Judge Weaver Will Wheat Oats Corn Milo Milo Study Project Case

District Judge Donald H. Weaver ended a four-day trial in Grand Island Friday with the announcement he will study the case involving the Twin Loups Reclamation and Irrigation Districts before arriving at a decision on whether or not to approve them and their contracts with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to build and operate the North Loup or Calamus irrigation project.

After closing arguments by attorneys representing opponents and proponents of the project Weaver made no prediction on when his decision might come. Project opponents want the two districts dissolved.

However Weaver did announce that his decision will come by the fall term of the district court which starts September first. Before being appointed district judgs, Weaver served as attorney for the now dead Mid-State Reclamation District. During the four-day trial he had more than 150 exhibits presented him by both sides.

Both attorneys were also surrounded by boxes of papers, exhibits, and other items relating to the case.

The Twin Loups Reclamation and Irrigation Districts responsible for starting the proposed 53,000 acre irrigation project petitioned the court for approval of their organizations and their project contracts with the government. The approval action is required under terms of the government contracts.

These contracts involve a project, estimated to cost \$130 million that will irrigate lands in Valley, Greeley, Howard, Merrick, and Nance Counties. Congress authorized the project

Current estimates show that users of water, under the terms of the government agreement, would have to repay nearly \$28 million of the capital cost along with paying for the maintenance and operation of the water supply works.

Most of the rest of the cost would be reimbursed through power revenues from the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program hydroelectric plants.

Objectors to the districts and their contracts, in effect the protestors of the project itself, argued before the court the districts must get approval of their voters on finalizing the contracts and spending the money required from local

The protestors contended the project financial obligations at the local level will require more money than can be realized by ordinary revenues collected under the present taxing authority of the districts.

They claimed that in such situation state reclamation and irrigation law demands that the districts call elections to get approval of voters on debt spending and that this has not been done.

Because of these alleged disparities the protestors claimed the districts should be null and

The protestors also attempted to put before the court the question o fthe feasibility of the total project itself but Judge Weaver indicated early in the trial that subject was not the issue in this case.

However he did allow some testimony and evidence in that direction for purposes of any appeal that might be filed.

Objectors have long contended that about half of the lands in the irrigation district are developed for irrigation at the present time, a matter they contend, has a direct bearing on the proposed project.

Objectors called to the stand during the trial included several employees of the Bureau of Reclamation Grand Island office as well as some officers of the two districts in an effort to obtain testimony supporting their case.

The objections to the approval action were filed in the name

of a few apparent landowners in the two districts, although lawyers representing them sought to have their side entered as a class action.

The petitioners for approval contended that such a move was

not valid since it had not been established whether a large class of dissenters existed in the of dissenters existed in the districts, or who they were. Filed Separate Although the irrigation and

Although the irrigation and reclamation district matters were filed separately along with the objections, they were consolidated for purposes of the trial. Three landowners were named in the objection to the reclamation district and two were named in that against the named in that against the irrigation district. It was claimed by the petitioners for approval that one in that latter objection, Lloyd Geweke of rural Ord, no longer has land in the irrigation

district, however. Alfred Blessing, a Hastings attorney and landowner in both districts, was named in both objections. In the protest against the reclamation district, Marvin Rice and Richard Bonne were listed as objectors als:

After several landowners in the North Loup River Valley sowed the idea for an irrigation project in the late 1940's, a reclamation district was voted into existence in 1954. In 1958 the irrigation district was formed. Began Work

Construction got started last summer with the improvement of an access road to the proposed (Continued on page 8)



July 6 — The ambulance was called to the Arthur John farm seven miles northeast of Ord on Estab. April 1882.

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Sunflowers cannot be planted where a herbicide has been applied

within the last year according to Nelson.

Before harvesting the plant a defoliant is applied to the field. This removes leaves from the flower stalks. A special combine attachment removes the flower head from the stalks and then separates the flower seeds from the bloom.

Sunflowers a New Cash Crop

the list of cash crops grown in Valley County this season. The recent new-comer is being grown by Dean Nelson of rural Ord. His patch of sunflowers is located across from the Dean Bresley farm four miles northeast of Ord.

