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mall was officially opened early in the year. Mayor Bland helped cut the ribbon and used the occasion to emphasize that the focus will be shifting from perimeter growth to redevelopment of the central city.

Champaign qualified for \$3.7 million in federal community development funds that will help. But in early weeks of 1975 two central city schools were tabbed to be closed down in 1977 amidst warnings that

in March at the north end of Neil Street.

Market Place had already taken Sears—and with it nearly half the downtown retail business — when it was annexed three weeks ago, following a sometimes bitter controversy over sign controls.

To make matters worse for some worried downtown merchants, the W. T. Grant store at Main and Neil streets closed its doors abruptly Nov. 1 when the Grant chain went bankrupt. Housing and parking prob-

Elsewhere, new housing starts in Champaign were off slightly during the 12 month period. Most of the housing development was confined to the Southwood subdivision and the Colony West planned unit development.

The atmosphere for attracting outside dollars to Champaign will be enhanced early next year with the opening of an expanded convention center at the Ramada Inn.

At the same time, however, civic leaders are fighting what

way to keep burying its garbage. That breakthrough finally came in December, when Miller signed a joint landfill agreement with Urbana Mayor Hiram Paley.

Less optimistic is the outlook for improvements to the Boneyard, again a subject of much talk but little action during 1975.

Transition was indeed the thread running throughout city hall.

Besides the retirement of Wilkoff, Snyder and William

this spring with the retirement of City Attorney Albert Tuxhorn, a veteran of 40 years in city hall.

Outsiders were named this year to fill two of the top posts. Police Chief William Dye of East St. Louis was sworn in May 1 as the successor to the retired Harvey Shirley; Richard Larson will move into Kearn's old office next month from Oberlin, Ohio, and Fire Chief James Lustig moved up from the ranks in February to succeed the late Willard Ash-



V. Eugene Miller

by, who died suddenly late last year.

Taken as a whole, the mixed bag of prospects for 1976 leaves Champaign at an important juncture—a jumping-off place for a lot of things," as one staffer put it.

Building permit finally was issued in October

For months, Douglass Center was a question mark

By Les Smogiy
Of The Courier

For nearly five months in 1975, residents of the Champaign Park District wondered what would happen to Douglass Center.

Finally in October, a building permit was issued to English Brothers Construction Co. of Champaign to build a new center, to replace the old one.

A nightmare for five Champaign park commissioners, the Douglass Center issue began early this year when plans for the center were finally drawn up by architect E. Hedric Clay.

Bids for the center, which was to include space for either a library or a senior citizens activity room, were higher than expected. Consequently, that space had to be eliminated.

What the park board then planned to build was a gymnasium with supporting facilities and an office.

Calling the plans "inadequate for a recreational facility," res-

idents of Champaign's north side formed a citizens' steering committee, whose spokesman was Kenneth Stratton Sr.

The citizens said more space and more money should be given to the center, or demolition of the old structure would be blocked. It was.

Protests and threats of violence prevented McCabe Brothers Contractors Inc. of Champaign from demolishing the center. McCabe finally defaulted on its contract.

For some time, it appeared park commissioners were going to build the new center next to the old one. The architect was instructed to draw up new plans for a center — just west of the existing one.

Meanwhile, in negotiation sessions, both sides pleaded for a resolution of the problem.

But meetings between the citizens' committee and the park board ended up in walk-outs and shouting matches.

Late in the summer, however, when bids on the Centennial Park Recreation Center came in lower than expected, the park board voted to allocate an additional \$100,000 to the Douglass Center project to be used for senior citizens' facilities.

More protests were heard when the senior citizens wanted the Annex, a former grocery store, to be remodeled rather than having an additional facility constructed at the center.

The citizens' steering committee argued that the money would be better used if additional space were allocated to the center. But senior citizens wanted to seclude themselves from youth activities.

Senior citizens won and the park board voted to fix up the Annex.

By early fall, the citizens group dissolved. Another group, led by Roy Williams, was formed to protest tearing down the old center. Williams later was arrested in connec-

tion with blocking work on the construction site.

Park commissioner Donald Bresnan said in April, "We will have a new Douglass Center a year from now."

Not knowing then what was ahead, he might still be right.

In addition to the Douglass Center controversy, the park board lost one commissioner, but gained another.

Long-time board member and civic leader Jerome J. Sholem died Jan. 31. The board later renamed the Centennial

Park swimming pool in his honor.

In the April commissioners' election, Champaign orthodontist Morgan C. Powell won an impressive victory to fill the seat left vacant by Mr. Sholem's death. Commissioner Bresnan won re-election.

The board's leadership also changed this year. Bresnan, after being head of the board for 12 years, declined to remain its president. The board elected William J. Helms Jr. president.

Advisory referendum failed by 6 to 1

Urbana rejected park-school pool

By Les Smogiy
Of The Courier

In April, Urbana residents rejected a proposed indoor-outdoor swimming pool complex at the Urbana High School campus.

An advisory referendum to determine whether residents favored both the site of the swimming pool and a \$2 million bond issue, failed by a 6 to 1 margin.

Urbana Park District officials blamed the failure of the referendum on "bad economic times" and on pressure from the Urbana school board.

fairground.

County fair officials oppose the sale of the fairgrounds saying that selling the property will end the Champaign County Fair.

Park officials say the fairgrounds could be transferred to the park district over a 10-year period, while another site could be developed for the county fairground. Park officials also say acquisition of the

fairground has been included in a general park district master plan and in a specific plan for Crystal Lake Park.

The fairground is bordered on three sides by the park and on the other by Busey Woods.

A grant from the state's Conservation Department also plays a role in the proposed acquisition. A \$295,000 open space grant was in limbo for

two years while the argument over the property continued. After the park district filed suit to gain possession of the land, the state withdrew its commitment to fund the fairground acquisition.

The state said the park district could purchase other pieces of property with the grant money. But the park district has not yet said what property it wants to acquire.

Good year

Christmas shopping up this year

Despite tight national economic conditions, Christmas shopping in Champaign and Urbana was up markedly from last year, it was reported Fri-

final figures are not in, merchants generally indicate an increase over last year of between 6 and 8 per cent.

"It was a good year for re-

New permits issued

Don Harris back at work on hog farm

"I've been around them a long time," he said. Harris and his wife, Debra, met reporters and cameramen in the kitchen of their home on the Curtis Jones farm where he is employed two miles west of this Green County village in south central Wisconsin about 12 miles north of the Illinois

Thanksgiving for a couple of days and then it went away," he said, adding that he became ill again around Thanksgiving. "The symptoms were just ache all over, chills and a high fever most of the time. That night I had a 104 temperature but I was too cold to feel it. I just had chills too bad."

mended the 57-year-old Waldheim for re-election in the second round of secret voting after a first-round vote by China, diplomats said. But the Chinese supported him on the next ballot, they said. The General Assembly will make the final decision within a few days, but it is a formal-

U.S. Ambassador William W. Scranton told reporters he was "delighted with the outcome." "Waldheim is a splendid secretary-general and I am sure that we can all look forward to another excellent term and that he will continue to maintain the high standards of the United Nations," Scranton added.

