VOICE OF YOUR CITY

ACTION — PROGRESS — ACHIEVEMENT

QUARTER ENDING MARCH, 1969
NOT ALL BAD:

The recent blizzards and heavy snow-fall inconvenienced many of our citizens but at the same time required an all out effort from all city employees who were capable of assisting in any way. The city equipment was strained to the limit of its capacity. Consequently we can expect the need for equipment repairs much earlier than if we had been working under normal conditions.

It did, however, bring out the best in most people and the worst in others while our streets were blocked. There were many fenders bent and the going was about as tough as many of our old-timers can remember. During the peak of the storm and following it—it did reveal a strong current of the real American. Especially, those of our mid-western area, where we are noted for helping our fellowman when the need warrants.

It was unfortunate there were some who were unable to understand that every possible effort was being made to bring conditions back to normal. We realize that the normal pattern of living had been disrupted, but perhaps a storm such as this and the inconveniences caused will remind us that thoughtfulness, assistance and especially understanding should be exercised and continued as long as we have emergencies to deal with. We should remember there were many affected. Those of the city who worked so long, hard and diligently in zero and below zero weather in an honest effort to bring conditions back to normal, certainly appreciated the expressions from many of our citizens who took the time to express their appreciation.

Sincerely,
Ray E. Lundy, City Manager

BEUFORD WELLS: Cemetery Supt.

Employment with the City of Kearney, as Superintendent of the Cemetery began January 11, 1969. Prior to that he was working with the Chevron Chemical Company, as warehouse manager.

Mr. Wells is a Navy veteran of two years which were spent aboard a Carrier in the South Pacific and was discharged in 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Wells have 2 sons and 2 daughters. The older daughter is now studying nursing in Lincoln and the other is attending Kearney State College, her interest being speech therapy. The two boys are both in the elementary grades in school.

They are members of the United Methodist Church—Beuford is a member of the V. F. W., also of the, "Military Order of the Cootie" (Hospital Visitation Group) and Kearney Lodge No. 984, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

Mrs. Beuford Wells, whose name is Pauline, can be considered a native as her early life was in the Riverdale area, while Beuford's was near Minden.

Welcome to our city organization.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

When you enter the voting booth on April 1, 1969, to vote, it will be too late to evaluate the candidates whose names will appear on the ballot for City Councilmen.

It is a privilege to be able to express our opinion by the ballot which should be cherished and honored. BUT YOU MUST BE REGISTERED. Register at the COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE.

LOUIS WIRTH, American Sociologist, has written: "Planning involves the conscious selection of goals, the analysis of these goals from the standpoint of the wishes, needs and resources of the community, with reference to their mutual capability, their order of priority, their implications and probable consequences, and the selection of the most efficient and acceptable means of attaining them."
The above graph shows the amount of paving added annually for the last 10 years. There are 2,000 blocks of City streets. 630 of these or 31% are paved with either brick, blacktop or concrete. Here paving results in lowered cost of maintenance. Now paving is assessed to property owners benefited by the improvements. The cost of paving street and alley intersections and storm sewers, however, is borne by the taxpayers of the entire City.

**WHERE THE CITY DOLLARS CAME FROM**

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*The above graph represents the installation of 350 blocks of sanitary sewer lines during the 10 year period.*
CAPSULES OF ACTIVITY:

AIRPORT:
We had an increase of 1146 boardings for the calendar year of 1968 over the same period for 1967. Efforts for the new Airport Terminal are progressing.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY:
For the fiscal year ending July 31, 1968, the new permits for all purposes totaled 386 with a valuation of $5,312,476.00.

PARKS:
The swamp area just north of Harmon park is gradually being filled with fill material. Depending upon the amount of paving to make fill material available will determine the length of time it will require to fill to proper level. In addition to the filling, a storm sewer is to be installed. Our park program has developed nicely and let us hope it will never reach the time when community support of the continued free existence and maintenance of an open air recreation program ceases. We have learned that some communities are forcing their municipalities into establishing entrance fees for parks, as a majority of the citizens were not willing to see their tax dollars spent for this type of community service. It would be indeed unfortunate if such a situation were allowed to develop. Costs of maintenance and supervision of park systems could become a monetary burden unless properly supervised but charging admission does not appear to be the proper method of financing.

POLICE COURT:
For the year ending July 31, 1968, 4,556 cases were handled in Jeffrey Jacobsen's Police Court. Fines which were turned over to District No. 7 School totaled $16,909.50. Costs which go to the city were $5,334.50. Judge Jacobsen is paid a straight salary by the city.

