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Pul[illegible]n, first baby born at the Olathe Community Hospital [illegible] at eight pounds and two ounces. His parents are [illegible] is employed by the Reno Construction company. The [illegible] 7. The new baby born in 1959 in Olathe was a girl. [illegible] She was named Shirley Kay and was born at 9:[illegible] construction company in Kansas City, Mo. In the [illegible] per vicary at the Olathe hospital, hands young Mr. [illegible]

Firsts Scored By This Issue

This is the first combined issue of The Johnson County Democrat and The Olathe Mirror. It represents a combination of both weekly newspapers which published their last separate editions a week ago.

Readers will notice that both nameplates are used in the combined issue. This practice will be followed until the one-center daily newspaper is published, starting by April 1.

Those who preserve new editions will be interested in these facts:

This is the first combined issue of two rival papers.

It was more pages than the regular edition of any other newspaper ever published here at this time of the year.

It reaches the largest paid circulation of any newspaper ever published here.

It was produced by the staffs of both of the weekly newspapers, using the equipment and facilities of both.

The press run for this 22-page issue is 6,100.

Provence Village To Vote on Merger

Residents of Provence Village go to the polls Saturday to decide whether or not they want to merge with Olathe city.

City councils of the two municipalities initiated the consolidation by adopting resolutions calling for such action. The proposal had a provision that citizens of either city could bring the issue to a vote by circulating a petition. That was done in Provence Village.

The election will be conducted in the city hall there, and the polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If the merger is approved, the councils then would adopt a joint resolution bringing Provence Village into the Olathe city limits.

Rezoning for Metcalf Apartments Approved

The board of county commissioners Tuesday approved rezoning for construction of a three-story apartment building at 75th street and Metcalf Avenue.

The rezoning was requested by McGuire, Meadows and Wyatt. There will be 60 units in the apartment, with adequate parking and playground facilities.

The commissioners also gave approval to the application of Guy F. Moseley, Jr. for rezoning of a tract at 6838 W. 95th from office buildings to general business. There were no protests.

Another [illegible]

Edgerton Man Admits Rol[illegible]

In Clutter Family Slayin[illegible]

As a youth, he was in several "jams."

There was a suspected implication in the robbery of the Edgerton drug store. Then came an arrest on a charge of stealing a deer rifle. His record at the Johnson County Sheriff's office shows his first arrest for juvenile [illegible] in September, 1949.

In 1958, he was convicted on a stolen car charge and sent to the Lansing state penitentiary.

Even with that background, it is difficult for folks in Edgerton to believe that Richard Eugene Hickock, 28, could have participated in one of the most brutal multiple murders in Kansas history.

But Hickock, now being returned to Garden City from Las Vegas, Nev., has confessed to Kansas Bureau of Investigation agents [illegible] and Perry Smith, of Los Vegas, were involved in the slaying of four members of the Herbert W. Clutter family near Holcomb last November 15.

Clutter, his wife, son and daughter, were all killed by shotgun blasts in their home. Clutter's throat was cut. For a long period, clues were few in the senseless slaying of the four members of the prominent family.

Then, a tip from a former Clutter employee started the investigation which unraveled the mystery, ending with confession by both Hickock and Smith, who were fellow prisoners at Lansing,

Richard E. Hickock

and on parole at the time of the murders.

"There have been lots of K.B.I. men around Edgerton recently, but we all thought they were working on bad checks which Dick (Hickock) wrote," an Edgerton resident said yesterday. "We never dreamed he was involved in the Clutter case."

It was disclosed Tuesday by the K. B. I. that shotgun shells similar to those used in the slayings, a shotgun and a knife had been found in the garage of [illegible] of the Edgerton youth [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Walter [illegible] one mile east and a [illegible] of the town.

Conversations with [illegible] Edgerton indicate that [illegible] the highest regard for [illegible] Hickocks.

"We (sic) awfully sor[illegible] parents," a storekee[illegible] "They moved here fr[illegible] City about 10 years ag[illegible] a nice home. They re[illegible] ple." Mr. Hickock is e[illegible] an Olathe automobile [illegible] shop.

Another resident sa[illegible] Edgerton about three [illegible] After his parole from [illegible] February, he had work[illegible] painter. Authorities [illegible] on a pick-up [illegible] cashing bad checks in [illegible] Kansas City, Kans. w[illegible] arrested in Las Vegas.

Hickock has been [illegible] divorced, and reported[illegible] sons now living with [illegible] ther in Kansas City.

"Dick was a good b[illegible] ruined him by sendin[illegible] the state penitentiar[illegible] those cut-throats and [illegible] his father said.

Mrs. Hickock said [illegible] stand by his son, add[illegible] "What else can wi[illegible] to help. What would [illegible] do?"

Accepts Stuck Junior High Addition

Olathe Still Booming

[illegible] building boom continues [illegible] permits were [illegible] construction of the [illegible] with an estimated [illegible] value of $[illegible]. Also, [illegible] Ben Murray, build[illegible] approved permits [illegible] new buildings, re[illegible] for one year. [illegible] were discussed [illegible] council meeting [illegible]

The business permits dept include the Lucky Tiger Manufacturing Co. plant to be constructed on Mahaffie street, or the Art Master Yearbook Co. which will build a new facility at Magree and Santa Fe streets.

Residential permits increased from 139 in 1958, to 189 in 1959. In only two years has the number been [illegible] passed—170 were issued in 1955 and 165 in 1956.

[illegible] ter. Little change in [illegible] the STUCK operation [illegible] balance of the year, [illegible]

[illegible] night's meeting the [illegible] also authorized a [illegible] "Chase Day" in the [illegible] spring.

$10,300 Budget For Rec Board

The Recreation commission has budgeted $10,300 for next year, the city council was advised in a letter which Mayor J. Lee Taylor [illegible]

To Elect 4 To Hospital Board

The annual meeting of the Olathe Hospital Foundation, Inc. next Tuesday, January 12, is open to the public and all persons interested in the hospital are urged to attend.

The meeting will be in the north auditorium of the Legion building at 8 p.m. Ed Tuttle of the regional health and welfare council will be the main speaker.

During the business session, four members will be elected to the board of trustees and reports on program and activities will be presented.

Refreshments will be served by the women's auxiliary.

Jack Chasins Purchase Friendship Gift Shop

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chasin have purchased the friendship gift shop at 101 east Park street and assumed operation of the business on January 1. Craig Ruby, who also has gift shops in Merriam and North

C. of C. Speaker to Dis[illegible]

Life Under Communis[illegible]

A dramatic comparison of what life would [illegible] communism were to replace free enterprise in [illegible] States will be presented by a world authority [illegible] at the Olathe Chamber of Commerce annual d[illegible] Wednesday, Janu[illegible]

Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi

The completion [illegible] Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi [illegible] named minister of Rum[illegible] many months negotia[illegible] Its Kyushelev, a Ange[illegible] and other powerful [illegible] striking peaceful co-[illegible] Hungary.

At the banquet at [illegible] 1960 officers will be [illegible] to Dr. Nyaradi and [illegible] for the meeting are [illegible] Manager Chad Wym[illegible] ber members will be [illegible] ence. Reservations sh[illegible] by Monday noon, afte[illegible] the dinner will be [illegible] person. Only 350 will [illegible]

Phil Garrett, outgo[illegible] is in charge of tickets [illegible] ing him are members [illegible] and reservations also [illegible]