

City Formally Eases Student Voting Rules

The City Council Tuesday night formally eased city voting regulations as they apply to students of Iowa University.

The action at the regular Council session came on a 4-1 vote identical to one which gave the matter informal approval Monday afternoon. Councilman L. C. Butherus cast the negative ballot, noting that the policy would make residency even more less uniform (as it applies to auto registration tax filing, tuition, and voting).

Under the new policy all students who are U.S. citizens at least 21 years old are eligible to register to vote if they have been in Iowa six months, in Johnson County 60 days and in a precinct 10 days.

Councilman C. L. Brandt said he wanted to emphasize that the Council has not given anyone the right to vote, only a choice of residency for voting purposes.

The mayor said that as a matter of routine as persons register they will be asked if they are registered elsewhere. If they are, he said, they will be asked to fill out a card noting a change in registration — a card which the City Clerk's Office then can mail to the place of former registration.

In the past the city, under guidelines drawn by the present and past city attorneys, has attempted to determine if a student — by his actions — had accepted Iowa City as his home. Such questions as place of auto license registration, address on drivers license, place of employment (city or university related) and marital status were asked.

The new procedure is similar to one used in Ames.



SOMETHING TO YODEL ABOUT—Ronald Jennings, Route 3, and Joe Ewalt of 222 Ronalds Street, found a mushroom hunter's dream Sunday. The spring mushroom is 12 inches long and weighs 13 ounces and looks even bigger because of camera angle. Jennings (shown here) said he and Ewalt, veteran mushroom hunters, have a policy of yodeling when either comes upon a find. To avoid a rush on the location, Jennings declined to say just where they found it. Ewalt, however, has a standard answer to the inquisitive, said Jennings. He tells everybody they found the mushroom "a little east of Ely."

(Press-Citizen Photo)

City Tree-Planting Projects Finished; Public Help Asked

Iowa City has completed four tree-planting projects costing \$8,779 and is relying on citizens to help maintain the investment, Robert A. Lee, acting director of Parks and Recreation, said today.

New trees have been planted on Page, Webster, Van Buren and South Lucas Streets, on Sheridan and First Avenues and a few scattered locations in east central Iowa City. Varieties include ash, cherry, crab, hackberry, linden, maple and sycamore.

Lee said one or two buckets of water should be poured at the base of the trees about twice weekly. He recommended keeping the soil loose around the base of the trees and shaped so that moisture would run toward the trees. He said the exact frequency of watering depends on soil and weather conditions.

Two Engineers To Appraise In Charles City

Two engineers from Iowa City are members of a 12-man public service team appraising building damage in Charles City today.

The engineers are Noel W. Willis and Richard M. Moore, both of Powers-Willis and Associates, a planning, engineering and architectural consulting firm.

The 12-man team was assembled by the Iowa Engineering Society as a professional public service to the tornado stricken community. The group will assess the damage to and structural condition of more than 150 buildings. Recommendations will be made concerning which structures should be repaired and which reconstructed.

Riley Asks For Statue Of Grimes

State Sen. Tom Riley of Cedar Rapids, a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress from Iowa's 2nd District, today took issue with the proposed contemporary statue for the Iowa Statehouse grounds, and suggested that a statue be erected honoring former Iowa Sen. James W. Grimes.

Riley made the proposal in a talk before the student body at Wahlert High School in Dubuque.

"When school children from all over the state visit the capitol, I want them to be reminded of what they have to be proud of in their state's heritage — not that their state's name means 'sleeping one,'" Riley said.

The proposed \$30,000 statue is entitled "The Last of the Sleepy Ones," based on research which reportedly revealed that the word "Iowa" means "sleeping one" or "tired one." The statue would be located on the west side of the new Grimes State Office Building.

"I propose, instead, that we erect a statue of Sen. Grimes being carried into the Senate chamber to cast the deciding vote which acquitted President Andrew Johnson of impeachment charges," Riley said.

Iowa's Sen. Grimes was included in the late President John F. Kennedy's book Profiles in Courage for his vote in the impeachment trial.

"What greater tribute and symbol for Iowa than Sen. Grimes who, despite paralysis and the denunciation of his party and friends, insisted on being carried into the Senate chambers when he was too weak to walk," Riley said.

7th Grade Swim Party Slated by Paper Doll

Paper Doll, a youth organization at the Recreation Center, will have a seventh grade swimming pool party Friday.

The event will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the center, when the main pool will be closed to the public. Activities will include relays with prizes, a picnic and playing records.

