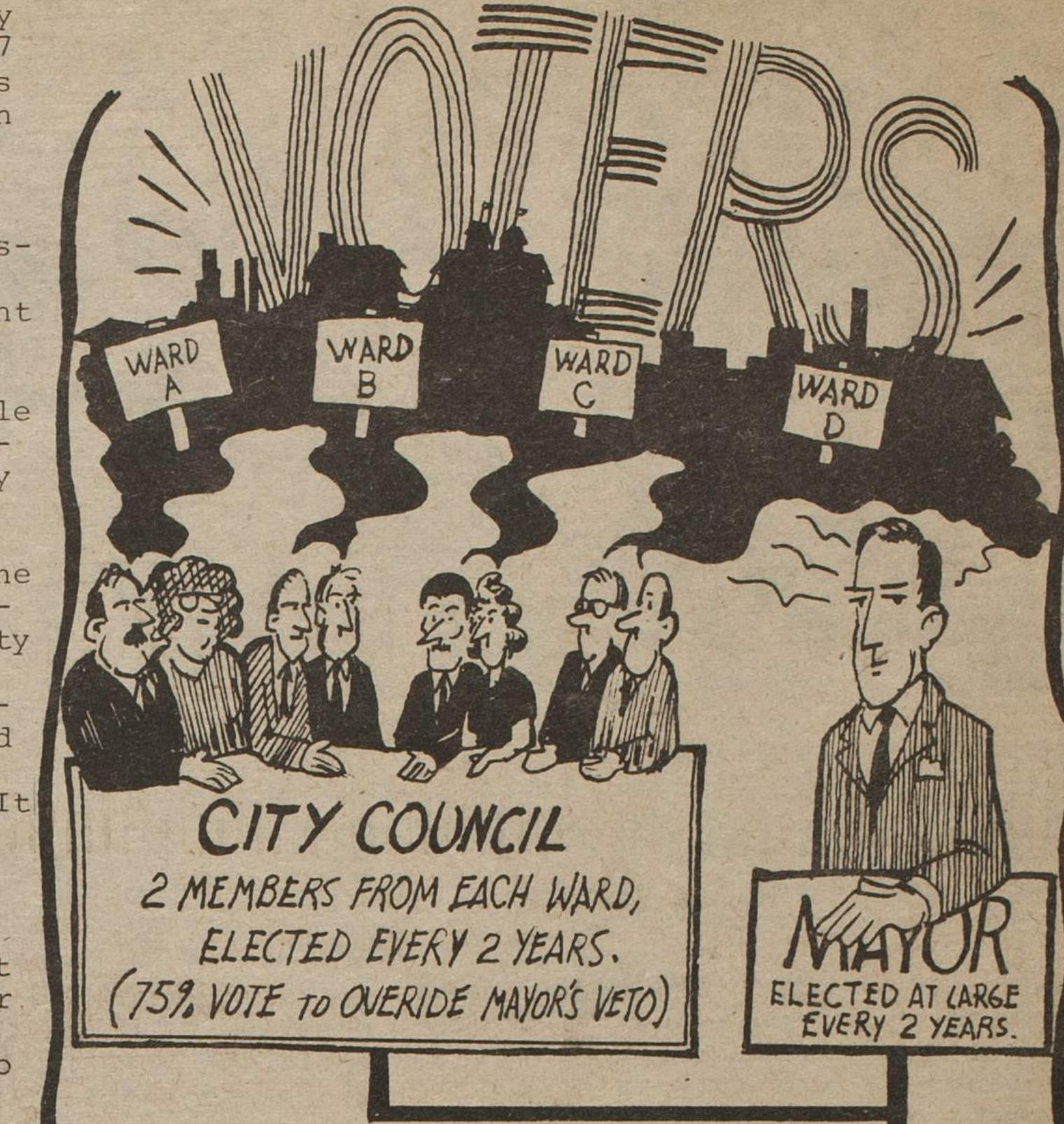
It's probably the most important question to come before the voters in a quarter century, particularly in light of the low voter turn-out in recent years. Last election, only 54 more people voted than in 1963. The people have been locked out of the decisionmaking process for so long, that many have simply given up.

A yes vote on April 5 would change the form of government from Manager-Commission to Mayor and Council. The City Manager, now appointed, would be replaced by an elected Mayor. Councilpeople would come from districts, and would be directly responsible to the people who live in those districts. It is a more balanced, equitable, more democratic structure, commonly known as "self-government."

Can we be permitted to directly elect the officials who govern our City, or must we continue to lean on outside professionals and consultant firms to do the job for us?

Compare the alternatives carefully. Observe the manner in which the City conducts its' business. Decide whether or not you're willing to accept the responsibility of self-government.

Then, go to the polls on April 5th.



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HELVEL VIEW

March 8 is round one in the race to decide who's to run the City of Lawrence. The March 8th primary election for City Commission and School Board will narrow the field of candidates. Of the 12 Commission candidates, six will remain for the showdown in the April 5th general election to determine who the three new Commischanging weather patterns, and the sioners will be.

Although Lawrence has grown from a town of 30,000 to 55,000 in the past 14 years, the number of people participating in the local voting game has not increased, but has ural gas rates, the death penalty, remained about the same -- in 1975, only 7,100 people voted, less than 25 per cent of the elegible electorate.

rence Citizens' Voice convention, For the past 30 years, Lawrence residents have watched a succession of doctors, lawyers, businessmen and the wives of professional

people elected to the Commission. Candidates who can't afford the responsibility of the Commission job at a salary of a mere \$100 per year also aren't financially able to get their ideas out to the public during their campaigns. Thus, vague rhetoric and big bucks have put the leisure class, for the most part, into office.

This time around, a number of key issues have emerged. Most important is the issue of growth and issues related to it--the new water plant, mass transit, the airport, a new City Hall building and governmental accountability.

The excerpted interviews of 11 of the Commission candidates beginning on page eight should arm voters with information with which to ask more questions of the candidates.

The power of the City government can be awesome. The quality of life in Lawrence is directly tied to the five Commissioners and the City Manager. The Commission can create new jobs by issuing bonds, can create a City bus system, expand daycare facilities and provide good, lowcost City services. Under their direction, Lawrence can expand with land acquisition and construction of multi-million dollar improvement projects like the new water plant and a jetport.

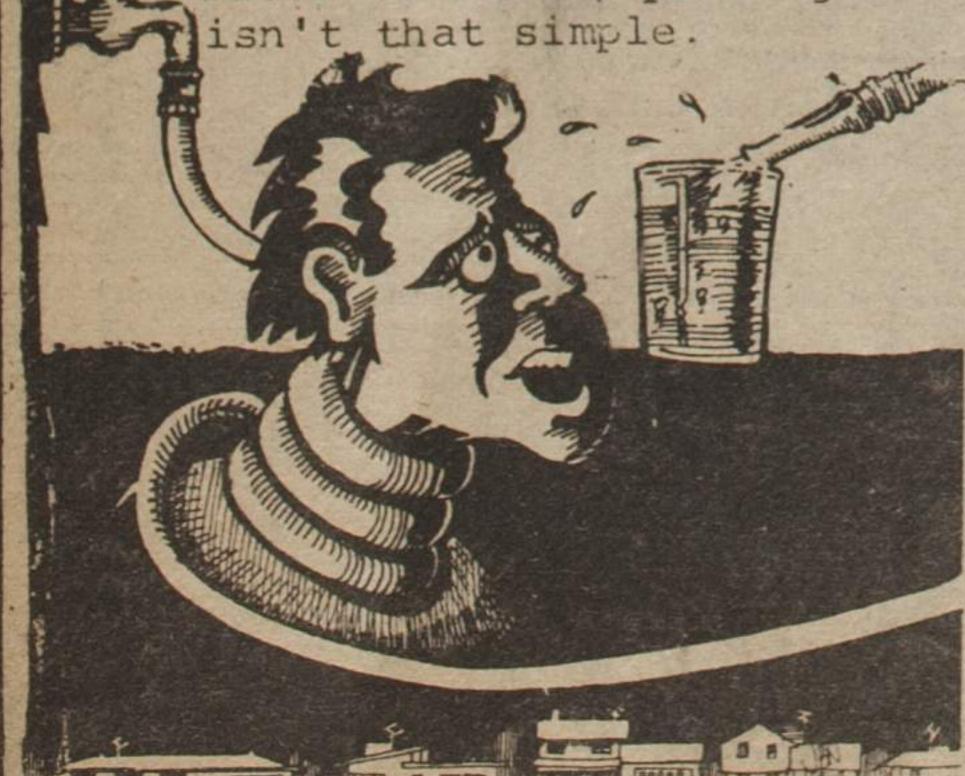
PUBLIC NOTICE encourages the people of Lawrence to seek information and vote. Although we support a structural reform, changing to a Mayor-Council system, good government also requires the election of good people responsive to their voters, and continual interest and participation by the electorate.

gent slum-lords. See page two.

BY SUSIE HANNA

See page four.

" Jurn the water on!" "Would you like to save \$5 million?" This is the City's approach to educating Lawrence residents on how to vote March 8 on the water plant financing question. Educational? It's pure propaganda. The question of building the new Clinton water treatment plant just



Shouldn't they hear both sides?

A "yes" vote means financing the plant with general obligation bonds. The City is pushing a "yes" vote as a way to save \$5 million in interest since the g.o. bonds would be paid off 10 years earlier than if financed with revenue bonds. But a "yes" vote will boost water rates over 100 per cent in four years, according to City estimates. Any savings for water users wouldn't happen for 20 years, if at all. The City supports g.o. financing so construction can begin this summer and so the City will be free of debt to build more plants after 20 years.

A "no" vote means the plant would be financed with revenue bonds which would be paid for in 30 years. Water rate increases with a "no" vote would be less -about an 88 per cent increase, according to City estimates. If the proposition is turned down,

construction is delayed one year.



PUBLIC ROTICE says "VOTE NO!" The real question isn't being asked of voters: "Do we need the water plant?"

City Commissioners voted to build the water plant and are favoring the g.o. bond financing in ignorance. They accepted City Manager Buford Watson's recommendation that the plant must be built. They haven't considered the costs to water users, the impact the plant will have in spurring more growth in Lawrence, or alternatives to construction of a new \$8.4 million plant.

Commissioners are supporting the plant before completion of the rate study. The consultants' estimates on water rate increases to cover construction and in-

reased treatment costs probably won't be presented to the Commission until after the March 8 election. Such blind decisionmaking is irresponsible.

Could water conservation make the new plant! unnecessary? Can the old plant be expanded? Could alternative rate structures make a difference? Can more water be recycled?

The people of Lawrence need to answer these questions themselves, and put Kansas City consulting firms on the back burner for a change. A NO vote on the bond issue can give us the tire to promote a discussion of the real needs of the community, and a chance to find the best way to meet those needs.

LAWRENCE CITIZENS' VOICE, a coalition of people claiming to be a "people-based" organization held a town convention January 22 to select candidates for school board and city commission.

About 140 people attended the convention at Lawrence High School to select David Hann, Muriel Paul, and current Commissioner Carl Mibeck; Ola Faucher, Jane Frydman and Otis Vann for school board.

Early plans were to run candidates as a slate, but the steering committee of LCV, in a rule adopted shortly before the convention, abandoned plans to run two slates of three candidates selected by the convention. The new rule stated that LCV would neither bind candidates to campaign on the convention's issues nor would be bound to endorse the convention's candidates. The steering committee would decide after the convention who LCV would support. LCV is now campaigning for only Frydman and Paul. The other candidates are running their own campaigns.

Following is an interview with current active members in LCV, June Walker, Chris Bell, Muriel Paul and Ed Dutton.

Mark Kaplan and Susie Hanna-interviewers.

I: This idea of a town convention is quite new. What were the objectives of Lawrence Citizens! Voice convention?

Walker: The idea was to get the

ideas of the people, to get the people involved in the City programs and then to back people who would run for the organization.

Paul: The matter of candidates was a kind of a spin off. Really a secondary thing. The people who wrestled with the idea from the beginning were interested in mainly having issues brought forth in the community. We thought initially it was not necessary to run candidates but to influence candidates who did run. However, if candidates did emerge from our group and the people we contacted that was frosting on the cake.

I: Wasn't the goal to find candidates who felt similarly in their opinions on issues and try to get these people elected so you could implement policies to carry out LCV's positions on the issues?

Dutton: I saw this convention as just one step in a long process. The election is just one step. Too often people come out for an election and then they go home. We're looking for a long term, broad-based people's organization, so when the election is over, people are involved and they stay involved. I feel very positive about the convention.

I: PUBLIC NOTICE covered convention plans and the purpose and goals of LCV in December. We went to the convention where there were signs: "People's Convention," "Your candidates, your issues," but we found that the

whole idea had changed. It was announced that the candidates selected at the convention by the people weren't bound to run on on the slate of LCV and LCV was, in turn, not bound to endorse the candidates selected by the people at the convention. Norm Forer, convention parlimentarian, announced that the steering committee would decide which candidates they preferred to support. What happened? What was the purpose of the convention?

Dutton: That's great to have happen. That's interaction, discussion, and give and take ocurring. Do we want a monolithic structure? We want a lot of differences.

Paul: It showed that it was not a controlled convention ... people are blaming us, but we're not politicians and we see that as our virtue.

