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Real Estate Board Fires Broadside at OPA Resurrection

Asks Congressional Delegation to Bury Rent Control Forever

The Topeka Real Estate Board, representative of the largest organized group of landlords in the city, thundered a denunciation of the OPA and rent control yesterday in making public the organization's stand against the OPA for the first time since its death last Sunday night.

In a telegram to Senators Arthur Capper and Clyde Reed and to Congressman Cole, sent July 5,

The Topeka Real Estate Board will hold a special meeting at the Hotel Jayhawk this noon.

but revealed yesterday, the board asked that the OPA rent control be buried forever.

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Program Calls for Tax Levy of Not More Than Two Mills

The Board of Education yesterday formally put into motion its proposed million-dollar improvement program for the next 10 years. A resolution passed following a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce planning committee calls for a levy of not more than two mills for a period not to exceed 10 years to raise a total of \$1,000,000.

School officials pointed out that Topeka had paid out more than a million dollars in interest on school bonds during the past twenty-five years. Dr. Kenneth McFarland, superintendent of schools, said the improvement calls for less money than was spent for interest on the improvements during the last twenty years. Board President Marlin Casey emphasized that under the proposed plan the money will "all be spent on the children and none of it will go for interest and carrying charges."

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Wheat Harvest Near Completion, But Farmers Can't Sell

Fear of OPA Return Scares Buyers; Take Crop for Storage Only

BY GLORIA SWEGMAN
Farmers in the Topeka vicinity have completed 75 per cent of the wheat harvest, but are unable to sell the crop.

Wheat has no takers in this territory because of threatened OPA restoration, elevator operators reported yesterday. The terminal elevators will take the wheat for storage, but not to buy. And the farmers who have been urged to sell their wheat for "famine assistance" are now told to put the crop in storage.

Louis Vernon of the Farmers Union Elevator at Pauline, which handled 12,000 bushels of wheat on the Thursday and Friday and 4,000 bushels of oats both days, said last night none of the regular markets will take "wheat to arrive" and predicted little trading for the rest of this week or until a definite price structure is established. Price of wheat jumped 14 cents per bushel after expiration of OPA, and if ceilings are re-established, grainmen are afraid they will be caught short.

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Approves On Consideration Compensation

The Army flood control on Basin has been approved by Gov. Andrew Schoepel, who received the approval of land owners who were not adequately for the project, he said yesterday.

Schoepel said the Army's conclusions on the man-water act which held several proposed projects for the entire basin.

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Pledge to Hold Line

"This will increase production and check inflation. Better far to have the free market with whatever turmoil it involves than to surrender our liberties permanently. We feel now is the time to work for free enterprise and the American way of life.

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12-Hour Watch Pays Off for Sheriff Beal

A 12-hour vigil by Sheriff Elburn Beal and three of his deputies paid off last night when they recovered a car taken Wednesday night and picked up two youths who had been joyriding in it.

Arrested were Dale Otney, 16, of 1019 Madison, and Alonzo Mayes, also 16, of 630 Monroe. Sheriff Beal said the boys admitted taking the auto as well as a camera, which also was recovered.

The car, a 1939 Oldsmobile coupe belonging to Capt. P. T. Ballah, was taken from his home at 1115 Harrison and was spotted at 11 a. m. yesterday while it was parked in front of 910 Madison.

Sheriff Beal, along with Deputies Charles Gillespie, Leo Boos and Gerald Kreipe, took up watch nearby and waited for someone to claim it. The car remained untouched until 11 o'clock last night when the two boys decided to go on another tour, ended up in custody.

They will probably be charged with temporarily depriving a motorist of the use of his automobile, the sheriff said.

The boys said they drove the car until about 6 o'clock Thursday morning, picked it up again that night and drove until 2 Friday morning.

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New Potwin School.

Beginning of a systematic replacement of buildings which are obsolete or will be obsolete in another ten years: Lowman Hill, Quincey, Lafayette, Quin in town Heights, Polk and Van Buren.