Nelson said this is the first year he has grown the flowering shrub on a commercial basis. Planted May first, the flowers should be ready for harvesting around the middle of August.

At that time a special combine attachment will harvest the flower heads. Sunflower seeds

will be separated from the large, yellow bloom, and later taken to the Boilesen Seed Company, here in Ord. According to a spokesman for the firm, the seeds will be shipped to a commercial firm that processes them for their oil. Sunflower oil, much like other oils on the market, will be sold to the housewife for cooking purposes.

One recent price quotation from Boilesen's pegged the seeds at 11 cents a pound. Asked if he pians to repeat his sunflower venture next year Nelson voiced a wait and see

The discussion ended with Ed

Half Day Kindergarten Sessions

The Ord School Board ended veeks of recent controversy Monday night when they voted to have half-day kindergarten essions in the coming school to that occupied by Ord Public Schools The Ord School Board ended weeks of recent controversy Monday night when they voted to have half-day kindergarten sessions in the coming school year. Under a resolution passed by the board the five day half-day sessions will be restored and noon bus transportation for an estimated 11-12 rural kindergarten students will be discussed at a later date.

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A group of 10 people, many of them parents of kindergarten age students, were on hand to witness the board action. They and 50 to 60 other people spearheaded a drive last month that ended in the board's Monday night decision.

Earlier, board members had decided to change the five day half-day attendance scheduling into two groups of three all-day kindergarten sessions each week. Their decision produced a flurry of activity that included a petition drive, the meeting of concerned parents and other individuals, and an appearance of 60 to 70 and an appearance of 60 to 70 concerned persons at a special school board meeting June 27.

On a related subject the board discussed — but took no action on the need for a teacher's aid in the Ord kindergarten class. According to Ord Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Bill Gogan each of the half-day sessions will be attended by around 20

be attended by around 20 students. He wondered if an aid would be needed with classes estimated to be that size. Dr. Gogan suggested the board establish guidelines for this and other similar future questions.

Vancura suggesting the board get firm attendance figures before

Season Continues Ord's monsoon season continued with Horace Travis, Quiz weatherman, recording 3.25 inches of moisture at his station.

This gives the city 19.03 inches

of rain for the year as of Tuesday, an amount far surpassing the 81 year average of 15.57 inches for this date.

Last year at this time Travis had recorded the city receiving 12.72 inches of moisture.

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This week's high temperature reading was 94 degrees recorded Tuesday, July 5. The low for the week was 57 degrees recorded last Saturday.

A break-down on the week's moisture and temperature readings recorded by Travis is as follows:

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Ord's Monsoon

School Board Votes Approval of

Schools. According to Dr. Dale Karre, Ord School Board chairman, Chipps can transfer land from the Arcadia District into the Ord School District because Arcadia Schools are approved but not accredited. Karre and other board mem-bers stated this could be done without the approval of the Arcadia School Board.

The two Chipps children will attend Ord Public Schools next year. One child will be in the fifth grade and another in the seventh.

Pay Hike
Pay for substitute teachers was hiked from \$22 to \$25 a day Monday night. In a letter to board members a substitute teacher or teachers had requested their daily pay be raised to \$30.

A survey by Dr. Bill Gogan revealed some area towns pay between \$25 to \$28 a day for certified substitutes.

Dr. Gogan estimated the Ord School District spends \$4,000 to \$5,000 yearly on substitute teachers. In most cases they do little more than babysitting according to the superintendent. He used an example of a woman subsitute teaching a boys physical education class to illustrate his point.
Dr. Gogan related it is frustrating, but there is not much

that can be done about the situation in his estimation.

New Robes The board voted to purchase

100 choir and graduation robes at \$26.59 each. According to figures supplied by the superintendent Ord Public Schools currently spend around \$550 a year on robe rentals. Purchasing the robes would eliminate this expense.

Those robes shown at the Monday board meeting were bright red.