I: David Hann, Muriel Paul, Carl Mibeck, Ola Faucher, Jane Frydman, and Otis Vann were the top vote-getters at the convention. Is ICV going to actively campaign for these people? Are they going to run them as a slate?

Bell: These people all have their building a coalition of people own campaign committees. Some of the people in LCV are setting up a committee for Muriel and Jane Frydman.

I: For many months, the intentions of LCV were to run a slate of candidates to coalesce votes that are normally dispersed. What happened to this idea?

Paul: I think that word was used loosely.

I: It wasn't used loosely! The direct intention was to run people as a slate.

Paul: "Association" might have been a better word. Even before Carl Mibeck asked for our endorsement, we knew he would be running his own campaign.

I: How many people are active in LCV?

Bell: Fifteen or twenty are working on the campaign. I'm looking for more people who can advocate the ideas of LCV.

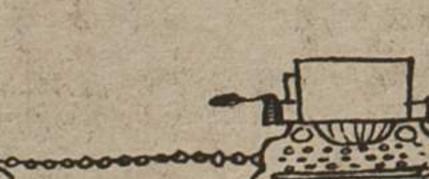
Paul: I think it is important for you to know that we are drawing in more people. It's stronger than ever.

I: This proposition to change the form of government that will be on the April 5th ballot ... Does the Voice have a stand on that?

Bell: We dealt with that issue early on and we decided that we would concentrate on two things -and dealing with City Commission elections. We haven't taken a position on the change of government, formally. I think most of the people think that basically it's a good idea.

Paul: We'll be researching that issue. I think its an important issue.





Dear PUBLIC NOTICE:

Shirley Scheirer's article "The Great Experiment" really touched the very bottom of my heart with great pity for those old hens. I should like to offer an alternative to this cold blooded slaughtering of defenseless fowls. A "Retirement Plan for Old Hens" should be set up and rest homes provided for those who are no longer productive. Until such places of refuge can be arranged for these most unfortunate members of our society, perhaps, you people Chicken Liver nat the Coop, the Public Notice and the Ghetto could take them into your homes, give them loving care Iso that they could live out their old days in comfort and style. And

then, come the judgment day, they would not be placed naked in full view of the public in some market place, but would lie in a dignified lice car pulled up behind us on, to a parking spot. Alan and I

I should also like to congratulate all the "born again" vegetarians amongst you, especially Chip Jones whose article "Confessions of a Meat Eater" is commendable, really Two young cops stepped out and commendable!

From,

Plains, Georgia

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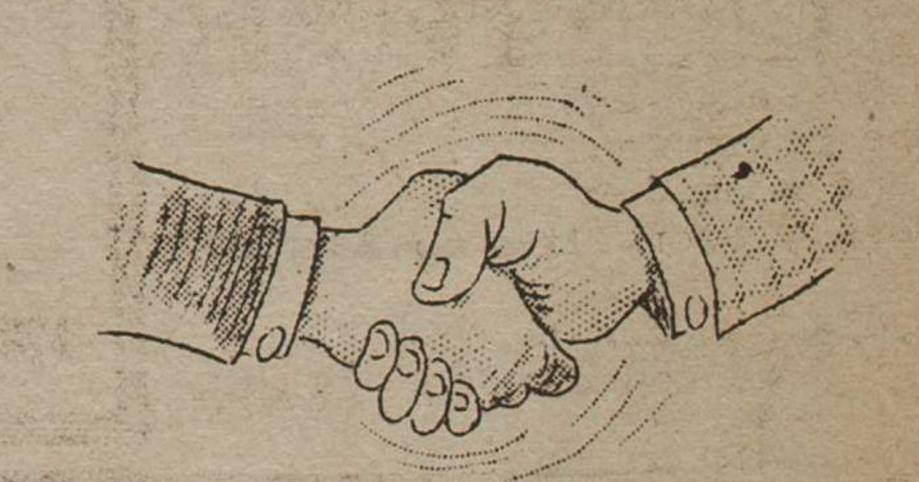
BY PAUL HUGHES

With Slow, Silent majesty, the Po- The four of us pushed the truck in-Ninth street. Visions of harass- said, "Hey, thanks alot." ment by heavy-handed Cops danced in our heads. We stopped pushing The knights in blue waved, hopped Alan's stalled truck and stood wo- into their white charger and cruindering in the night "what next?" sed away.

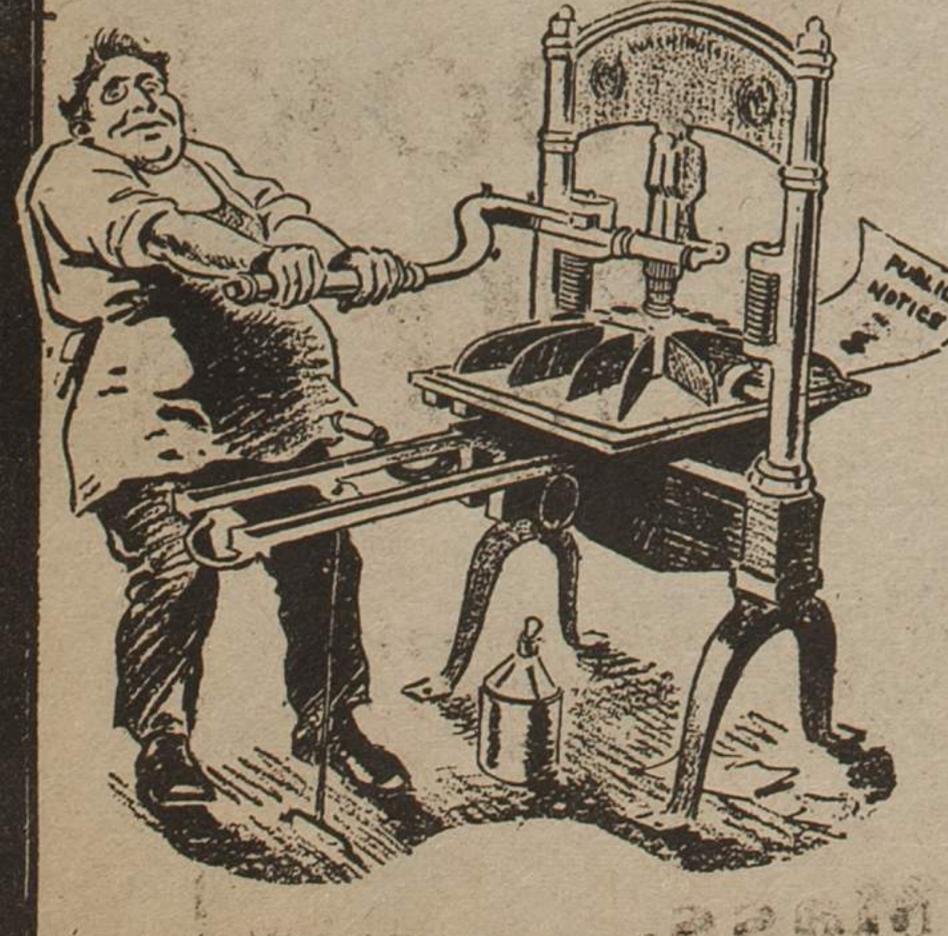
said, "Hey, can we give you guys any help?"

We traded smiles all around, just guys, with a common denominator of friendliness.

"Yeah, we're trying to get the truck parked on a side street."



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by Judy Kroeger



HOUSING LAW SERVES LANDLORDS

"How do I get my landlord to make repairs?" is one of the most frequent questions received by CAA. Unfortunately, it is also one of the most difficult to answer. The reason is that the Kansas Residential Landlord-Tenant Act does not provide adequate remedies for tenants.

The only legal remedies tenants have are:

1. giving the landlord a written notice that he/she is in breach of written list of the items that the rental agreement; if the landlord does not remedy the breach, or make a good faith effort to do so within 30 days, the rental agreement can terminate, and the security deposit is returned to the tenant.

2. the tenant can complain to the city minimum housing inspector; if the inspector finds the housing is

in violation of the city minimum structures code, the city serves notice to the landlord. If the landlord does not make repairs, the city can fine the landlord.

Witholding rent as a means of getting repairs made is not legal, and can result in a lawsuit against the tenant.

There are other things tenants can do however. Give the landlord a repairs are not done within 30 days, you will have them done and bill the landlord. Make sure the landlord receives the notice; either deliver it personally, or send it by registered mail. Keep a photocopy or carbon copy yourself. (Keeping a copy is very important.)

If the landlord does not do the work within the specified time, pay to have it done, save the bill and deduct that amount from your rent, sending the bills to the landlord instead of that portion of your rent. The landlord could still try to evict you for doing this, but he'd have to take you to court to do it, and you would be able to show the court that you If you are interested in working had given the landlord ample notice of your intentions. If you would rather not take the risk of need repair, and state that if the being sued for eviction, you could pay your total rent, but send copies of the bills and a notice that if he doesn't pay you within 30 days, you will file in Small Claims Court for reimbursement.

> The severity of the maintenance problem is such that I feel there is a need for either a change in

the present state law, or a city ordinance which would allow tenants to legally withold rent as a means of leverage in getting landlords to make needed repairs. An ordinance allowing tenants to set up escrow accounts in such cases has been passed in Manhattan, and is being considered in Topeka.

on the passage of a similar ordinance in Lawrence, and/or forming a tenant's organization to lobby for such an ordinance, contact the Consumer Affairs Association, 864-3963, or Helene Pesche, 841-5205.

Your problems as tenants will not disappear by themselves: you will have to put some energy into forming tenant organizations and working to equalize the law.

OVERHEARD IN LAWRENCE



With break-ins and robberies at an all-time high, the narrow streets and back-alleys of downtown Lawrence are rocking with the cries of local businessmen. "emedies are in the offing. It's rumored that these same proprietors are training large vicious watch-dogs on a small farm south of town. The dogs are to be left to roam each storefront on Main Street, thru the nights, when the robbers have been known to strike. It seems the businessmer are giving no quarter.

Trend is not destiny.

-- Lewis Mumford



Plans seem to be brewing at the Chamber offices on Vermont Street, aimed at providing an underground urban transit system for Lawrence.

Initial goals include a grandious subway station to be located at 9th and Massachusetts, a crosstown tube burrowing under Mt. Oread, and a an "el" to be built along Mass., from 11th to 23rd.

PUBLIC NOTICE lauds the plan. Let's bring Lawrence into the modern age!

TEXAS LONGHORNS MISSOURI

by Christy Springer

When I was a lad, I grew up in Missouri, along with my two broth- Since Mr. Bilby nor the cowboys ers and four sisters, on our parents farm in the vicinity of Skidmore, Missouri, not too far from Burlington Junction in Northwest Missouri.

Adjoining the Springer's farm, a mile and a half away, was the Russell Bilby Ranch Headquarters consisting of 22,000 acres, complete with a ranch house, barns, a store, and a school house. There was a boarding house for the cowboys, too. A family connected with the cowboys usually did the cooking for the outfit.

Mr. Bilby's farm had fields of corn and huge pastures for the thousands of emaciated longhorned cattle which were imported from Texas, three trainloads at a time. Bilby fattened these starving longhorned cattle so they could be shipped to Kansas City for slaugh-

There was a good deal of excitment in the neighborhood when the three structed a new road in the area of trainloads of the gaunt Texas long- Bilby's cement fence but they manhorns arrived and were driven by the cowboys from the station to Bilby's ranch. The roadway was a forest of horns; some of the horns were four to six feet across.

Sometimes, these wild cattle would wander into the Springer's cornfields or into the fields of the neighbors, the Britains. When this happened, the neighbors would get out their shot guns and sting the hides of the longhorns to chase them away. Fences did not hold them nor hedges neither.

were able to doctor these big, wild animals when they were sick, they sometimes staggered and fell down. Bilby let them die where they lay, as the hides could be sold for as much as the cattle had cost - \$12 to \$15 per head. When the cattle would lie down in the road, the frightened Springer children would hastily climb fences to avoid those longhorns.

The Depression wiped out the Bilby's cattle business and the farm was sold to other owners. The only thing that survives in this changing rural scene at Bilby's ranch is a stone fence in which hundreds and hundreds of pink rocks are embedded in the origi-'nal cement wall. It was about 50 feet long and four feet high and was built to partly conceal the family home from the road. Friends of the Bilby's contributed rocks from other states or offered some of unusual shape or color. In 1961, road builders conaged to save it. This landmark can be seen 12 miles west of Maryville, Missouri.









