

New City Officials

The new city administration took office Friday, and is already hard at work. The number of changes, so far, has been few, as in most changes in recent years at the city level.

The new street commissioner got the regular baptism of fire—he was called out the first night! And an electric line behind the steam plant burned out Sunday morning, causing headaches for the light and water departments for an hour or so.

Biggest surprise was the new administration's request for a \$960 raise from the \$5,500 previously allotted to the mayor. That means new mayor Donald F. Gage will receive \$6,460 a year. This is by far the largest salary ever paid to a Decatur mayor.

Previously the mayor received \$2,580 as mayor, \$1,200 as city judge, \$480 from the city light department, and \$480 from the city water department. This meant a total salary of \$4,960.

The 1959 legislature passed an emergency law which made it necessary for the city council to set the mayor's salary for 1960 before May 1 of 1959. The council met Monday, March 23, and approved city ordinance No. 11 setting the mayor's salary at \$5,500. Ordinance No. 10 set up a city judge separate from the office of mayor. The meeting was covered in a front-page story March 24 headed "CITY COUNCIL SETS SCHEDULE FOR SALARIES."

The mayor's job, except for the term of office of former Mayor Robert D. Cole, has been considered by most as a part-time job. The addition of \$960 to the already generous salary was accepted by some as meaning that Gage plans to give his full time to the job.

It led others to believe that part-time jobs, like being mayor or appraising the city utilities, are the coming thing—much more desirable than a 40-hour-a-week job.

Highest paid member of the city administration is not the mayor, however.

City engineer Ralph E. Roop holds two other jobs—superintendent of the water works and sewage treatment plant. He draws \$2,580 as city engineer, \$4,160 as water works superintendent, and \$1,800 as sewage treatment superintendent, for a total salary of \$8,540. And he works hard at all three jobs to earn it.

Next highest paid official is the superintendent of the electric utility, L. C. Pettibone, who earns \$7,380 a year.

The city clerk-treasurer gets \$4,500 from the general fund, \$600 from the light fund, and \$600 from the water department, for a total of \$5,700. Mrs. Laura Bosse has this tedious and time-consuming job, which handles the city records, funds, and money.

City councilmen receive just \$600 a year, while the city judge receives \$1,800 a year for handling the many cases brought before that officer.

The city auditor, Ed Kauffman, earns \$2,274.96 from the water department, \$3,249.84 from the light department, and \$975.12 from the sewage treatment department, for a total salary of \$6,499.92. He maintains the books of all three departments, and as an accountant keeps a close check on all city affairs.

Next down the scale of major city employees is the police chief, James Borders, and fire chief, Cedric Fisher, each of whom works six days a week as rule, and is on call at all hours of every day. They earn \$4,599 a year, a good bit less than \$100 a week.

The street commissioner receives \$3,980 for that job, and an extra \$600 as superintendent of the park department, for a total of \$4,580. This is little enough if he does a good job.

The city police and firemen make only \$3,780 a year.

TV Programs

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV
Channel 15
WEDNESDAY

Evening
6:30—Amos & Andy
6:45—Tom Calenberg News
6:45—Doug Edwards News
7:00—Mike Hammer
7:30—The Huntley-Brinkley Report
7:30—Men into Space
9:00—The Millionaire
9:30—I've Got A Secret
10:00—Doctors' Crises
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:15—One Wife

THURSDAY

7:30—Pepperpot Theater
7:45—Willy Wonderful
8:00—CBS News
8:15—Kangaroo
8:30—Coffee Cup Theater
10:00—Red Rose Show
10:30—On The Go
11:00—Love Story
11:30—December Bride

AFTERNOON

12:00—Love of Life
12:30—Look to Tomorrow
12:45—Guiding Light
1:00—Ann Colone Show
1:20—News
1:30—The World Turns
2:00—For Better or Worse
2:30—Houseparty
2:45—The Millionaire
3:00—The Doctors' Crisis
4:00—Brighter Day
4:15—Secret Storm
4:30—Edge of Night
5:00—Dance Date

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6:00—Amos & Andy
6:30—Tom Calenberg News
6:45—Doug Edwards News
7:00—Mike Hammer
7:30—To Tell The Truth
8:00—Johnny Ringo
8:30—Zeta Gamma Theater
9:30—Mrs. Miniver
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:15—You'll Never Get Rich

WPTA-TV
Channel 21
WEDNESDAY

Evening
6:00—Fun 'N Stuff
6:30—Anne O'Reilly
7:00—Fun 'N Stuff
7:15—Tom Atkins Reports
7:30—T.V. Hour of Stars
8:30—Ozzie and Harriet
9:00—The Big Show
10:00—Fights
10:45—Sports Desk
11:00—My Forbidden Past

THURSDAY

Morning
6:30—Susie
11:00—Comper Room
11:30—News

Afternoon
12:30—Restless Gun
12:45—Above The Bob
2:00—Day in Court
2:30—Gale Storm
3:00—The Big Show
4:00—Who Do You Trust
4:00—American Bandstand
5:00—Little Rascals Clubhouse
5:30—Rocky and his Friends
6:00—Fun 'N Stuff
6:30—Huckleberry Hound
7:00—Fun 'N Stuff
7:30—Tom Atkins Reports
7:45—Gale Storm
8:00—Donna Reed
8:30—The Big Show
9:00—The Untouchables
10:30—Toughest Man in Arizona

Evening
6:30—Continental Classroom
7:00—Today
9:00—Ding Dong School
9:30—Cartoon Express

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The city attorney, another part-time job, pays a total of \$3,600 a year, with \$1,920 as city attorney, \$600 as secretary of the planning commission, \$600 from the electric department, and \$480 from the water department. The city attorney does not receive any percentage, payment, or other remuneration for bond issues, sales, etc., which he handles for the city.

Actually, a city job is worth what the man puts into it. Some may be worth more than they are paid. Others less. That is for the voters and taxpayers to judge; they can then inform the city council of their desires as far as salaries for their city officials is concerned.

Severe Storm Is Marching Through Dixie

United Press International

A Yankee style snow storm marched through Dixie today, spreading winter misery from Texas to Virginia.

Schools and highways were closed in the storm area. Some communities were crippled when power lines snapped under the weight of ice and snow.

At least three persons were known dead in the storm's wake. Three other persons were missing in a private plane.

Starts in New Mexico

The fierce storm, second of the new year, roared out of New Mexico, leaving that battered state covered with up to five more inches of snow.

It swirled into Oklahoma, knifed into the Texas Panhandle and then hit hard at Arkansas. Crossing the Mississippi River, the snows headed eastward, blanketing Tennessee and Kentucky.

The storm roamed through parts of Mississippi, Alabama, West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina. It was expected to push northward into parts of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio later today.

The Weather Bureau warned up to seven inches would accumulate in Tennessee and Kentucky. During a six-hour period Tuesday night, 5 inches fell in Bristol, on the Tennessee-Virginia border.

North of the snow line, the Great Lakes area continued to shiver under a cold snap. But from the northern Plains to the Rockies, the mercury climbed as much as 52 degrees in 24 hours.

The icebox of the country early this morning was International Falls, Minn., which registered 19 degrees below zero.

Oklahoma Roads Hazardous

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Gronchi Postpones Visit To Russia

MOSCOW (UPI) — Italian President Giovanni Gronchi has postponed his visit to Russia until February because of illness, the Italian ambassador to Moscow said today.

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