The board pointed out that the plan requires a fund whose principal is smaller than the interest paid on school improvements the past twenty years and presented this table showing the interest paid in various years:

Year	Interest Paid
1926-1927	\$21,364.93
1927-1928	21,808.63
1928-1929	41,527.49
1929-1930	50,219.74
1930-1931	72,981.82
1931-1932	83,121.67
1932-1933	88,374.65
1933-1934	92,899.82
1934-1935	99,953.62
1935-1936	91,070.00
1936-1937	84,065.00
1937-1938	77,007.30
1938-1939	71,532.25
1939-1940	66,842.50
1940-1941	60,153.78
1941-1942	53,322.50
1942-1943	46,780.00
1943-1944	39,487.50
1944-1945	32,343.00
1945-1946	25,487.50
Total	\$1,216,748.72

The board's financial plans include the continued retiring of school bonds at a rate which will find the district free of debt in five years. In 1951 it will be debt-

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L. O. Stratmeyer, state grain inspector, reported 238 cars moved into Topeka over the holiday. The wettest wheat tested 15 per cent and the dry wheat ran as low as 11 per cent moisture. A car from Healy contained the highest protein test of the shipments, 14.50 per cent, while the lowest protein was 9.15 per cent. The 1946 wheat had a test weight of 56 pounds to 63 pounds to the bushel, running about one-half No. 1 quality.

Still Fear Sabotage

Oats in the county continue to be of "excellent quality," the elevator managers said. Wallace Kennedy, farmer near Richland, declared one field of his oats yielded 100 bushels to the acre. Vernon believes most of the oats southwest of town averaged 50 to 60 bushels to the acre.

Ajax oats on the Jay Shideler farm west of town yielded close to 70 bushels per acre on a six-acre field of excellent quality and with good straw. Shideler was pleased with the Canadian variety oat and plans to keep most of the crop for seed.

Elevator men are still on the lookout for any sabotage activities on any of the grain stored in the

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Amarillo, Texas	88	66	76
Cheyenne, Wyo.	78	48	12
Chicago, Ill.	91	83	87
Concordia, Kan.	91	66	08
Denver, Colo.	85	57	47
Des Moines, Iowa	91	68	57
Dodge City, Kan.	92	67	57
Goodland, Kan.	90	62	57
Havre, Mont.	90	61	57
Huron, S. D.	88	66	57
Kansas City, Mo.	93	65	57
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.	93	64	57
New York, N. Y.	85	66	57
North Platte, Neb.	86	62	57
Oklahoma City, Okla.	93	79	57
Omaha, Neb.	91	66	57
Rapid City, S. D.	84	57	57
St. Joseph, Mo.	87	63	57
St. Louis, Mo.	91	67	57
Shriner, Wyo.	84	58	57
TOPEKA, KAN.	94	65	57
Washington, D. C.	79	63	57
Wichita, Kan.	94	70	57
Williston, N. D.	85	61	57
Elms, Kan.	86	67	57

Marriage Licenses

Harry Edward de Angelis Philadelphia, Pa.	21
Elizabeth Alberta Garvin Topeka	21
Arthur W. Barva Topeka	17
Edith Mae Wagner Topeka	18
Melvin Crawford Topeka	Over 21
Beate E. Crawford Topeka	Over 21
Robert C. Peinar Topeka	31
Beatrice M. White Topeka	36

Topeka Births

SONS TO

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rabeciler, 2500 Thomas at Stewart

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scully, 1435 Jackson at St. Francis

DAUGHTERS TO

Mr. and Mrs. Thera Hutchison, 1830 Topeka at Christ's

Shawnee Divorces

Virginia E. vs. George E. Richards, cruelty

Thelma vs. Leonard L. Logan, neglect and cruelty

Eugenia E. vs. James Henry Warhop, neglect

Gracie C.

Elva Mae from Myrtle A. Halstead, cruelty

Percy A. from Ella S. Cappa, neglect

Building Permits

George N. Cannon, 1831 Fillmore, remodeling, \$200

J. E. Fields, 325 Davies, relocate residence, \$700

H. A. Hummert, 1166 Collins, garage, \$400

Where's the Fire?

7:38 a. m.—514 Kellam, D. W. Lietar's trailer house destroyed, damage estimated at \$400 on building and \$500 on contents

10:29 a. m.—Still for No. 3, 223 Country Club, grass fire

7:05 p. m.—Still for No. 1, 110 East Gordon, motorcar

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increased.

According to the manual, it is mandatory for the counties to accept it. Allowances for food and clothing are the same for every county in the state regardless of the variation in costs in the communities.

Camp and Gear wondered if they have the right to whittle down the budget if complaints are made at the public budget hearing August 12.

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free for the first time in a quarter of a century.

May Need Special Fund

"We propose to raise a million dollars and pay off a half-million in bonds during the next decade," Charles Bennet, board member, said. "A great institution like the city school system cannot stand still. We must carefully plan for its sane progress or foolishly let it slip backwards."

The new Potwin school will be financed primarily from the bonds voted for that purpose, but rising building costs since 1942 may necessitate supplementing the bond money with funds from the special building levy. Potwin is earmarked for construction at the earliest possible date, as is the new Oakland school.

