

Large turnout for Chamber Banquet



Chamber of Commerce Secretary Julie Halligan presents outgoing President Cliff Doty with a plaque in recognition of his service to the

group. The annual Employer-Employee Banquet drew a crowd of 191 people.

Hawarden business people and their employees gathered some 190 strong Monday night for the annual Hawarden Chamber of Commerce Employer-Employee Banquet.

The top event of the evening, of course, was the naming of the Rev. Robert Hansen as Hawarden's Citizen of the Year, in recognition of the many areas of service performed by the well-known and well-liked Pastor of the American Lutheran Church.

Arlen DeZeeuw, in presenting the award, spoke of the obvious fact that the Hansen's contributions to the community were too numerous to mention, a fact recognized by the crowd with a standing ovation as the recipient's name was revealed.

In accepting the award, Hansen told the crowd that when he accepted the call to the American Lutheran Church he was, "advised that he was not merely receiving a call to serve that church, but a call to serve the community." Hansen went on to state, "Any credit given for accomplishments should really go to the board and people of the American Lutheran Church."

The local chamber members also heard the featured speaker for the evening, Dr. Dale E. Clement, forecast higher interest rates and higher inflation for the second half of 1979. Clement, Dean of the School of Business at the University of South Dakota, told the crowd that political reality would not allow a continued pattern of high interest and slow growth of the economy, because of the fact that as a presidential election year approached, public outcry for a loosening of the money supply would probably overshadow any attempt to fight inflation.

Clement also touched upon the many things necessary for a community that is determined to grow, including industrial sites, utilities, planning and development and good zoning.

Ask dismissal of suit

The City of Hawarden and former Police Officer Clark Reekers have asked for dismissal of a \$250,000 lawsuit in which the City and Reekers are co-defendants. The petition for dismissal, filed by Attorneys representing the defendants, denies all allegations made in the suit by Ron Cadman for his son, Chris.

Cadman had filed suit in early December, alleging that Reekers, while employed by the City, had committed acts of assault and battery on his son.

In the report filed by Reekers after the incident, he stated that he had responded to a call to the Cadman residence and was met there by the father, Ron Cadman, who stated to Reekers that he was having trouble with his son.

Reekers also stated in his report that the Cadman youth approached him (Reekers) with a club and that Reekers drew his service revolver.

Reekers also stated that there was a scuffle with Cadman, and that he was forced to chase the youth from the Central Avenue location to an area along the Sioux River where he again drew his revolver and fired a shot into the air to force the youth to halt.



Also on hand at the Monday night dinner was Elton Parsons, City

Manager, who began his duties Monday.

Air Force tells about new program

The United States Air Force unveiled a new program for accelerated promotions for new enlistees. Brigadier General William Acker, Air Force Recruiting Service Commander, said the new program affects graduates of Junior ROTC and Civil Air Patrol winners of the Billy Mitchell Award. Those who qualify for Air Force enlistment will enter active duty as an Airman First

Class, moving immediately up three steps of the Air Force promotion ladder.

In addition, General Acker stated that young people who choose to enlist for six years, versus the regular four year enlistment, will be promoted to Airman First Class after Basic Training. For more information on these new programs contact your nearest Air Force Recruiting representative.

Cooking classes to be held

An appetizer tasting class will be held on Wednesday, January 24, at 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. The class is only \$3.00. This class will give you many new recipes plus several different appetizers to taste.

Talkin' Turkey, a turkey tasting class, will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 7 to 9 p.m. This class will be an excellent way for you to acquire new recipes to fix for your family. The cost of this class is \$3.00.

Making the Beef Go Around, hamburger tasting class, will be held on Tuesday, March 6, starting at 7 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. Again, this class will give you many recipes on preparing hamburger and also tasting many dishes. The cost for this class is \$3.00.

All classes will be held at the high school.

Please send your enrollment money for the three classes to Miss Mary Baxter, West Sioux Community School, 1300-1400 Avenue P, Hawarden, IA 51023.

Pre-registration and pre-payment deadline is three days before the class meets. If you should have to cancel, refunds will be given to anyone who contacts the school by noon the day prior to the class starting. The school phone number is 552-1181.

Welfare fraud case set

The trial date for the Hudelson welfare fraud case has been set for January 30 at 9:30 a.m. Robert and Barbara Hudelson, charged with conspiracy, obtaining money by false pretenses, and making false statements to obtain Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) funds, both entered not guilty pleas in court here Tuesday.

The Hudelsons, who have five children, have claimed residency in both Granville and Larrabee on a number of employment, postal, utility, and application for ADC forms.

On Dec. 2, 1975, Barbara Hudelson claimed she was no longer living with her husband when she applied for welfare at the Dept. of Social Services office in Cherokee. She re-applied at the Orange city office on Nov. 1, 1976, stating that she had no source of income and that she did not know the whereabouts of her husband.

Mrs. Hudelson worked at K-Products in Orange City as "Barbara Pelchat" from Dec. 20, 1976 until March 29, 1977. She used Robert Hudelson's social security number there. She re-applied for work there on April 27, 1978 and is alleged to have used the social security number of Greg Johnson.

Bill Danner, a State of Iowa Administrator of Records, claims to possess numerous checks which identify Barbara Hudelson as the recipient of over \$17,000.00 in public assistance benefits over a period between 1975 and 1978.

On Tuesday, both Hudelsons were released for paying one-tenth of their \$5,000 bond.