

County, cities react to appeal

Fuel cutbacks ordered locally

One of the first persons to comply with President Nixon's request to save energy was Champaign County Sheriff Everett Hedrick.

Hedrick said he is ordering the thermostats in the county courthouse turned down to 68 degrees.

"Unless the snow starts blowing in, we're going to leave it at that," he said today. Hedrick, as sheriff, is custodian of all county-owned buildings.

County board member John Huls, who is chairman of the board's Building and Grounds Committee, noted that Hedrick is in control of building maintenance, but added:

"We will take into consideration his good judgment."

His committee will meet Monday and discuss some of the President's suggestions for conserving energy.

Paley takes action

Also today, Urbana Mayor Hiram Paley instructed city department heads to devise ways of conserving energy.

"I have not read the statement of the President or the governor," Paley said, "but we

will adhere to their directives."

Paley said thermostats in city buildings will be turned down to 68 degrees. He said he would observe the Walker's suggested 55 mile an hour speed limit Friday when he and his assistant drive to Chicago for a meeting concerning home rule.

"We're leaving at 7 a.m. to get there by 10 a.m.," Paley said.

Urbana Police Chief Charles Leary issued a directive June 25 concerning conservation of gasoline. "I told our officers not to leave their engines running or accelerate rapidly unless it was absolutely necessary," Leary said.

Leary said new solid-state radios, lights, sirens and other equipment have been installed in police automobiles.

"Now we don't have to have the engine on to operate our radios and other equipment," Leary said.

Paley also directed turning off lights in city buildings when unoccupied as much as possible while still maintaining safety and security.

In Champaign, employees working in the city building said today that they would welcome a 68-degree temperature — if it could be kept at 68.

One of the boilers in the building has been malfunctioning for almost a week, providing intermittent heat. The building was warm today and Wednesday, but a day earlier employees had to

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William Deems, administrator at Burnham Hospital, said it would be difficult to try to conserve electricity or heat in patient areas. However, he said requiring consumption in other areas by such means as reducing the intensity of lights will be considered.

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of time ventilating systems are operated in classroom and office buildings at night and during weekends; coordination of space usage and control of heat to buildings, particularly at night and during weekends, and building maintenance aimed at reducing heat losses.

Hospitals, Parkland plans

Steps to conserve electricity and fuel in institutions such as Parkland College and local hospitals also were being considered today.

Parkland President William M. Staerkel said he, business manager Oscar Lanphar and supervisor of buildings James Glass "will have to sit down and see what is practical."

One possibility, that of shutting down the heat on holidays, also would mean cutting the heat off in offices, Staerkel said.

"We also want to find out how low we can keep the thermostat in line with the students and what they wear."

He said lighting would be checked out as to the most efficient use of the fluorescents.

"Some say it is cheaper to leave the light burning than to turn it off for a short time, like an hour."

If that is true, he said, faculty members would be given a directive to conserve electricity as possible in the resulting manner. Also to be considered is the lighting of parking lots and a curtailment's possible effect

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Motorists balk at lifting feet off the gas pedal

It may take time for the driving public to accept President Nixon's request to drive no faster than 50 miles per hour, if they do at all.

Sheriff Everett Hedrick wanted to find out today, so he had a deputy drive to Urbana from his home in Fisher at 50 mph.

By the time he reached Interstate 74, 12 miles from Fisher via the Fisher-Dewey road, 17 cars passed him, the deputy reported.

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It's lights out on sports buffs who play in cold

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