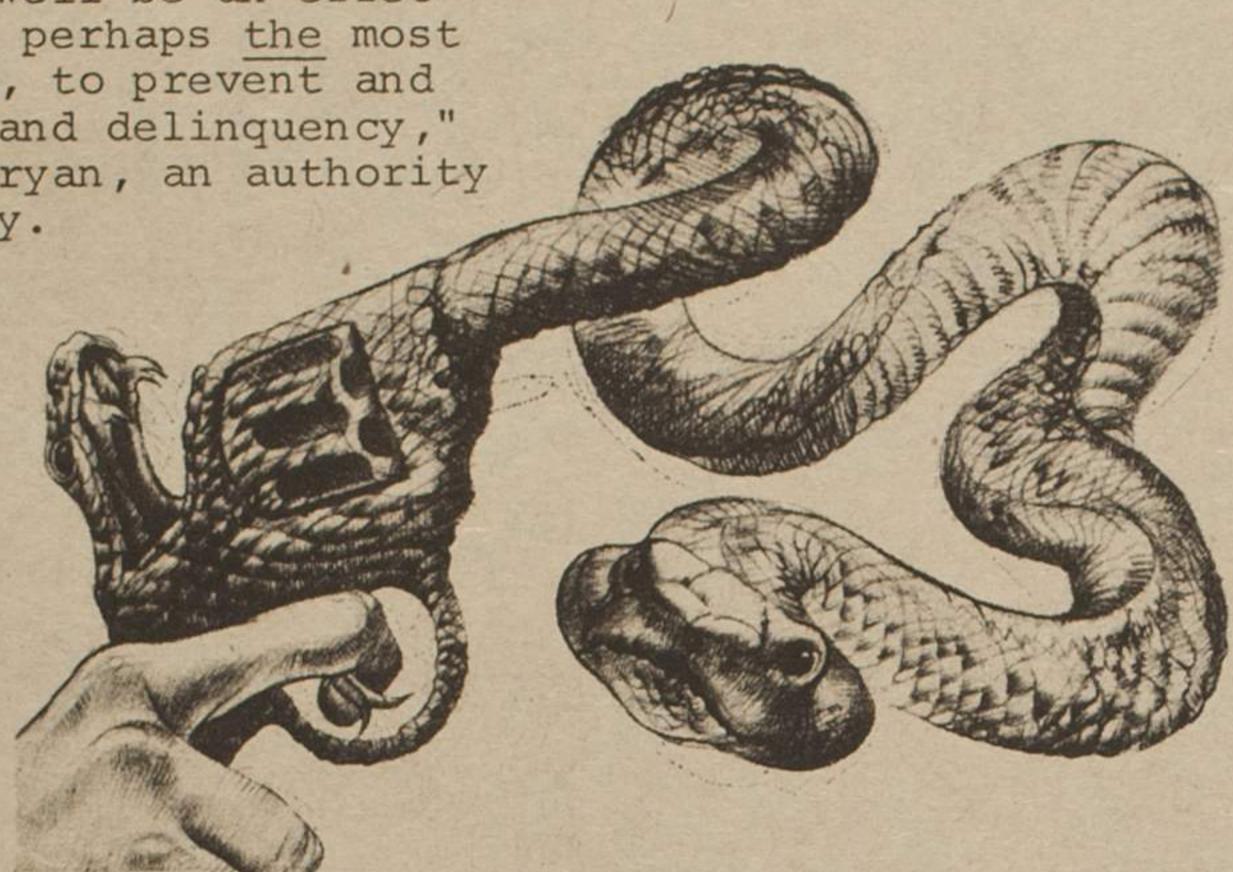
## CRIME..

Growth undermines the neighborly sense of community and disrupts the public's role in reducing crime. Citizen "crime alert" programs are difficult in on-the-go towns like Lawrence with its mobile population. There's a lack of certainty of who's a neighbor and who's a stranger passing through.

"Although little systematic research has been done in this area, the reported incidences of communities getting together suggest that active 'community involvement' in fighting the problems may well be an effective way, and perhaps the most effective way, to prevent and reduce crime and delinquency," notes Ruby Yaryan, an authority on delinquency.



funds."

reports.

Members of several Lawrence neighborhood associations are addressing the dilemma of growth and neighborhood instability, and crime, attempting to piece together programs to safeguard the quality of life in their part of Lawrence. But the stress of growth is just beginning.

Lawrence is now on the list of. 25 fastest growing cities according to Sales and Marketing Management magazine. The town shares the honor with the sun and fun towns of the West Coast and the South. Lawrence also shares their crime problems.

