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License Plate Tags Go On Sale Last Monday

The County Treasurer's office was doing a brisk business in 1977 license plate stickers Monday, the first day they went on sale. Kermit Erickson gets his new license plate tabs from County Treasurer Sharon Foth.

Otto Zapp: Five Years On the Ord City Council

Monday night Otto Zapp ended a five year stint on the Ord City Council when his term of office expired. Demands on his time by his job and other interests made him decide not to seek office again in the election held last November.

In a Quiz interview Tuesday Zapp recalled he wanted to know more about municipal government when he first ran for office. That was five years and three mayors ago.

The changes he has seen since then include the establishment of an independent airport authority board ("It's working out all right") the city land fill south of town started, passage of a municipal swimming pool bond issue, and soaring fuel costs for the municipal light plant. Five years ago, Zapp recalled, councilmen earned $250 a year. Now they receive $500 annually.

Perhaps the biggest change he has seen is the ever - increasing amount of government regulation involving municipal government. Many of these new strings were attached to revenue sharing funds administered through the federal government. "You can't always do what you want with tax dollars," he observed, "there are so many regulations from Washington."

Since his first election to the council five years ago Zapp has learned a great deal about the inner workings of municipal government. His enthusiasm for local government is undiminished. "Everyone should do it (serve on the council)," he said, "it is great education, and interesting, but the city business can sure keep you busy."

He called Mayor Boilesen and the council members "a good bunch of fellows" and maintained they spend tax dollars wisely.

"Now, as you know," he continued, "we don't always agree. This is good. You get more ideas this way and sometimes get your mind changed."

The only negative note in the entire interview concerned public interest in municipal government. "People should come to the meetings more often", he said. "They just don't take enough interest in their local government."

Although his term on the council has expired, Zapp will still be active in municipal affairs. Ord May Gaylord Boilesen appointed him to a three year term on the Power Board. One of the board's main projects currently is the planned interconnect station between Ord and Nebraska Public Power District. Through a substation to be located south of town Ord will tap the NPPD power grid for low-cost off peak power and emergency power should the need arise.

"You know," he chuckled, "when I first moved here in 1950 I thought I would only stay here six months. When we moved here from Lexington we thought Ord was way up in the sticks."

Those six months have expanded into 26 years. What made him change his mind? The same thing that motivated him to spend five years on the city council, "I like it."

Jane Novosad Facing Hit and Run Charges

Charges of leaving the scene of an accident are pending against Jane Novosad according to Valley County Sheriff Martin Sonnenfeld. The charge stems from a Monday night, Dec. 27 accident at the Ord Elks Club involving a 1974 Chevrolet owned by Welniak Farm and Ranch of Elyria and a 1971 Chevrolet driven by Jane Novosad.

According to the sheriff, Novosad struck the Welniak vehicle without stopping, but later notified the sheriff's office of the accident.

"We are taking a hard line on these hit and run accidents", Sonnenfeld said, "because there have been so many of them. They do nothing but raise the insurance rates for the rest of us."

No damage estimates were available.

Curt Gudmundsen Dies

Curt Gudmundsen, 74, died January 4 after a lingering illness. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Ord Markets

	This Week	Last Week
Wheat	2.30	2.30
Oats	1.45	1.45
Corn	2.10	2.10
Milo	3.25	3.25
Eggs	.33	.33

Discarded Trees to Be Used As Habitat Areas

The Karp and Krow Club is accepting discarded Christmas trees for use as wildlife habitat shelters. Discarded trees may be left at the club grounds two miles east of Ord on the Springdale road.

The used trees are dumped into area lakes and ponds. Small fish use them as a habitat area. The trees also attract submarine plant life commonly eaten by game fish.

If enough trees are available the club will place some in area fields for use as a habitat by small wild animals such as rabbits.

Rev. Charles Talbott New Christian Church Minister

New minister of the Ord Christian Church is Rev. Charles Talbott. He and his wife, Hilda, arrived at their new Ord residence, 411 South 16th Street, last Monday. He had previously served as pastor of a Christian Church in Beaver City for four and a half years.