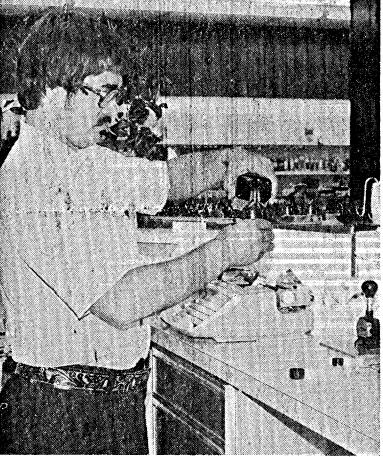
Bob Stowell was given permission to have his children attend Ord Public Schools. The Ord lawyer lives outside the school district and so must get school heaved appropriate in this school board approval in this matter.

Gogan briefed board members on restroom renovations started recently. Four restrooms in the older (south) part of the high school building will be redone this summer. Plans outline by Boyd "Skeeter" Ready are being used. Completion is scheduled to be by this August. No final cost figures are available.

No Thanks Dr. Gogan told board members he had declined to endorse the Central Nebraska Community Action Agency's Head Start program. In a recent letter from that tax subsidized bureau they had suggested Dr. Gogan give his approval to their pre-school program.

Gogan told board members the reason for his refusal was that he believes Head Start programs

have a definite place in urban ghettos but not here.
Central Nebraska Community Action Agency, with headquarters in Loup City, currently has programs dealing with everything from woodchopping to birth control clinics.



New Pharmacist in North Loup

Robert "Bob" Ellsworth officially started work in the North Loup Pharmacy July 5. The graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy received his li-cense from state authorities on the first of July.

He and his wife, Mary Kay, moved to North Loup last month and began restocking and resupplying the store. Both remarked on the slower tempo of

life and friendly people found in the village.

A change in store policy is that starting this Saturday, the pharmacy will stay open until 4:00 p.m. It had formerly closed on Saturdays at noon.

Bob lists his hobbies as fishing,

camping, and bowling. He took over the store from Emily Schudel, who got married

City Council Approves Sewer Construction Bid

Total for week

The Ord City Council approved sanitary sewer extension bids in their Monday night meeting. Apparent low bidder on the project was Midwest Bridge and Construction Company of Norfolk with \$55,546.70.

The new sewer line will run from the Hillcrest Motel to the new Clement development ad-

new Clement development ad-dition in northwest Ord. Midwest's bid on the total

project was lower than the second bid submitted by Central Sand and Gravel of Columbus. That firm estimated the project would cost \$58,044.23. The council meets again next Monday to work on the municipal budget for the coming fiscal year.

Goodwill Box On Vacation

A lack of storage space and past collection problems prompted Ord Scouts to remove the ted Ord Scouts to remove the Goodwill collection box at 14th and N streets in Ord for the month of July. Scoutmaster E m a n u e l Sich said his organization didn't have adequate space to store the often overflowing donations to the box during July. Hence the box was removed.

In the past loosely tied bundles

In the past loosely tied bundles and donations left on the ground near the box have caused problems. Sich pleaded that those having large donations call him rather than leave their offerings scattered around the collection

He reminded area residents that the scouts took on the collection box as a voluntary effort, and requested the public cooperate.
Removed earlier this month, the box is scheduled to be put back in early August Sich revealed.

Superintendent's Office

To Close for Vacation Office of the Ord Public Schools Superintendent at Ord High will be closed July 18 - August first according to Dr. Bill Gogan. The Superintendent of Schools said the closing was for summer

Street Improvements Listed

a Quiz interview Tuesday, he revealed the city is installing new waterways and lowering the street one block north of N to M street and then 150 feet south down 17th street.

Street Commissioner Emil Penas announced road improvements earlier this week. In a Quiz interview Tuesday, he according to Penas. Streets had to be lowered to the parting level around the new building.
A nother improvement in progress is the addition of new (Continued on page 8)

Ord's Power Demands Hit High Peak of 4,700 Kilowatts

high for electrical consumption July 5 according to Chief Engi-neer Wayne Pierce. On or about 5 p.m. that date, residents demanded — and got — 4,700 kilowatts of power.

