

December 28, 1982

HUD Rehabilitation Grant

In 1981 the City received a HUD Block Grant for rehabilitation of city housing. Twenty homes were rehabed to HUD Section 8 standards. The City received \$192,500.00. Of this amount \$185,000.00 was for rehabilitation and \$7,500.00 for land acquisition for a senior housing project. The Housing Authority has been working on applications for the senior housing project during 1982.

EPA Waste Desposable System Grant

The city's new waste disposal system, which was constructed with 75% funding from the Environmental Protection Agency, has been operational since September of 1981. In conjunction with the construction project the city has also obtained a new 1982 Hesston diesel, 80H.P., 5 cylinder tractor and 1500 gallon vacuum trailer. Mr. Graber, City Superintendant, received his Class II Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators Certification in November. This certification is required by the State Department of Health and Environment.

Streets

The City used chat instead of sand this year in street resurfacing. The chat was slightly more expensive than sand, but provides a more durable and lasting surface. The use of chat also eliminated the necessity of picking up the excess sand.

The council would like to request your cooperation during inclement weather, this winter, by requesting that all vehicles be parked off the streets. This will provide for easier more efficient snow removal and street maintenance.

Telecable

The City has issued a franchise to Tyson Logan Cable Inc. for construction and operation of a cable television system. The basic rate of \$9.95 has been approved. The City has been advised that construction material has been purchased and the system should be completed by late spring. All city residents will receive notification from Tyson Logan on the services which will be offered and their cost.

Budget & Finance

The 1982 Budget was a total of \$311,810.00, financed partially on a 40.06 mill levy based on a valuation of \$1,246,324. The 1983 Proposed Budget is \$327,580.00, with a 38.04 mill levy based on a valuation of \$1,315,905. The City had interest earnings in 1981 of \$44,407.13 and \$34,328.48 in 1982. These earnings are used to hold down the mill levy and where possible help provide reductions, as was possible in 1983.

The City had it's first complete audit in 1982 for the 1981 fiscal year. Fox and Company performed the audit, and stated they found the city records in good condition. They are assisting the city in making the changes necessary to bring it into full compliance with Government Approved Accounting Procedures.

Equipment for Sale

The City has the following equipment for sale. If you are interested and have any questions please contact the city office. The City will accept sealed bids until January 21st.

- 1 1200 gallon tank mounted on single axle frame with dual wheels and a straight pin hitch.
- 1 1958 model 800 Ford tractor, 43hp. gas engine, 4 speed trans., power take-off, individual brakes, and 3 point hook-up with rear blade.
- 1 1959 GMC single axle truck with dual 6 hole budd wheels, good tires, good 6 cylinder 302 engine, 4 speed trans., 2 speed axle, and dump bed.

HUD Water Supply Line G. at

On November 22nd the City received notification of funding from HUD in the amount of \$429,600.00, for construction of the Potwin/Whitewater water supply line. HUD received 199 single purpose applications from Kansas and approved funding for 22. Construction is estimated to begin in March. The contract for water the city has with Potwin/El Dorado, provides Whitewater with a water supply which would be adequate for a population growth of up to 2,000. Curtailment of consumption in emergencies would be made in the same, proportions, terms and conditions as El Dorado makes to their users.

The following is an article from the November issue of the Kansas Government Journal. We believe you will find it informative and conclude as the Council has, that the development of a safe, adequate water supply was a necessary investment in the future of Whitewater.

Water Is Not Everywhere

As we find ourselves leaving the era of resource exploitation and entering an emerging era of resource conservation, new concerns confront us. The appreciation of changing public concerns is usually incremental, rather than sudden, such as resulted in the discovery of the energy "crisis" resulting from the oil embargo. Exactly when we changed from a society roughly characterized as expansionistic, exploitive, consumptive and growth-for-the-sake-of-growth, to a period of concern about scarcities, resource allocation and conservation may be best left to the perspective historians. But the realization that Kansas has a water problem—a concern shared by some areas, states and nations for many years—is finally receiving the level of concern and credibility it deserves in Kansas.

