

Posthumous awards given SP4 Richard J. Meighan



Sumner Councilman and Mrs. Leonard Meighan are pictured with Major Paul Humphrey of Dubuque after the Purple Heart Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and Viet-

nam service awards were awarded posthumously to their son, Sp. 4/c Richard J. Meighan Sunday. Major Humphrey presented the awards to Mr. and Mrs. Meighan at their

home on North Pleasant St. in Sumner, Sunday. Sp. 4/c Meighan was killed in a rocket attack on his unit's base in Vietnam on March 17, 1968.

"During the period, October 29, 1967 to March 17, 1968 he consistently manifested exemplary professionalism and initiative in obtaining outstanding results. His rapid assessment and solution of numerous problems inherent in a counterinsurgency environment greatly enhanced the allied effectiveness against a determined and aggressive enemy.

"Despite many adversities, he invariably performed his duties in a resolute and efficient manner. Energetically applying his sound judgment and extensive knowledge, he has contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the United States mission in the Republic of Vietnam.

"His loyalty, diligence and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army."

The Purple Heart Medal, one of the oldest service medals in United States history is awarded for wounds received in military action.

Specialist Fourth Class Richard J. Meighan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meighan of Sumner, was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Bronze Star Medal and Vietnam service medals and citations, posthumously at his parents' home, here Sunday, August 25.

The awards were presented to Sp. 4/c Meighan's parents by Major Paul W. Humphrey, 5th U.S. Army Adv. Gp. (USAR, IOWA) of Dubuque, Iowa.

Sp. 4/c Meighan was assigned to Battery B, Third Battalion, 13th Artillery, 25th Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam, when he was killed March 17, 1968 as a result of a rocket attack on the unit's base camp. He entered the U.S. Army at Des Moines, Iowa on March 14, 1967 and began his tour of duty

Pork producers plan barbecue Sept. 7

The Bremer County Quality Pork Producers Association has finalized plans for a farm-city pork barbecue Saturday, Sept. 7, to be held at South Park, Tripoli. The association promises "all you can eat" of barbecued boneless loins and whole pigs with appropriate side dishes. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., according to Lloyd Kammeyer, project chairman.

The barbecue is open to the public, through advance ticket sales only, closing Aug. 30. Tickets, at \$1.50 each, are available in Tripoli from the Extension Office, the Mercantile, or the Tripoli Locker; in Sumner, the Fredley Feed Mill or the Schult Mill; in Roadway, from the Farmers' Co-op; in Waverly, from the State Bank or the First National Bank; or from any Pork Association board member.

Board members are Mike Dempsey and Gordon Card, Plainfield; Wm. Burrow and Lloyd Kammeyer, Tripoli; Leo Freitag and Arnie Cahoy, Sumner; James Leslikow, Fairbank; Don Brown, Dick Mueller, and Dick Juhl, Waverly. Preparations are made for a maximum of 750 people, with no ticket sales after August 30 or at the "gate".

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ATTEND CAMP

Six girls from Girl Scout Troop No. 50 attended established camp at Camp Inawanis during August. They were Julie Vornman, Lorie Griffin, Annie Galloway, Carol Rollins, Darcy Gloede and Becky Lohmann.

PUBLIC SALES

Mrs. Elmer Pleggenkuehl will hold a public household sale on Friday, August 30 at 5 p.m. at 809 West First St.

A household and antique sale will be held by Elmer Lucas at his home at the corner of East Second and Walnut Streets on Saturday, August 31 starting at 1 p.m.

Both of these sale bills were published in last week's Sumner Gazette.

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School opens -- 1208 pupils



Some of the youngsters seemed unusually happy, considering this was the first day of school. Buses were unloading at the Durant Elementary School north entrance when this picture was taken shortly before the school opened Monday morning, Aug. 26. More than 1200 students are now returned to their studies in the three schools comprising the Sumner Community School District. Over 650 of these are enrolled in the Durant School.

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Sumner truck driver injured in accident

Kermit Mitchell, 52 of Sumner, was injured Monday when the cab of his tractor-trailer went through a guard rail of the Akron Central Expressway, near Akron, Ohio and plunged to the road below.

The vehicle dropped approximately 30 feet. Police said the cab fell to the lower level while the loaded trailer remained on the upper roadway.

Mitchell's most severe injury, apparently was to a knee. According to information received by his wife, surgery will be required on his knee. It is expected that they will put a cast on his knee and fly him back to Sumner for surgery.

The accident occurred on a wet and slippery "cloverleaf". The truck Mitchell was driving jackknifed on the cloverleaf and he lost control.

Mitchell, in a telephone call to his wife, said that the fact he had his seat belt fastened probably saved his life.