New Douglass rec center will be opened Saturday

By Michael Murphy
Of The Courier

The Champaign park district expects to open its new Douglass Park recreation center this week.

Following months of stormy debate and a year of reconstruction work, the center in northeast Champaign will be reopened Saturday.

Robert Toalson, general manager of the park district, said his weekly report that an open

house has been set for 1 to 3 p.m. that day.

The new building replaces a 30-year-old cinder-block structure that was a community as well as a recreation center for black residents of northeast Champaign.

Community residents strongly opposed reconstruction plans for the center, saying the \$900,000 allocated would replace gymnasium space in the old building but would not allow

enough space for other neighborhood activities.

Demolition of the old building and English Bros. construction work on the new center were delayed for several weeks by the protest. The project was finally moved off dead center a year ago, when the park board voted an additional \$100,000 to the project.

The money was to be used to add a senior citizens wing on the building at 6th and

Grove Streets. It became available when bids on the park district's Bicentennial Center project came in well under estimates.

Both recreation centers were financed with funds from a successful 1972 bond referendum.

When inflation forced the park board to scale down its Douglass Center plans, a long-running feud was touched off between park board President

William Helms and Richard Davis, who was the board's only black member until he moved from Champaign earlier this year.

In addition, a group of area residents organized to demand a more complete recreation center. Its leader, activist Roy Williams, was jailed on one occasion, when he allegedly interfered with workman at the construction site.

Pickets also roamed the site

during demolition work. A building permit for the 14,000-square-foot was issued by city officials Oct. 8, 1975.

Meanwhile, plans for the senior citizens' wing were amended to apply the extra \$100,000 toward remodeling the Douglass Annex, a nearby building that formerly housed a grocery store.

Plans for continued operation of a library branch in the building also created some controversy.

However, the Champaign Public Library board decided last November to move the branch, at least temporarily, into a donated building north of the park that previously served as the office of the Champaign Asphalt Co.



Douglass Park recreation center set to open Dec. 11 with an open house



A clash between Israeli and Arab students Friday night led to the early closing of the International Fair at the Illinois Union.

The fair was to have run until midnight Saturday, but was closed about 2:15 p.m. following meetings of the Illini Union Student Activities group, sponsors of the fair. Union officials and others interested in the matter.

The fracas apparently began when Israeli students, whose booth was next door to that of the Arab students, objected to the ISUA on the grounds certain exhibits were objectionable because they were politically biased.

IUSA told the Arab students to remove the objectionable posters on the grounds the Fair was designed to be cultural and not political.

The Arab students protested and began picketing, although the posters were not removed.

University of Illinois police in plain uniform went to the scene at about 8 p.m. Friday and returned again at about 8 p.m. in response to calls from Union officials.

However, no arrests were made. A U of I police spokesman said "it was a shouting contest between the students on either side." He estimated that each group of Israelis and Arabs numbered about a dozen.

"There was no problem," he said. "There were a bunch of students watching but everything was pretty much under control."

The fair was ordered closed following a meeting of the Illini Union Board and representatives of the Israeli and Arab factions.

This had been authorized before the fair opening by Hugh Satterlee, vice chancellor of student affairs, in the event of any threat of violence.

the maximum rate is applied and the body receives only that amount.

This is the first time in memory the state has suggested a multiplier less than 1.

Concluded Bing, "Hell, you know the state—it just horses around and horses around. I still think we'll go back to a 1."

PRE-REGISTRATION SET AT GIFFORD

Gifford

Pre-registration of children who will enter kindergarten at Gifford Grade School next fall will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 26.

Youngsters living in the school district who will be five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1976, are eligible to enroll.

Parents are encouraged to pre-register their children Feb. 26 if possible. They should bring birth certificates at that time.

Loss of quality in grain shipments from the United States occur as part of the normal handling process, says Lowell D. Hill, University of Illinois professor of agricultural marketing.

Foreign buyers could prevent some of that loss in quality by loading smaller vessels, but they are unwilling to pay the higher costs, he added.

Hill conducted a case study of a grain shipment from Toledo, Ohio, to Rotterdam. One conclusion was that the quality could be preserved by loading

But this would also increase cost by about \$2.50 a ton, he said in the study, and it would only reduce broken corn percentages a few points.

"Only in unusual circumstances would buyers be willing to pay this price differential," he said.

While it may be cheaper to load larger ships, many of the ocean-going vessels cannot get through the locks of the St. Lawrence Seaway when fully loaded.

So smaller "lake vessels" are loaded, then follow the larger ships to the mouth of the

Altgeld Hall, Assembly Hall in design Architecture varies

A mobile exhibit containing historical information on Illinois architecture will be inaugurated March 10 in Champaign as part of the Illini Arts Council's observance of the Bicentennial. The theme of the project is "Illinois Architecture: Revolution on the Prairie."

The exhibit, to be housed in an "archivan," will be on display at the Champaign County Historical Museum, 709 W. University Ave., Champaign.

"Illinois is known worldwide as the birthplace of modern architecture," said Gary Olsen, downstate coordinator of the arts council's project. "Skyscrapers are changing all over the world because of innovations in Chicago," he said. Olsen is a former president of the Champaign County Historical Museum.

"We'd like to show Illinois' architectural contributions in this exhibit," said Olsen.

The archivan will have three sections: the importance of architecture and what architecture is; a history of Illinois architecture and its effects on national and world architecture, and a survey of state

landmarks and important structures. In addition, audiovisual equipment and a lecture forum will be set up.

The exhibition will feature small reproductions and photographs of work by Louis Sullivan, a leader in the "Chicago School" of architecture. Thomas Carson, Pirie, Scott and Carter department store still stands in the Chicago Loop as an example of his work.

Also featured will be work by William Le Baron Jenney, who designed the first skyscraper of the world, a 10-story Home Insurance Building, 1894. That was the first fireproof steel skeleton building. Before that, iron and stone were the major materials used for big buildings.

The work of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe also will be part of the exhibit. He came to Chicago in 1930 from Germany, bringing many architectural ideas. With the motto "less is more," he designed several glass and steel apartment buildings along Lake Shore Drive in Chicago.

Frank Lloyd Wright, also an Illinois native, developed the "prairie school" of architecture in which residential homes were designed to fit their surroundings. It was Wright who oper-



STEEL SUPPORTS GO UP

English Brothers Construction Co. employees were installing steel supports last week for the new Douglass

Center, 801 N. 6th St., Champaign. Ed Hynds, vice president of the firm, said walls would be erected soon. An Oc-

tober completion date is planned, according to Stan Motley, director of operations for the Champaign Park District. (Photo by Phil Greer)

Christian Church sold

Sidell

The Sidell Christian Church building was sold in a public auction Saturday for \$2,000, to Jens J. Gallez of Georgetown. The building hasn't been used for several years.

The church, located at English and Lyon streets in Sidell, could not be sustained by the small congregation. It now will be demolished, according to the new owner.