This shared concern led to the attendance of over 100 Kansas leaders at a water policy conference recently held in Hutchinson, sponsored by the Kansas Farm Bureau, the League of Kansas Municipalities and other concerned organizations. Those who attended were probably already interested, or they wouldn't have been there. But most left with an appreciation that the water problem in Kansas is even more urgent and of greater magnitude than they thought.

The significance of Kansas water concerns is well expressed by some recent comments by Patrick J. Regan, Chairman of the Kansas Water Authority. Mr. Regan notes:

- There are not sufficient supplies of water on line now in Kansas to meet the anticipated needs of water users in this state for the next 30 to 50 years.
- With perhaps one exception, every region of this state faces water supply deficits . . . in the very near future without action to develop water supplies.
- We are going to have to move water substantial distances to meet needs—in fact, a consortium of central Kansas cities is already well along with feasibility planning to move more than 100 million gallons of water per day more than 100 miles to be on line in about 15 years.
- Major water users in south central Kansas, southeast Kansas, east central Kansas and north central Kansas are increasingly vulnerable to the necessity to move longer distances away to develop adequate new sources of water supply to sustain their economies and the jobs and the quality of life in their towns.
- We are going to be spending money like we've never spent before for water development.
- We are going to have to be very judicious about the equitable management and distribution of water because we are now, as a state, facing and sharing the same water problems.

Fortunately, it appears the water supply concerns of Kansas are not so immediate and imperative as to require stampeded action. Some time remains for thoughtful consideration, for the balancing of the various public and private interests, and for the development of strategies to achieve our long-term goals. Few people are talking about billion dollar bond issues to finance massive water transfer and storage projects this decade. Water shortage emergency plans are necessary, but we've also needed them for years.

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Our water concerns may be one of the principal opportunities we have to show that government can effectively deal with matters other than on a crisis basis.

But while we may have the luxury of deferring some major actions of statewide effect, we do not have the luxury of ignoring the problem. Its complexities may be beyond the full comprehension of the general public, but the need for awareness and concern is not. Local officials have a responsibility not only to be aware of future local water concerns and possible solutions, but to also assist in securing an informed public discussion and debate about Kansas water—an issue that will touch all our lives and communities.

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Limb Disposal

The City provides for small limb and branch disposal by city residents. No other materials are allowed to be dumped on city sites. Commercial tree trimmers must make arrangements for disposal of materials elsewhere. Residents who need to dispose of small limbs and branches should contact Mr. Graber, City Superintendent.

The following are individuals who volunteer their time and effort to the City of Whitewater and it's residents.

Brd. of Zoning Appeals

Lester Rose
Robert Brunn
Irvin Mosiman
Robert McCoy
Jake Hiebert

Library Board

Mary Hartwick
Mary Ellen Gray
DeDe Rehmert
Vienna Unruh
Sandra Rutschman
Henrietta Lockwood
Edith Stufflebeam

Housing Authority

Henrietta Lockwood
LaVerne Mosiman
Marilyn Umbach
A.B. Neuman
Melvin Tilson

Planning Commission

Jim Ledgerwood
Richard Gray
Herman Voth
Otis Ward
Jake Hiebert
Terri Lloyd
Norman Taylor
Larry Rehmert
Alice Atkinson

Cemetery Board

Ronnie Hill
Earl Bidwell
LaVerne Mosiman
Bernie Long
Dorothy Taylor
Ronnie Motter
Jack Belcher

Park & Recreation Comm.

Mary Ellen Gray
Alan Overton
Gerald Manheimer
Eldon Wohlgemuth
Fred Wuthrich

Fire Department

Rollan Eberhard
Stan Graber
Teddy Graham
Chris Gray
Richard Gray
Chuck Eberhard
Albert Gronau
Darryl Hill
Ronnie Hill
Jon Hilton
Dean Hopkins
Scott Lewis
Charlie Lloyd
Bill Martling
Russ Mower
Robert Roth
Gene Scheikofsky
Stewart Segraves
Roger Tallman
Steve Unruh
Don Willis
Mark Willis

As of December 27th, the Whitewater volunteer firemen had responded to 66 incidents in 1982. This compared to 44 at the same period in time in 1981. An incident can be a fire call, vehicle accident, medical assistance or about any emergency residents feel the fire department can be of assistance with. Two serious fires have occurred so far in 1982. On February 9th the mobile home of Robert Cornelius in Brainerd was for all practical purposes destroyed. On December 11th the home of Louis and Chris Thrash was severely damaged. During 1982 Whitewater firemen had fire drills each month which accounted for an estimated 400 hours of training.