Two "new" faculty members in the Durant Elementary School were discussing last minute problems just before school opened Monday morning for the 1968-1969 school year. Former Sumner Community High School Commercial Instructor, James Lohman, right, is starting his first

year as Principal of the Durant School. With him is Mrs. Sue Platt, who begins her first year as a Second Grade teacher. Her husband, Lynn, is starting his first year as freshman-sophomore football coach and Physical Education Instructor.

Enrollment is 26 below last year's total

Sumner Community Schools opened Monday morning, Aug. 26 with 1203 students enrolled, representing the lowest total in two years, twenty-six less than were registered on opening day a year ago, according to enrollment figures obtained through the office of Superintendent Donald Gosch.

There are currently 654 in the Durant Elementary School, 281 in the Junior High School and 273 in the Senior High School.

Biggest class in the school is the first grade in which there are 114 enrolled. Because of the size of the class, it was necessary to form four sections, one of which is located in the Junior High School building. This class is made up of 58 girls and 56 boys.

Smallest class is the eleventh in which there are 80 enrolled, including 41 girls and 39 boys.

The class in which the girls outnumber the boys by the greatest number is the sixth with 51 girls and 38 boys.

Throughout the entire school there are 612 boys enrolled this year as compared with 595 girls.

It is interesting to note that in the Durant Elementary School, which houses more students than either of the other two schools, the number of boys and girls is divided equally. There are 327 boys and 327 girls.

In the Senior High School there are 139 boys and 134 girls and in the Junior High School, 147 boys and 134 girls.

Only two classes total more than 100 students this year, including the first grade, which is the biggest at 114 and the tenth grade, with 101.

In the 1967-1968 school year, total enrollment was 1234, a record high for the Sumner Community School District. The previous year, the enrollment was at a low of 1203 and in 1965 at 1211.

Following are the enrollment figures for this year, class by class:

SENIOR HIGH		
	Boys	Girls Tot.
12th	41	51
11th	39	41
10th	59	42
Total	139	134
JUNIOR HIGH		
9th	46	41
8th	50	41
7th	51	42
Total	147	134
DURANT ELEMENTARY		
6th	38	51
5th	37	49
4th	54	42
3rd	49	40
2nd	52	45
1st	56	58
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Following is an enrollment table covering the past three school years and providing a comparison with the current school year:

	'65	'66	'67	'68
Ele.	664	652	678	654
Jr. Hl.	276	279	295	281
Sr. Hl.	271	272	261	273
Total	1211	1203	1234	1208

Superintendent Donald Gosch said that the school year got off to a smooth start with only one incident, which could not by any means be considered serious and in fact perhaps was rather humorous.

Over near the bus garage, Supt. Gosch was talking with a driver when a second grade student came over and asked when "Bus No. 1" was coming. "Bus No. 1 has already come, said (Continued on Page 10)

Charges follow minor two-car accident

Sumner Police Chief Grey Smithey reported a minor auto accident at the intersection of First and Union Streets Tuesday morning at about 10:30 a.m.

Cars driven by Mrs. Donald Schlatter, Hawkeye and Mrs. Mike McAlon, were involved in a minor collision. Damage to the Schlatter car, a 1967 Plymouth, was estimated at \$180. There was no damage to the 1964 Falcon Wagon driven by Mrs. McAlon, who was charged with "failure to yield."

Grading contract let for County Line Road work

The boards of supervisors of Bremer and Fayette County in a joint meeting, approved the bid of Rolly Bios, of Ft. Atkinson, for grading work on five miles of the county line road south of Sumner.

Rolly's bid on the project was \$57,500.14, nearly \$10,000 below the low bid received at the first meeting July 24. This bid had been rejected by the boards and new bids asked for with a completion date of next Sept. 1.

The successful bid Monday was still over the Engineer's estimate of \$47,321, but was considered to be low enough in view of the amount of dirt which will have to be moved on this project.

The grading project starts at the Westgate-Bremer road intersection with the county line road and then north to the end of the city paving on South Walnut Street.

The south end of this county road had been graded last year and with the completion of the north end, the road will then be ready for hard-surfacing.

Other bids received at Monday's letting included Holland Bros. Construction Co., \$65,803.24 and Gorberson and Smith Construction Co., \$62,327.64. Dale Upham of West Union, the only bidder at the other letting did not enter a bid at this meeting.

According to a spokesman for the Rolly Bros. firm, they hope to get the project completed yet this fall, weather permitting, even though the completion date is Sept. 1, 1969.

Planning Commission reviews 7th report

The Sumner Planning Commission met Monday evening to receive the seventh preliminary report in the comprehensive plan for the City, being prepared by Powers, Willis and Associates, planning engineers of Iowa City.

