CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Nebraska City, Nebraska
January 20, 1969

Council met in regular session at 8 o'clock P. M. Mayor McKissick called the Council to order and, on roll call, all members answered present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

The following claims were presented, considered separately, and on motion allowed on the several funds:

General Fund

Lincoln Tel & Tel Co	$ 11.33
Robert L. McKissick	87.50
Edgar C Ransdell	75 00
Clyde C Stoll	75 00
Ethel Gaskill	250.00
Irene Whittaker	192 50
Joy Thornhill	217 50
Ethel Gaskill, Treas	326.03
Edgar C Ransdell	9.60

Street Fund

Lincoln Tel & Tel Co	$ 12 55
Attebery Chev & Equip Co	7 09
Bischof Hardware Co	1 03
Dawson Oil & Transport Co	12 00
Farmers Co-op Oil Co.	208.51
Ethel Gaskill, Treas	2.12
Norris J Hill	16.40
T S McShane Co, Inc	37.80
Mobil Oil Corp.	250 50
Morton Salt Co	378.42
Presto-X-Co	30 00
L J Wilcox	22 50
Wm C Kleineweber	240.00
Jim Bassinger	188.10
Francis Churchill	203 30
George Leckenby	195.70
John Plager	194.25
Elmer Schumacher	197.60
Roy Straw	197 60
Harold Wallace	183 15
Charles Walters	188 10
Clemmy Holmes Motor Co	4,095 00

Police Fund

Lincoln Tel & Tel Co	$ 81 17
Farmers Co-op Oil Co.	$10.96
Mobil Oil Corp	182.41
Dr. H. J. Baker	5.00
Gangel Oil Co.	2.50
Kirk's Typewriter Co.	27 18
Nebr. City Medical Group	26.00
Straw Salvage	7.34
Clarence Iversen	250.00
Henry Lutz	217.50
Ronald H Kreifels	206.00
Roger Warren	190.00
Aubrey E. Ewing	70.00
Vestal Smith	80.00
Ed Adams	13.50
Forrest Bell	95.00

Fire Fund

Lincoln Tel. & Tel. Co.	$140.30
Bischof Hardware Co	1.03
National Chemsearch Corp.	28.95
Kenneth L. Wiles	220.00
Donald Cockerham	200.00
Thomas Hiskett	200.00

Water & Light Fund

Nebr City Utilities	$2,151.28

P. G. & B. Fund

Lincoln Tel & Tel. Co	$ 6.94
Bischof Hardware Co.	3.33
Norris J Hill	125.47
Presto-X-Co	8.00
Bohl Plumbing & Heating	19.13
Lee Fenton	127.50

Parking Meter Fund

Ethel Gaskill, Treas.	8.98
Melvin L. Kopf	205.00
Donald D. Martin	217.50
Erwin R. Lange	217.50
Martin E Allgood	205.00
Ruth Schreiber	42.00
Ruth Smith	63.00

Fire Equipment Fund

Andersen Fire Equip Co	$261.57

Social Security Fund

Ethel Gaskill, Treas.	$14,106.26

Comb. Util. Bond & Int. Fund Series No. 5

Ethel Gaskill, Treas	$36,653 03

Special Park Fund

D & D Elec & Refrig. Service	8.32
Norris J Hill	15.00

Park Endowment Fund

Bohl Plumbing & Heating	$286.93
Brown's Glass & Paint Shop	.87
Cook Paint & Varnish Co.	60 44
Lincoln Tel & Tel Co	1 94
Nebr City Electro Gas Inc	92 79
Nebr City Utilities	20 07
Ralph L Reed	456.50

Park Fund

Harold Foster	$192.40
Chesley Thompson	192.40
Orval Sumner	192.40
Davidson Haneline	133.20
Elmer Howell	230.00
Jack Brust Co	136.00

On motion the Council adjourned

ETHEL GASKILL,
City Clerk

Soybean surplus will be hiked

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Soybean surplus stocks probably will rise more than 230 million bushels during the current 1968-69 marketing year, an Agriculture Department report indicated today.

Carryover stock of soybeans stood at 167 million bushels when the season began last Sept. 1 and may total more than 300 million bushels by next September, economists said in a report on "fat and oils situation."

Stocks were rising because the record 1968 crop pushed supplies up faster than this season's growth in domestic crushing and exports. Domestic crushing was estimated at 585 million bushels for 1968-69, up 2 per cent from last season. Exports, despite a halt caused by a dock strike in December, were still expected to top last season's 267 million bushel total —perhaps by 15 to 20 million bushels.

Economists said farm prices for soybeans through the remainder of the season probably will average close to the government support rate of $2.50 per bushel. Prices were weaker earlier, but producers have put a record volume of soybeans under government support.