The church's board of trustees recently ordered the building auctioned off. The money may be distributed among the three other churches in the village. Between 75 and 100 persons attended the auction, conducted by Carl Busy of Ridge farm.

Rape trial heard in

The trial of two men charged with kidnapping and raping 12-year-old Champaign girl Oct. 11, 1975, is scheduled for the March criminal docket, Assn. State's Atty. Thomas Knight said Friday.

The two men, Kelly Thomas and Jackie Brumfield, both 20 of Champaign, are being held in the county jail in lieu of \$25,000 bonds each.

The trial was to have been held this month, but was set for March after Judge B. E. Morgan ruled that the two should undergo psychiatric ex-

Central Illinois

ANNA BUSBOOM Gifford

Anna H. Busboom, 65, of Gifford was pronounced dead on arrival at Mercy Hospital, Urbana, at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday. She was taken there after becoming ill in her home.

Her husband, John, has been a patient in the intensive care unit at Mercy for some time.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Gifford, with the Rev. Melvin Bloebaum officiating. Burial will be in Kopmann Cemetery south of Gifford.

Friends may call at Lux Memorial Chapel, Rantoul, Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Born Aug. 21, 1909, in Champaign County, Mrs. Busboom was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Abers. She was married to John T. Busboom Feb. 22, 1932. They farmed in the Flatville area and had lived in Gifford for 24 years.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Joann Morrison of Gifford, and two grandchildren. Three brothers preceded her in death.

Mrs. Busboom was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Country Health Nursing Home, Gifford.

VIVIAN G. DUNFEE

Monticello

A graveside service for Vivian G. Dunfee, 67, of Monticello, was held Tuesday afternoon at Graceland Cemetery. She died Saturday at the County Nursing Home, Rantoul.

Born at Steelville, Mo., she was married to James Dunfee at Hammond, Mo., in 1928. She was a Decatur resident.

She leaves a brother, Ernest Moutray of Decatur, and a sister, Velma Dyer of Decatur.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home of Carl Miller of Decatur.

ALBERT D. DYER

Villa Grove

Albert A. Dyer, 58, of Villa Grove was found dead at home early Tuesday morning. He had suffered from a heart ailment for some time.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Villa Grove home in Villa Grove.

Mr. Dyer was born in 1915, in Leslie, Ky.

He leaves his wife, Myrtle Rutledge, and two daughters: Shirley Keitzmann of Peoria and Myrtle Hendricks Rutledge of Peoria.

He attended Rankin schools. A longtime employee of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad, he was married to Shirley Keitzmann of Rankin. He was a World War II veteran, having served in Europe, and a 32nd Degree Mason.

He leaves his wife, sons and daughter, Randy, Douglas and Jacqueline, all at home; brothers, Richard Rutledge of Valparaiso, Ind., and Lloyd Lindlow of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; sisters, Elizabeth Scott of Muncie, Ind.; Florence Correll of Hoopston; Gertrude Rutledge of Rankin; Irene Boling of Sadorus; Jean Dearduff of Kouts, Ind.; and Dorothy Rollan of Roswell, Ind.

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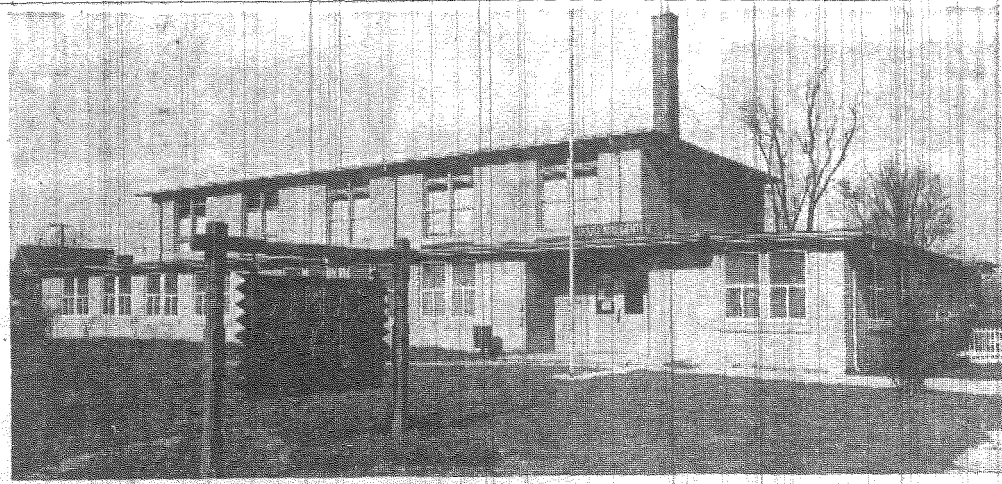
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This Douglass Center will be torn down and another built on the site, with work to begin April 1

Douglass work to begin April 1

Demolition of Champaign Park District's Douglass Center is scheduled to begin April 1.

Crews may begin construction of the new Frederick Douglass Community Center in mid-May.

The park board's facilities committee Tuesday reviewed the final plans submitted by architect E. Hedric Clay. Clay said his plans and specifications are nearly ready to

let bids. He expected contractors will be able to review the plans in about two weeks.

The park board is scheduled to call for bids at its Feb. 15 meeting. Specifications on the plans will be available Feb. 18. Clay said bids may be opened March 11.

Clay estimated that the new center at 301 N. 6th St. will be occupied in May 1976 if construction progresses smoothly.

Clay, who has been working on the plans for the new center for about a year and a half, estimates the project will cost between \$600,000 and \$700,000. The estimate is well over the \$400,000 that the park board has allocated in its 1972 bond issue.

The board, however, is going ahead with the plans, hoping some money will be found soon. The board already has submitted a request for a community development grant

from the City of Champaign.

The project will be bid on a base and alternate basis. The base bid will cover office space and a large gymnasium with a stage, locker rooms and showering facilities.

The alternate bid will be for the addition of the Douglass Center library. More than 1,000 square feet of space will be allocated for the library.

The total space of the project is 21,970 square feet.

