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Liquidation efforts of C & S Grain to continue

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is once again liquidating grain stored at C & S Grain.

Judge David Bernthal on Tuesday lifted a temporary restraining order he had issued last week blocking state liquidation efforts.

The restraining order was instated after 10 farmers, all with grain stored at C & S facilities, filed suit against the department requesting they be allowed to remove their grain.

The issue was settled Monday when the farmers withdrew their lawsuit and the state agreed not to sue them for damages caused by the delay.

In related action, Judge Gerald Fines on Tuesday nullified several futures-delivery contracts between 14 farmers and C & S.

The contracts were signed last summer. Under the agreements, a specified amount of grain was

to be delivered at a later date for an agreed-upon price.

Fines last month negated smaller contracts between the company and Palmer American National Bank.

Fines also delayed ruling on a salary schedule for C & S owner Steve Syfrett, who has requested the court approve paying him \$6,000 monthly from the bankruptcy estate. Fines will hear that request later in the hearing. In the meantime, Syfrett will not be paid.

C & S, which operates facilities in Alvin, Fountain Creek, Wellington, East Lynn and Henning, surrendered its grain storage and warehouse licenses on Dec. 13.

The licenses had earlier been suspended by the ag department.

New ambulance will provide state-of-art transportation

The new ambulance approved by the Hoopeston city council Tuesday night will be a welcome addition for the city's ambulance department.

Aldermen approved spending \$56,461 on the 1993 ambulance, from Wheeled Coach, based in Orlando, Fla.

The box-shaped ambulance will offer more room for emergency medical technicians to work on patients, said Lloyd Blackwell, chairman of the city ambulance committee. Patients are placed in the center of the vehicle, allowing medical personnel access on both sides, rather than on just one side.

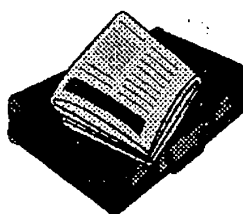
The vehicle also has other attractive features,



including the ability to conserve power if left on for long periods of time and an off-street door, allowing more safety for EMTs and patients when loading on city streets.

"It's got everything you could ever want," Blackwell said, adding the price was also right. "I don't think we can find one any cheaper."

The ambulance will be purchased even though it was not budgeted this year, and despite the fact that Wheeled Coach did not submit a bid by the city's Jan. 18 deadline.

Bids opened at the Jan. 18 council meeting were in the \$60,000-plus range. All were rejected, al-
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An additional program allows Moyer to reconstruct building floor plans of crime scenes on the computer, then show them in three-dimensional fashion. Streets can also be recreated with the program for accident reports, "which makes it a little bit easier," Moyer said.

The computer system will also be able to check spelling and grammar on reports and will generate identification numbers for cases, eliminating duplication.

All officers will eventually use the computer system. Some are now using training aids to familiarize themselves with the system.

Changing from a typewriter to a computer will not be easy, Moyer admitted. "Most of the guys are going to be nervous about it," he said. "I'm nervous about. To be honest, I don't know how everybody feels about it. They seem interested." Moyer believes by the time the police station

moves to its new headquarters in the former IGA building, using the computer "will pretty much be second nature to them."

Moyer stressed that no tax money was used for the system. "It was bought by people we arrested who've broken the law," he said.

The forfeiture law, in effect approximately two years, allows law enforcement agencies to seize money or property following conviction on drug offenses. "When we have a case, we send it to the state's attorney, who forwards it to the appellate court," Moyer said. A hearing is then held to determine if the law enforcement agency will receive the money or property.

City officials have been helpful in implementing the computer program, especially Chief Orval Kaag and Mayor Bob Ault. "They supported this," Moyer said. "They offered their guidance and assistance, which is really appreciated."

Obituaries

HALL, Virginia G., 87, of Hoopeston, died at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, 1994, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the

funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

WOOD, Leatha Wagner, 45, of Williamsport, Ind., and formerly of the Hoopeston area, died at 7 p.m. (EST), Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1994 at Williamsport. Funeral services will be 6 p.m. (CST) Friday at the Williamsport Christian Church. The body will be cremated. Memorials may be made to the Williamsport Christian Church.

Police news

Teana L. Sage, 32, whose address was listed as the YWCA, Danville, turned herself in to Hoopeston police at 6:21 p.m. Wednesday.

Sage was wanted on a warrant for failure to appear. She was released on \$60 cash bond.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 2, 1994

Admitted: None.

Discharged: none.

Weather

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