

# Say Used Park Funds For Travel

DES MOINES (AP) — Money intended for state park maintenance has been used to pay "unusually heavy" travel expenses of Iowa conservation commission employees, a state fiscal expert said Wednesday.

"They've robbed the maintenance account to pay for this extra travel," said Gerry Rankin, legislative fiscal director.

## Overspent

He said the commission was allocated \$106,850 for travel expenses for the current fiscal year, but the commission now estimates it will spend \$136,000 for travel by June 30.

Rankin said the disclosure came in a legislative interim committee investigation of the commission's threat to close 14 small state parks because of a shortage of funds.

The commission rescinded the shut down order Friday after \$30,000 was transferred from the maintenance fund to hire summer help at the parks. Commissioners said the transfer will reduce maintenance work, however.

The acting director of the commission, William Boswell, conceded Wednesday that the agency has overspent its travel allocation.

"Frankly, we're making a



## Charles City Scene

Bricks from store walls demolished cars parked along Main street in Charles City when a tornado struck the city Wednesday. Trees in the background are in Central park. Eleven persons were killed in the storm at Charles City.

study of our travel and looking at it with a pretty hard eye," he said.

## Traveling

Rankin said commission employees apparently are "just traveling too much. They are sending four and five persons to meetings that should be attended by one person."

Boswell said the expenses are up because more employees are making trips, food and lodging costs have increased and depre-

ciation on the commission's 272 vehicles has gone up.

He said there were no statistics available on the total number of trips taken by commission employees this fiscal year.

The commission voted last week to close the 14 parks until June 30, curtail services at 26 larger parks and reduce water safety patrols on lakes and rivers.

Gov. Harold Hughes said the

commission's decision "borders on irresponsibility" and he approved the transfer of funds permitting the commission to keep the parks open.

## Speaker

Special to The Gazette  
OXFORD JUNCTION — Glen McLaughlin, Anamosa attorney, will speak at Memorial day services at 10 a.m. at the Mayflower cemetery. Legion and auxiliary members will participate in the program.

## Independence City Engineer Lyon Resigns

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INDEPENDENCE — The Independence city council has accepted "with regret" the resignation of Harold Lyon, city engineer. Lyon has no definite plans for the future.

Roland Thomsen, principal at East elementary school, appeared before the council and expressed the need for more sidewalks for school pupils. The council voted to install a sidewalk from the end of Second street to the school.

The council voted to close two streets — a one block area on Seventh avenue SW near Eighth street and a one block alley on Center avenue between Seventh and Eighth streets NE.

Mayor Henry Funk was authorized to sign contracts with Bert Hansen Associates, an engineering firm from West Union, for phase II work of the 1968 paving project and phase I and II of the Twelfth avenue sanitary sewer project.

The council approved rezoning of the former Axline Auto Salvage yard to class E commercial to permit Elmer Jensen to operate a truck terminal at the site.

The council authorized notification of property owners on Second avenue NE that they have permission to hook onto the sewer installed last year.

The Community council was granted \$500 to help finance the summer playground program.

Plans were announced to apply to the state highway commission for permission to install

a traffic light at First street and Second avenue SW. Installation began Wednesday on a new traffic light at the corner of First street east and Second avenue NE, replacing an older one.

The Second street bridge will be completed in two weeks. Bids will be let June 11 for the approaching to each end of the bridge.

Lacey Gee, chairman of the airport committee, was granted approval to install further surfacing, lighting, and another gas tank at the new airport. Dedication was set for July 7.

## Hospital Personnel Directors To Meet

DES MOINES — The annual meeting of the Iowa Hospital Personnel Directors Assn. will be held Friday at the Colonial Inn in Des Moines.

Featured speakers will be Edward J. Spillane, jr., director of personnel management services, Catholic Hospital Assn., St. Louis, and Frank R. Gerlach, wage and hour investigator, U.S. Department of Labor, wage and hour division, Des Moines.