Grain Table

Chicago (AP)			
	Thursday	High	Low
WHEAT			
Mar	3.49	3.88 1/2	3.95
May	3.78	3.87 1/2	3.84
Jul	3.67	3.78	3.84
Sep	3.92 1/2	3.84	3.90
Dec	4.00	3.92 1/2	3.99
CORN			
Mar	2.17	3.10 1/2	3.13 1/2
May	2.28 1/2	3.14	3.17 1/2
Sep	3.03 1/2	2.99	3.02 1/2
Dec	2.97 1/2	2.83	2.88
Mar	2.93 1/2	2.90	2.90
OATS			
Mar	1.64 1/2	1.57 1/2	1.63
May	1.61 1/4	1.57 1/2	1.60
Jul	1.55 1/2	1.51	1.54
Sep	1.50	1.46 1/2	1.48
Nov	1.48	1.48	1.55 1/2
Jan	1.54	1.52	
Mar	1.54	1.52	
SOYBEANS			
Mar	6.10 1/2	5.97 1/2	6.00
May	6.21	6.09	6.10
Jul	6.30	6.16	6.18
Aug	6.28	6.18	6.21
Sep	6.17	6.08	6.11
Nov	6.14	6.03	6.03
Jan	6.18	6.07	6.10
Mar	6.17	6.07	6.17

Area Interest Stocks

Stock market quotations (10:30 a.m. today) of local interest stocks (local company names in parentheses):

Stock	Price
(Universal Bleachers)	4 1/2
Beatrice Foods	19
Cenco Instruments (Cap and Gown)	4 1/4
Central Soya	17
National Distillers (USI)	15 1/4
Jewel (Eisner)	23 1/2
Magnavox	6 1/4
Kraftco (Kraft-Humko)	37 1/2
Sears	60
Super-Valu (IGA)	87 1/2
A.T.&T.	47 1/2
Carson Pirie & Scott	10 1/4
Illinois Power	20 1/2
Coca Cola	66 1/2
American Seating	24 1/2
Ozark	2
Illinois Central	15
Walgreen	17
CISS	17 1/4
SO (IND)	47 1/2
Texaco	25 1/2
Panhandle Eastern Pipeline	37
Thomas Jefferson Life Insurance	31 1/4
Holding Corp. of America	51 1/2
Esmark (Swift & Co.)	27 1/2

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LOCAL MARKETS (Tuesday Close)

Produce	
Large	.56
Medium	.53
Livestock	
Hogs	38.25
Sows	34.00
Grain	
Wheat	3.50-3.55
Corn	2.90-2.95
Oats	1.45-1.50
Soybeans	5.80-5.85

Solo Cup refuses to sell land for track relocation

The Solo Cup Co. today told Urbana Mayor Hiram Paley it will not sell property north of its East Main Street factory. The city wanted the land to relocate railroad tracks.

Robert Creighton, vice president for finance, told the mayor in a letter that the firm needs the property for future industrial expansion.

Last week Creighton visited L. J. Hulseman, owner of the cup firm, in California. Hulseman refused to sell the property four years ago.

Paley said he would tell Marvin Lieberman, chairman of

the Illinois Commerce Commission, of the company decision. In January Paley and Lieberman met in Springfield with Creighton and officials of the Norfolk and Western Railroad and the Peoria and Eastern Railroad. At that time the railroads were enthusiastic about relocating N&W tracks in Urbana.

Paley said today the P&E could seek authorization from the ICC to condemn and take the property.

"But the P&E," said Paley, "has been unwilling to seek that authorization. While that

railroad does not serve Solo Cup Co. in Urbana, it does serve the firm at various other locations in the country."

Paley said the Norfolk and Western probably would not push to have the other railroad condemn the land.

The relocation would hinge on the N&W being able to connect its tracks to those owned by the P&E. The N&W has an easement for a spur line west of the Solo factory extending from Washington Street to Main Street, Paley said acquiring that land is "no problem."

U of I revises revised guidelines on student files

Blame it on the amount of money that could be at stake—a healthy \$53 million yearly. Because of that, as well as uncertainties over just how a recently enacted law may be interpreted, the University of Illinois Tuesday released an "In Between an Interim and a Revised Interim Announcement" of its own guidelines for dealing with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

The law — they're referring to it as "FERPA" at the U of I — went into effect Nov. 19, 1974.

Basically, it allows students

18 and older to see their own records, as kept by the U of I. It accords similar rights to parents of students under 18.

It also prohibits the U of I from releasing any information about students who state in writing that they don't want any information released. And it limits the type of information the university can release about individual students without seeking the student's permission.

Today's "in between" announcement outlined major changes in the U of I's guidelines for dealing with the act, which already has been amended.

The changes give former students the same rights of access to information as current students, deny students access to their parents' financial records and deny students access to law enforcement records and law enforcement offices access to students' education records.

They also:

- Exempt from student access confidential letters and statements of recommendation that were received before Jan. 1, "if used only for the purpose specifically intended."
- Allow students to sign a waiver of their right to access to specific letters of recommendation.

And that \$53 million? That's about the amount of federal money the U of I receives in a year, and the law also provides that institutions that violate it can lose their

GEORGE WATERMAN Buckley

Services for George Waterman, 77, of Browns, a former Buckley resident, were last Thursday in St. Sebastian Church, Albion. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery there.

Mr. Waterman died Jan. 26 in his home.

Born Oct. 27, 1897, in Indiana, he was unmarried. He lived at Buckley for some time.

He leaves two sisters and several nieces and nephews, one of whom is William Waterman of Buckley.

CURTIS DONLEY Charleston

Services for Curtis Donley, 70, of Charleston, a former

Accident to drunk

Rantoul

Jo F. Urtas, 33, of Urbana, was driving while intoxicated when he was involved in an accident at 11:50 p.m. Tuesday in Rantoul.

The automobile striking a sign on Central Gulf Road near the Col. L. L. L. tucky Fried Chick 45. The sign was damaged.

She was held at the Rantoul Jail hearing was to be held today.

YMCA OFFERS LIFESAVING

Junior and senior courses open to be offered at the YMCA, 500 W. Champaign, beginning today.

Classes will meet to 9:30 p.m. on 18 to 20 hours of applications for

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Champaign sign control

other parents in Southeast Asia, casualties in Southeast Asia, reached in a random check by The Courier today agreed wholeheartedly.

About 50 East Central Illinois men were among the United States' 56,000 deaths in Vietnam during the nation's involvement there.

'Died for nothing'

Spec. 4 Gail L. Whitlatch was

But that's the way I feel." Mrs. Whitlatch also deplored the complete pullout of U.S. forces and the failure to provide funds for South Vietnam. "We let that poor country go, and it's not right," she said. "My honest opinion, and my husband's too, is that it's a dirty shame that they left those people in that condition.

that U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war was "a wasted effort."

Capt. Sadler, 32, was killed in April 1969 in an accident in Vietnam.

"All those boys died for nothing," Mrs. Sadler said. "I always felt when our boys left there the Communists would take over. My son and I talked

here now, but I would be better off than they would be over there."

Mistaken involvement

American troops should never have been sent to fight in Vietnam in the first place, said Amel Royalty of Rantoul. His son, Spec. 4 Amel D. Royalty, 25, was killed there in May 1968.

"Probably we should have never been involved," Royalty said. "I think it was just a bad decision going in there, and I'm glad it's over, personally. We were told it was an effort to thwart communism, but now that seems to be a weak excuse for involving troops that far away, in a way, with a hypothetical reason for being involved.

"I think I would feel the same way now, as do most people, even if my son hadn't been killed."

Don't know what to think

Mrs. Nelson St. Peter of Gilman learned in 1966 that her son, Capt. Robert E. St. Peter, died Jan. 29 when his helicop-

County to die in Vietnam, died in vain?

"Yes, in a way I do. When you spend that much time and that much money, it seems like it was in vain."

'Died in vain'

Marine Pvt. William L. Gough died in March 1969 after being in Vietnam only 17 days. "To me, he died in vain," said his mother, Mrs. Leonard Gough of Atwood. "He wasn't there long enough to do anything."