SNOW REMOVAL:
At this writing snow removal is still very much in evidence by the city, therefore, at this time a definite cost to the city is not available. It is estimated that it will be well over $25,000.00 however.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:
During the fiscal year, there were 282 arrests for speeding with total arrests for all offenses at 926. Dog and Cat's picked up by the animal warden were 801. Mileage driven by patrol cars was 198,007 miles.

SANITATION DEPARTMENT:
The City Sanitarian investigated 564 nuisance and other miscellaneous complaints. For sanitary practices in their establishments, 180 cafes and taverns were inspected and there were 41 insect and rodent calls made.

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165 grave spaces were opened, 152 grave spaces were purchased. Miscellaneous receipts includes monumental work, disinterment work, etc. Total receipts for the fiscal year was $23,345.20.

CITY LIBRARY:
Total circulation for the year was 125,639 with a total registration on August 1, 1968 of 12,916. Total receipts for the year, all sources was $1059.14.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:
During the year, from August, 1967 through July, 1968, the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department answered 178 Fire calls and 307 Emergency Unit calls for various reasons.

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT:
Cost per capita for year was slightly higher being $1.12 as compared to $1.06 the previous year. This is understandable however, since records indicate that 20 tons more sludge were handled for this period of time, plus some salary changes, chemical increases, etc.

WATER DEPARTMENT:
Comparisons for 1966-67 — gallons of water pumped were 907,876,700 compared to 1,050,614,400 gallons from Aug. 1, 1967 through July 31, 1968. Cost per M gallons pumped 1967-68 was .03425 as compared to .03341 for 1966-67. Production expense was nearly $6,000.00 higher in the year ending 1968.

There are of course many other items of interest in the departments annual reports but space does not permit covering all of them. If there should be some particular item in which you are interested, it may be looked up for you should you so desire.

Active Members of the Kearney Fire Dept.

I'm All set!!

The Kearney fire siren summons the volunteers of the Kearney Fire Department who respond instantly with their services, be it for fire fighting, ambulance calls, or any other emergency. He may be an employee of some firm or he may be an employer who operates a business of his own. In any case, these volunteers stop what they are doing to respond. This is their contribution and loyalty to community safety whether they be self-employed or have firemen working in their establishment.

Much has been written through the local press and other media, acknowledging the fine job our volunteer firemen do. This is good and very true, but we have never pointed out that this organization is made up of both single and married men, employee's and employers. What we want to make known is that these employers make this contribution on payroll time and it often calls both employers and employees from the same firm causing frequent inconvenience resulting from releasing themselves and employees for emergencies which means much to our community. Are we sufficiently grateful as a community?

The beginning of this new calendar year is a good time for us to reflect back over the past year and look to the future as well and thank these individuals, whether they be employees or employers, for their watchfulness over us whether it be day or night—hot or cold.
WHAT for 1969-70 Etc.

The following is taken in part from the "Key to your City", a quarterly publication, issued by the Ames, Iowa City Government. It includes some questions that many cities are concerned with but do not have the answers and in most cases do not know where to get them.

In view of the fact that we have several groups in Kearney, all good and very much worth-while, perhaps some of the questions in the article referred to above may be helpful.

First we might ask the question, as has Ames, Iowa—What would be good for Kearney in 1969? What does Kearney need in 1969? What would you like for your city in 1969? These questions have special significance to many cities as well as to Ames, Iowa, who is having a growth of 2000 per year.

The point is that we here in Kearney, should make every effort to first determine what would be good for Kearney in 1969-70-71. Secondly, what does Kearney need, and thirdly what would you like for your city in 1969-70-71 and for future years. Finally what do you think Kearney's priority needs are? It seems to me answers to these 4 questions are basic for an improvement of any community. Perhaps if efforts of everyone were coordinated it would have a definite impact on the community. Certainly the efforts of the various groups for community improvement is commendable.

Mayor Smith of Ames, Iowa has devoted many hours to consideration to his city's needs. Four of the needs he has selected and to which he gives priority are: City Building, Improved Financing, Public Relations and City Beautification. The two latter would be the most applicable to our city.

Artist's rendering shows a $5,000,000 installation to be built in Kearney, Nebraska, by Eaton Yale & Towne's Eaton Valve Division. The facility will serve as a second plant for the Valve Division, which is headquartered in Battle Creek, Michigan. It will manufacture automotive poppet valves. The 140,000 sq. ft. plant will occupy a 52-acre site near Kearney. It is expected to employ 75 to 100 people when completed in late 1969.