Rev. Talbott, 49, lists fishing and hunting as his hobbies.

New Year's Eve Noted Quietly

Law enforcement officials reported a quiet New Year's Eve in the Ord area. The Ord Police Department had three cases, (driving while intoxicated, a minor in possession, and procuring for a minor) Dec. 31. Aside from these there was little or no activity according to their records.

Valley County Sheriff Martin Sonnenfeld reported a quiet evening with no arrests. Sonnenfeld commended area residents for their safe and quiet New Year's observance.

Community Education Classes to Begin the Week of January 31st

Community Education Classes sponsored cooperatively by Ord Public Schools and the Central Technical Community College Area will begin the week of January 31, 1977, according to Program Coordinator Ed Bosworth.

Area residents are invited to attend an organizational meeting for the classes at the Ord High School cafeteria on Monday, January 17. Purpose of the meeting is to determine whether a minimum number of adults are interested in a particular course and to respond to personal and career needs of those attending, the program coordinator said.

An advisory committee meeting for the program was held earlier this month for committee members to recommend courses. Classes to be offered in the trades area include Woodworking, Electricity, Welding and Re-Upholstery. In the home economics and consumer area, courses offered will be Sewing with Knits and Cake Decorating.

In the General Education area courses offered will be Family Psychology, Ceramics and Pottery, Women's Recreational Sports, Guitar, American Government, Picture Matting and Framing, Macrame, Adult Drama Club and Polish.

Business courses to be offered include Data Processing, Accounting Fundamentals, typing, Supervisory Management, Consumer Finance, Income Tax Preparation and Office Practices.

Introduction to Data Processing, one of the newer courses, will include instruction in processing fundamentals, problem - solving logic, overview of computer hardware and software and introduction to programming.

Adult Basic Education classes will also be available for those persons interested in earning a high school equivalency diploma or improve skills in mathematics, reading, and writing.

More information about the classes may be obtained by contacting the program coordinator.

Gun to Be Auctioned At Annual D.U. Dinner

A Winchester Super X Automatic 12 gauge shotgun will be auctioned off at the annual Ducks Unlimited dinner. This year the feast will be held in the Elyria Parish Hall January 29. Lucky ticket holders will sit down to a mouth-watering wild game dinner.

An annual attraction at the event is the mystery meat dish. Guests vie to guess the contents of an unknown offering each year. Last year freshly prepared coyote stumped everyone attending the 1976 D.U. dinner.

Following this year's dinner the 12 gauge shotgun and other items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The Winchester is from the well-known Ducks Unlimited edition with the D.U. logo and registered serial number.

Proceeds from the sale will be used in club wildlfie conservation programs in the United States and Canada.

Freethrow Contest Will Be Jan. 15

The Elks national freethrow contest will be held Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. Each boy or girl will compete in one of the following towns to which they live the closest: Ord, Burwell, Taylor, Sargent, Loup City, Elba, Wolbach, Greeley, Spalding, Bartlett and Scotia. The Ord contest will be held at the Ord High gym.

Contestants in each of the one-year age groups (ages 8 - 13) will be awarded five practice shots and then will throw 25 for score.

Ties will be settled in a "sudden death" basis.

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Randy York to Speak At Chamber Banquet

Guest speaker at the annual Ord Chamber of Commerce Banquet Jan. 25 will be Randy York, Sportswriters for the Lincoln Journal and Star newspaper. Starting at 7 p.m. at the Elks Club, Chamber members and their guests will dine on rib and listen to the prep poll pundt share his views and opinions on the state's sports scene.

Special awards will be presented to outstanding men and women in the Ord area. Jay Brady, manager of radio station KNLV will be installed as the 1977 Chamber president.

Ord Police List Year End Report

The Ord Police Department released their annual report Monday, January 3. According to figures contained in the report 147 accidents occurred in the old year, up 18 accidents from the 1975 total of 129.

Police listed 23 of these accidents as non-preventable. The other 124 were attributed to causes including improper backing, improper turn, drinking, failure to have vehicle under control, and icy streets.