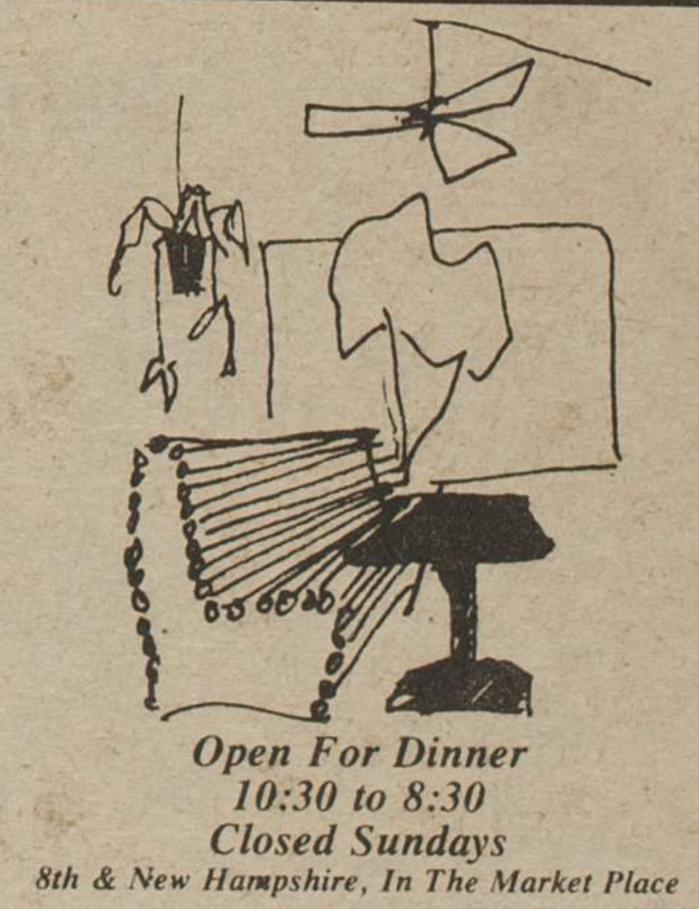
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TOFU TRANSITOR

by Diane Luber



The time has come to bid farewell to Thom Leonard. Thom, who came to Lawrence in September, brought with him sea vegetables, miso, tofu, and sourdough bread. Thom is returning to Fayetteville to work with a friend who recently opened a tofu shop. Rumor has it that demand for tofu in Fayetteville is so great that they will be making it in a "large cast iron, porcelain coated cooking vessel" (otherwise known as a bathtub)! Thom also plans to begin making miso, conduct tofu and miso classes, farm, and distribute miso starter and nigari in the Midwest. When asked for his par-



ting thoughts on our co-op, Thom said that it was the best organized and had the most member participation of any co-op he had been involved with. And last of all, "it was fun." Tom Ingle and Galen Tarman will be making tofu in Thom's place. Both are familiar faces at Sister Kettle having worked there since August. Galen credits his in-

terest in tofu to Diet for a Small Planet. Tom is anxious to explore the potential of soybeans. And, of course, both need to make a living. They plan to supply the co-op with 40 cakes of tofu every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, as well as supply Sister Kettle and a natural foods store in Kansas City. They have had to raise the price of tofu by 5¢ but we think

the effort is well worth it. They also plan to produce and sell soy milk (look for a sign-up sheet in the co-op). Give them your support in the coming weeks.

We will continue to obtain miso and sea vegetables from the Co-op Warehouse in Fayetteville. So while we will be losing Thom, we will still carry tofu, sea vegetables, and miso. As for sourdough bread, Thom has left starter with some co-op members but it will be a long time before they will be able to match the result of 6 years of bread-making experience.



-HIGHER PRODUCE PRICES

What's Behind Them?

by Chuck Magerl

Unstable weather conditions and the rumblings of a land reform revolt in Mexico have contributed to higher than usual produce prices this winter. But speculation suggests that today's above-average prices will become the rule rather than the exception in future seasons.

The major produce areas of the United States are being affected by wide fluctuations in temperature and rainfall. Florida's winter crops of citrus fruits, tomatoes, squash, peppers, and greens have been destroyed by January's freeze. California, enjoying warm temperatures, has had problems with too much and



not enough rain this year. At one point, fields were too wet, making it difficult for harvesting machines to drive through the mud and some produce rotted from the moisture. Droughts have also plagued some areas. Water-rationing has come to regions around San Francisco and the State Water Board is faced with implementing cutbacks in irrigation supplies. But these unusual conditions may indicate the normal climate to come.

Many weather observers see this period as signalling the transition from the stable climate patterms of this century to earlier patterns marked by wide fluctuations in temperature and rainfall. Lengthy discussions of climate trends are headline stories in farm publications these days and short mentions are making the city papers.

Reid Bryson, a University of Wisconsin climate expert, studied the effects of the major weather shifts he forsees in the next 20 years and contributed to the CIA study of world climate and national security released last year. Prof. Bryson indicated long-term changes in rainfall amount particularly on the African and Asian continents but also in North America. The major threat, of course, is to the world food supply.

Another factor in winter food sup- has been reflected in slightly ply that's not receiving much pub- higher consumer prices at the Colicity is the mysterious land revolt in Mexico. Large U.S. corporations bought immense tracts of prime agricultural land in northern and western Mexico during the past 10 years and employed the farmers they displaced as cheap field labor. The U.S. market for fresh vegetables was tempting for these corporations; in fact half of the winter vegetables sold in America were from Mexico. But the situation is changing as the Mexican farmers take action.

The farmers in several states have forcibly reclaimed their land from foreign corporations. Their struggle is a matter of life and death. And last year over 100 farmers were killed in battles with army and private police while reclaiming 60,000 acres. In addition, Peter Baird and Ed McCaughan of the North American Congress on Latin America, report that in 1975 alone 792 people, mostly children, died in one state from diarrhea and dehydration. There is neither medical insurance nor a rural health plan for farm workers. The rising level of desperation has prompted chaos and strikes, stopping production on many farms and the lower supply

op and supermarkets.

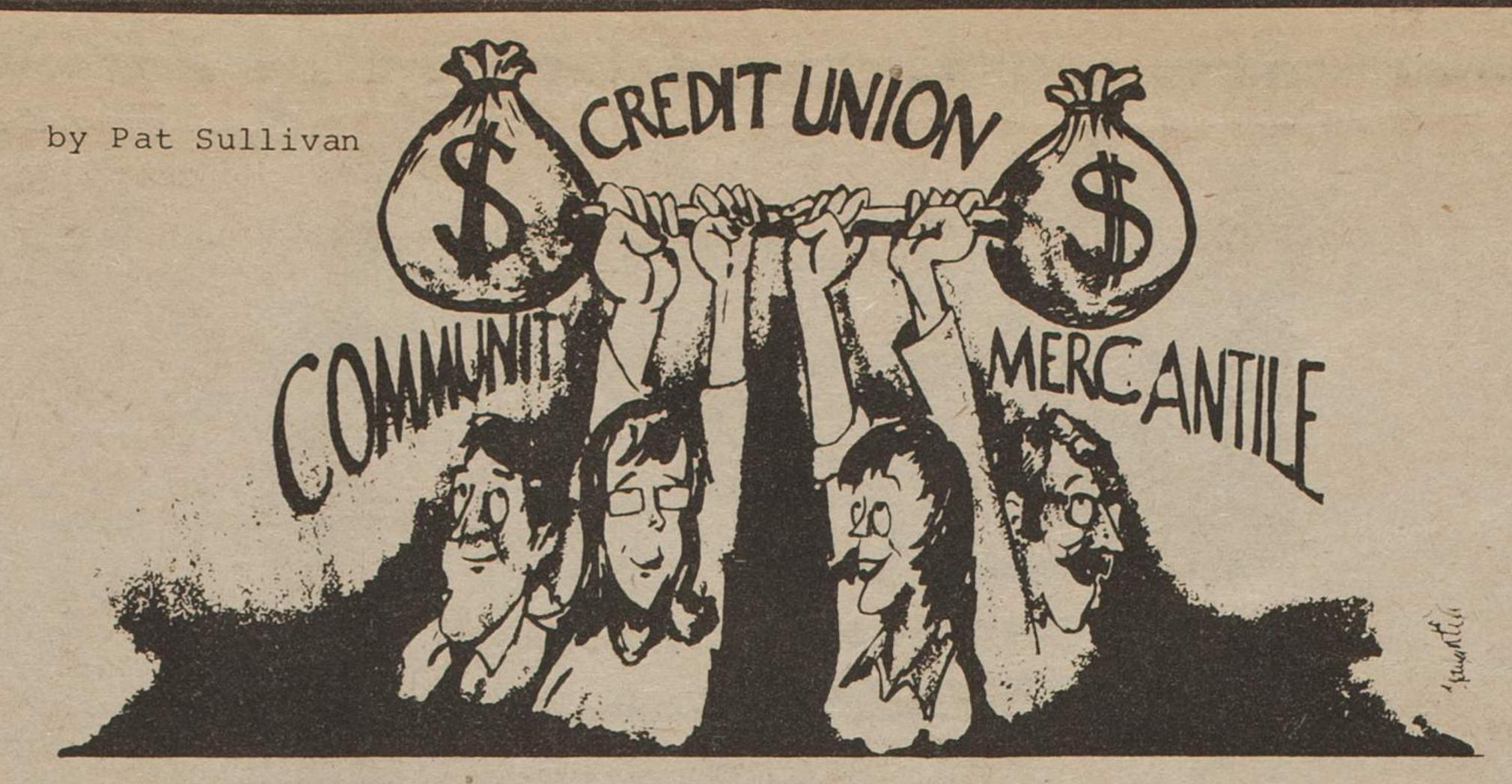
Our alternative to relying on and supporting these situations? Our goals should include greenhouse production near Lawrence and a concerted effort to preserve summer garden surplus. Chuck Marr, the Kansas extension specialist on vegetable production, recently stated he sees the eastern Kansas region becoming a prime allaround food-producing area for the whole nation. Perhaps we could start by meeting the food needs of Kansans.



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At the time of this writing, the loan program of the Community Mercantile Credit Union has been temporarily closed for two reasons. First of all, we have reached our maximum loan limit which, as decided by the board of directors, would be eighty percent of our assets. Secondly, this will provide us with some time to check up on late loan payments and to get some paperwork up-to-date. But by the time this issue of Public Notice goes to press the loan program may be in operation again.

Because of this break, I thought it would be a good time to discuss some feelings I have about working on the loan committee since the Credit Union started operation. Obviously we all know quite a bit more than when we started. All the different forms were confusing and finding out how to fill them out and where to send them was equally frustrating. As a person who could never stand math, it was a pain to be figuring have overwhelmingly been cooperaout interest and loan payments. We've made mistakes in our operation, as the backlog of paperwork attests. I can honestly say that the committee is continually get-



ting stronger (with the help of an ever-present supervisory committee) and the work is being done right.



People dealing with our committee tive and understanding and also very thankful to be getting services they would have trouble getting elsewhere. However there are some people who get impatient

with us if we take "too much time" or can't offer immediate service. It must be understood the credit committee, as all other committees in the credit union, is staffed with volunteers. The credit committee meets every Wednesday, usually for three hours. We often look at as many as five or six loan applications. Each of these applications means discussion, telephone calls, paperwork (sometimes three forms typed for each loan). It also involves trips to the Courthouse, getting called

at nine o'clock on Saturday morning, and running the usual business transactions on Wednesday nights. Basically there is a lot of time spent in this committee by people who are very busy elsewhere and not uncommonly also volunteering energy in other community projects. I'm asking for an understanding of this situation and a realization that as individuals those of us working on the committee have nothing to gain personally (aside from meeting some real fine people and a feeling we get when we really have given someone a hand). We try to be as efficient as we can, but please realize we do make mistakes.

I would like also to thank Kathy Dugan, Tom Wilson, Karen Borell, and Kathy McGee. These are the other members of the credit committee who have worked very hard and have made being a part of the Credit Union that much nicer. I personally would like to thank all the people of Public Notice who have supplied us with an entertaining and informative newspaper with an equal abundance of volunteer energy. Being next door to each other makes meetings quite hysterical.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MAGAZINE

by Ed Boles

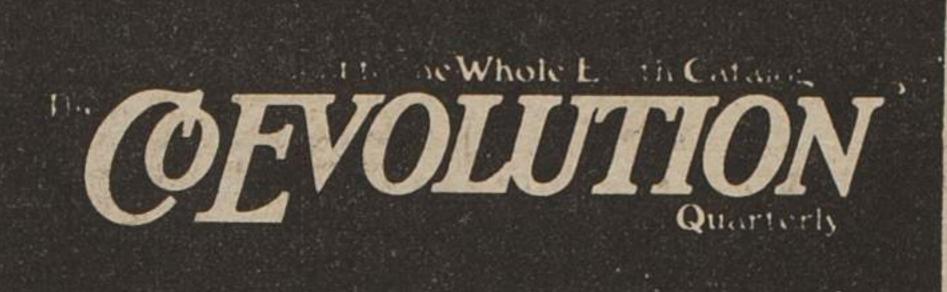
he Coevolution Quarterly is a useful, enjoyable relayer of well-sifted information. Like its parents, the Whole Earth Catalog and Epilog, the CQ presents honest, concise reviews of worthy hardware, books, periodicals, organizations, and events. These evaluations are made by people directly involved with the subjects and objects of which they speak. The editors handle sections called Learning, Communications, Nomadics, Community, Soft Technology, Craft, Land Use, Understanding Whole Systems, Apocalypse Juggernaut, hello, and Business. Editor Stewart Brand tells them, "If the item is not wonderful, don't review it." No junk, no paid advertisements to be found here.