Also on the agenda is the installation of new officers for 1968-69. H. Joe Featherston, personnel director, Mercy hospital, Iowa City, is the current president.

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## Iowa City Woman To Head King Scholarship Fund

IOWA CITY — President Howard R. Bowen has appointed an executive board made up of students, faculty and townspeople, students, and staff members, Iowa City faculty and staff members to coordinate the University of Iowa's recently established Martin Luther King Scholarship fund.

## Drive Monday

Mrs. James Murray, an Iowa City housewife, was named by the U. of I. president as executive secretary of the fund, which was established by Bowen shortly after Dr. King's assassination to help bring more students of minority background to the university.

She said a day-long student drive will be held Monday, with the other campaigns to follow. "Until the dates for all of the drives are announced, contributions may be sent to the president's office at the university," she added.

If the goal of \$50,000 is realized, it is expected that as many as 50 disadvantaged students of minority background can be invited to study at the university. "Money from the fund, combined with modest loans and work possibilities, will at least make a new beginning for them — and all of us — possible," she said.

Mrs. Murray noted that contributions to the fund have reached \$25,000. "Most of this was contributed voluntarily by faculty, staff and students and came before anyone knew that a formal drive was planned," she said.

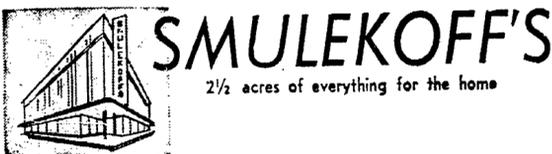
## 12 on Board

Twelve persons comprise the board. Representing the Iowa City community are Mrs. Ansel Chapman, William Nusser, and Mrs. Murray. Student members are William Burnette Maywood, III.; Robert Lehnen, Danville, Ill.; and Kenneth Wessels, Dyersville.

Faculty and staff members on the board are John Huntley, associate professor of English; Milton Rosenbaum, professor of psychology; Dr. George Bedell, associate professor of internal medicine; Darrell Wyrick, executive director of the U. of I. foundation; Max Hawkins, Alumni Assn. field secretary; and Dr. Bowen.

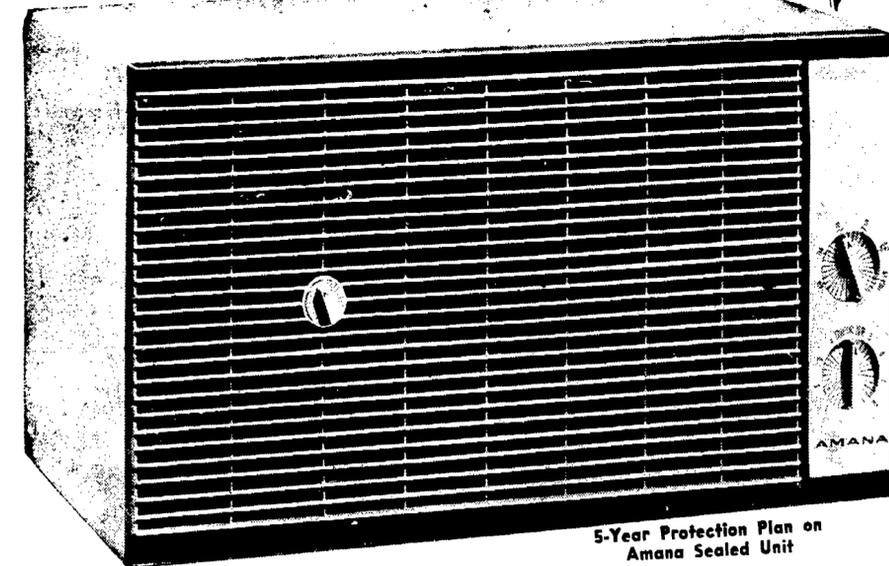
Mrs. Murray says a four-part campaign for contributions is being organized, "with an immediate goal of \$50,000 and a sense of involvement and commitment on the part of thousands of Iowans who want to perpetuate the ideals of Dr. King."

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