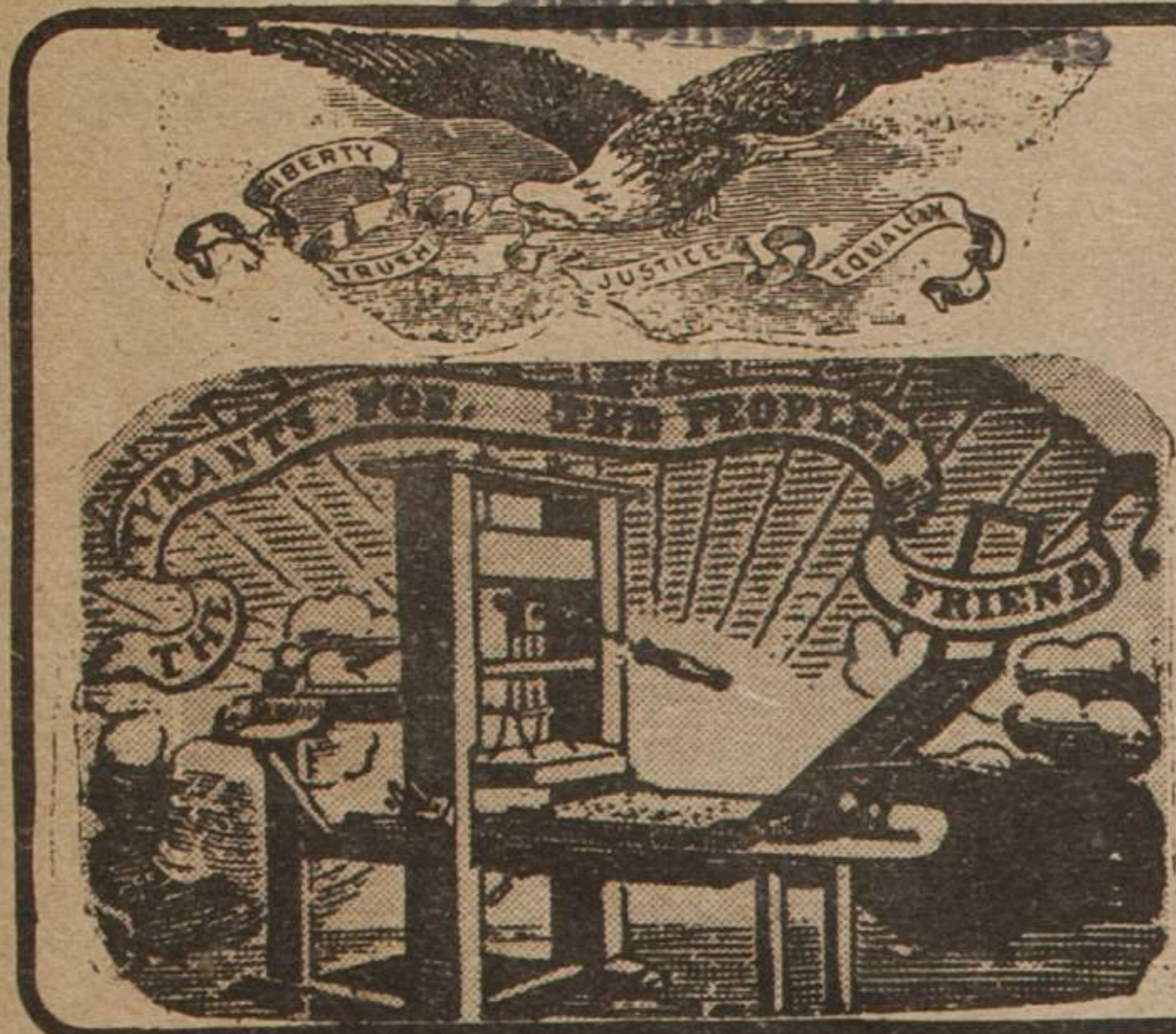


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LAWRENCE GOES BIG TIME!

BY SUSIE HANNA

"I think five years from now, you're going to be amazed at the north end of downtown."
--City Commissioner Jack Rose

AFTER YEARS OF SCORNFUL REMARKS BY CITY OFFICIALS AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ABOUT THAT "AWFUL MESS" AT THE NORTH END OF DOWNTOWN, PLANS ARE NOW MOVING ALONG RAPIDLY TO DEMOLISH THE BOWERSOCK MILLS AND ELEVATORS. OVERLOOKING THE KANSAS RIVER SOON WILL BE A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CITY HALL, A MONUMENTAL STRUCTURE THAT WILL STAND AS A TRIBUTE TO THE CHANGING CHARACTER OF LAWRENCE. WITH THE CITY TAKING THE LEAD IN "CLEANING UP" THE BOWERSOCK PROPERTY, PRIVATE DEVELOPERS WILL THEN CONSTRUCT MODERN BUILDINGS, HOUSING SHOPS, OFFICES AND WHATEVER ELSE THE MARKETPLACE DEEMS PROFITABLE IN THE 600 BLOCK OF MASS.

