

Health center holiday closing

The University Health Center will close at noon on Dec. 22 in compliance with the university holiday shutdown. There will be no medical or telephone services at the health center during this time, according to Dr. Garland Bare, medical director of the health center.

"Student fees do not cover any medical expenses incurred by students during the shutdown," he said.

Students remaining in Lincoln may make appointments for medical problems in the office of Dr. Richard C. Hammer, 2221 South 17th St., telephone 475-2665. Hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon, December 26-28 and Jan. 2-4.

Students with dental problems may make appointments in the office of Dr. Dean Dutter, 2810 South 48th St., 483-2665. Students will pay regular office fees.

Students who become acutely ill or suffer injuries outside of these clinic hours should go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

The health center will resume normal clinic hours on Jan. 7.

'Before something happens' School closing discussed

OGALLALA—Superintendent James Brisson has suggested to the Ogallala Board of Education that they consider ways of closing West Ward School "before something happens."

The building, which currently houses fourth, fifth and sixth grades and special education classes, was built in 1910. It has been remodeled several times in the last 15 years to comply with state fire marshals' orders.

"West Ward has been a sore spot since I've been here," Brisson said. "Parents invariably mention closing West Ward as a top priority whenever we poll them."

The removal of West Ward from the school building inventory was a primary item in a school bond issue defeated by Ogallala voters in November. It was also one of the goals of a bond issue defeated in 1975.

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School board president Del Hunt said at a board meeting Monday that it appeared that concern about raising taxes was the primary reason for the failure of the recent bond issue.

The board discussed several possible alternatives to house elementary students displaced by closing West Ward School that would not require additional district indebtedness.

Brisson suggested that the junior and senior high students might be put on split sessions. The junior high building could then be utilized for fourth, fifth and sixth grades. The use of additional trailer classrooms or renting space was also discussed.

OPPD no. 1

OMAHA—World-wide figures just published in *Nucleonics Week*, a McGraw-Hill publication, show the Omaha Public Power District's Fort Calhoun nuclear plant remains No. 1 in generating efficiency for 1979.

For the first 10 months of 1979, Fort Calhoun produced 94.7 percent of its rated capacity, one-tenth of 1 percent over the nine month report published in October, OPPD officials said.

"It's flattering to be No. 1 again," said OPPD general manager Lloyd C. Shalla, "but it's even more gratifying because of the economic significance Fort Calhoun Station has for our customers."

Shalla said latest figures available from the Edison Electric Institute show OPPD rates to be 17 percent below the national average.

During the first ten months of this year, the Fort Cal-

houn facility produced 74 percent of the electricity used by OPPD customers and about 56 percent of the district's total generation, Shalla said.

Plant manager Spencer Stevens said he can't predict the generation percentage at the year's end. "We shut down for about seven days in November for a feedwater line inspection and that outage might cost us the No. 1 rating," he said.

No decision on trucks

DES MOINES—No decision has been made on appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court a federal court ruling permitting 65-foot twin trailer trucks on Iowa interstate highways, the state attorney general's office said Wednesday.

Bill Roach, administrative assistant to Attorney General Tom Miller, said the decision may have to await the next meeting of the Iowa Transportation Commission next Tuesday.

"We anticipate Bob Goodwin will discuss the possibility of appeal with the commission at its next meeting," Roach said.

Goodwin is the special assistant attorney general who argued the state's appeal of the federal court ruling before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis.

The appeals court on Monday upheld the ruling by U.S. District Judge William Stuart that the Iowa law limiting twin trailer, or double bottom, truck length to 60 feet imposes an impermissible burden on interstate commerce.

Stuart ruled the Iowa law cannot be enforced on interstate highways, and a three-judge Court of Appeals panel agreed.

Board merger discussed

LINCOLN—Reception was cool Wednesday to the suggestion that the State Claims Board and the new Crime Victims' Reparations Board be merged, as representatives of both appeared at the Appropriations Committee.

State Treasurer Frank Marsh, a member of the claims board, said officials of the newer unit should be given at least another year "so they can have a legitimate shake-down cruise."

Verne Moore, Jr., chairman of the crime victims' compensation body, said legislative intent in 1978 clearly was to have a separate board. He was receptive, however, to committee and Legislative Fiscal Analyst staff suggestions about having the two boards share increased staff to investigate claims.