Beyond gaining "access to tools," the CQ reader feasts on good literature and graphic art by notables and nobodies alike. You say you have something to offer? You may be paid for it, and join the likes of these contributors: Ken Kesey, Margaret Mead, Paolo Soleri, Joni Mitchell, the Black Panther Party, the New Alchemy Institute, Marlon Brando, Ursula LeGuin, Jacques Cousteau, Jerry Brown, Steve Baer, Paul and Anne Erlich, Lewis Mumford, Ansel Adams, Bucky Fuller, Anne Waldman, Richard Baker roshi, Wendell Berry... Their offerings come in many forms: essays, poems, manifestos, drawings, cartoons, stories, photos, but all center on Coevolution - mutually beneficial change - of some sort, be it philosophical, technical, spiritual, cultural, political, or how to resuscitate a lizard:

The most recent issue, Winter 76/77 (number 12), features Watersheds (do you know where your water comes from and where it goes after you've used it?), a Taj Mahal (the musician) interview, and Christo's Running Fence. It and several

back issues await you on the Co-op bookshelf. They cost \$2.00/\$2.50. Also find it at the Oread Book Shop. Have a look. I think you will be pleased.

Pat Sullivan is our local CoEvolution Quarterly distributor. He wants you to know that the magazine is in danger of folding - a rotten shame if it happens. Since advertising space is not sold, and costs of publication are rising, the CQ has depended on Whole Earth Epilog profits to stay afloat. But spare money and time are getting short; the magazine needs subscribers - people who will pay \$8 per year for four bundles of such juicy information. It's worth lots more than that to those of us who already subscribe.



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The next quarterly General Membership meeting of the Community Mercantile Food Co-op will be held on Friday, March 11, at the Community Building (9th and Vermont). A potluck dinner will start things off at 6:30 PM followed by the business meeting at 7:30 PM. For entertainment as well as education, a Rodale film on organic farming will be shown. A great opportunity to get to know other Co-op members and to share your interests in food and co-op happenings!

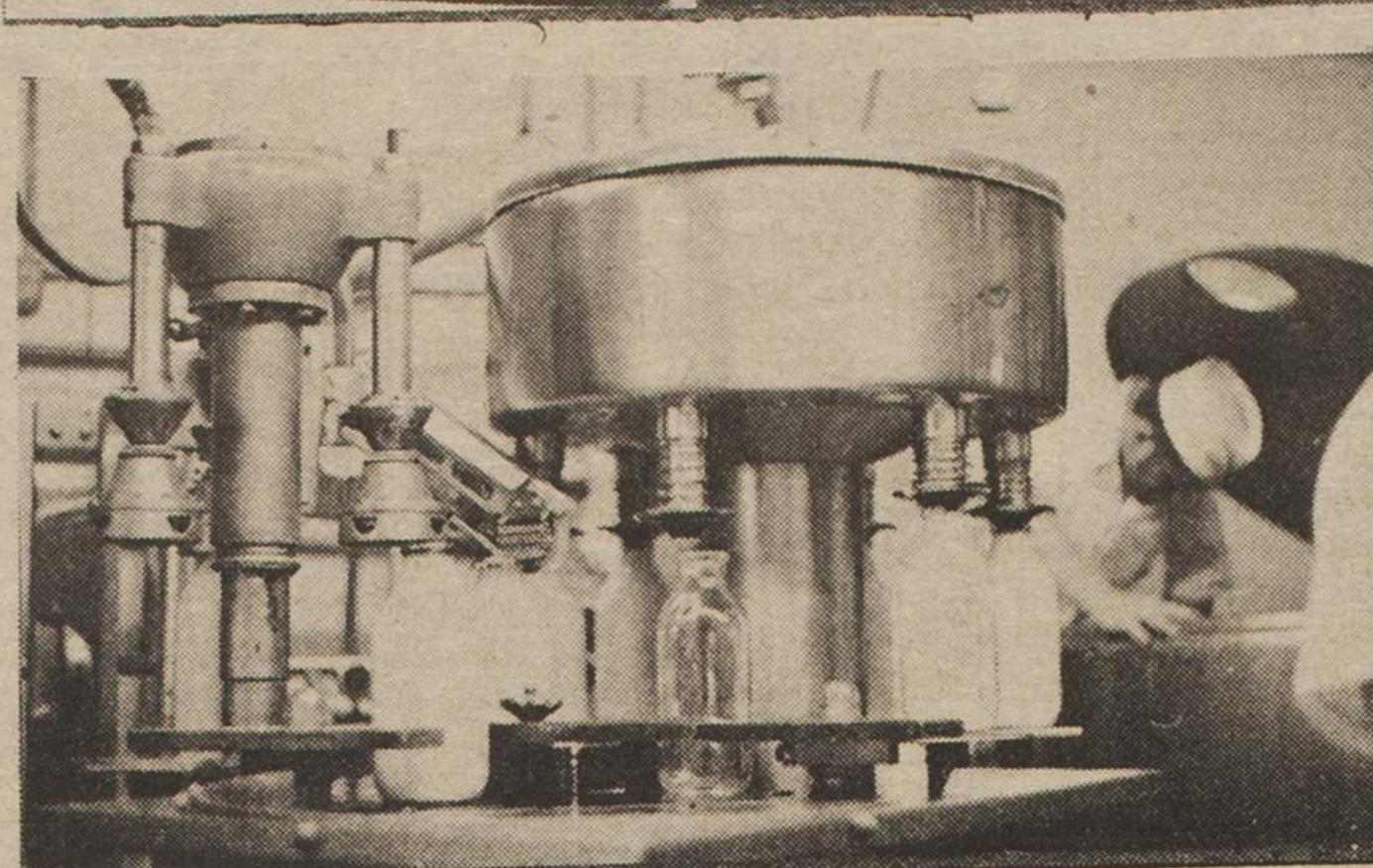


COMMUNITY MERCANTILE COOPERATIVE 843-8543 615 Mass 10 -6 M. W. F 10-7 Sat 10-5

The Co-op Federation of the New Destiny will hold its next quarterly meeting in Fayetteville on March 4,5, and 6. Fayetteville is the home of the Federation Warehouse, the Ozark Food Co-op, and Summercorn Restaurant (they make granola of the same name which we carry). All three have just moved to bigger and better quarters which should be a real treat to see. Some, if not all, members of the Community Mercantile work collective will be attending the meeting. If you are interested in going along, contact one of them at the store. Places to stay and some meals are usually provided.

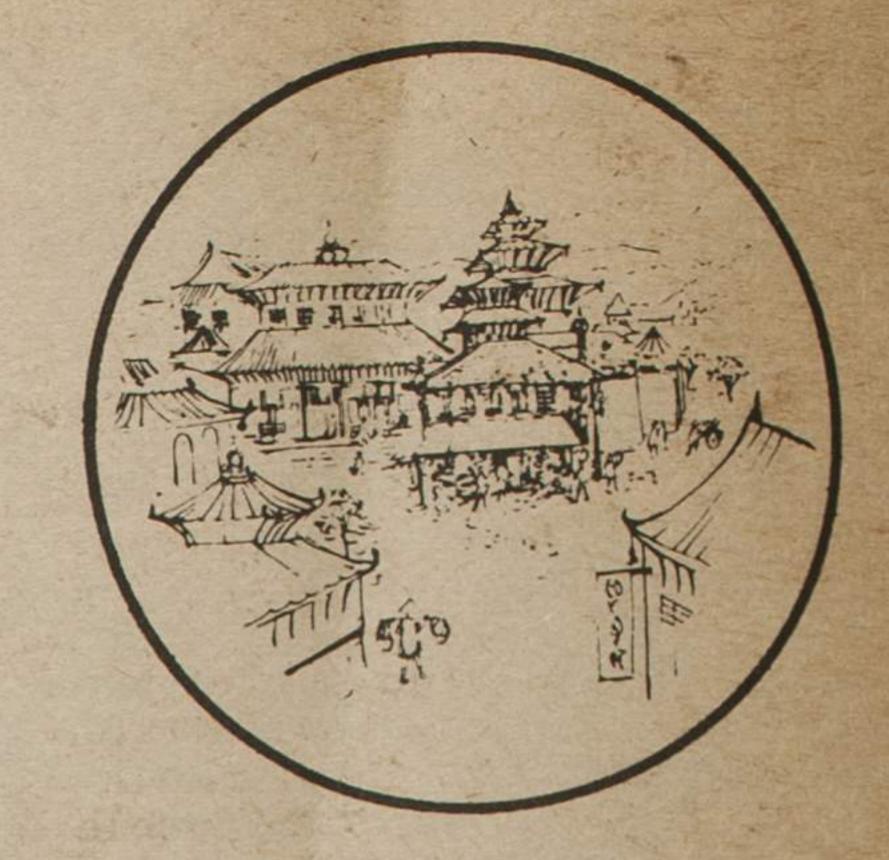






It's a tidy scene at Hiller's Farm Dairy, sharp white fences and bright stainless steel. Over 75% of America's dairy farmers have given up since 1960, but Hiller's has survived by selling the freshest milk available direct to independent grocers and the public. Hiller's has long been the source of milk for Lawrence food co-ops and buying clubs. ABOVE: In the foreground, quarts of milk are bottled and capped while Thurmond Hiller, the owner's son, cleans a processing tank.

TOFU-CHILI SUPPER



In Sunday, February 20, the Co-op is tentatively setting up a Tofu-Chili supper. Tickets will be on sale in advance and at the door. John, Betsy, and Duane from Fanshen farm will be on hand to show their slides from trips to China.

There are several reasons why we are planning the dinner. We'd like to expose a broader range of people than just ourselves to the use of soybean protein. Second, we can all get a chance to meet our wheat and bean producers from Fanshen farm and learn what they are doing there. Finally we're planning the dinner simply to have a good time.

We definitely need more help. If you would like to cook or wash dishes, please talk to Patti at the store or call Kelly (843-9382) or Renee at 841-6279. The dinner needs your help to happen.

A New Approach

by Molly Van Hee

bout 30 people attended the special general membership meeting on January 25. The agenda set up reflected the two themes from the December meeting that initiated the special gathering 1) co-op structure and 2) co-op policy (or why we do what we do). The discussion that followed centered around the purpose of and need for a steering committee.

In the past, any Co-op member could join the steering committee by attending its sporadicallycalled meetings. The steering committee serves in an advisory role to the work collective. This present sturcture has seemed. unsatisfactory to both work collective and steering committee.

After a brief look at what the steering committee has done in

the past (such as reorientation) the future of the committee was discussed.

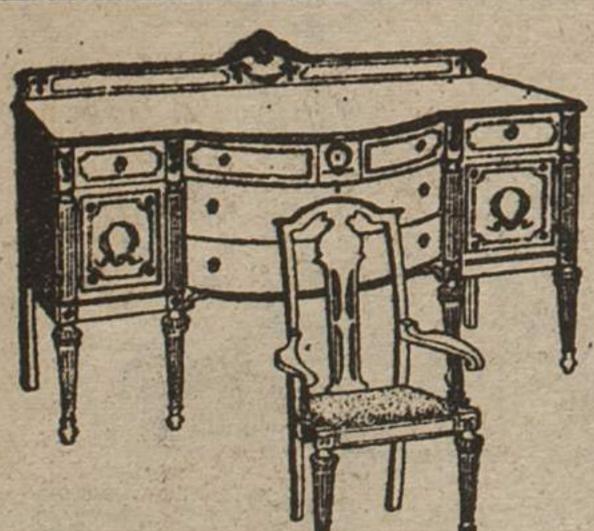
Ideas ranged from eliminating the steering committee to making participation mandatory like the two hour store shifts. Should the committee's role be only advisory or should it have an area (such as education) all its own? It was suggested that steering committee members be compensated for their extra interest and effort with additional discounts on food. Another idea was that each committee member should have a constituency, even if that meant dividing the membership along alphabetical lines. Not everyone agreed that the co-op needs a steering committee. Several unsuccessful attempts at a vote were made.

After almost three hours and no decisions reached (consensus or

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otherwise), a difference in attitude flared up. Some felt it was unnecessary to make a decision at that time. Other felt that, having discussed the same topic at many other meetings, it was important to decide. One person wondered why the co-op had such a hard time making a decision and thought that should be the topic of discussion.

Due possibly to the late hour and lagging energy, a final proposal seemed to pass. The proposal was to let those with energy be on the steering committee and call their own next meeting to define the structure and responsibility of the group for themselves. At this suggestion, the meeting adjourned. Those interested in being part of the steering committee should look for notices of the meetings posted on the front board or call Dellan Woolpert at 842-6760.