During 1976 Ord Police made 220 arrests, up 58 from the 1975 total of 162. Most (122) arrests were traffic arrests, with the balance going to misdemeanor incidents (82) and felony arrests (16).

There were 1,733 complaints on 1976, up 45 percent from the 1975 figure of 948. Of the 1,733 complaints, most were received at the Ord base (761) and 404 were given to police in person.

One new item in this year's report is that 29 complaints were given police over citizens' band radios.

Ord residents lost property valued at $6,088 to break-ins and thefts during 1976, up from the 1975 loss placed at $2,861 by police. There was 23 percent of the items recovered, with a value of $1,426.

Fire and Rescue

Mrs. Ed Mason was taken from her 1122 O St. residence in Ord to the Valley County Hospital Saturday morning with bruises and possible leg injuries. The Ord Rescue Unit responded to an alarm turned in by newspaper carrier, David Miller when he heard Mrs. Mason's cries for help.

According to Mrs. Mason, she got up from her bed sometime Friday night when her legs refused to function. Unable to walk she started to crawl toward the kitchen to try and reach the phone.

When this effort failed she crawled back toward the bedroom and pulled covers off her bed to keep warm, David was delivering her paper around 8 a.m. Saturday when he heard her cries for help.

Miller went to Bob John's house a short distance away and called the rescue unit.

COURT NEWS

County Court

Elmer Parkos, Ord, driving while intoxicated, $100, attend at least six (6) ASAP classes.

Elmer Parkos, Ord, public intoxication, resisting arrest, $25 and costs count two, count one dismissed.

Elmer Parkos, Ord, public in[illegible]ation, $25.

Gerald Collier, Ansley, leaving sc[illegible] of an accident, $25.

Elmer Parkos, Ord, public i[illegible]ion, $25.

Rich Orent, Ord, assault or resisting an officer, assault and battery, destruction of property, intoxication. Count three dismissed, count one reduced to resisting arrest, $100 count one, $100 count two, $25 count four, and payment of one-third of $461 damages to Starlite Lounge.

Mark A. Orent, Ord, assault or resisting an officer, assault and battery, destruction of property, [illegible] three dismissed, count one reduced to resisting arrest, $100 [illegible], $100 count two, $25 count four, and payment of one-third $461 damages done to Starlite Lounge.

Terry Jensen, assault, disturbing the peace, count one dismissed, payment of one-third of $461 damages done to Starlite Lounge.

Happened earlier this year, but not recorded at that time.

Ord's Population Up at Year's End

Ord's population increased by nine precent according to an August 1976 population and housing survey. The report was by the Ord planning Commission and Clark Weckbach.

The unofficial report listed Ord's population as 2,657. The report broke this figure down into 1,947 adults and 710 children.

This latest unofficial census figure is a gain of 218 persons, or nine percent, over the 1970 census figure of 2,439 persons.

According to the report the city has a total of 1,052 dwelling units composed of 866 houses and 145 apartments. Each residence, according to the survey, is inhabited by 2.16 persons.

Weckbach attributed the population jump to people seeking a more leisurely pace of life and the friendly small town atmosphere.

Holiday Sales Reports Mixed

Christmas sales in downtown Ord registered a mixed reaction from local merchants. Some reported sales were unchanged to down below a year ago while others reported sales up substantially from Christmas 1975.

Two of the more optimistic reports came from McDonalds Store manager Bob Moyer and L and W Tire store manager Jarold Maxson. Maxson reported sales as being ". . . unreal" this year. Fast selling items including portable television sets, dish washers, microwave ovens, and trash mashers pushed his sales volums "substantially ahead of last year's sales total" in his words.

Part of the reason for the sales acceleration may have been that L and W was open only eight or nine months when Christmas 1975 rolled around.

McDonald's Store Manager Bob Moyer guesstimated November and December sales will finish 15 percent ahead of last year. The best selling items during the Christmas buying period, as listed by store personnel were Knotts Farm jellies, jams, and related items.

Moyer noted there was one less week between Christmas and Thanksgiving in 1976 than there had been last year, the traditional Christmas sales period. In his estimation, this makes comparison of sales 1975-76 difficult.