The City has been planning to acquire their own building for several years. Plans were to move into the old Police-Fire building, 7th and Vermont, when the Police Department moved into the new Judicial building.

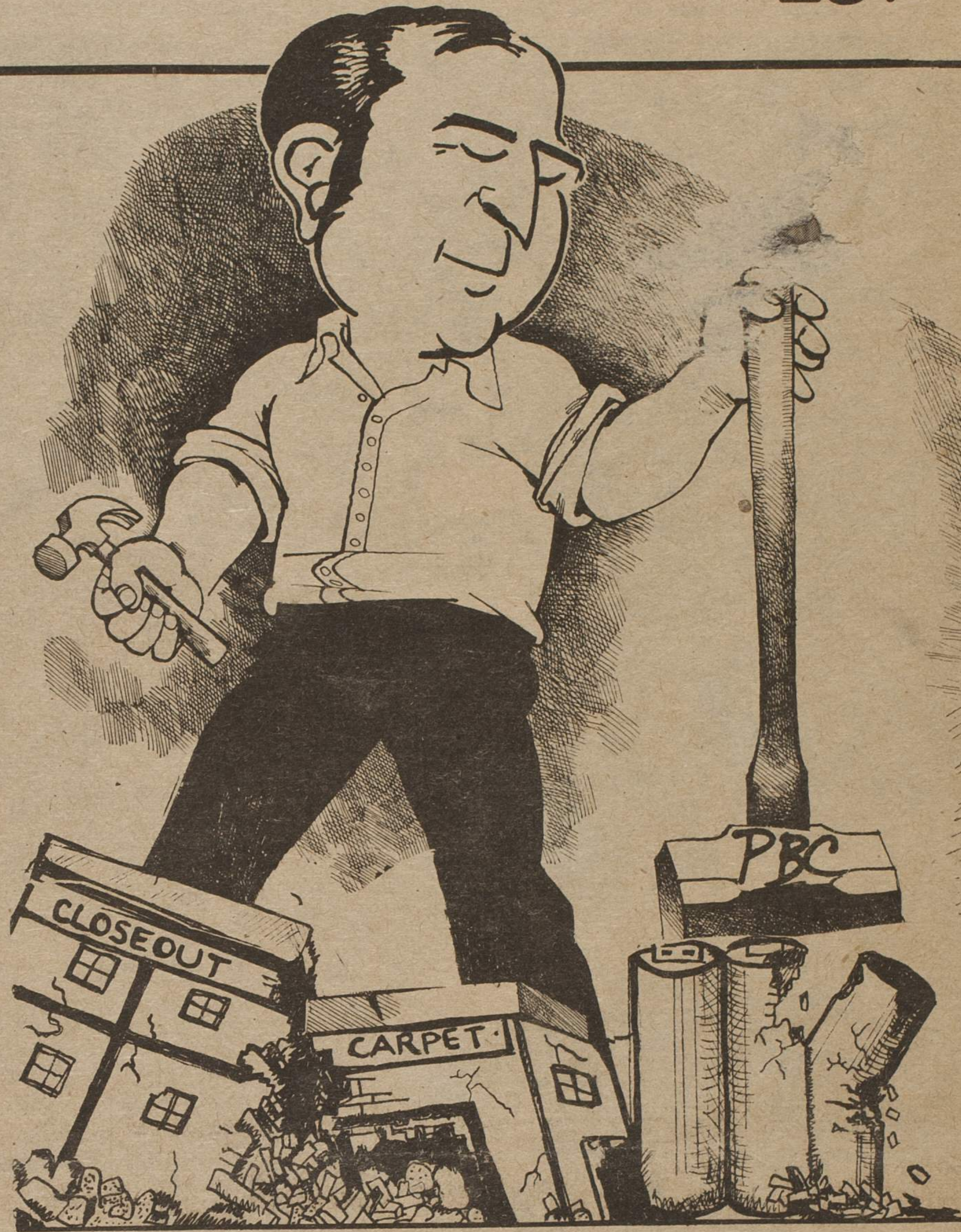
These plans were scrapped about a year ago. Commissioners said costs were too high for the remodeling (estimated at \$700,000) and said the City would probably outgrow the facility in 15 years.

