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## C&S clears way for grain producer payments

More than 330 farmers could soon receive checks on claims made against C&S Grain Co.

The company has payment of 333 claims against the company, according to a story in the March 29 edition of the Champaign-Urbana *News-Gazette*.

Approval of partial payment has been given to 27 other farmers, according to the article.

The paper quoted C&S controller Michael Hoerstring as saying the company has reviewed 360 claims made during three days of hearings with the state Department of Agriculture in February.

Hoerstring said the claims of 333 farmers matched amounts in company records. C&S is asking the ag department to pay those claims.

On 27 claims, however, the amount is more than what company records show. On those

claims, the company is asking that only the amount reflected in the company records be paid.

If all farmers are paid at levels specified by law, claims would total more than \$7.6 million

By law, producers who stored grain at C&S facilities but did not have contracts with the company will be reimbursed at 100 percent. Those who had contracts with the firm will be reimbursed by at least 85 percent.

Department of Agriculture records show a higher claims total - \$8.6 million. The department is expected to get almost \$8 million from the sale of C&S grain.

The state began liquidation last December. The company had operated facilities in Henning, Alvin, East Lynn, Fountain Creek and Wellington.

## City attorney leaves local law firm for independent practice

Calvin Hultquist, a Hoopeston attorney who has served as city attorney, announced Wednesday that he will leave the firm he has been associated with for about two years.

Hultquist, who has been an associate with the Manion, Janov, & Devens, Ltd., firm, will begin private practice Monday.

Hultquist said he will continue to act as city attorney at least until new city appointments are made in April.

The decision was not made because of any conflict with Manion's office, Hultquist said, adding he and Manion are good friends and will remain so.

Hultquist's new office will be at 227 S. Market,

next to city hall. The telephone number is 283-7711.

Hultquist said he designed the office with a modern concept to be comfortable to clients. "A law office does not have to be stuffy or cold," Hultquist said in a press release. "I want my clients to feel at ease. Above all, my office will be client-oriented."

Evening hours will be part of the client-centeredness. Hultquist said the office will be open Wednesday evenings to accommodate clients who have difficulty getting time off work to consult with an attorney.

Suzi Blackwell will serve as Hultquist's secret-  
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The new hours will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Computers will be available during morning hours for resume-writing and word processing.

The Children's Library will have the same

morning hours and will close 15 minutes before the main library.

The change will be effective for one year.

## Hoopeson company closes

Power Plus diesel service has shut its doors.

Workers at the company, located on Thompson Avenue, were let go Tuesday evening, according to company representative Jeff Stipp.

Stipp would not comment on why the company closed. "I really don't think I can give you that type of information," he said. "That's personal information. The shop closed and that's about all I can tell you."

## Police News

**Smokey R. Stevens**, 21, of 801 N. Chicago, Watseka, was arrested at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday by Watseka police. Stevens was charged with residential burglary, auto theft and criminal damage to property on a complaint by Paula S. Kempen, 207 N. Third St.

Kempen told Hoopeson police that Stevens allegedly damaged her residence and took several personal items and a video cassette recorder. Stevens then allegedly took Kempen's 1979 Dodge van.

Stevens was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

**A boy's dirt bike** was found Wednesday in the alley between the 400 block of East Lincoln and East Washington. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.

**The Hoopeson police department** has scheduled a bicycle auction/sale beginning at 9 a.m. April 16 at the police department.

## Weather

Sunny and warmer today. High in the mid 50s. Tonight, clear, low in the low to mid 30s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 56, low near 35.

## Attorney continued from other side

ary, and his brother, Erik, will serve as investigator.

Erik, who received his private detective training at an Indianapolis agency, will be a valuable part of the team, Hultquist said. "I think it is extremely important for a law firm to have an investigator who can go out and prove the facts necessary to win clients' cases," Hultquist said.

Hultquist will begin accepting new clients immediately. "I intend to focus on personal injury, criminal defense and divorce law," he said, "but in a small town, you delve in to almost everything."

## Obituaries

**GIROUX** - Bernice Giroux, 76, of Milford, died at 10:35 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, 1994, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital in Watseka. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday at the Segur-Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka. Burial will be in Iroquois Memorial Park, Watseka. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Milford Christian Church or the Milford Ambulance Fund.

## In the hospital

**Hoopeson Community Memorial Hospital**  
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 Discharged: none.

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