Money cannot be spent from the special improvement fund until after the second levy is made. This means a contract cannot be let on the Oakland school for a year.

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NORAH SURVIVING QUAD
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Bob Hope Relaxes in Topeka

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pulled one gag after another. When a patient heckled him slightly, Hope grinned and said: "You must have Crosby blood in your veins."

When a husload of nurses and men attendants arrived on the scene late, Hope said: "Glad to have you with us. Come right in girls. Nice to see you here. There come the muscle men now."

After a series of gags about his air trip and his experiences overseas, Hope signed an autograph for one of the wheel chair patients, John Syler, veteran of World War II, and shook hands with John Baldwin, Manhattan, injured in a training camp accident at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Jim Tomlinson, ex-sergeant from Corning, Kan., who were also in wheel chairs.

Then he posed for pictures taken by nurses and patients and signed numerous autographs before he left for a tour of wards with Doctor Menninger.

Amid shouts of "Hello, Bob!" and smiles of the patients, Hope walked rapidly thru the wards, stopping to say hello to various patients and wave at others. Vernon Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Robinson, 1021 North Central, who served in the European and China-Burma theaters in the Coast Guard, got a thrill when Hope stopped and asked him to play a record over again which he had been playing on a new record player. Hope listened to the record and talked briefly with Robinson.

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British informants said Molotov objected on the ground that such advance notice would only "confuse" the 17 smaller nations.

When Bevid urged postponing the decision until tomorrow, Molotov demanded the council proceed to the German question, saying he had some declarations to make. He suggested that the deputies take over the job of drafting the invitations and formulating rules.

One American source said that this would have blocked any further move by Byrnes to bring up the peace conference question since Germany then would be considered the first order of business. The informant said it appeared that the Russians were attempting to block the peace conference for some unexplained reason.

Byrnes refused to yield in his stand, Molotov was firm in his arguments, and the session broke up, he added.

Date Agreed Upon

The council had met today presumably to agree on the invitations and to iron out details of the Italian, Balkan and Finnish treaty draft. The meeting lasted three hours and 45 minutes.

Agreement on the peace conference date and settlement last night of the Italian reparations issue were achieved after a session lasting more than seven hours.

Meanwhile, informed officials predicted that the ministers would end their sessions next week after they appoint special deputies to study eventual settlements with Germany and Austria.

French informants who had anticipated earlier that a detailed discussion of German issues was in the offing, conceded now that the interval between the July 29 opening of the European Peace

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Kenneth Hobbs pointed out that the board has done no building for the past seven years, and that the proposed program is in reality a "million-dollar plan covering 17 years rather than 10."

Stress was placed on the fact that the program is highly flexible and can be adjusted rapidly to meet changing conditions. Officials said that on bond issues, definite plans must be presented and the money used only for those purposes. Thus the new program allows the board freedom in meeting new developments.

Budget Session Next Week

In the board meeting following the luncheon, the group petitioned the city government to consider a pedestrian underpass for school children in making plans for widening South Topeka Boulevard. The petition states that increasing numbers of children must cross Topeka Boulevard between Twenty-first and Twenty-sixth streets.

Dan C. Davis, Washburn University graduate and veteran, was appointed to teach music at Holiday Junior High School. Davis taught music in Osage City, Torrington, Wyoming, and Denver, before enlisting in the Navy.

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Nora Carpenter, Three Surviving Quads Reunited With Children's Father

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Don Gascoigne, 1125 Grand, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Gascoigne, went around with a swelled-up chest as he caddied for the famous comedian. Three other caddies got another thrill when they, together with Gascoigne, got their picture taken with the comedian at Hope's request.

They were Ernie Theis, 2624 Clay, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Theis; Kenneth Kaul, 1305 Garfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Kaul; and Fred Irwin, 2142 Buchanan, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Irwin.

Hope was originally scheduled to leave Topeka last night for Columbus, Ohio, for a brief visit with his brother, Sid, who is seriously ill on a farm near there, however, he changed his plans, remained in Topeka overnight and said he would leave some time this morning.

Value of Socialite's Painting Fades Under Harvard U. Evaluators

Cambridge, Mass., July 5.—(AP)—Socially prominent Mrs. Jean Bulfinch Darlington today demanded an investigation of how a painting she valued at \$100,000 appeared on the market for \$40,000 after being turned over to Harvard University to evaluate.

Depicting Rubens' masterpiece, "Descent From the Cross," the painting disappeared six years ago. It was returned a few days ago, Harvard revealed, after publication of a \$100,000 damage suit for damages filed against the University