"I don't pay much attention to it (the war) since we lost our boy," Mrs. Gough said. "I'm proud of him for what he did, but the war seems like something we shouldn't have done."

"I just don't think anything about it. If I did it would drive me crazy."

"My husband says it was all a waste."
An Arcola woman whose husband died there said, "I'd rather not talk about it. I'm filled with mixed emotions."

Panel to protest current Douglass project formed

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

Black residents of Champaign's north side formed a committee Tuesday night to protest the demolition of Douglass Center and to seek alternative ways of building a comprehensive recreational complex.

They also learned that a Champaign businessman has offered to donate land and a building for use as a library. Park board president William J. Helms Jr. made the announcement.

The donor is Terrance O'Neill, owner of Champaign Asphalt Co., 310 E. Bradley Ave. O'Neill was out of town this morning and could not be reached for confirmation. Richard Davis Jr., a Champaign park commissioner, did con-

firm the offer, however.

Davis said he is not satisfied with the location of the building. He said he would look at the building but would rather have the entire recreational complex at Douglass Park.

Meanwhile, the current Douglass structure will be scheduled for demolition within ten days of when a contract with McCabe Construction Co. is signed.

Nearly 200 persons attended the meeting Tuesday night. It was scheduled after the Champaign park board decided last week to build only a "shell" on the site. No library or senior citizens room was included in the final plans.

The "shell" would amount to a large gymnasium, which is what the current Douglass Center has.

The park board came under fire last week from the black community and has been accused of making a "racial" decision.

John Lee Johnson, a city council member, and the Rev. Lundy Savage were named co-chairmen of the committee formed Tuesday night. Other members are the Rev. B. J. Tatum; Davis; Vernon Bark-stall, executive director of the Urban League; Kenneth Stratton, former city councilman; Elsie Easley; Irma Bridgewater; J. W. Pirtle; Roy Williams of the Black Coalition; and Pat Frazier.

The committee will seek other ways to provide a recreational facility that would include the gymnasium, a senior citizens center and a library.

The library issue, though

part of the entire package sought by the committee wants, will be considered separately, according to Davis. He said the committee would consult the Champaign library board in connection with that facility.

Helms asks Urbana to help Douglass project

Champaign Park Board President William J. Helms Jr. Tuesday again called for help from the Urbana Park District in connection with the Frederick Douglass Community Center project.

Helms said: "Urbana must make a commitment. I propose that the Champaign Park District operate the athletic portion of the North End recreation program because our facilities are such and that Urbana provide the craft, senior citizen and meeting-type facilities.

"This may sound like a cop-out, but it is not," Helms added. "The oneness of the black community requires nonduplication of efforts. If the community gives me their support, I'll work for this cooperation."

Helms did not mention a possible merger of the two park districts.

"I have considered restricting use of our facilities with ID cards for Champaign residents, but it is not practical," Helms said.

Helms also proposed that the park district investigate the structural condition of the Douglass Annex, 5th and Grove streets. He suggested that it be "refurbished immediately for the senior citizens."

Couple escapes burning building

Two Urbana residents scrambled to safety through a bathroom window early today and escaped a fire that destroyed their two-story apartment at 312 W. Illinois St.

Mr. and Mrs. James Atterson awoke, realized the apartment was burning, climbed through

a bathroom window onto a porch roof and jumped to the ground. Neither was injured.

Fire Chief C. Earl Paris said the cause of the blaze is unknown, but it apparently started in the west side of the first-floor living room. Paris said the fire reached the stairs and went up to the second floor.

Damage was estimated at \$10,000 to the building and \$10,000 to the contents. The other apartment in the frame suffered water damage.

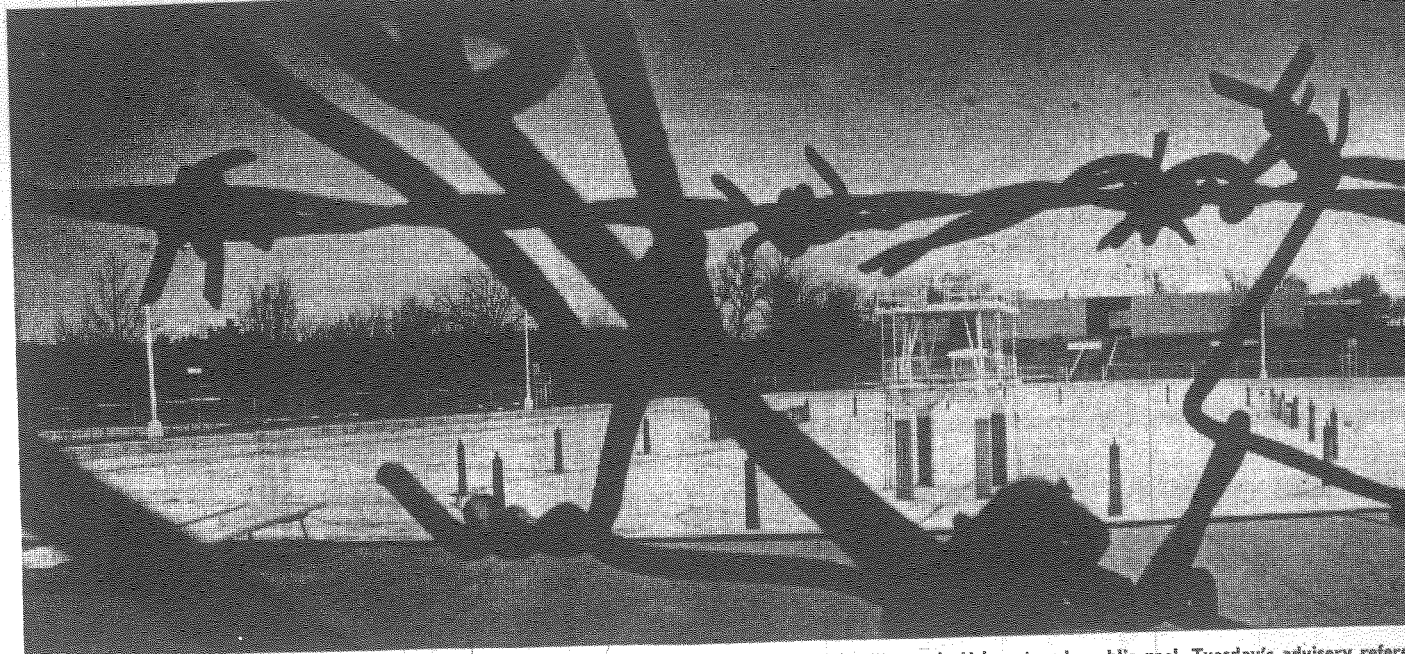
Firemen were at the scene from 3:40 to 5:48 a.m. Paris said the apartment was filled with antiques, most of which were destroyed. He said the most severe fire damage was to the first floor and a large room at the top of the stairs.

The Atterson bedroom suffered heat and water damage.

About town

A new police chief, new mayor and three new members of the city council will take their oaths of office Thursday in the Champaign City Council chambers.