There is a real need for several male or female recruits to join the fire department. The need is during the normal five day working week and daytime working hours. While the total number of firemen is sufficient, there is a real need for working week, day time hours. Any person, male or female who would be willing to join the fire department is requested to contact Rollan Eberhard, Chief of the Whitewater Fire Department. He may be reached at 799-2262.

Butler County Sheriff's Officers

Larry Mayfield
Loren Dodson

The officers working in the Whitewater area can be reached through the Butler Co. Sheriff's dispatcher. The dispatcher is the quickest way of contacting an officer. The toll free number is 263-1894. If this number is busy you may also reach the dispatcher by dialing 1-321-1650.

The Whitewater City Council, the members of it's boards and commissions and city employees are like you, taxpayers, interested in efficient and effective city government. Your comments and suggestions in helping us reach this goal are always welcome and encouraged.

Pete Klassen

Ted Klaassen

Jack Lockwood

Floyd Rutschman

James Klenke

Keith Graham

THE WHITEWATER CITY COUNCIL

WISHING EACH OF YOU AND ALL OF US AS A CITY A GOOD 1983.

DOG CONTROL ORDINANCE

The city council has adopted Ordinance No. 383. This Ordinance amends the existing ordinance dealing with animals running at large. The Ordinance allows for the pickup and impoundment of dogs. However, impoundment is not necessary to the issuing of a ticket and a summons. Identification of the owner of a dog by an officer, or appointee of the council or upon complaint by a citizen will result in issuance of a ticket and a summons, resulting in a fine. Fines are as follows: first offense, tagged \$15.00, untagged \$20.00; second offense and all offense thereafter, tagged or untagged \$50.00.

INTRODUCTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Dennis Wage is one of the officers assigned under the city's contract with the Butler County Sheriff's Department. Dennis and his wife, Vicky, have three children, Jim, 13, DeAnna, 12, and David, 11. The Wage's have recently moved to Kansas from San Bernardino, California, where Dennis was a county sheriff. Dennis has had seven years of law enforcement including city marshall of Belie Plaine, Kansas and deputy sheriff of Sumner County.

LAW PERTAINING TO TRAIL BIKES

Due to accidents and complaints in the past several months the officers would like to draw parents' attention to the law which requires all children, under the age of eighteen, to wear helmets at all time while riding trail bikes or motorcycles. They would also like to point out that it is illegal for trail bikes to be operated on public property such as streets, alleys, and right-of-ways.

SIGNING PROJECT

The city is completing a signing project which is financed 90% by the state and 10% by the city. Some signing changes have been made at the suggestions of the State Urban Highway Engineer. We would like to draw your attention to the "NO U TURN" sign at Main and Topeka; the stop sign at the ball park exit, and stop signs at North Main, both north and south of Second Street.

DUMPING ORDINANCE

There has been some dumping at the southwest end of the ball park. According to City Ordinance 15-206 it is unlawful to dump any trash or junk in any place other than those areas designated by the city. Violation of this ordinance could result in a fine of up to \$100.00 or imprisonment up to 30 days or both. We would appreciate your cooperation.

CLEAN-UP CEMETERY

The cemetery board would like to request that all vases and artificial decorations be removed from the Whitewater Cemetery as soon as possible. Cleanup day is planned shortly and all articles still remaining will be discarded.

The council hopes that this newsletter has been informative to you as a resident of Whitewater. The council plans to release a newsletter periodically to try and keep you informed in matters of interest and concern to you as a citizen.

The Whitewater City Planning Commission is now in the process of working on a zoning prototype for the city. _____ and _____

have recently been appointed to the Planning Commission.

Rod Ziegler and Marion Anderson, K G & E Co. visited with the council at their August 14th meeting and explained the advantages of changing the present street lighting system of incandescent to mercury vapor lights. The cost of the change would be K G & E's but the city will benefit from better lighting at a cheaper rate. The paper work is now in progress and the actual changes will probably begin around March of 1980.

The city has received verbal approval of Step Three of the EPA Sewer Project. Bid letting is anticipated in the late fall and construction sometime after the first of the year.