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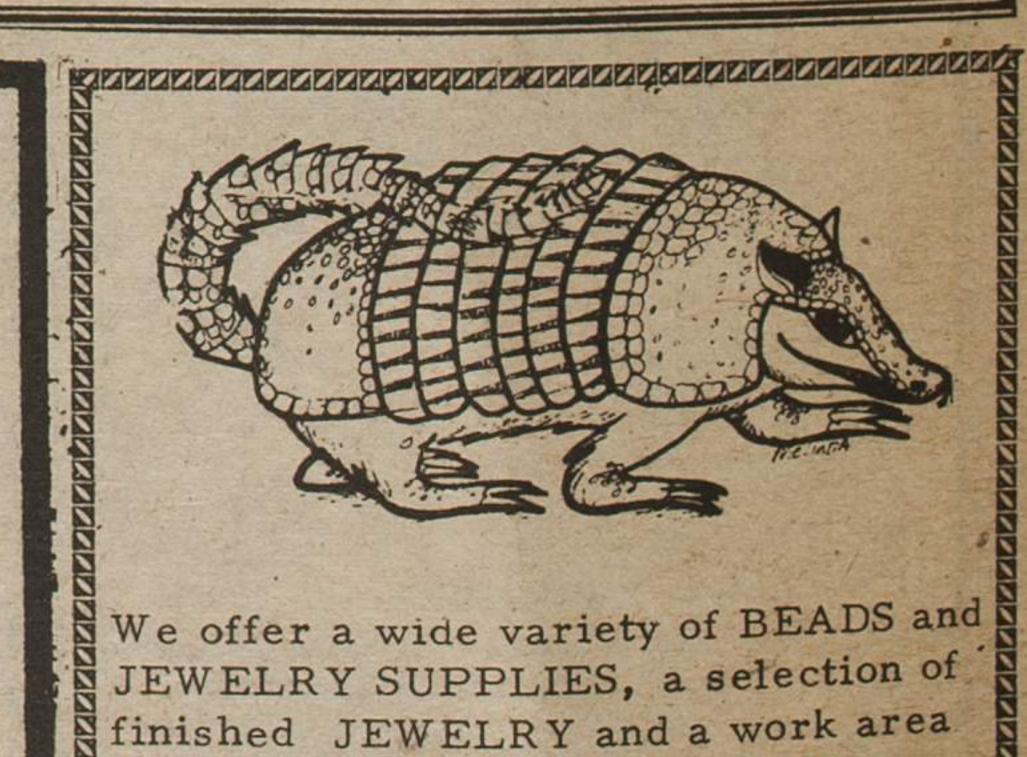
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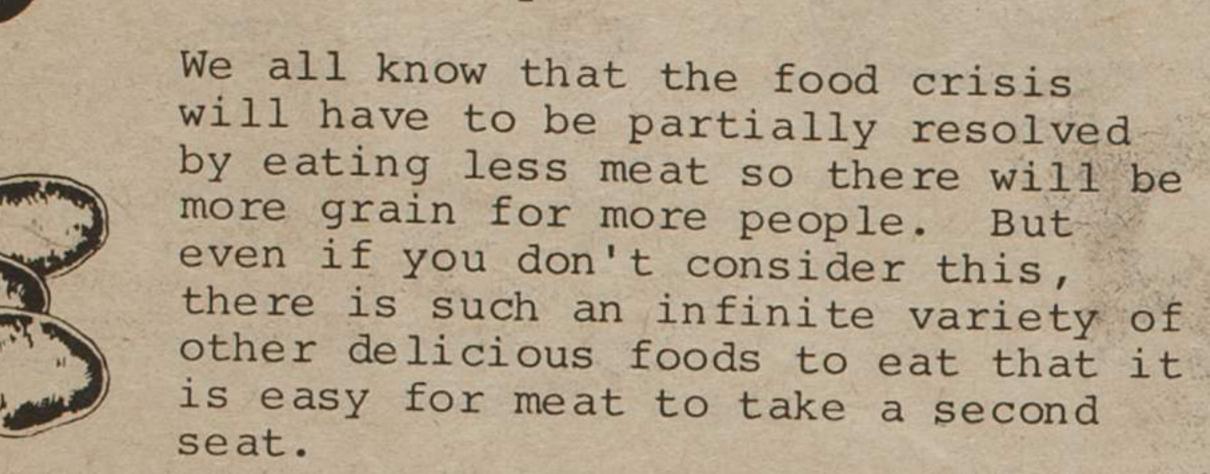








Let me reassure Chip Jones that there are a lot of closet meat-eaters out here in the Co-op membership. My husband and I like the taste of a hearty beef stew or a pork chop casserole, but we've tried to expand our diet and food knowledge and to limit our meat intake to two or three meals a week. I think this is a reasonable goal for any meateating family.



I feel badly that so many people have fallen into the easy trap of the meat/potato/bread dinner menu. I certainly found this to be true when I began cooking for the two of us seven years ago. Why, there were vegetables I'd never even heard of! But I don't feel the evangelical call to tell people, or myself, to cut out their meat-eating all together, although I would love to suggest that they do cut back on their meat consumption and start learning about all the other delicious alternatives.

In terms of this idea, a little education can go a long way. This education is best in the form of first-hand experience, by serving your dinner guests a vegetarian meal. Now this doesn't accomplish much if you just serve your friends who probably have a similar bendof-mind vegetarian meals. But serve one to your parents, your aunt and uncles, co-workers, and other acquaintances who might be fearful of the idea of a vegetarian

dinner. There is a good chance they will not even notice that there is no meat and they can discover some new and delicious dishes. Then you have the problem of what to serve. I agree that many of those Soy-Protein-Lentil-Nutritional-Spreadtype recipes don't sound very good and often don't taste very good either. But every regular cookbook has lots of great non-meat meals that can win over the most hard-core meat-lover.

by Laurie Schwarm

Here are a few menu ideas to choose from. The starred recipes will appear in next month's issue.

*Lentil Tomato Soup garnished with sour cream Mushroom Souffle Tossed Green Salad Brown Bread & Butter Strawberry Trifle

Leek & Potato Soup garnished with parsley

*Ratatouille French Bread Fruit Ambrosia Pots of Chocolate

Chocolate Banana Torte

Quiche Steamed Brocolli with Almonds *Batter Fried Pineapples Pumpernickel Bread









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steering committee, and general membership meetings -Results of Co-op Surveys -Schedule of future meetings -How to become a Co-op member

On the shelves to your left--

-Sesame butter vs. tahini -Info on sea vegetables

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TOFU-CHEESE CASSEROLE

Serves

3 slices whole wheat bread 2 Tbsp. butter

6 oz. tofu, cut in 3" cubes 6 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, grated

4 cup onion, diced 14 cup milk

2 eggs tsp. salt OR 2 Tbsp. miso, dissolved in hot water

pepper to taste 1/2-1 tsp. other herbs (basil and thyme suggested)

Butter bread and tear in pieces. Coat casserole with oil, then layer bread, tofu, cheese, and onion, repeating layers once.

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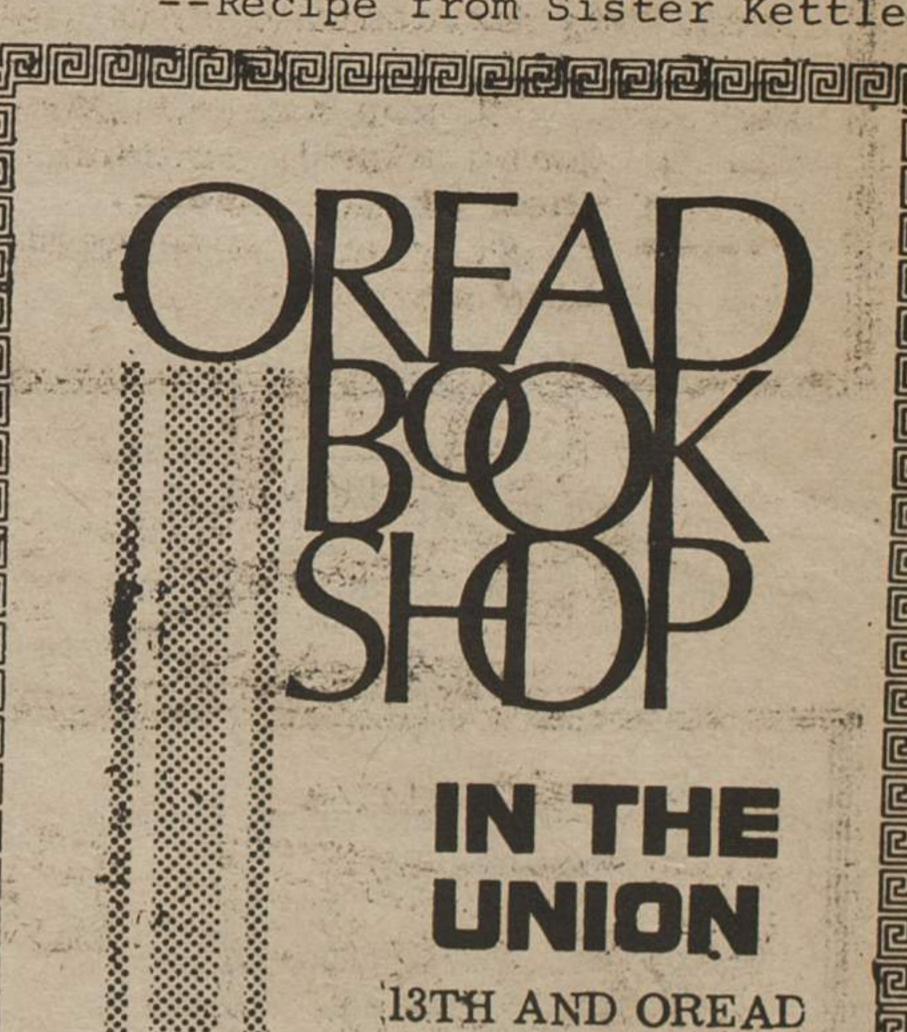
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WATER PLANT

I: Does Lawrence need the new water plant?

A: If the city of Lawrence stays exactly the same size we can probably get along except if there's an ice jam or low water on the river. Then the only thing left would be the wells. So we need an alternative system. But the way they're financing it? I don't go along with that. They should take it to the people and let them vote on it.

- GROWTH

I: How much should Lawrence grow?

A: Lawrence is going to continue to grow and to bring new industry into the area.

I: Should the city limit growth?

A: Yes, someone's got to control it. If we can promote and get bigger and proven business such as your Hallmark and Cable Co, this will add to your growth even when KU stops growing.

I: Do you favor annexing more land?

A: Nope, not at the present time.

I: What advantages do you see in Lawrence remaining approximately the same size?

A: Lawrence is about the right size. It shouldn't get too big or it'd be more like Topeka or Kansas City. I wouldn't want to see Lawrence get very much smaller, because when it gets too small, it's hard to go the other way.

I: How can the valuable farm land be preserved in Douglas County?

A: The key to it would be to hold the growth down.

MAYOR-COUNCIL REFERENDUM

on the referendum to change to a mayor-council government?

A: I'm glad to see it come up but I don't think it is going to make it. The main disadvantage of the current form is that you have a City Manager who's more like a dictator ... He always has two commissioners who go along with him... They're used to being fed and you don't cut off your right arm.



ALBERTSON

NEW CITY MANAGER?

I: Do we need a new City Manager?

A: Definitely. Buford Watson has a staff that's falling apart on him. We need a City Manager who'll get the job done.

DAYCARE

I: Do you think more money should be spent for quality daycare?

I: How will you vote April 5th A: You've got to help out working paign? How will you finance it? people... How much money, I don't know.

TRANSPORTATION

I: Do you think the City should subsidize and promote a bus system for all of Lawrence?

A: Not necessarily. But something like a Bus 62; expand this program for others... The cost of a larger system would be too high.

AIRPORT I: Do we need an airport capable of landing jets? A: Let's talk about Watson. This is his brainchild. He brought it in the back door after it'd been

HOUSING PRESERVATION

One other thing, it should be a

voted down. I oppose the airport.

county responsibility -- not a city.

Five per cent might use a jetport.

I: What can be done to rehabilitate and preserve older homes?

A: That's one thing I'm not right down the line with ... I don't know.

I: How can our older neighborhoods be protected?

A: Make sure they have the proper zoning laws ... They don't want a business moving in on them after they've bought the house. ECKAN and CD funds should go into housing rehab. I don't think Watson's moved fast enough.

CAMPAIGN

I: How have you planned your cam-

A: Started in October. Started setting my goals then. I figured by Jan. 1 if I hadn't reached certain goals I wouldn't run. I want to use both working class and business people to help run my campaign. I intent to use both press and radio and will have a calling committee who will talk to people about me. If the weather breaks, I'll do some door knocking.

Margaret Brun

202 N. 5TH CAMPAIGN

I: What is the source of financing?

B: So far my own.

I: How will you campaign?

B: I'll try to contact people personally, most of it being done by telephone. Also just moving among people and picking up on ideas.

NEW CITY MANAGER

I: Do you think Lawrence needs a new City Manager?

B: I think we need something new in City management, I don't know if all problems lay with the City Manager or whether the Commission does not hold him responsible enough to them, and, further, them to the people.

MAYOR-COUNCIL REFERENDUM

I: How will you vote April 5th on the change of government question?

B: I'm not sure how I will vote on this question. With a City-Council-Mayor form we may have some problems with sectionalism within the City. However, the system we have now doesn't seem to have too good an effect, either.

DAYCARE

I: Do you think we need more quality daycare in Lawrence?

B: I don't think something that deals with small children should have to operate on a shoestring budget. In some cases, I have doubts in my mind whether they should be operating them at all. But I do believe if they are going to be, they should be funded properly.

TRANSPORTATION

I: Should the City subsidize and promote public transportation?

B: I don't think a city-wide bus system would be feasible on a cost basis. But I do think



BRUN

the city should subsidize some sort of transportation system for areas that need it.

AIRPORT

I: Does Lawrence need an airport capable of landing jets?

B: I favor doing what we can to make it a safe airport, but I am not in favor of openning a jetport. Very few people of Lawrence would use a new facility other than the University and a few business interests.