Pierce told the Quiz that during July, Ord's electrical demands have been around the 4,000 kilowatt mark daily. "It gets up there and really hangs on." he

Most of this peak demand is caused by air conditioners and other appliances being turned on when people return home from work. During the 4 to 6 p.m. period the town's electrical consumption vaults from around 2,800 to 2,900 to near the 4,000 knowatt mark according to Pierce. mark according to Pierce.

. He reassured electrical users

the city light plant.

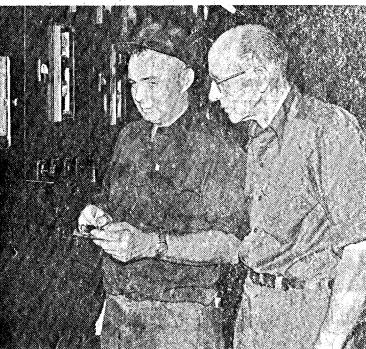
The Ord Electrical Generating Plant at 1315 J hit their yearly high for electrical consumption ity. He estimated that at around

11,000 kw.

However the summertime demands are approaching Ord's firm power generating capacity. Pierce explained that is the amount a given plant is capable of generating with one machine

The Chief Engineer suggested consumers turn up thermostats on their air conditioners to around 15 degrees below the outside temperature. This move would save both the city and the consumer money in Pierce's estimation.

He revealed the city's electrical demands swing from a low of around 2,000 kw in the early morning hours to double that amount in the 4-6 p.m. time pe-



GOING UP?? - Merv Scofield and Wayne Pierce (left and right) survey the city's electrical power demands by recording readings at

A SAD SIGHT — What were once shoulder high stalks of corn were reduced to a fraction of their height during the hailstorm. The

Ord Hit By Rain-Hail Thursday rienced a rain and cooler temperatures from a recent hot spell, some area farmers watched their

clipboard alongside the stalk is one foot high.

crops being pulverized by sizable hailstones. Perhaps hardest hit was the area 12-13 miles southwest of Ord. A cornfield in that area bears mute testimony to the severity of the storm. The clipboard along

Valley County received a mix-ture of hail and rain Thursday night. While most areas expescribed the hail as blanketing the road nearby and fields in a solid cloak of white.

Quiz weatherman Horace Travis recorded 49 inches of rain fell on Ord during Thursday. Dean Bresley, five miles north of town registered .50 inches in his rain gauge.



The Clover Leaves won a purple ribbon in the 4-H Music Contest Monday night at the Ord Elks Club. Their placing in the senior division of the annual contest entitles them to go on to state 4H music competition scheduled to take place later this summer in Lincoln,

For more information on the Monday night music competition, see an article on page two of this Ord Quiz. Members of the Clover Leaves 4-H Club are (back row, left to right) Susan Penas, Debbie Meese, Chris Finley, Jane Bosworth; (middle row, left to right) Janine Potrzeba, Mary Novosad, Tammy Sears, Diane Dworak; (front, left to right) Karen Crane, Lisa Schroeder, Judy Rasmussen, and Lisa Sears.

Supervisors Ink Appraisal Confract

Supervisors signed an appraisal contract with the Midwest Appraisal Company of Topeka KS, T u e s d a y afternoon. The agreement calls for the firm to appraise all Valley County property by the 1979 deadline established by the Unicameral. Under a bill passed by the Unicameral two years ago, all Necameral two years ago, all Ne-braska counties had to be reap-praised by 1978, Recent legisla-tion extended the deadline one

year.

Cost of the county-wide survey will be around \$97,000 according to Thelma Dulitz, County Clerk.

Purpose, of the law was to eliminate inequalities across the state in assessed valuations.

Usually, the older the assessment on a piece of property or other goods, the less was the taxed goods, the less was the taxed value and monies due state and local offices.

To make all assessed valuations as equal as possible the 1978-79 assessment deadline was established. At one time supervisors thought County Assessor Robert Sevenker

would meet the mandated regulations with his office staff and some outside help. This does not now appear to be the case.

Just what caused the change is

Just what caused the change is not known.