The proposed city budget was adopted, as published, at the August 14th meeting. Inflation effects a cities budget as well as private industry and individuals. Along with raises in most funds due to raises in general cost of operation, 2.0 mills was added for law enforcement, .59 mills for special liability insurance, and the anticipated bond issue of \$155,000.00 for the cities portion of the new sewer project was added to the bond fund. The council was very satisfied to be able to include these necessary expenditures in the budget and raise the mill levy only 1.69 mills. The cities investment program has contributed in a great part to the ability to hold down taxes. It is estimated that approximately \$14,000.00 will be earned this year in interest, or approximately \$53.00 per household.

The council has been negotiating on a contract for law enforcement, and hopes to soon have approval of the County Commissioners for a contract with the Butler County Sheriffs Department. The council is anxious as are most citizens to have law enforcement protection as soon as possible.

The council would like to draw the publics attention to recently established monthly meetings. They are the second Tuesday and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30P.M at the city building. Anyone wishing to be on the agenda or who has a bill to present should contact the city clerks office on the Thursday before either meeting.

There have been fifty-five street lights shot out by vandals in Whitewater since around February 9th. A close estimate of the cost of these lights would be \$2,000.00. K G & E has requested the cooperation of the city council in the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrators. Some of the lights have been destroyed with BB guns but quite a number have been shot out with a 22 rifle or pistol, which would seem to indicate adult involvement. Citizens of Whitewater are asked to report any information they may have to K G & E or the Butler County Sherriffs Department. This matter is of concern to each Whitewater resident because we are all paying the cost of this destruction indirectly.

The Whitewater city council would like to inform the public of their policy concerning appearance on the council meeting agenda and payment of bills. The regular council meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 P.M. Any person wishing to make a request or suggestion, or discuss a problem with the council will be required to contact the city clerk on the ^{to appear on the agenda before} Thursday before the regularly scheduled meeting. Any person or firm having a bill will need to present it to the city clerk ^{on or before the} by Thursday before the meeting to insure payment that month. The council encourages citizen involvement and attendance at council meetings but the above mentioned requirements are necessary for an organized efficient meeting.

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HEALTH FAIR

In terms of citizen participation and community cooperation, the Health Fair - the first of its kind in the Whitewater Area - was considered an overwhelming success. Health screening, education and self awareness was provided for 120 persons in our area.

A special thank you to the scouts, schools, volunteers, and the Butler County Health Department, whose participation helped make it all possible.

The first year project was a positive step toward promoting self-responsibility for health care.

Plans are already under way to make Health Fair '82 bigger and better for our community.

ANIMAL CLINIC

The animal clinic is scheduled for Saturday, May 15 from 1:00 to 3:00p.m. A variety of vaccinations will be available for dogs and cats.

Any dog over the age of 3 months is to have a city license tag. They may be purchased at this time. The cost is \$2.00 for altered male or female and \$4.00 for all others. Each dog needs to have a rabies shot and proof of immunization before a tag can be purchased.

FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES

Fishing and hunting licenses may be purchased at the City Clerks Office between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 4:00p.m., Monday thru Friday. Fees are as follows:

Combination Fishing & Hunting	-----	\$16.50
Fishing	-----	\$8.50
Hunting	-----	\$8.50
Nonresident hunting	-----	\$40.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

DUE TO LACK OF RESPONSE WE ARE AGAIN STATING:

There is a critical need for day time fire volunteers, men or women. The problem exists from around 7a.m. until 6p.m. Rollan Eberhard, Fire Chief, has stated that to the best of his knowledge this is the first time in the history of the Whitewater Fire Department that the condition has been so crucial. This situation is not unique to Whitewater however. Some small towns totally manned in the day time by women. Training is available to anyone who would be interested. Contact Rollan Eberhard 799-2262