GROWTH

I: How much and in what way should Lawrence grow?

B: I do think the city has grown too fast, because we do not have the proper facilities to maintain what we have. It seems like pretty poor planning. But I really don't know how you stop a city from growing, if people continue to move in, build homes, this sort of thing. As of right now, I wouldn't think they'd be encouraging too much growth until they take care of what they already have.

FUTURE

I: What is the future of Lawrence?

B: I hesitate to say. I haven't



Ed Carter

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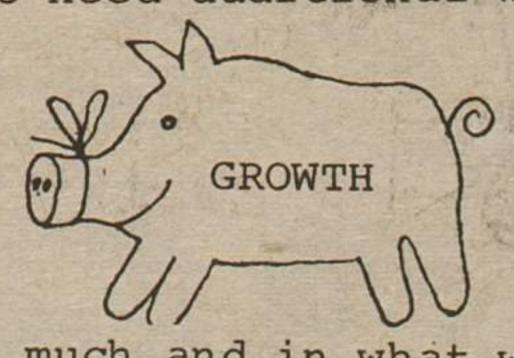
Why are you running?

C: I'm running because I feel like Lawrence is my home now. I've been real active in community activities ever since I've been here, and I feel it is appropriate at this time to run. I think I can offer something to the city government that I feel we need, and that is someone who has some organizational and managerial background and is accustomed to dealing with a large organization.

WATER PLANT

I: Do you feel we need the water plant in Lawrence?

C: Yes. I do feel we need the water plant. Present city capacity on the existing water plant is about 16-17,000 gal. a day max. As recent as last summer, we got up to where we were just about to exceed that. Lawrence is a growing community and we're going to need additional water.



I: How much and in what way should Lawrence grow?

C: My desire would be that we have a good healthy growth to maintain a sound economic base for the community of Lawrence. We have to grow at least at the pace of inflation, and hopefully, a little bit more than that to stay ahead and build your tax base to make sure you can pay for the additional services. I'm for good healthy growth that will add jobs to the community; will bring in industries or businesses or whatever will be beneficial to the entire community, and be desirable. We don't want anyone that is going to pollute the air, thought too much in that direction. or anything like that -- we wouldn't want any corporation coming into town that hadn't demonstrated that they are good corporate citizens. Lawrence is in a position of being able to be very choosey with the types of industry and business that they can attract into town.

DAYCARE

I: Do you think more money should be spent for quality daycare in Lawrence?

C: I'm not just totally informed about the daycare situation. I'd have to evaluate that with all the facts in front of me before I'd say we should continue to push this and give more money to it or not. The state contributes a sizeable amount to 'day care centers per individual basis.

TRANSPORTATION

I: Would you be willing to have the city subsidize a bus system to serve all of Lawrence?

C: You know, that's something I'm going to have to study. We are quickly coming upon the day and age in which we are going to have to look very closely at public transportation for the city of Lawrence. And I think most



CARTER

public transportation systems are subsidized to some degree by the city. If the need is there absolutely, and you can't get anybody from the free enterprise market to take on a bus line, then, of course, if it has to be provided, the city must subsidize

AIRPORT

I: Do you favor expansion of the airport to accomodate jets?

C: That's kind of a loaded question. I feel that the airport in its present form is literally unsafe. I understand the

Carter cont.

FAA feels that way too. Right now the present situation is that we are being offered a deal by the FAA that is very hard to refuse. Literally, out of pocket the city would just be paying \$175,000 for a \$2.6 million airport. I say "Why not do it?" It would enhance the ability to get in and out of Lawrence, and we do encourage and try to attract as many people into Lawrence as we can to attend athletic events. It's quite obvious that if you make it large enough for jets, it makes it more attractive to some of the major sized industries that utilize jets for their executives. And what's wrong with that? They put a heck of a lot into Lawrence. Without business in Lawrence, there wouldn't be a Lawrence.

HOUSING CODE

I: Would you favor enforcement of the city's minimum housing code as it exists?

C: I'm not all that familiar with the minimum housing code. I understand that they are pretty good. At this point in time, I'm for enforcing them--that's why we have them.

CAMPAIGN

I: What is the source of financing for your campaign?

C: Individuals around town--from practically every walk, every section or town, and every part of the community. You know, a little here and a little there.

I: How do you intend to campaign?

C: The best I can! I plan on doing newspaper advertising, radio, buttons, posters, stuff like that. I'm going to try and reach as many people as I can.

We hear you.

NEW CITY MANAGER?

I: Do you think Lawrence needs a new city manager?

C: Oh, I can't answer that straight out. I would say that 3-6 months after I had served on the Commission I could answer that. It's awfully easy to be an expert when you are standing outside looking in. I feel there have obviously been some problems. in city management. You'd have to see who is responsible. The city manager should be totally accountable, but he also should have the total authority to get the job done, and to get it done the way he thinks it ought to be done, as long as it meets the guidelines or policy that the Commission has set.

MAYOR-COUNCIL REFERENDUM

I: How will you vote on the change of government question in April?

C: Well, I feel that they are both acceptable forms of government in a democracy. And I'm sure that it is not the form of government that makes one sucessful or another successful, but the way they are used and the So I will vote to retain the pre- P.O.BOX 3576 LAWRENCE sent system.

Barkley Clark

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WATER PLANT-GROWTH

I: Does Lawrence need a new water plant?

C: I think for the City not to develop the water plant would be a clear lid on growth. I'm sure there are a number of people with your newspaper who would advocate a lid on growth. I disagree because I don't think growth is a real big issue in Lawrence. We're not going to grow at an exponential rate. We need a steady rate of growth, about three per cent a year...as a buttress against decline ... of KU enrollment. The water plant is intended to do two things. One is to give us a water supply for the future, because we've now got a golden opportunity with a brand new source of water. The other thing it does harken back to Aug. 16, 1975 when the City almost lost its water supply. There were several times when the holding tank in Kasold and Oread went dry and we came within an eyelash of losing our water supply...we need a backup, irrespective of growth.

I: Does the plant's location indicate the direction Lawrence is growing?

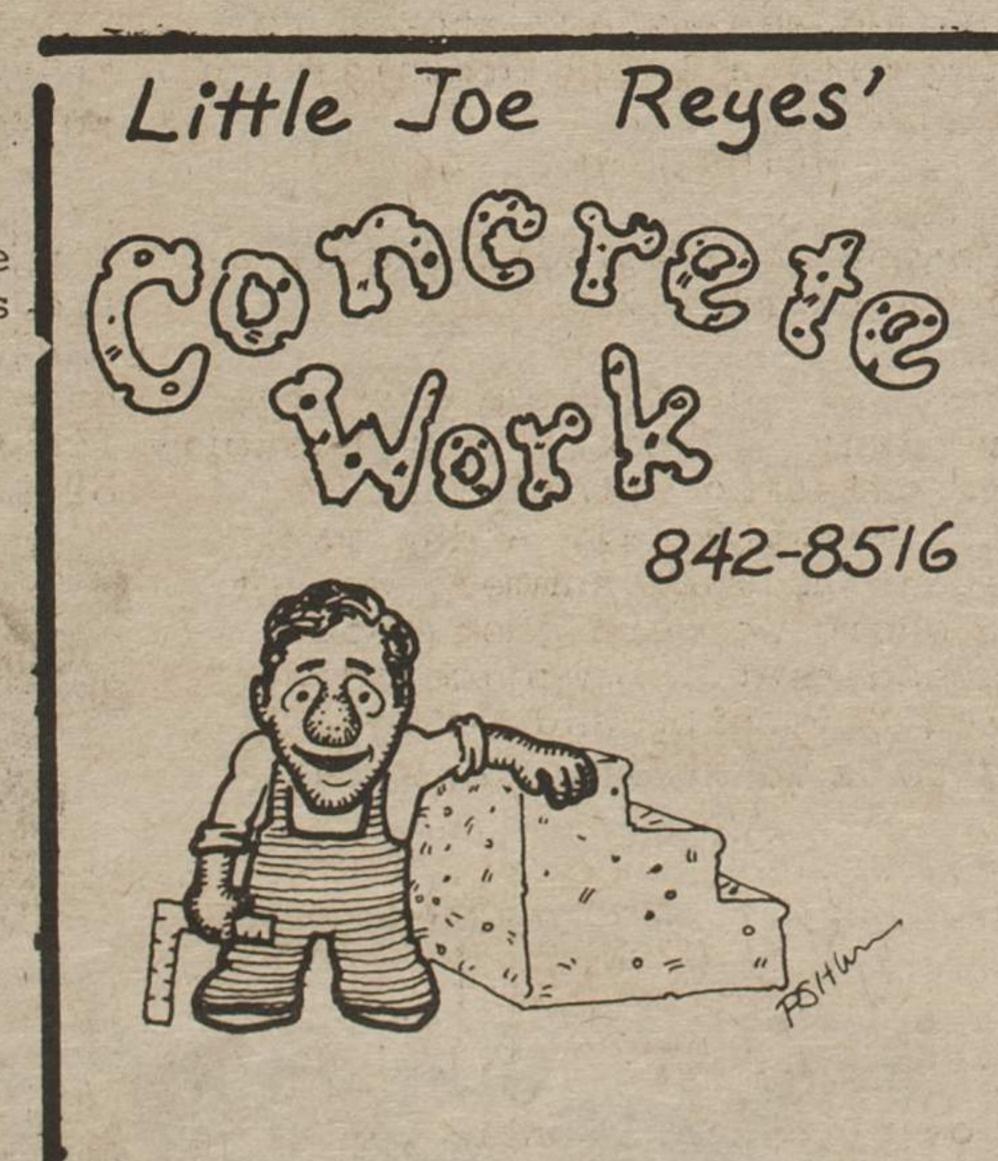
C: The location of the water plant is because the lake is there. That plant out there is not to serve southwest Lawrence, it's to serve the entire city ... the city is clearly headed in that direction and would be irregard. less of the water plant...it's been heading that way since 1948 ... the lake itself is clearly a magnet though.

The financing of this new plant, as indicated by our consulting firm, that industrial and larger quantity users will be scaled up from what they are now. So, to some extent, the rate burden is going to shift from the small, private home-owner to the large industrial user throughout the city.

DAYCARE

I: Do you think the City should fund more quality daycare?

C: Sure. This is the first commission to finance daycare. We've gotten into 'people programs.'



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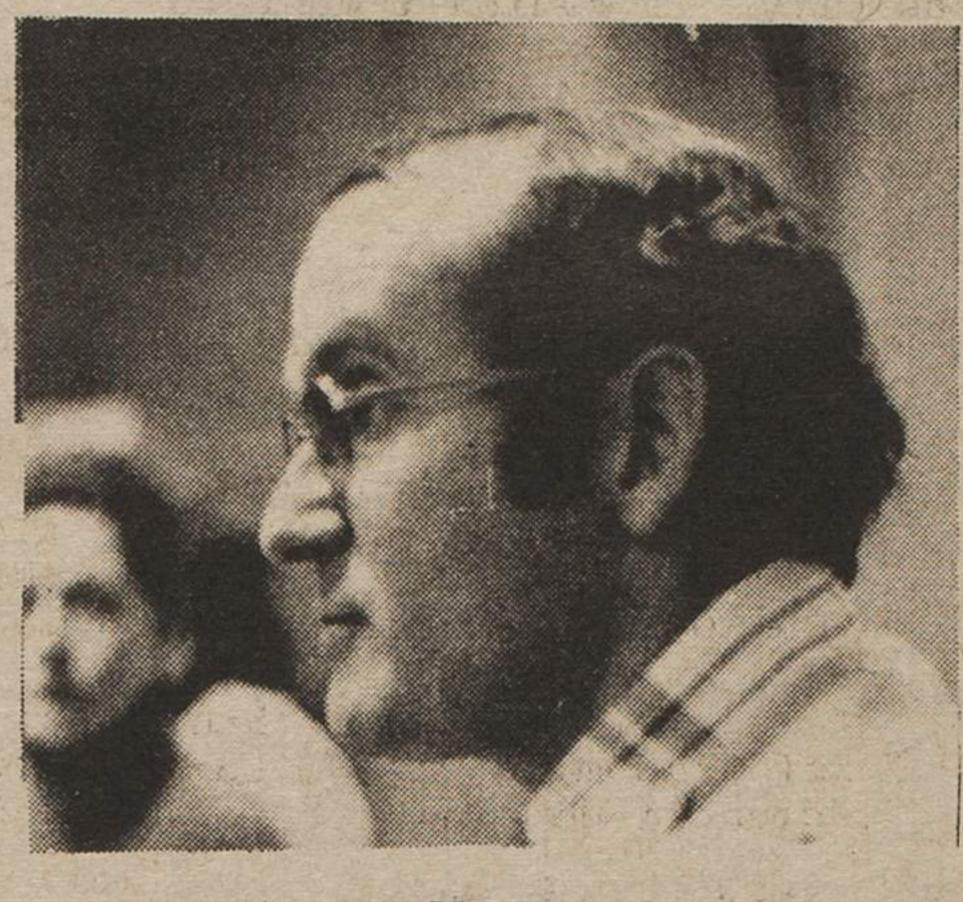
I: Do you support enforcement of the City's minimum housing code?