Fouts also has served on the Pharmacology-Toxicology Review Committee of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, which reviews applications for program-project grants and research centers.

Presbyterian General Assembly Overturns Charges Against Bakers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — In an unprecedented and unexpected move, charges against a University of Iowa professor and his wife of disrupting the peace and unity of an Iowa City church were overturned here Tuesday.

The 180th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. rejected the findings of its permanent judicial commission.

The 15-member judicial commission had voted 13-2 to uphold the church trial convictions of Prof. Joseph E. Baker and his wife, Matilda, both 62.

But, by a standing vote the some 820 delegates to the General Assembly voted by a 2-1 margin to support a minority report by two members of the judicial commission which said the original judge - jury trial body at Iowa City had not approached the Bakers' case "with an open mind."

The Bakers originally were charged at local church levels with having stirred up dissension in trying to save the 102-year-old Iowa City First Presbyterian Church building.

The local convictions were upheld by an 11-member panel at Ames March 30, after the case was referred to it by the Iowa Presbyterian Synod.

The General Assembly's rejection of the majority report was believed to be the first time a judicial commission's recommendation has been overturned.

The action doesn't mean the Bakers have won their case, however. Under the church constitution, the case was returned to the judicial commission for a further hearing at this session. A panel of up to five members from the assembly reports will represent that group at the special hearing.

If a second judgement of the case is likewise rejected by the assembly, the case can not be taken up again until the 1969 meeting of the General Assembly.

The church court decided at the hearing at Ames that the Bakers should be removed from membership and church offices and that they be barred from communion. They were given a year to show "repentance" or face excommunication.

The Bakers were charged with placing news advertisements, distributing letters and making phone calls which contained derogatory statements about members of the Iowa City church's building committee.

The building committee had approved plans to replace the old building with a new one. The Bakers contended the old church was a "gem" of 19th Century Gothic architecture.

The seven-page majority report of the Judicial Commission declared the Bakers used "bad judgment, poor taste and an acrimonious spirit, igniting the entire congregation with an atmosphere of tension, distrust and conflict."

Judge Spurgeon Avakian of Berkeley, Calif., and Judge Scovel Richardson of New Rochelle, N.Y., presented the 14-page minority report.

They stated the trial moderator was prejudiced against Dr. Baker; that one of the members of the trial commission should have disqualified himself as prejudicial to the Bakers; that irrelevant evidence was admitted and that the Bakers had no purpose of disrupting the church.

"The fact is that a very substantial number of First Presbyterian members support his (Baker's) view," the report concluded.

Contacted at Iowa City, Baker said the decision of the General Assembly "means that the body of the church knows what we've been fighting about. This was the whole purpose—to bring this matter of freedom of speech to others, and it's worked."

Baker said rejection of the judicial commission's majority opinion represents "quite a victory" and a "triumph for Presbyterian justice."

Health Unit Names Fouts

James R. Fouts, professor of pharmacology at the University of Iowa, has been named to the Environmental Health Sciences Advisory Committee by Dr. William H. Stewart, U.S. surgeon general.

The committee serves as the National Advisory Council for the Division of Environmental Health Sciences (DEHS) of the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Fouts' team on the committee will begin in July.

Among functions of the advisory committee are recommending to the Surgeon General for funding by the DEHS those research and research training projects which have been approved by study sections and training committees, and surveying the status of research in the environmental health sciences to determine activities which should be initiated or expanded.



A Thought For the Week

by George L. Gay

"Safety First" is common sense. But, the slogan is ignored at times. Dictates of good judgment are disregarded. Surely there would be less fires, less accidents, less grief, if the thought of safety motivated us to do certain things ahead of time. For example, a simple, easy, safety precaution we can see needed in many places is seldom thought about. In fact, we believe this easy-to-do thing has rarely, if ever, been publicized before.

Firemen, policemen, ambulance crews, cab drivers or other persons who may have occasion to be called to your home in an emergency will agree this easy-to-do thing is a sound, sensible act. All of them would appreciate your help in making it easier for them to help you if and when you may need help—quickly.

This "help" is in having your house number in an easy to see spot! Have you looked at it lately, yourself? Can it be clearly and instantly seen, day or NIGHT? Is it covered with an obstruction—or paint? If repair, relocation or replacement is needed, would it not be a good idea to take care of it—today—and play "safe"?

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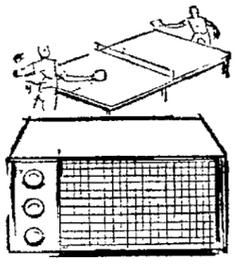
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