"The seasoned eye of the criminal must be fooled. That takes the combined effort of a public, exploitation in Lawrence? Will

well educated about how they can

help, and a quality corps of

officers. But these programs

need money, and many cities are

slow to allocate the necessary

Trends show that these cities

not only will increase in people,

but will increase in crime at a

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top 25 nearly doubled in crime

in four years according to FBI

Many growing cities are slow to

recognize their crime problem

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funding contribute to the prob-

Thomas, instructor of police at

Training Center in Hutchison.

lem, according to Mr. Vivian

the Kansas Law Enforcement

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Lawrence grappled with funding disputes with the police force last fall. Officers requested turnover within the force and provide a stable, well-trained unit. Much of the request was not honored, and federal funds now hold a key to adequate police protection for Lawrence.

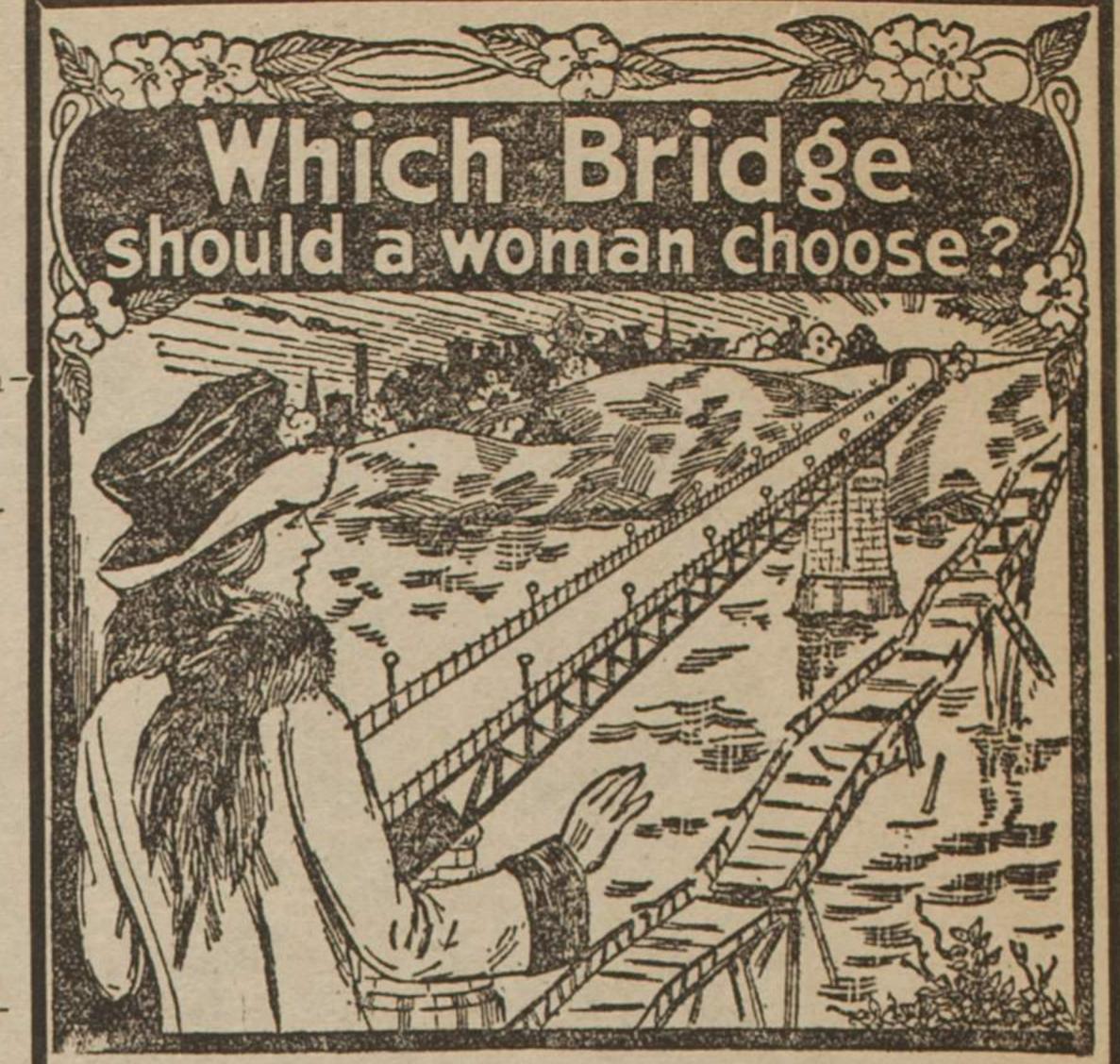
A major federal grant established a crime analysis unit within the Lawrence Police Department to try to pinpoint crime trends and influences with in the city.