Police chief William Dye will be sworn in at 9 a.m. by City Clerk Ray B. Johnston. Johnston will swear in Mayor William Bland and council members Sam Irwin, Ralph Council and Robert Dodd at 7:30 p.m.



Crystal Lake Pool, empty except for water from Tuesday night's rain, will remain Urbana's only public pool. Tuesday's advisory referen-

'No longer looking for rebound'

Automakers report sales at 17-year low

Detroit (AP) U. S. automakers report car sales in early May fell 21 per cent from a year ago to the lowest level for the period in 17 years.

National scene

The four major U. S. firms have reported that sales for the May 1-10 period declined from the same period a year ago. Two of them said sales also were off from early April.

dicted a spring upturn first for April, and later for May.

"We're no longer looking for a rebound," conceded one company analyst who had pre-

"There has been a grinding, almost grudging increase in sales over the past months, and the May figures are a normal continuation of that pattern in this slow year," he added. "But monthly sales will not run ahead of last year until sometime this fall."

President Ford's rejection of their plea for financial help for New York City was heartless and arrogant, and they blame him in part for the city's financial crisis.

However, one item inserted by the Senate — \$700 million for railroad improvements — remained in dispute. The House voted to send that back to the Senate without agreement.

Ford refused their request for a 90-day federally guaranteed loan in a letter Wednesday, saying, "We must stop promising more and more services without knowing how we will cover their cost."

The bill includes funds for public service jobs in state and local governments and appropriations and authority to guarantee loans for a wide variety of public works projects and programs of the Bureau of Reclamation, Corps of Engineers, Agriculture Department and other agencies and funds to speed up lending by the Small Business Administration.

The two Democrats went to the White House Tuesday in hopes of a federal solution to the city's increasingly pressing problem of how to meet \$1.5 billion in obligations through June 30.

Republican Whip Robert H. Michel of Illinois, saying Ford would be urged to veto the measure, contended it broke the target budget the House and Senate had adopted only a few hours earlier.

Jobs Bill Passes House, But Veto Urged

Washington (AP) A \$5.3 billion bill designed by its Democratic sponsors to fund job-producing projects is on its way to the Senate, with a Senate-House dispute still to be resolved and with a veto threatened by President Ford.

Oregon Town Bans Public Sex by Animals

Stanfield, Ore. (AP) The City Council says if any animals are going to copulate, they must do it in private.

The House passed the big money bill, claimed by its backers to be worth 900,000 jobs, by 293-107 vote Wednesday night. The measure is a compromise between versions passed earlier by the two chambers.

The council passed a nuisance ordinance Tuesday night which, among other things, prohibits sex acts by animals within view of the public.

If animals living in this

U. S. car sales for the period were 162,046, compared with a depressed 204,505 last year, and were down seven-tenths of a per cent from 163,190 in the first 10 days of April.

The latest daily selling rate of 18,005 was the lowest for an early May since the recession of 1958, when the rate was 13,705.

For the year to date, sales of 2,201,472 are off 18 per cent from 2,678,196 last year and are running at a 14-year low.

Carey, Beame Blast Ford Refusal of Aid

New York (AP) Gov. Hugh L. Carey and Mayor Abraham D. Beame say

Douglass demolition protest set

A rally to protest the planned demolition of the Frederick Douglass Community Center will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Douglass Park.

Community leaders will speak.

A committee of concerned residents has said demolition will be blocked unless the Champaign Park District board "recognizes" the needs of the black community and provides a comprehensive recreational facility.

Bids on the demolition will be opened Tuesday.



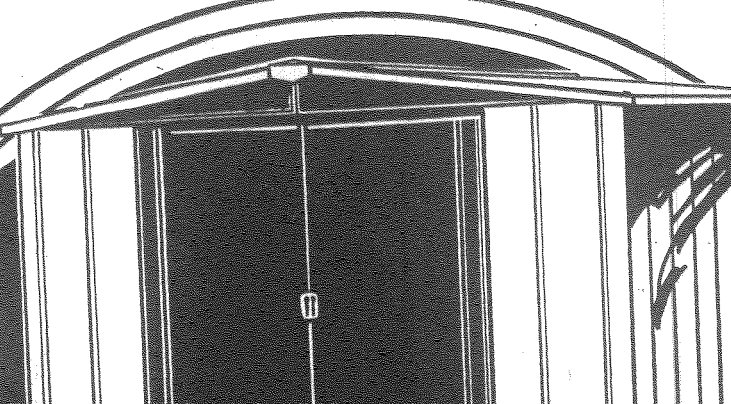
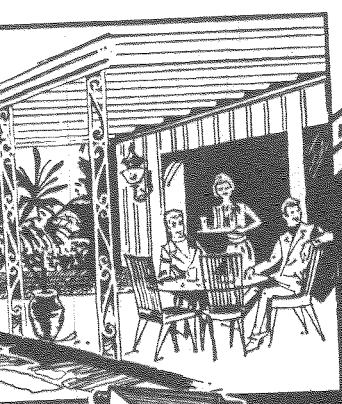
from left, Meredith Marsh, 15 years; day aide, and Sister Mary Gabriel, coordinator of volunteer services, 40 years; and Lois Smith, nursing service supervisor, 20 years.

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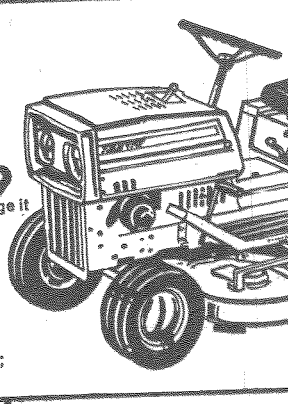
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gamecock fights "around Monticello and that neck of the woods," but had not attended any in the area.

"They have a lot of them (fights) in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas — that area," Coble said. "It's a popular sport in Mexico, but it's not illegal there."

Newsletters and magazines featuring gamecock fighting are sold in several Champaign-Urbana sporting goods stores, he said.

A Champaign man who has been invited to cock fights, but

Draper and other board members will form a permanent committee to carry on continuing inspection and supervision of the shelter.

One of the recommendations of the AHA report was for closer supervision of the shelter. Steps also will be taken to "revitalize" the board through the appointment of new members, Capel said.

The board has been inactive for some time, and Draper said Wednesday he could not recall when the board last met.

declined to go, said they are "super-exclusive" affairs.

"They call the same day the fights are held, and usually hold them at a different place, usually a barn way out in the country.

"They're big cliques," he said. "Everyone knows everyone else and no strangers are invited."

He said that he has talked to people who attended them, describing them as "pretty bloody affairs."

"When the fights are over, there's a pile of dead birds left. They burn them in a barrel the next day, so there's no trace of them."

The fights are pretty festive affairs, he said, except for one thing: "They don't allow drinking. If some drunk gets near those roosters he'd get his throat cut from these spurs."

L. L. "Jack" Lawhead, a member of the Champaign County Board and township supervisor of Mahomet, said Thursday that it was "common knowledge" that cock fights had been held in the area. He had once been invited to go, he said.