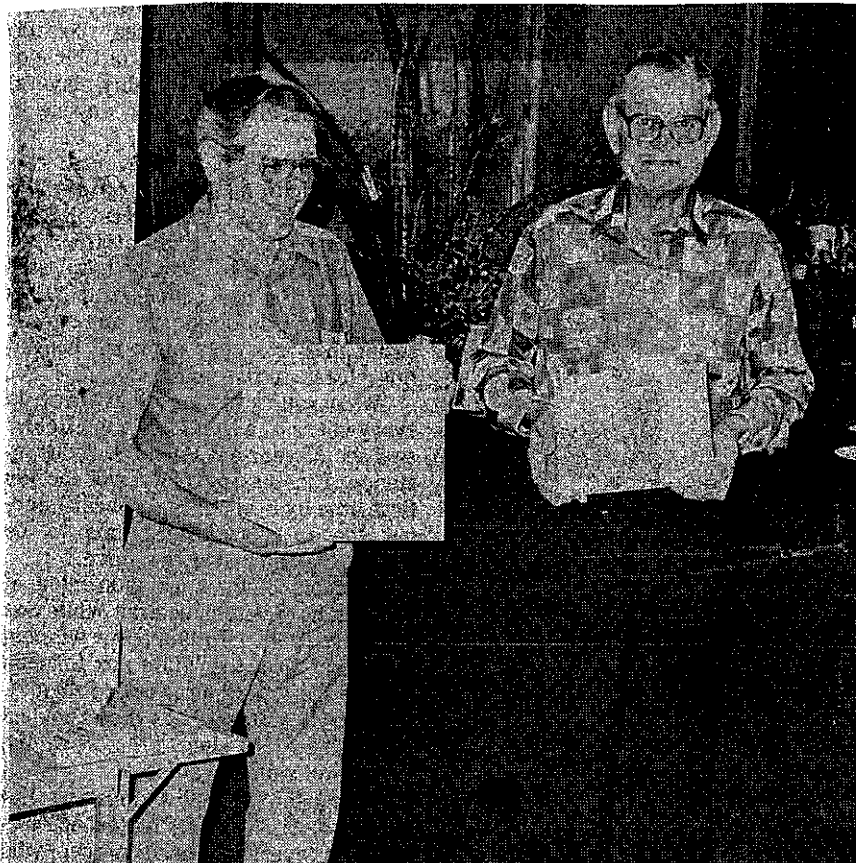
HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The housing rehabilitation program is progressively underway. This program provides funding as a grant which does not have to be repaid. Both elderly homeowners and young families are eligible if occupants have lived in thier homes for 1 year and their annual income is in the limits of the program. Application can be made at the City Building between 9a.m. and 4p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Lyman Webb inspector of the project has reported that 10 homes are completed, 4 homes are presently in progress and work will begin on 4 others shortly.

The Housing Authority is pleased with the progress of the program and with the benefits it has provided its recipients. They would also like to express appreciation for the cooperation of all involved in the program.

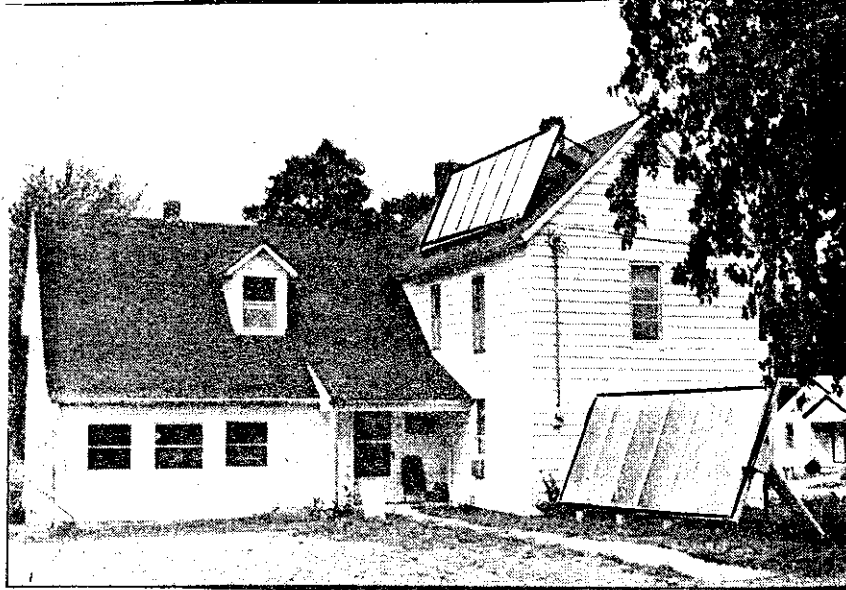
GREEN THUMB



ALUMNI — Pete Klassen, Whitewater mayor, and Lyman Webb, 202 N. Elm, Whitewater, recently received Green Thumb Alumni Association Certificates after leaving the Green Thumb program for a non-green thumb position to enable someone else to enter. Green Thumb is a federally funded employment training program for low income and rural persons over the age of 55. (Times Photo)