City officials are now planning to construct a four to five story

building with a price tag that's jumped from \$1 million to \$2.5 million to a building with no top dollar limit.

"This is going to be an expensive project," Commissioner Rose said recently. "I have never wanted to build a new building, but the inexpensive options are no longer available.

"I don't think we should build a Cadillac but you've got to build a quality building because it will be a symbol of Lawrence and will be used for a long time. I don't know what the dollar charge



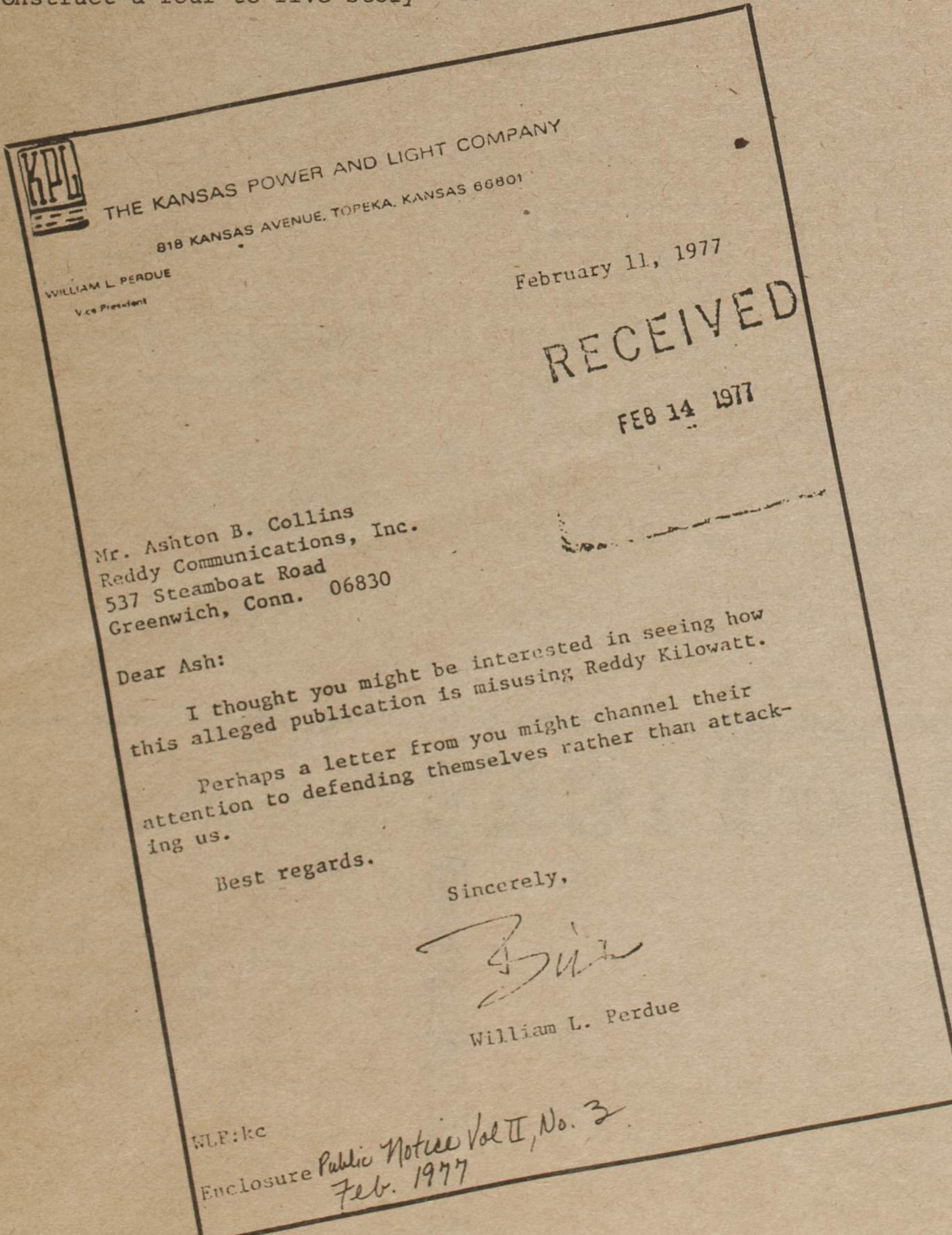
will be, but it will have to cost whatever it does. We're not setting a top dollar figure. When the final figures come in then we'll have to decide if we can afford it."