Pueblo captain may face court martial

By JACK V. FOX

CORONADO, Calif. (UPI)— The crux of a court of inquiry into the seizure of the USS Pueblo is whether Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher exhausted his power to resist the attack.

Bucher has placed a good share of the blame on his Navy superiors and the U.S. government for the loss of the intelligence ship and testified that once the North Koreans set foot on the Pueblo he no longer had the power to resist.

During secret sessions of the court today and Monday, the officers who were above Bucher in the chain of command when the ship was seized will give their side of the story.

The court has advised the 41-year-old Pueblo skipper he was "suspected" of violating a U.S. Navy regulation forbidding a commanding officer to "permit his command to be searched by any person representing a foreign state or permit any of the personnel under his command to be removed from the command so long as he has the power to resist."

The charge could be raised at a subsequent court martial if the five admirals which comprise the court of inquiry recommend one be held.

Bucher's attorney believes the executive sessions will be crucial to the skipper's bid for exoneration for the loss of the Pueblo.

Bucher testified that Rear Adm. Frank L. Johnson, then commander of Naval Forces Japan, told him not to unlimber the Pueblo's two puny .50 caliber machine guns in the presence of foreign vessels.

One point which could be raised is whether Bucher was given the authority to use his power to resist. That question was expected to be explored when Johnson appears in the closed sessions of the court.

Bucher testified Friday the North Koreans did not attempt outright brainwashing of the crew but tried to convince them America had been an aggressor nation for the past 100 years.

They sought mostly to convince the 82 surviving crew members the United States had been an aggressor ever since the American schooner, Gen. Sherman, was wrecked on the Korean coast in 1866.

Most of the testimony during the secret session was stamped classified and not revealed at the news briefing in late afternoon. The executive session continued today and could last through Tuesday, the Navy said.

Bucher also told the five admirals investigating the seizure of the Pueblo North Korean authorities did not want their guards to see Pueblo crewmen practicing religion.

The only other portion of Friday's testimony made public was Bucher's statement members of the crew were beaten after the North Koreans realized they made obscene gestures in propaganda photographs distributed worldwide.

Other Navy officers were expected to testify during the closed sessions why the decision was made in Japan to not send U.S. fighter planes to the aid of the Pueblo after Bucher radioed it was being seized by North Korean gunboats.

The officers who went into Friday's session were Capt. Thomas L. Dwyer, assistant chief of staff for intelligence, Naval Forces Japan at the time of the seizure; and Capt. Forrest Pease, chief of staff for commander Naval Forces Japan.

Rear Adm. Frank L. Johnson, commander of the Navy in Japan in 1968 and no commandant of the 13th Nabal District in Seattle, Wash., was expected to appear before the court of inquiry during the next few days.

Isn't it strange how often a wise man happens to be the fellow who agrees with our prejudices?

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Mrs Harry Kastens

Mr and Mrs John Staack and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs George Huber in Nebraska City. Other guests were Mr and Mrs H.W. Gruenemeyer and family of Lincoln. Birthdays celebrated were those of Kathy Staack, Henry and Donald Gruenemeyer.

Mrs Allan Paap Sr., and Kristy Kastens attended a farewell luncheon Sunday at the Norton home in Talmage honoring Mrs Jerry Hudson and children of Lincoln. Mr and Mrs Jerry Hudson are moving to Minnesota.

Parents and pupils and teacher, Mrs Hans Sauberzweig of school District 74, had a farewell party and cooperative dinner Friday night for Rosanne Dickman and her parents, Mr and Mrs Ernest Dickman and family. Rosanne was presented with an overnight bag as a farewell gift. The Dickmans are moving to an acreage, north of Dunbar.

Mr and Mrs Dale Friesen and sons of Fort Dodge, Iowa spent a week with Mr and Mrs Junior Koch and family and Mr and Mrs Wm. Sporhase. Mr and Mrs Sporhase dinner guests Saturday night were Mr and Mrs Dale Friesen and sons, Mr and Mrs Junior Koch and family, Mr and Mrs Reuben Friesen of Beatrice Nebraska and Mrs Anna Chessman of Holmesville. Pam Koch of Lincoln was a weekend visitor at home.

The buck Ends here . . . .

By Ivan D. E. Beaumont

The Job's Daughter box social the other night was a railroad affair and no one seemed to mind.

Associate Guardian Sam Metcalf announced before auctioneer Victor Bremer started to work, that the maximum price on the boxes of goodies was $4.

Well, that was about it. A raised hand, a twitch of the nose or a wink meant $4. Vic admitted he had sold a lot of things, but never a box of food. . .and business was so-o-o good.

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The brief story said that Felix Blanchard, 43, flew 113 combat missions in Vietnam and was scheduled to return to the U.S.

It took a few moments. . . . .that "Felix" threw me.