SOLAR ENERGY

Solar units are available to area residents. Two units have been installed in Whitewater. Boyd Blackford, employed by Green Thumb, has been working on the units in cooperation with Mid-Kap employees. Those eligible for the HUD program may have a unit installed as part of the rehabilitation grant. Others may receive the units at cost.



JAYCEE TRASH CLEAN UP DAY

Trash clean up day will be SATURDAY - JUNE 5 - AT 9:00a.m. Please have trash at curb if possible. For more information contact Scott Bowlin - 744-0504.

MUNICIPAL COURT SCHEDULE

Whitewater - The first Tuesday of each Month at 11:00a.m. The new date and time will become effective June 1, 1982.

CITY

We would like to welcome all new residence to Whitewater. There is a phamplet available at the City Building containing information on the city, organizations, churches, library, etc. Those interrested may pick one up between the hours of 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m., Monday thur Friday.

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Summer 1982

Children's Story Movies
ages 5-12 yrs.

Monday- 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

June 7-"The Selfish Giant"

"Paddington Bakes a Cake"

June 14-"Yoshiki, The Papermaker"

"Please Leave Herbert Alone"

"Fredrick"

June 21-"Animals of South America"

"Please Look After this
Bear"

June 28-"Julia the Gourdcарver"

"The Talking Car"

July 5-"The Invisible Children"

"The Frog King"

July 12-"Animals of Australia"

"The String Bean"

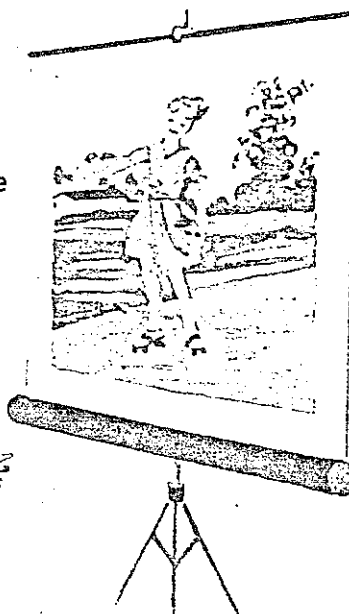
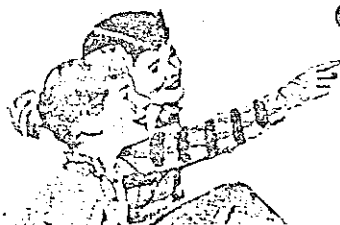
July 19-"Martin the Cobbler"

"It's So Nice to Have a
Wolf Around the House"

July 26-"Slima, the Dhowmaker"

"Legend of Sleepy Hallow"

(We are not
responsible for
children outside
the library
building.)



The Colossal Bargain

by John L. Ford
(written about 1950)

In these days of wide inflation
Which has spread across our nation
The thoughtless man may almost turn to drink!
Where's the bargain hunter's clover?
Is the day of values over?
Just open up the faucet in your sink!

Out will come your RUNNING WATER
Maybe colder, maybe hotter;
All you want, and under pressure too!
At a bargain you are gazing
For the price is most amazing
If you take the time to think the matter through.

For a penny, soak or shower
For a quarter of an hour;
It will wash away your smells and aches and ills.
For a beer you pay a quarter,
Even though you hadn't order.
A hundred drinks of water cost three mills!

When it comes to sanitation,
RUNNING WATER'S made our nation
Hale and hearty for the little that we've spent.
And when you've got to go
It is comforting to know
That seven flushes cost you but a cent!

Do you think that dirt is cheaper,
Whether topsoil or the deeper?
Just buy a ton and shudder at the blow.
Don't get hot beneath the collar:
Water's EIGHT TONS for a dollar!
Here's your COLOSSAL BARGAIN — H₂O!