The City is willing to spend a

bundle in the Bowersock area to spur private redevelopment of the entire Riverfront area.

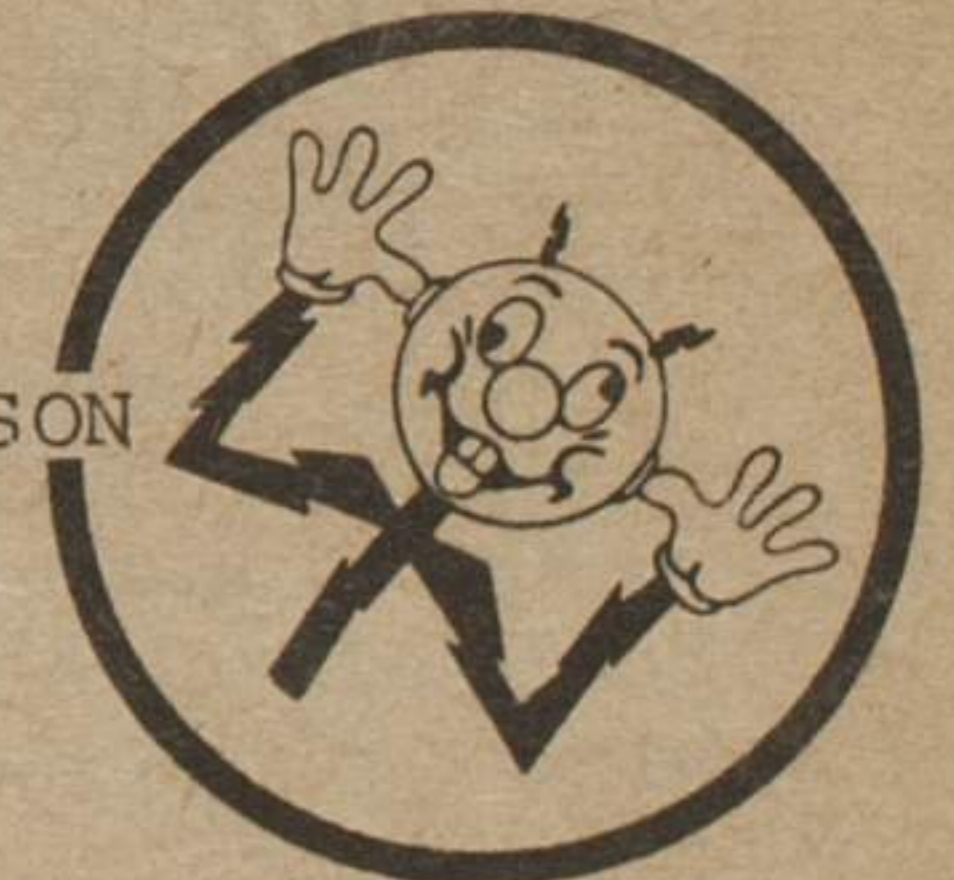
Commissioner Barkley Clark has said he'd like to see something

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Reddy To Go To Court

BY PAUL JOHNSON



Seems as if our friendly local electric utility, Kansas Power & Light, has been coming unglued over the PUBLIC NOTICE use and alleged misuses of little ole Reddy Kilowatt.

We recently learned that the vice president of KPL had written a letter requesting that the owners of Reddy to put pressure on us to stop using the graphic in a critical manner.

Reddy is jointly owned by Reddy Communications, Inc., a Connecticut-based utility consulting firm and by dozens of private utilities. Reddy Communications has now filed suit against the Environmental



"This rag of yours has been printing libels about me --all the more vicious because your facts are correct."

Action Foundation for use of Reddy in a "very undignified and ugly fashion" in their monthly publication, Power Line.

The purpose of the suit is to harass and force E.A.F. to defend itself rather than continue its work in advocating rate reform.

KPL's vice president, William L. Perdue, is trying the same tactic on PUBLIC NOTICE. Witness the letter reprinted here.

PUBLIC NOTICE has yet to receive any letters from Collins threatening a lawsuit, but in the meantime we are giving full support to E.A.F.'s struggle in their suit. A special Reddy Kilowatt Defense Fund has been established to keep Reddy free and to keep publications like ours operating. Contributions are tax-deductible and should be sent to:

Environmental Action Foundation
724 Dupont Circle Building,
Washington, D.C. 20036

We intend to continue to report on KPL, particularly in light of the fact that they are now pushing for a 28 percent rate increase, the biggest increase ever requested in Kansas. Watch for more information in the next issue.