City asks for written contract

Park and the farm ground asking the city attorney and administrator to put together a formal written con-

Currently the city has a verbal agreement with Jim Abbey who farms the ground. There isn't anything in the agreement about grazing or water use.

Jack Benton, who serves on the park committee, said the group met recently and talked about putting the farm ground to grass. He said if the ground was put to grass he didn't know who would spray or mow it and also said they would have to

come up with some money for seed. Mr. Benton said their recommendation was to let Mr. Abbey farm the ground at least this year and maybe

He said he would like to see the city talk with the county about spraying the weeds along the road since some get pretty tall.

The committee is still looking at putting in some bridges at the park and making walking paths. There still needs to be a culvert installed.

How many acres are involved to start seeding, asked Mayor Ken

Mr. Benton said there are 100 and some on the lake bottom. He said if it is put to grass he would like to see it could possibly be mowed and

Councilman Joe Stanley asked if there are any more improvements planned for the shelter house. Mr. Benton said he had Wayne Goltl make some drawings for the bathrooms and possibly a shower. He said he hasn't talked with any plumbers about bids to get the bath-

the council has to do something so about the grazing acres.

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN

Hays Daily News

man charged with fraud has pleaded

guilty in Sheridan County District

Stephen C. Carman, 61, owner of

Carman Insurance Agency, was

charged last month with failing to

forward more than \$32,000 in pre-

Co. He also was charged with theft

policies bought by six farmers. They

also say he tried to negotiate, renew

The six insurance fraud victims are Larry Alstrom, for a policy

worth \$18,254; Galen Tacha,

\$4,472; Wilbur Reichert, \$4,308;

Emigh Brothers, \$2,387; Don

Juenemann, \$1,454; and Tod

Carman pleaded guilty on Jan. 9 to all six of these charges. He also pleaded guilty to having accepted a

personal check for \$1,300 from

Estella Harold and never creating a

policy for the insurance she thought

The two forgery charges stem from Carman's attempt to endorse

checks made out to Don Ritter for

\$1,155 and one to Carl Mumm for

\$7,074 from Great American Insur-

ance. Both charges were dismissed by the state as part of a plea agree-

Robert C. Claus, a special assis-

tant with the attorney general's of-

fice, and an attorney with the Kan-

sas Insurance Department, was in

court with Sheridan County Attor-

ney Mike Haas, both representing

Carman appeared with his attor-

District Judge Glenn Schiffner

accepted Carman's seven guilty

pleas and told him pending the out-

come of a presentence investigation, he faced a maximum prison sen-

tence between 10 and 34 months and

Sentencing was set for 10 a.m.

Carman also faces penalties for

violating the Fraudulent Insurance

Act, which includes the loss of his

license to sell insurance in Kansas

and any reciprocal state licenses he

Scott Holeman, public informa-

tion officer for the Kansas Insurance

Department, said Carman's per-

sonal license and agency license

Since his arrest, Carman has been

were revoked Nov. 14.

in jail on a \$10,000 bond.

ney, Bruce Flipse, Colby.

a fine up to \$100,000.

March 5 in Hoxie.

might hold.

the state.

Jacobs, \$1,236.

she was purchasing.

Man pleads guilty

The Oberlin City Council talked Mr. Abbey has a plan. He said he about more improvements at Sappa isn't sure how the city will work out a long term plan like that.

City Attorney Steve Hirsch said the council has to let Mr. Abbey know in writing 30 days prior to March 1 if he is no longer going to be able to farm on the lake bottom.

Mr. Benton said the group has been talking about moving the fence near the restrooms.

Mr. Hirsch said the city has a standard lease agreement with Mr. Abbey. It seems late in the game to have any big changes made, said Councilman Patrick Pomeroy.

Is there anything planted, asked Mr. Hirsch? No one knew for sure, but there was wheat on the land last

Councilman Stan McEvoy said he would like to see something more specific about what Mr. Abbey has and doesn't have.

That is tough, said Mr. Hirsch, since there are no legal description on it, just tillable acres.

The city hasn't collected any money on grass grazed, said Mr. McEvoy. Is there more grazable acres than crop residue, said Mr.

City Administrator Gary Shike said Mr. Abbey uses the east side of the road for the cattle to graze. He doesn't know how many grazable acres there are. Mr. McEvoy said he also uses the area where the wood is piled outside the park. The city provides water from the

well that serves the youth ranch, said Mr. Shike. Basically, said Mr. Shobe, he hasn't paid for grazing and pasture rights. He hasn't ever been asked to pay.

Mr. Shobe said the council can decide if they want to limit grazing. Mr. Hirsch said maybe by the next

Councilman Jay Anderson said meeting he will have a better idea

Reading out loud



group of students from Jennings Grade School visit them read to Fern Anderson. last Wednesday. The students put on a program about Kan-

RESIDENTS AT Decatur Good Samaritan Center had a sas and read books to the residents like this youngster who

Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

Groups prepare to learn about author

The Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau has been working with the Arts and Humanities Commission to prepare for Ralph Moody Day on Sunday, April 25.

On Thursday, the bureau met with two members from the commission to work out plans for the day.

Ralph Moody is an author from the Cedar Bluffs area, who wrote a series of books about his life. Last year on Ralph Moody Day, around 85 people took a tour through Cedar Bluffs, the setting for two of the

Mary Henzel from the arts commission said a speaker from Colorado has been invited. Part of his talk will be about Mr. Moody's child-

Sharleen Wurm, curator of the Don Brown, consumer education Last Indian Raid Museum, said she is working on getting descendants of people in the books to speak.

The day will include a chuck wagon lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Brown said customers are the best amphitheater near The Gateway. line of defense the state has for in- The meal will include a barbecue

lected money from June to October lations. Anyone with complaints or The group talked about prices for 2001 for 10 hail and crop insurance questions about insurance policies the event, with the idea of making it issued in Kansas can call the Kan- affordable for both Arts and Husas Insurance Department's fraud manities ticket holders, those who or continue the insurance in April and consumer division hot line at don't have season tickets and fami-

The speaker will cost \$500, the chuck wagon bill which will be based on mileage and advertising,

The group talked about setting up tables on the flat surface for those who can't walk up and down the hill to the amphitheater. Bureau Member Joe Stanley suggested using golf

cost around \$400 last year.

The group agreed that tickets will be \$10 each or \$25 for a family. That includes the lunch and speaker. For season ticket holders, the lunch will

In other business, bureau mem-

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coordinator with the Kansas Insurance Department, said the case originated from either a complaint or question posed by a customer.

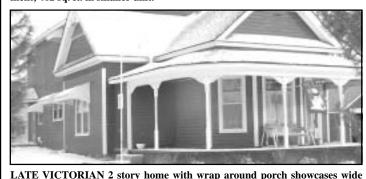
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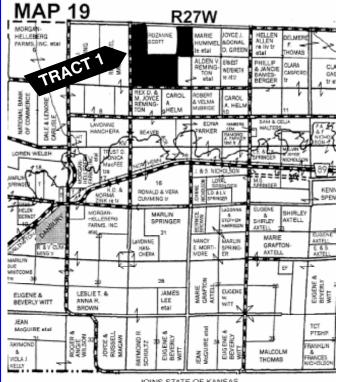
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