Three alternatives proposed for committee consideration were merger, increased funding for full-time claims investigation and increased funding for in-house legal counsel.

The Crime Victims' Reparations Board, only in operation this calendar year, had paid out \$6,518 in claims by Oct. 17 from a \$10,000 emergency appropriation. The board seeks claims funding from the upcoming Legislature of \$90,000.

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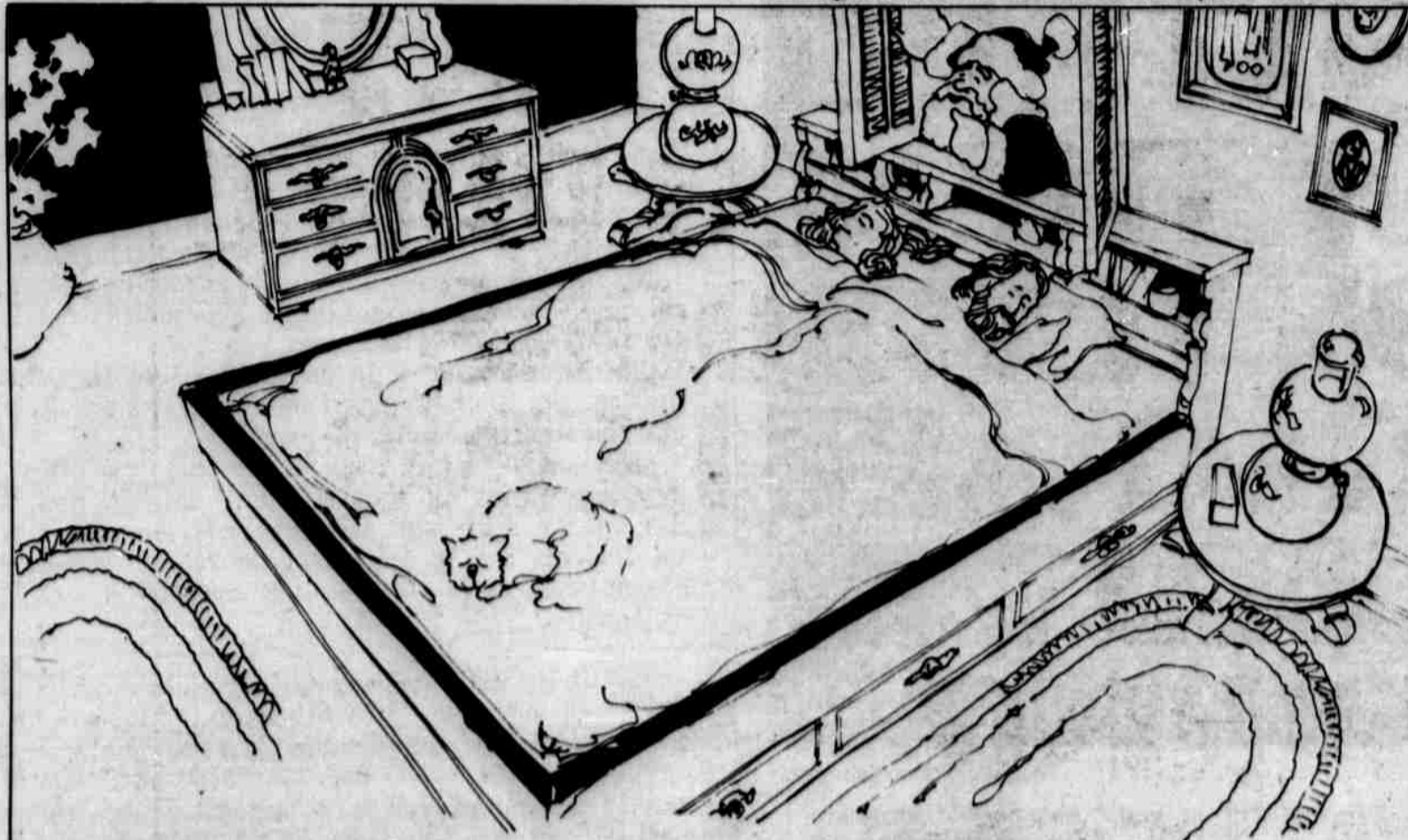
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