That invitation came "two or three years ago," Lawhead said, but he declined to name the man who invited him.

total reduction was \$8,284.53.

The improvement of John from Russell Street to Mattis Avenue, expected to cost about \$500,000, is being protested by 30 property owners in the area.

Property owners in the area would be assessed for 30 per cent of the cost of the project if the jury upholds the city's plan.

As Judge Creed Tucker explained in his instructions to the jury, a special assessment of that kind can be made only when the real market value of the property assessed increases in value by at least the amount of the assessment as a direct result of the project.

The benefits also must be of a kind that accrue to the assessed property owners and cannot be shared by the public at large. The city has the burden of proof in the case.

The project would involve the construction of a 44-foot wide concrete pavement with a bicycle lane on the north side and parking on the south side.

The portion of West John in question now is an oil-and-gravel pavement. There currently are no curbs, sidewalks or storm sewers along it. These would be constructed as part of the improvement.

It was the issue of whether the public at large would share in the benefits of the project that James Evans, assistant Champaign city attorney, and Lawrence Johnson, attorney for the objectors, concentrated upon in their closing arguments.

Evans argued that special benefits would result for the assessed property owners in that traffic safety in the area would be improved by a better roadway and having parking only on one side; that sidewalks would increase pedestrian safety in the area; that the storm sewers would provide better drainage for the

ings would be lost and traffic and noise would increase.

Johnson also showed the jury photographs of homes along West John and along intersecting streets in the area such as Russell, Draper and Garfield streets, which indicated that West John was in significantly better condition than the others. He argued that if the project was not envisioned as a means of improving traf-

assessment testified in one case. J. Lloyd Brown, testifying for the city, said that property values would increase by at least as much as the assessment. Of two experts testifying for the objectors, Gail E. Carterline said he thought property values would remain about the same, while John F. Gwinn said he believed that in almost every case values would go down.

Group demands 'complete' center

The Frederick Douglass Community Center Citizens Steering Committee issued Friday a "position paper" which calls for the construction of a comprehensive recreational center.

The paper was released by Richard Davis Jr., a member of the Champaign Park District Board of Commissioners.

Davis, also a member of the steering committee, has opposed the park board's decision to build a smaller center containing only a gymnasium and supporting facilities.

The paper lists the following contentions and demands:

— Historically, the northeast section of Champaign and especially Douglass Center has had to exist with less than adequate recreational programs, less than adequate recreational staffing and less than adequate physical facilities.

— The present Douglass Center is not only under staffed, but also lacking in program space which the park board's proposed facility will do nothing to correct.

— The original charge of the 1972 bond issue committed the park board to building a recreational facility fully adequate to meet the needs of all of the citizens of northeast Champaign.

— The Champaign Park District, statements of the new board President William J. Helms Jr. withstanding, has the financial means for building an adequate Douglass Center.

— The only acceptable facility for northeast Champaign will be a complete one.

— There will be no demolition of Douglass Center until a complete facility is promised.

— 90 per cent of the workers on the Douglass Center project shall be black.

A rally is scheduled at Douglass Park from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday to gain support in protesting the demolition of the center and requesting the construction of a complete one.

Davis had earlier said he believed the park board had enough money to build the center if some other minor projects in the bond issue were deleted.

Park board President William J. Helms Jr. said Friday night that with the efforts put into opposing the issue, the black community could have raised enough money to build the complete center.

Helms also hinted that the search for extra money is still continuing. He said he knew of at least one other board member who is exploring possibilities of extra funds.

Meanwhile, the board is scheduled to meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday to consider bids on the demolition of the present structure.

One bidder, McCabe Construction Co. of Champaign, withdrew its bid last week after learning of the black community's opposition to the demolition.

Helms said Friday night the board will go ahead with awarding the demolition contract. He said the board has signed a contract for the construction of the center and the demolition must be done.

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of the Illinois chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. William Nick of Columbus, Ohio, speaking today at noon on "The Crisis in Malpractice."

The group Friday heard the presentation of scientific papers and elected officers.

The group named Dr. Otto Metzmaker of Springfield as president, succeeding Dr. William Marshall of Peoria. Doctors Jack Cooley and Michael Russo of Carle Clinic were program co-chairmen.

The meeting is being held in the Ramada Inn.

To continue boycott of hiring recruiter

Latino students talk with Corbally

By Paula Peters
Of The Courier

Latino students dissatisfied with the results of a meeting Friday with University of Illinois President John Corbally plan to continue their boycott of the U of I's efforts to hire a full-time Latino recruiter.

Eva Fuentes, a representative of La Collectiva Latina, said Friday afternoon several students met with Corbally for more than an hour Friday.

"He was very cordial and pleasant, and he listened to us patiently," she said. "But he will not pressure the chancellor (Jack Peltason) or the director of admissions and records (Jane Loeb)."

Miss Fuentes said her group wants the full-time recruiter to be hired to work in the admissions and records office and to report directly to Di-

rector Loeb.

A half-time Latino recruiter who has worked in the office has "no authority," she said. "He was bringing in applications, but he had no say-so about who was chosen."

"We asked them to hire a full-time person besides the half-time person, and they said okay, but took away the half-time job. Now we'll have a full-time person, but unless that person has authority we have nothing at all."

"That authority would come if the person reported directly to Jane Loeb."

Miss Fuentes said the students will not work with a search committee looking for an individual to fill the full-time job so long as that person would not report to Director Loeb.

Contacted Friday afternoon,

Corbally described the discussion with the Latino students as "lengthy and informative."

"I did inform them that I would not interfere with the chancellor nor with the director of admissions in suggesting what administrative arrangements were appropriate to enhance the recruitment of students from minority groups," he said.

He also said he told the students he "thought they were focusing on the wrong problem."

"The basic purpose of their efforts is to increase the number of Latino students at the Urbana-Champaign campus," Corbally said, "and I think that's a purpose we all accept."

"But I feel the question is whether that purpose can be met without having a special Latino recruiter who reports directly to the director of ad-

missions. In my view, their discussions are straying and are related almost entirely to the administrative structure."

Miss Fuentes said the students will work through the summer, contacting community officials and other persons in an attempt to gain support for their cause.

They already have contacted U of I Trustee Arthur Velasquez, she said, adding that Velasquez "has all our documentation, including statistics and the history of our past efforts."

"He is very aware, and we know that he is acting on our behalf, as well," she said.

Several faculty members also are aware of the group's efforts and support them, she said.

Chancellor Peltason has asked Director Loeb to report to him by December on how the recruitment effort works.



Foundation aid suggested for Douglass Center

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

A Champaign park commissioner says she may have found a way to get extra money to finance the entire Frederick Douglass Community Center.

Patricia Leonhard said Saturday she will propose at a park board meeting Tuesday that the board seek funds from private foundations.

Three weeks ago the board cut the library and senior citizens room from the plans for Douglass Center because of lack of funds. It voted instead to build only a gymnasium.

Mrs. Leonhard said she could not name the agencies that might provide the funds but added, however, that some agencies fund projects that are proposed for "low-income areas."