This latest report dealt with five major items, community facilities plan, electric utility, storm sewers, sanitary sewage system and the water system.

The purpose of the community facilities plan is to recommend improvements and additions necessary to fulfill present requirements, as well as meet the anticipated demands 20 to 25 years from now.

Among the recommendations made in the preliminary report was interior remodeling and air conditioning of the city hall so that it could be used to greater advantage for public and semi-public meetings as well as by various civic organizations.

It was also recommended that thought be given to re-locating the Post Office to provide more adequate loading and unloading space as well as off-street parking for employees and customers alike.

In the area of schools it was recommended that the high school site be expanded to provide not only additional recreational area, but for building ex-

adequate for the future growth of the city if it were not for ground water infiltration into the system.

Among recommendations by the engineers was removal of all existing downspouts draining into the sanitary sewer and a complete inspection and cleaning of the system to eliminate broken lines and poor joints.

It was further recommended that certain areas not now served by the sanitary system be included as soon as practical.

The water system was rated excellent in all areas except fire protection. Present capacity and storage does not meet accepted standards in this area. However, the engineers went on to state that Sumner's fire fighting capacity is superior to most cities and towns and that actually, barring a breakdown somewhere in the system during a major fire, adequate water supplies would be available.

They did, however, recommend additional fire hydrants, especially in the area of the schools.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be a joint meeting with the City Council, Sept. 17.

All of the seven preliminary surveys conducted to date are on file in the City Clerk's office and are available to the public for inspection.

Summer stores to note holiday

Stores in Sumner will be closed all day, Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

The Sumner Post Office will be closed, according to Clerk in Charge, Lloyd Johnston. There will be no incoming or outgoing mail that day, so no postal service of any kind will be available. Counter area door and lobby door will not be open and there will be no rural routes and city delivery.

The First National Bank will not be open for business Monday and the offices of Mayor Matt Leyh and City Clerk Curt Bigelow will be closed.

State Liquor Store Manager Don Schmitz has announced that the store will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 2 and also on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, September 3. It will also be closed on the following Monday, September 9, the date of the annual School Election.

Driver license team to be here Saturday

The driver's license renewal team will be in Sumner, Saturday, August 31, from 8 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon in the council room at the city hall.

Anyone with renewal due, whose birthday occurred during the 30-day period prior to this date, or will occur during the 30-day period following this date, may take advantage of this service.

New operator's and chauffeur's license and instruction permits may also be obtained at this time.

Labor Day swimming ends pool season

Labor Day, Monday, September 2, will be the final day of swimming at Whitmore Memorial Swimming Pool for the 1968 season.

Cool weather after the recent hot spell has halted the rush to the swimming pool, but barring adverse weather the pool will be open through Monday.

Pool manager, Peg Ribbeck has announced the pool hours for the final days of the season. Thursday and Friday, if the weather is sufficiently warm, the pool will be open from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

On Saturday, Sunday and Monday, which will be the final week end, there will be regular swimming from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Also on these three days, there will be family swimming from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Terror on the subway theme of film feature

"The Incident", a taut New York-filmed drama, will show Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 29, 30 and 31 at the Sun-Set Theatre.

The picture depicts a terror-filled subway ride as fifteen passengers, at the mercy of two young hoodlums, find they lack the courage to defend themselves.

Starring in "The Incident" are Victor Arnold, Robert Hannard, Beau Bridges, Ruby Dee, Robert Fields, Thelma Ritter, Jan Sterling.

Fifteen men and women heading home on the subway late at night are faced with two young punks who have just mugged an old man in an alley and are bent on further excitement. They terrorize each passenger, blocking the doors so no one can enter or leave the car. Each passenger must face his own moment of truth; each has his own personal problems, ambitions and frustrations brought to pressure points with "The Incident".

Dick Van Dyke and Debbie Reynolds play an unhappily divorced couple in the contemporary comedy, "Divorce American Style", showing Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2 and 3 at the Sunset.

COUNTRY SALE

The Lutteran Ladies Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Sumner will hold a country type sale at the former Gromer Apparel building on Aug. 31 at 8:30 a.m. There will be garden produce, baked goods, clothing and household items for sale.

HELLO WORLD

THOMPSON, Tamara Sue, born August 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Waverly. Weight 8 lbs., 10 oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Thompson.

HACK, Kimberly Ellen, born August 21 at the Sumner Community Hospital. Weight 7 lbs., 10 oz. Parents are Mrs. Ronald Hack of Waucoma and the late Ronald Hack.

GOTT, Jennifer Ann, born August 26 at the Sumner Community Hospital. Weight 8 lbs., 11 1/2 oz. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Sumner.