He's better known as "Doc" Blanchard of the Blanchard and Glenn Davis football fame. He was the Heisman and Sullivan trophy winner.

Blanchard and Davis led Army to three undefeated seasons.

It must have been sweet music to his ears when Les Carr got the word that the Riverview Park marina is finally going to be developed for boating.

Les has spearheaded the marina project along with the support of many individuals inincluding former Boat Club Commodore Ray Ott, for many years.

It would also have pleased the late Art Lindahl very much.

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The fresh water we often take too-much for granted, may some day be a precious commodity unless wisdom in its use gets started soon.

According to Vic Ziegler of the state health department, water comsumption per captia per day is snowballing, an indication that although this part of the country has plenty of water, the supply is going to have to be re-used.

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Nebraska Citians are anxiously awaiting the completion of the Wildwood Park and Center projects west of Steinhart park.

The nearly 70-acre addition to the town's part ought to be quite a recreation boon. Plans are to install new playground equipment, tennis court facilities, umpteen more picnic tables, a shelter house and move some of the golf course to the new area.

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Glenn Noble who spoke to Optimists the other day about the house and park development, was asked about a new swimming pool.

Mr Noble said that it is up to City authorities, but added there is plenty of room.

Northside PTA parents, at the suggestion of City Commissioner Clyde Stoll, will appear before the City commission at its February meeting to ask for a new pool.

The location is another matter.

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City Commissioner and Mrs Ed Ransdell are considering a trip to Hilo, Hawaii, when his son is there. . . .that's where Harold Fouts taught school before WWII

Hilo is on the "big" island, where the volcano has erupted several times in the past 20 years.

The top of the island is rich beef producing country while down from the aging volcano cactus grows in the coral and along the black sand beach.

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I've had a yen to go to Samoa after meeting a native from that island some years ago.

He used to tell me that the climate of his homeland below the equator puts the Hawaiian islands to shame.

Samoans are huge and gentle people. This man used to demonstrate his strength by crushing beer cans in his hands and popping caps from pop bottles with his teeth and strong jaw.

UNION

Connie Mullis

The Donald Roddy family of Bellevue spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs Leo Roddy.

Mr and Mrs Jon Ulrich and family of Louisville were Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs Earl Zorn and Mrs Fay Morton and family.

Matthew Oestmann of Johnson spent Friday at the Zorn home.

Mr and Mrs Dale Midkiff en route to their home in Portland, Oregan were recent overnight guests of Roy and Violet Dye.

Elmer Cogdill of Amarillo, Texas is visiting his father, Charles Cogdill, who is in St. Mary's hospital, Nebraska City and with his mother.

Mr and Mrs Fred Clark were called to South Bend, Ind., Monday by the death of a brother-in-law of Mrs Clark.

Mr and Mrs Leonard Jones have named their son, Larry Eldon.

Falls City man goes to prison

FALLS CITY (UPI)—John L. Myers, 21, has been sentenced to two years in the State Penal Complex for the burglary of the Gambles Store here Jan. 9.

He pleaded guilty to the charge and said he did not desire an attorney.

Myers had been on probation on a car theft charge.

About $25 in currency and a portable television set were taken from the store.

Missing plane search halted

STUART (UPI) — The military air search for a missing light plane with six aboard from Augustana College was called off Friday evening pending new leads that merit further investigation.

Holt County Civil Director Lloyd Thurlow said a truck driver's tip that a plane's tail section was protruding from a snowbank one mile from U.S. 20 near O'Neill, was checked out, but the red and white painted object near the road proved to be no part of an airplane.

He said "The military air search is called off as of today subject to being resumed on any new leads."

Earlier Friday guard officials dispatched two planes to patrol both sides of highway 20 between O'Neill and Basset.

The plane was on a flight from Colorado Springs, Colo., to Sioux Falls, S.D., on Jan. 12 when it disappeared after casual radio contact between the plane's pilot and flight officials at the North Platte Airport.

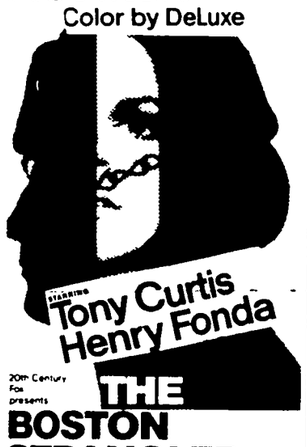
Occupants of the plane were Frayne D. Anderson, pilot and head librarian at Augustana College in Sioux Falls; K. Don Tebbetts, debate coach at the college, and four debate students, Joyce Estwick, Milan, Minn.; Linda Heidemann, Rapid City, S.D., Al Jensen of Pipestone, Minn., and James Housek of Shawnee Mission, Kan.

It's about time for parents to choose up sides for the Little League baseball season

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