C: We've tried to loosen up on the housing code on the theory that if you make it too tight you create an unworkable situation... A lot of students are pleased that there's not such a strict enforcement... a lot of housing may not be Waldorf-Astoria but still decent housing is available.

TRANSPORTATION

I: Should the City subsidize and promote a bus system for all of Lawrence?

C: I don't know; that's why the City is having a study done ... to run a huge transportation system, we're definitely going to have to go to a vote of the people.



CLARK

AIRPORT

I: Does Lawrence need an airport capable of landing jets? Would many people use it?

C: I am on record and very strongly in favor of some general improvement of the airportIf you're going to have any facility, school, park, police station it ought to be a safe one and a decent one. I've landed on the cross-wind runway, which is a dirt runway on a corn field, and come within a couple of feet of hitting the wires on the township road.

the airport expansion are people who have never flown out of the airport. The airport building is mous cut in pay for me,

a mud-brick building of WW II vintage. It's the most dilapidated airport of just about any city in the state, including many smaller cities ... and when the KU Endowment Assoc., is willing to write down the price of the land, and when the Chamber of Commerce is willing to make a cash donation of between \$35,000 and \$50,000, this kind of partnership means a very small cost to have a decent airport. What was voted down was not the a airport but an increase in property tax. I don't feel I'm making an end-run around people at all when I support an airport which is badly needed.

CAMPAIGN

I: How will you finance your campaign?

I: Source will be cash contributions from people I know...discouragement of large contributions. Paper, radio spots... It's different running this time as an incumbent...Little neighborhood gettogethers to discuss the issues. I have a KU student group. I'm going to go after the student vote.



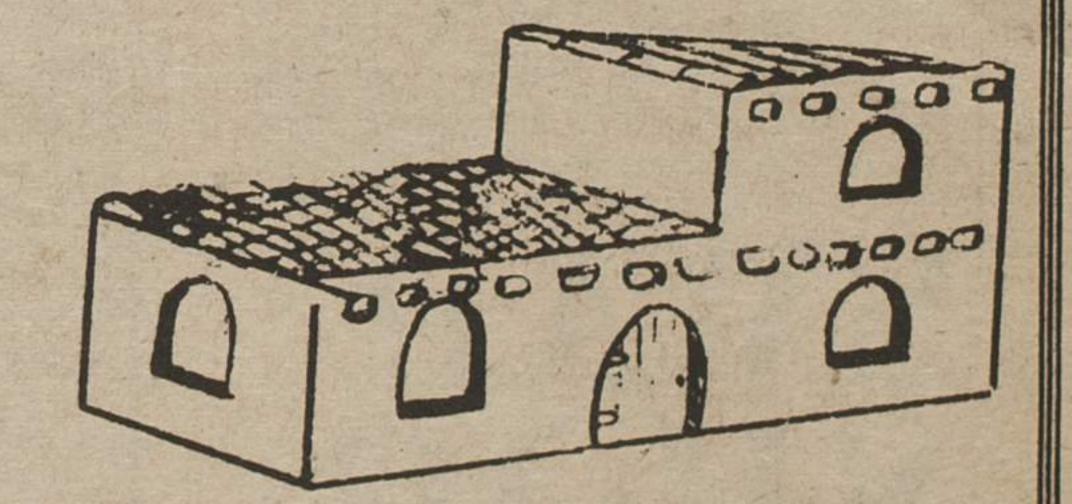
MAYOR COUNCIL VOTE

I: How will you vote April 5th on the referendum to change the form of government?

C: Definitely vote against it. I would love nothing more than to debate the issue around town with (Mark) Kaplan. It's good that it's on the ballot. I believe strongly in the City Manager-Commission form because it's a \$13 million operation. It's a highly technical field. The City Manager form has been successful primarily in cities of Lawrence's size. You've got a big operation that demands expertise. If someone was elected as mayor, I know I would have serious doubts as to their ability to handle these very technical matters. I know I would have problems handling them. I don't think management and administrative problems are anything to trifle with and I don't think they can all be calculated in terms of politics. They need someone with a lot of background in it. I look at myself, for example, and Most of the people who are against I know I would be totally incapable of running for Mayor under this system because it would be an enor-



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I believe that if you don't believe you are getting adequate service, you can either pressure your Commissioners, or you can fire the City Manager. But you don't dismantle the entire form of government and start with one that for the size of Lawrence, is very much inferior. If you had a fulltime Council, you would have a monstrosity, a partisan tangle. The Mayor would have to hire a staff of assistants whose aggregate salaries would far exceed that of the current City Manager. One of the problems would be reapportionment. You can't have a seperate ward for North Lawrence unless you have a 23 to 25 member Council. I would not want to be the person responsible for drawing those lines because it involves gerrymandering. The solution to responsiveness is neighborhood groups. The power of neighborhood groups is totally unlike it was four years ago. I'm proud of the fact that we're responsive to neighborhood groups.

David Hann

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WATER PLANT I: Do we need the new water

plant? H: A lot of the City's decisions are based on its growth goals,

so the water plant isn't so much to serve the existing citizens of Lawrence, particularly the older neighborhoods, but to serve new areas. I think the City can make a case of not having enough water for the citizens of Lawrence. But, I think before it can really make a strong case for building a new plant it has to address alternatives. One of the first things that comes to my mind is the use of treated water to water the Alvamar Hills golf course. If it's possible, provide them with untreated water. I don't think we should get a water plant if its based on our desired growth. I would propose a different way of charging for water.

GROWTH

I: How much and in what way should Lawrence grow?

H: I think Lawrence should be growing at a rate no faster than one that permits it to take care of its present needs; and then acquire new needs. While the Commissioners have been putting a lot of effort to attract new industry and promote the devel-

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opment of Lawrence, older neighborhoods have been neglected. In fact, in order to increase industry, older neighborhoods have been threatened by public and commercial land use. The Commissioners didn't ask "What are the implications of growth?"

I: What are the advantages of Lawrence remaining about the same size?

II: The city would be able to turn its attention inward. We'd try to make a city that not only has a nice new court house, but that also has neighborhoods which have homes in good shape and neighborhood centers. We are led to believe that the main purpose of the Planning Department is to allow for growth. It can rearrange land uses. It can look at current uses and say, "Hey, what about leaving a little green space here?" We'd grow internally, we'd grow spiritually, we'd grow culturally.

I: Do you see disadvantages in limiting growth?

H: One disadvantage is that we will not have as great a tax base if we don't grow. We also have a greater need for services when we grow, as well as a greater tax base so I don't think that is a valid advantage. Another thing that is said is "more employment opportunities." We're given these facts that Lawrence has one of the lowest unemployment rates in Kansas and that we have economic development. Then when a new industry wants to come to town, then the Commission, the City and the newspaper all say this will provide more jobs. One of the ways we can solve the unemployment problem is by taking care of our needs. Housing is a major need. It's a labor-intensive need, and I think labor intensive services are lacking in Lawrence.

MAYOR-COUNCIL VOTE

I: How are you going to vote April 5th on the Mayor-Council referendum question?

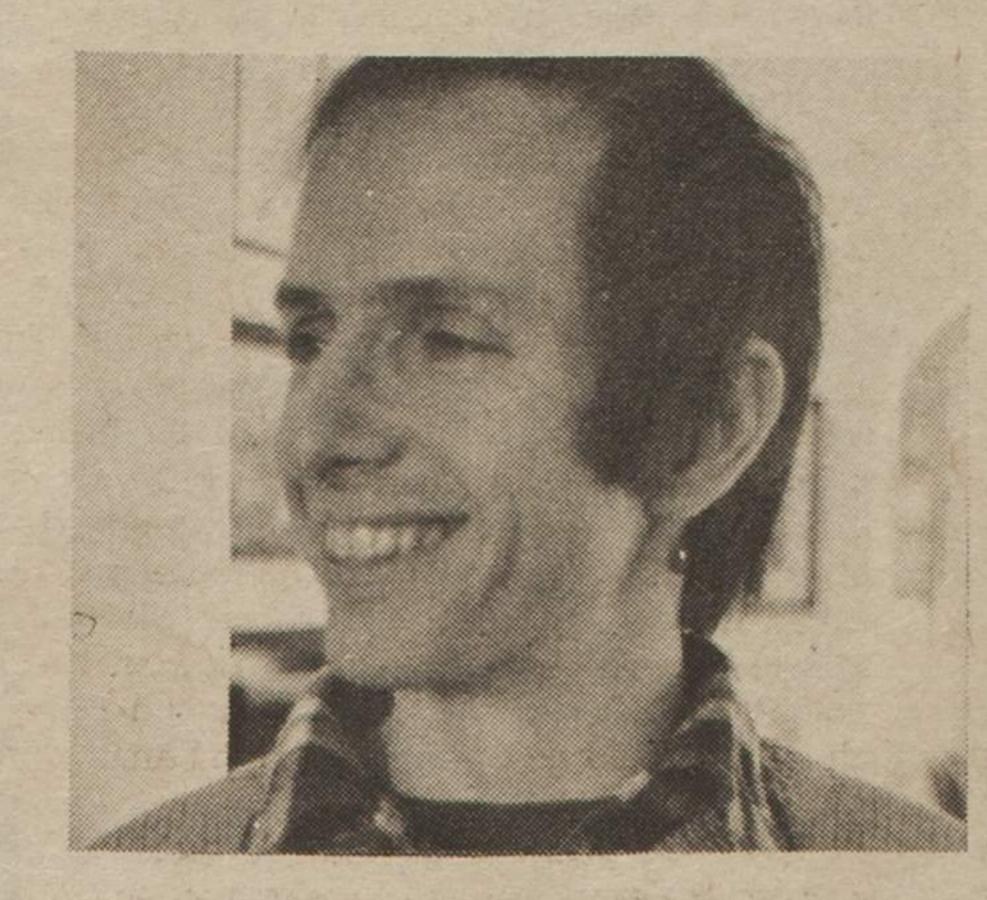
H: I intend to vote in favor of it. The Mayor-Council form won't solve some basic problems of politics in general, but at least under the Council system there would downtown. Transportation is more be an elected Mayor who would act as chief administrator. He would be in a position to set policy as the Council would be.

The problem in the planning department indicates a need for more responsive government. Under the Council at least the Council people would have a chance to get information. Now, they're discouraged, by the City Manager, from obtaining information from the staff. The Commission is shackled in their attempts to gain other perspectives.

The Commission reacts to the City Manager. He really makes the decisions. He informs them of decisions. He initiated the Airport expansion. And he witholds information. He didn't tell Commissioners about buying just 39 acres for I: Would you favor enforcement 842-3377 expansion for safety at the Air- of the City's minimum housing

port. There's no access to information.

Under the Mayor-Council form, the Council would have to approve of staff people. That would have preprevented the planning department problems. And the City Manager ... we just need an elected, full-time person, a Mayor, to act as the administrator.



HANN

DAYCARE

I: Do you think more money should be spent for quality daycare?

H: Yes. Actually, I think that it's the responsibility of the people who need daycare to fight for it. There should be cooperative daycare. I think people should be able to use their own homes for daycare. That's a way for some people to pick up a little extra money, provided the center they run is good.

TRANSPORTATION

I: Would you be willing to have the City subsidize and promote a bus system for all of Lawrence?

H: Yes, I would. There's ways in which the City can use existing money to help run a bus system, through the use of revenue sharing funds. You see, I'm chipping away at the \$750,000 supposedly for the new City Hall. I think the City could take advantage of Title 20 to pay people to drive for elderly and handicapped people. It would be great if we could have a bus running from North Lawrence to of the City's responsibility than bringing in TRW Inc. Now, if T'RW were manufacturing buses ...

AIRPORT

I: Do you favor expansion to accomodate jets?

H: No. But, we need to have a safe airport. I think people have been sold a bill of goods on so many things coming from City Hall, like this environmental impact statement on the Haskell Loop, that we ought to get some more opinions on the safety situation.

HOUSING

code?

H: No, because I don't think the code has any provision for older homes where the architectural standards were much different when built. To make every home come up to code would result in decimating a good number of homes in North and East Lawrence.

1: How can we preserve and enhance our older buildings, houses, and neighborhoods?

Ii: I would see that the City carry out its committment to housing rehabilitation which got the City Community Development money. I think also we could use revenue sharing money. A similar program in Lincoln, Neb. hires retired people, on a contract basis. The City could go that one further and have a program for other people below the age of 65.

I: What's wrong in the City's Community Development office now?

H: They're not rehabilitating homes as they should. They spent \$110,000; \$50,000 of that was for loans, \$60,000 for outright grant grants. They've got \$800,000! The people in the CD office have been more interested in the Haskell Loop than in repairing people's homes. The City hired outside consultants to plan the road. They've been sitting on this money.