C. J. Klimek, manager of Misko's Sports Center, reported sales were up slightly from a year ago. In store owner Dean Misko's opinion, this is as it should be, because of inflation.

Klimek said good weather allowing people to go to Grand Island and low corn prices may have dampened local sales.

Henry Misko, owner of Hank's Kitchen Koop, said sales were good this year. Customers, according to Henry, were prudent in their selection of Christmas gifts. Leading sellers, according to Misko, were deep fat fryers, crepe makers, and burger machines.

He reported a slow but steady stream of customers with a frantic last minute rush climaxing the buying season.

Caryl Dobsen of Millie's Dress shop reported "excellent sales" during the 1976 Christmas buying season. Pantsuits and sportswear were leading sales items in the store.

Both Ord banks deposits for December were up over a year ago. A Nebraska State Bank employee listed December deposits as beeing ". . . real good." First National Bank President Don Blaha estimated deposits at up 11 percent above last year at this time.

Two Ord druggists estimate sales were either down or about the same as last year. One mentioned the good weather gave Ord residents opportunities to shop in nearby cities.

Police Report

December 29 — A 1969 Dodge driven by Barbara L. Wilson of Elyria and a 1974 Ford owned by Roger C. McCartney of Ord collided in front of Maplewood Apartments, 315 South 16th Stree. The Ford was parked when the accident occurred.

No damage estimates were given by Ord Police.

Supervisors to Be Sworn in Jan. 11th

Newly elected members of the Valley County Board of Supervisors will be sworn in Tuesday, January 11. Those taking the oath will be Richard Peterson, Henry Benda, and Ted Lenker.

County residents returned Lenker to the board in the November election. Peterson replaces Carson Rogers while Benda takes Earl Nelson's seat on the board.

After Associate County Judge Rollin Dye administers the oath, supervisors will elect a chairman who will then appoint members of various standing committees.

Benda's $2,000 bond, required by law, has been approved, according to County Clerk Thelma Dulitz. Peterson's is pending.

Part-time Help For Ord Police Force

New Councilman Seated City Attorney Resigns

The main items of business at the Monday night City Council meeting were the council approving part-time help for the City Police Department, the resignation of City Attorney L. W. Cronk and the seating of new councilman, Verlin Smith.

Smith, representing the third ward, replaces Otto Zapp who chose not to run in the election held last November. The new councilman beat Philip Mrsny 210 - 206 in a tight two man race. Final election results were listed in the November 11, 1976 Quiz.

Before retiring Zapp told council members, "I've enjoyed working with you guys. You have done a good job in watching the taxpayers money." Zapp estimated he has served on the city council for five years.

Following the council's adjournment sine die, City Attorney L. W. Cronk administered the oath of office to Smith and the new councilman was seated. Ord Mayor Gaylord Boilesen then appointed committees for the new year. They are:

Judiciary, Fire and Building — Charles Cox, Verlin Smith, Emanual Skala.

Cemetery and Parks — C. J. Klimek, Charles Cox, Bob Edghill.

Zoning and Management — Emanuel Skala, Don Sears, Bob Edghill.

Finance and Budget — Verlin Smith, Don Sears, Bob Edghill.

Streets, Alley and Landfill — Don Sears, Emanuel Skala, Verlin Smith.

Utilities Committee — Bob Edghill, Charles Cox and Emanuel Skala.

Police Committee — Gaylord Boilesen, Don Sears, C. J. Klimek.

Elected council president was Don Sears. Bob Edghill was named council vice president. The two men shall serve at council meetings in the absence of the mayor.

The council approved the hiring of part-time office help for the Ord Police Department. The persons selected for the job will take phone calls, type up reports, and do other office chores. The position will be on a trial basis with the council reviewing the job sometime before next August.

Mayor Boilesen suggested the new police committee meet with him and draw up some criteria for the new position.

City Attorney L. W. Cronk submitted his resignation effective at the end of the Monday meeting. He has been city attorney for the last 21 years.

Boilesen told the council that the fuel adder tax on city light bills will be noticeable next month. Curtailment of service by Kansas - Nebraska Gas Company during December forced the city to use diesel fuel to power municipal generators.