"We do recognize problems in expansion of the city," Officer Ron Olin, co-ordinator of the special unit said, "and essentially the grant will hopefully aid us in making better use of our existing resources. We'll have a more systematic sense of where officers are needed in the city.

"In four or five years the Clinton reservoir project will confront us with enforcement problems we haven't dreamed of. But with a well-trained and well-paid force we may be able to meet the needs, and avoid any tight money spots."

The environmental debates of the past decade convinced the nation "there is no such thing as a free lunch." When Sales and Marketing Management magazine listed their top 25 cities, including Lawrence, "to alert marketing executives who want to be sure they are positioned correctly to exploit future highgrowth areas," we have to wonder what will be the cost of this crime's increase continue? Or will the Chamber's sought after "quality growth or well-managed growth" recognize and ease the problem?

To assure that Lawrence will remain a desirable place to live, steps must be taken to revitalize a sense of community. better pay to reduce the rate of Neighborhood alliances should be fostered; the gee-whiz attitude toward growth should be replaced with a deliberate, searching concern for the well-being of Lawrence's character.



"I choose the new, improved Vermont Street span," says Mayor Marnie Argersinger. "It's completely free of unsightly street lights and paved with a surface that's built to fall apart." She spoke last week at a conference of Douglas County chief executives from a point high atop the old cable tower at the Bowersock complex. "I've played bridge for years, but never for such high stakes until I became mayor." At the conference, she announced her plans to finance the bridge bonds with voluntary contributions of Dillons 'Instant

Money' cards, thus giving each

a chance to get involved in City

and every Lawrence housewife

government, "like I did."

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### ANNOUNCING...

# BARKS: BARREY My Views on the Farm Strike



BY FARKLEY BARKS

A few folks around town have taken notice of this agricultural strike that's happening. As I travel across our great state on I-70, on the way to my native Colorado, gazing across the pastures reminds me of where my roots are. And this causes me to wonder about the significance of this farm strike. It is clearly having an effect in Western Kansas, Washington, and even locally. Why those farmers even brought their dirty tractors into town a few days ago.

But back to my roots, what will be the strike's impact on banks making loans to farmers? What kinds of clauses will my banks want. to draft into loan agreements before giving credit to farmers? How many tractors will the bank need to repo(ssess) because farmers default on their payments? These are important considerations. Finally, what will be the effects here on Lawrence?

Answers to these questions are not easy. I've been told that the plain meaning of this strike is that the farmers demand 100% parity. I do not believe we can really tell anything about this strike from its plain meaning. That would be too wooden, too inflexible. We have to look beyond the plain meaning of this farm strike for its purpose, its intent.

You know, a lot of those Easterners have a very paternalistic attitude toward farmers. They think that farmers are ignorant and need to be protected by special legislation. Well, we in Kansas know that the modern farmer is an astute businessman. He sees that he is losing everything, and that is why he wants those paternalistic Easterners to pass special legislation. To get this legislation, farmers are going on strike, trying to cripple the economy.

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It is sad that they have to resort to behaving like big city labor unions. This is how desperate they have become.

But before we become too critical, we should do like Buster Brown and step into the shoes of the farmers. We would see a group of hardworking patriotic Americans who just haven't figured out yet that astute businessmen that they are, farmers should take a profit by selling their land. Now it is too late for many of them, because with rising production costs and lower prices for farm products, sschwp!, their profits are sucked up by inflation.

And now farmers have fallen into the same trap as other Americans who expect the government to bail them out. Yes, even the farmers want to dance to the federal tune. But in venturing into this business of asking Eastern elitists for price parity, farmers must learn to jump through all the hoops necessary to obtain federal relief. Herein lies the problem. When Buster Brown stepped into their shoes, farmers could no longer jump through the hoops, nor could they dance to the federal tune. That is the plain meaning of the agricultural strike.

Of course, we don't have to really concern ourselves with this issue too much here in Lawrence. We abide by that holy canon of construction. As we develop mile after miracle mile of farmland, many Douglas County farmers can keep from going into debt. Farmers here have a profitable outlet for their land. This may be worth a lot to the farmers because its highest and best use might be as a shopping center. If we are successful in thus precluding this strike from taking effect in our city, we can rest assured that our city employees won't get any crazy ideas of their own.



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