Bette Mallonee

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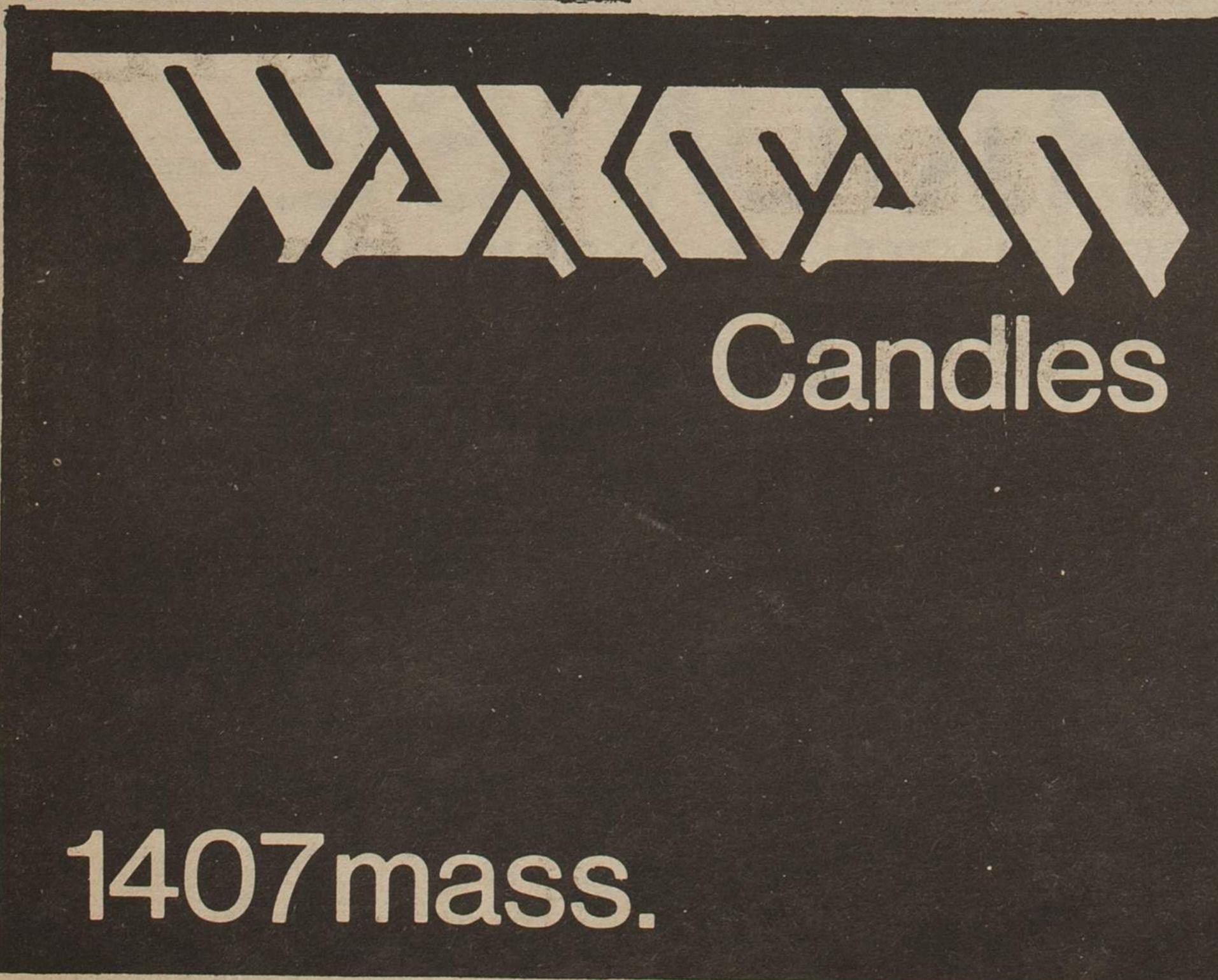


MALLONEE

I: Why are you running?

M: I've been interested in Lawrence since I was a small child. My father was on the old city council. And since I was a small child I've seen Lawrence grow and I've seen a lot of things happen. I think Lawrence has grown and the commission as it is now, has remained the same. The commission is not responsive to the people. I've been to so many city commission meetings where they're going to rezone or they're going to put sidewalks in and it seems that the commissioners walk into the meeting with their minds made up already. People will be waiting there who have done good research on the issue and will present it to the commission and they don't get listened to. It's like batting their heads against brick walls,

Do you think we'd be better off without a city manager?





Mallonee cont.

M: I've always thought mayorcity council form of government was the best. I don't know why people are so afraid of it because particularly last summer. that's how we elect our congressmen. I think you can get more to the grassroots of government if you run from a district rather than at large like we do in Lawrence right now. I think people will feel they have more representation with a mayor council type government.

HOUSING CODE

I: Would you favor enforcement of the City's existing minimum housing code?

M: I think we need a more rigid housing code for some people. I'd like to see more community development funds going towards housing upkeep for people who can't afford it. We've got to preserve our older neighborhoods and we can't ask the property owners to do it, because they're elderly and they can't afford to do it. You know, CD could really step in and oversee fixing up these houses if they wanted to.

TRANSPORTATION

I: Would you be willing to have the City subsidize and promote a bus system to serve all of Lawrence?

M: I certainly would favor a bus system to serve Lawrence. There hasn't been bus service to North Lawrence for years. I get so sick of hearing people complaining about the high dropout rate in NL. We don't even have bus service to the High School and so many kids have to walk and in the winter that's pretty rough.

DAYCARE

I: Do you think more money should be spent for quality daycare?

M: I think we need to spend more money on daycare. Headstart is too crowded, people cannot afford the other daycare centers. I know I had my son in a daycare center here and I couldn't afford it. When women have to work, they need good day care and I think the city owes it to the people.

WATER PLANT

I: Do we need the water plant?

M: I've been reading some of the studies on it. I've heard that North Lawrence really needs it bad, that the people there are in great need of better water. I really need to study the situation some more, before I make a decision.

I: The water plant, you know, is going to be built in Southwest Lawrence. Out in the suburbs.

M: But wouldn't it help all of us?

I: Both Buford Watson and Gene Vogt (Water Director) have stated that it will primarily service the Southwest part of the City. Others have stated that it will also be tied in to the entire water system. It would be used in the older part of town when the old water plant was not getting enough water to the customers.

M: What's wrong with the one we have now?

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I: They say that with Lawrence growing so much, that we are very close to our water capacity,

M: Will this come up on a referendum?

I: No, the voters don't get to vote yes or no, just on how to finance the new plant already to go under construction.

M: You're kidding -- They only get to pay for it! I think that is a very poor thing. I think the citizens of Lawrence, whenever any thing like this is coming in, like the Bowersock property, and the new City Hall, I think that the advantages and the disadvantages should be presented to the public, that the whole public should go up and vote on that. Whether we use it or not, we are going to have to pay for these things, like the water plant.

I: It's going to cause our water rates to go up over a hundred per cent over the next four years.

M: These utilities are horrible. My mother is on a fixed income, and her utility bills are higher than what she is bringing in. And she is not just one of a select few. All of our elderly people are in the same situation. I'm just getting ... They can't afford it. Sure, maybe they'll have clean water, but they won't be able to afford to eat. It's real sad.

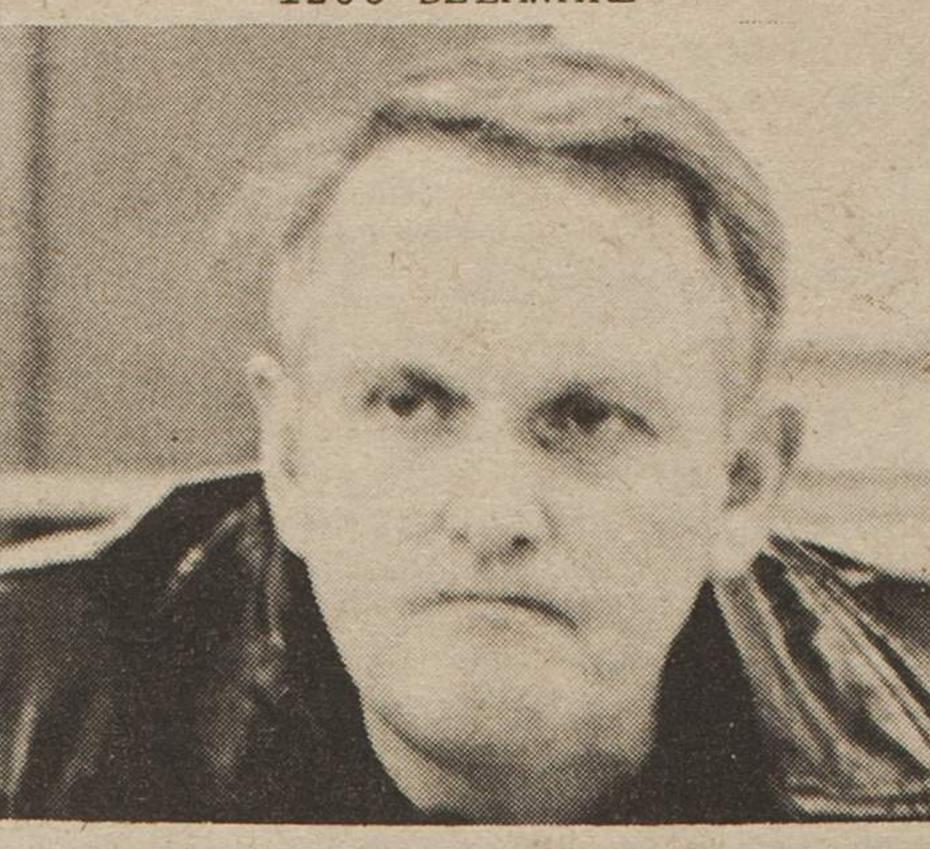


I: That ties into what you think about the future of Lawrence?

M: Right now? If we stay with the way we are going, and not listening to people, and not really being committed to them, with our public officials ... I guess that I think that Lawrence is or has been deteriorating for a long time. We are not really getting the citizens of this town...why, they don't even feel like they are a just not giving anything to them. I've lived in Lawrence all my life, thing else we have. It is going we have a lot of good people in this town, and a lot of them have lived in town all their lives as well ... I believe that by some miracle, by hard work too..that Lawrence can become a beautiful town again. If everybody pitched in and worked at it. I'd like to see that. I'd like to go back to when everyone pitched in to help. It wouldn't be going backward, it would be taking a big step forward.

Carl Mibeck

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WATER PLANT

I: Do you feel we need the new water plant?

M: Yes! As the city has gotten larger, we have greater and greater needs for water. And the dam is in a precarious situation as you know. It's liable to go any time, you see.

GROWTH

I: What is the direction of growth for Lawrence and how much are we going to grow?

M: I think that we have to be careful where we're going to allow growth. I've had a consistent position against rezoning lands that are now residential lands for commercial. I'm not out looking for industries to come in here. But others are, and I feel that the Commission tries to be sort of a watchdog and sees that we don't have too many companies coming in here that want to pollute the environment and pay \$2 an hour. And I'm sort of impressed that the Chamber has been doing that. I'm not that concerned about more growth, but I do think that it's stupid to say we don't want more growth.

TRANSPORTATION

I: Do you think Lawrence needs mass transit?

M: Yes. We have these massive parking problems and traffic problems. We've got a big study forthcoming that's going to tie in such things as the possibility of a trolley that goes up and makes a loop around the hill and then comes back downtown. And bicycle paths. Buses driving around town empty all day is sort of a loser. That has failed massively where it's been tried. But we need some part of the City government. We're sort of a bus situation that would my own. serve as an adjunct to everyto be dependent on public opinion. People are going to be reluctant to give up their cars.

AIRPORT

I: Do you think that the present airport meets Lawrence needs?

M: No. It's unsafe and it really is too small. But the airport having been voted down twice in the past, I would be against

spending any public funds on an airport unless it is approved by the people in a referendum. Now, at the same time, I'll be supporting it because I believe in it. The combination of the Endowment Association -- they're giving us a pretty good deal on the land--plus 9 to 1 matching funds plus the Chamber of Commerce is chipping in 35 G's--a decent gesture--that puts us on our way. You get down to where you're getting a \$1 million deal ...

MINIMUM HOUSING CODE

I: Do you think that there is adequate enforcement of the City's minimum housing code?

M: We must make it possible for people who are trying to provide housing (like a couple who want to fix up a basement) because we are desperate for low-cost housing in Lawrence, and not make requirements that the place has to be plush--wall to wall carpet and all that. We need to change the code and enforce it so that we can really get the handful of landlords that flagrantly violate the code. I don't think it's a problem of the code isn't any good. It's enforcing it.

DAYCARE-HOUSING

I: Do you think that the daycare presently available in Lawrence is adequate?

M: Well, no. We have a list as long as that wall of people who want revenue-sharing money. The question is where does it go and how far do you go on money that already overlaps other federal programs? I've always considered myself a liberal, I still do. I think there are some areas where the city and government on all levels should carry responsibility -- in the area of providing employment, of improving housing, you see, which is an obvious need in Lawrence. That was one of my major reasons for opposing the Haskell Loop in the beginning. This money was supposed to be for improving the community. So if there was no other way to make a daycare center go, maybe the City should do it but there has to be a limit.

CAMPAIGN

I: What is the source of financing for your campaign?

M: I"ll tell you what we did last time. We just had the nickels and dimes from school teachers to finance my campaign. And I put in about \$200 myself. This time I don't plan to use any money of

I: How do you plan to campaign?

M: I think telephoning is important. People that know you contact other people that they know but you don't. I'd like to campaign if I could. I tried to talk my campaign manager into not putting a single ad in the Journal World. Lawrence people are really short-changed having a rotten newspaper like that. I really hate

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