In other business Supervisors visited with Daye Stahl of the Mid-Nebraska Community Mental Health Center. Stahl reviewed monthly admission and dismissal figures along with other related statistics. According to figures he supplied, 112 person were admitted to the mental care facility in Grand Island during the month in Grand Island during the month

of May.

The Mid-Nebraska Community

Mental Health Center was
established in May of 1971 to
provide a wide variety of mental provide a wide variety of mental health services to residents in 12 central Nebraska counties. These are Blaine, Loup, Garfield, Custer, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Howard, Merrick, Sherman, Valley, and Wheeler counties.

Supervisors, discussed preliminary budget figures with Rocky Severson, C.P.A. More on the county budget in next week's Ord Ouiz.

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Valley County Sheriff Martin Sonnenfeld discussed the possibility of establishing law enforcement reserve forces in Valley County. Under Nebraska law the governing body of any county or city in Nebraska other than a city of the metropolitan or primary class may establish a law eforcement reserve force. a law eforcement reserve force. Members of the force shall be appointed at the discretion of the governing body. That same body may limit the size of the force. These reserves shall act as a back-up force for law en-forcement officials in time of emergency or other need. No specific action was taken on the matter.

Police Release

Six Month Report

The Ord Police Department posted their six month statistical symmatry earlier this week. Figures released by Police Chief John Young indicate officers on the force worked a total of 4,371 hours in that period.

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In the category "breakdown of complaints, etc.", the most numerous listing was under the heading - misc. duties, with 207 responses by police listed. The next most frequent complaint was misc. complaints, 146 according to the statistical sheet.

Police gave 41 assists to stalled Police gave 41 assists to stalled motorists during this time and answered 34 disturbances. Thirty-four property damage collisions were investigated by police in the six month period and 33 dog complaints handled.

Police to Launch

Cycle Crackdown

Ord Police Chief John Young revealed city police will crack down on young bicycle offenders in the near future. The reason for the planned enforcement of bike regulations, he said, is that there have been numerous close there have been numerous close calls involving motor vehicles and the bike riders. "We're not trying to harass them," Young explained, "we're trying to help." As of Monday, July 18, police will begin issuing citations to the persons riding unregistered bikes persons riding unregistered bikes, or their parents. Along with bike registration, as decreed by a city ordinance, police will keep a careful eye on traffic offenders.

Young told the Quiz state law dictates each bike shall have a front light visible for at least 500 feet and a rear reflector visible for at least 100 feet at night. State law further mandates the bike rider shall have at least one hand on the handlebars at all times. City ordinances decree that all bikes shall be registered with the city. Ord Police will supply further details.

At Ord Pool

The case in under investigation, Ord Police Chief John Young

Pesek Injured in Dive from Bridge

Emil Pesek was injured Sunday

Emil Pesek was injured Sunday afternoon when he dived off the Elyria Bridge located ¾ mile north of that village. Pesek was swimming with some friends when the accident occured.

According to Valley County Sheriff Martin Sonnenfeld, Pesek was admitted to the Vally County Hospital with what could be serious injuries to his neck. He was transferred to a hospital in Lincoln a short time later, the sheriff said. sheriff said.

Water Short Course Scheduled July 22 The Nebraska Water Resources

at 9:30 a.m.

The shortcourse is offered to the women in Ord and surrounding communities, but if your husband or boss wishes to

Legislation.

NWRA Executive Director Pat
Patitz said the Association is
sponsoring the meeting as part
of the work of its Water
Resources Education Committee.
Mrs. Patitz said a similar
meeting in Lincoln was a
tremendous success and others
are being planned in other cities
and towns around the state.

If there are any questions,
please contact Mary Marshall or
Gerry Bundy in Ord.

Wallet Taken

A wallet containing about \$50 and credit cards was taken from the men's locker room at the Ord Municipal Pool, June 27, according to Ord Police. The billfold belonged to Robert

Association will sponsor a "Water Resources Shortcourse" at the Ord Elks Club July 22, beginning

attend, please bring him along.
Topics to be discussed at the short course include Basic Hydrology, Irrigation-Economics, Water Conservation, and Water

Gerry Bundy in Ord.