The city light plant has an interruptable service agreement with Kansas - Nebraska. When natural gas is needed in high priority residential sections, the light plant and others on interruptable service are given advance notice to start using an alternative fuel.

In exchange for interruptable service, the city gets gas rates lower than those charged residential users.

The council received notification from Kansas - Nebraska that gas rates will be hiked 2.7 cents per thousand cubic feet of gas. The new rates are posted in the city clerk's office.

The Union Pacific Railroad, according to Boilesen, told the city they needed a one million dollar insurance policy for diesel fuel storage tanks located on the railroad right of way. The tanks in question are located near the city light plant in east Ord

The council gave their permission for the Law and Law Enforcement Explorer Post to use the council chambers for their meeting room. The post, just being formed, will give area youths a glimpse of what a career in law enforcement is like. Those involved in the scouting program include area attorneys and law enforcement officers.

Skala said he could appreciate the scouting program, but wondered just where the city should draw the line on the use of the council chambers by outside groups.

Ord Police Chief John Young assured the council that the scouts would be well supervised.

Emil Penas, Street Commissioner outlined his one and six year plans for city street improvements. A public hearing on this matter will be held later this month.

No White Noel! Have a White Start on 1977

Didn't get that White Christmas you wanted? Cheer up, you got a white start in 1977. Early Tuesday morning the Ord area was blanketed by a gentle snowfall. Once gault trees turned into silver masterpieces of art as snow and a light coat of ice decorated wooden limbs.

Motorists were apparently careful, for Ord police had no rush of fender bender accidents to report.

While residents didn't get a white Christmas, they did at least get a consolation prize — a belated white start on 1977.

Gerald Krikac Is Re-Elected

Gerald Krikac of Burwell has been re-elected chairman of the Agirculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee for Valley County, He will serve a three-year term.

Ottis Gartside of Arcadia was selected vice chairman and Arthur John of Ord was elected as a board member. Alternates are Stanley Barr of North Loup and Leonard Moudry of Ord.

Prices Are Up But Most Local Residents Want to Own Homes

How much can Ord families in the market for new homes afford to pay for them, taking into consideration both purchase price and carrying costs?

As recently as two years ago, the American Bankers Association was adhering to the old rule of thumb that the price should not be more than two and one-half times yearly income.

Today, that limitation seems no longer realistic. Because of the small amount of construction in the last few years there is not enough housing available to meet the pent up demand.

As a result, the price of homes has beeen zooming. The Federal Home Loan Bank Board reports that the average price of new homes bought with conventional mortages is now $50,500 nationally or 34 percent more than three years ago. It ranges above and below that price in various parts of the country.

For a large part of the population, especially young couples who are at the home buying stage, that is too big a load for them to handle. In Ord many of these younger families live in the 186 apartments or mobiles homes or live in one of the 87 rented homes in the city.

In Ord, however, where incomes have been on the rise, many families are in a position to spend more for homes than they could in previous years.

In general throughout the West North Central States, the cost of a home represents 3.7 years of income and in Nebraska 3.6 years.

More surprising to some housing experts is the rapid rise in the cost of used homes. They are at the record high, nationally, of $43,000.

Added to the initial investment are the taxes, mortgage payments, and maintenance costs that have to be met. These average 20 percent of take-home pay, according to the National Association of Home Builders. The result is that more and more people are being priced out of the market.

Nevertheless most Americans are committed to the goal of home ownership. In Ord, no less than 764 of the 866 houses in the city are owned by their occupants, according to an August 1976 census by the Ord Planning Commission.

Residence Entered

The Mary Davis residence on the west edge of North Loup was entered without force December 26. Tape cassettes, candy, and a ring were stolen.

It is believed entry was gained through an unlocked window.

Luke Zangger — Valley County's Mister 1977

Luke Charles Zangger, son of Carolyn and Chuck Zangger of North Loup, is Valley County Hospital's Mister 1977. Luke, born January 1st, 1977 at 9:5[illegible] p.m. weighed 8 pounds 8½ ounces when he made his grand entrance. Luke's sister is Heather, age 2½ years.