"We have had some encouragement that those funds do exist," she said.

Mrs. Leonhard said Saturday she could not be more specific because "there are some details I have to iron out." She said she hoped to present a complete proposal to the board Tuesday.

Meanwhile, a rally is planned

from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Douglass Park.

A committee of leaders from the black community planned the rally to protest the demolition of the current Douglass Center.

The park board now is seeking bids on the demolition project. Bids are due Tuesday.

Mrs. Leonhard said Saturday the building that is scheduled for construction is designed so that additions can be built as funds become available.

She said it may take at least a year to build the first phase of the project. "I don't see anything wrong with building the whole project in phases anyway," she said.

She said Commissioner Richard Davis Jr. has "always insisted" that the current building be torn down because that would be an assurance that the district would go ahead with the project.

Davis said Saturday he had insisted on tearing down the building only after an employee was hurt in an explosion. He also said he favored tearing down the building only during discussions of a "twin-unit" plan that would have provided a complete recreational center.



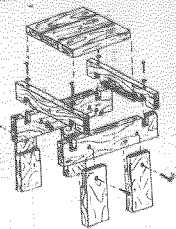
CREW RESCUED

Rescuers work Friday afternoon on the upturned hull of an ocean-going tug that capsized off Queens, New York

City, while towing a sand barge. The crew of eight was saved, including several mem-

bers trapped in an air pocket inside the capsized tug. (AP Wirephoto)

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per-day pay rates for substitutes in Central Illinois. A check of several other area districts showed those district have higher substitute pay rates than Urbana.

In a meeting last week with Urbana Supt. Kermit Harden, they said, "supply and demand" was mentioned as one

Such handbooks would be available at the school office when the substitute teacher arrives.

"You know how it is when a substitute's got a class," Wilson said. "Some of the kids think, 'Great! We've got a free day!'"

"I think that is a reflection of the administration's attitude

administrative Affairs and Educational Statistics of the American Council on Education, Washington, D.C.

He admitted the 13,123 persons attending commencement that optimism about the "world outlook" may seem false, but he urged that higher education be used as a means of improving mankind's problem-solving capabilities.

Currently, Champaign pays substitute teachers \$24 a day.

them, and increased technical expertise, are needed, he said.

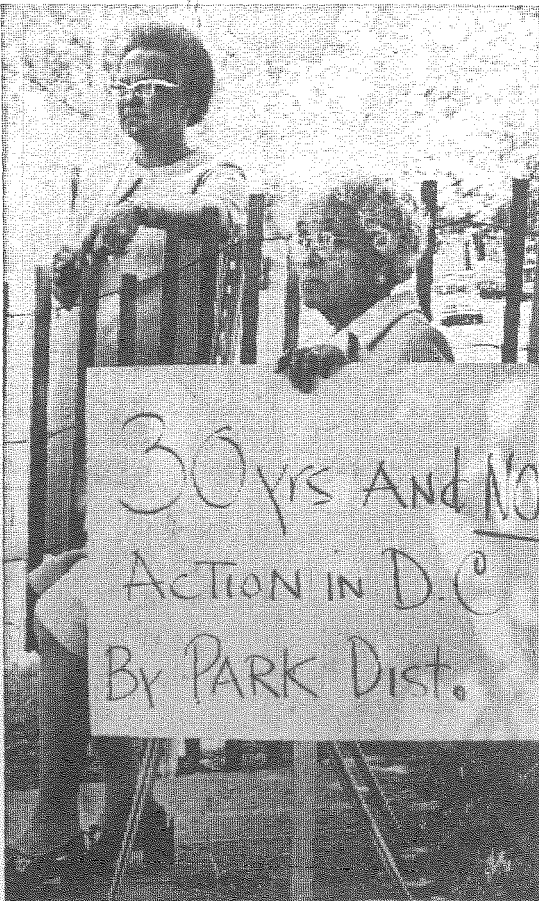
"The difficult and dangerous times ahead should not be minimized," Lanier said.

"We must learn from the past and set ourselves self-consciously and wisely to the task of preparing for the future."

Honored at the commencement was John Gregg Allerton, who received the Board of Trustees Distinguished Service Medallion. Allerton is the adopted son of the late Robert Allerton, who gave the U of I his estate, now Robert Allerton Park.

Honorary doctorates were awarded to Prof. Howard Bowen, former dean of the U of I College of Commerce and Business Administration, and

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DOUGLASS PROTEST

Erma Bridgewater (left) and her mother Sarah Scott stand beside a protest sign Sunday at Boneyard dedication ceremonies in Scott Park. They were protesting the Champaign Park Board's decision to demolish the present Douglass Center and eliminate a library from plans for the

center replacement to be built. John Lee Johnson and Ken Stratton, members of a committee formed to protest the demolition plans, also picketed. A rally was held Sunday night in Douglass Park to protest the planned demolition.

(Photo by Richard Davis Jr.)

Winners in math told

First place winners of the Undergraduate Mathematics Prize Contest at the University of Illinois are Tycho Sleator, of 605 W. Michigan Ave., Urbana, and Bruce Hajek of Villa Park.

Sleator, a freshman, won the orange division for students enrolled in calculus. Hajek, a junior majoring in mathematics, won the blue division open to all undergraduates.

Allen Moy of Chicago, a senior, placed second in the upper division competition.

The three students each will receive as a prize a book on mathematics.

2 women hospitalized after fight

Two Champaign women remained hospitalized in satisfactory condition today, one of them shot, the other slashed, in what police said was a sidewalk fight at 10:45 p.m. Saturday near the intersection of First Street and University Avenue in Champaign.

Police said the incident involved Jesse Miller, 29, of 609 E. Park St., and Mary Adkisson, age unknown, of 1620 Hedge Road. Both women were admitted to Burnham Hospital.

Mrs. Miller was shot once in each leg, and Mrs. Adkisson suffered razor blade slashes to her face and upper body, according to police. A third shot was fired, but police said no one was hit by it.

Although early reports described the events as separate incidents, police detectives today said they believe the women were injured as they fought each other on the sidewalk on the east side of the 100 block of North First. Mrs. Miller was found at the scene by police. Mrs. Adkisson came to Burnham for treatment about 11 p.m.

Detectives also said the fight probably was a rematch of a Friday night fight allegedly involving the same women.

New Guinnip trial requested

A motion has been filed for a new trial in the case of Jack D. Guinnip, former Champaign police officer convicted of the rape of a University of Illinois coed, and assault of a second last October.

No hearing date for the motion has been set. Guinnip's attorney, Paul Hendren, cited 21 alleged errors in the trial.

One of the errors, Hendren said, was the court's refusal to allow proper interrogation of the two women.

Guinnip was convicted by a jury April 18. Each of the two victims identified the former officer as the assailant.

John St. verdict to be discussed

By Michael Murphy
Of The Courier

The timetable of Champaign's John Street paving project and a decision whether to appeal a circuit court verdict reducing project assessments are expected to be discussed by the Champaign City Council at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Steve Harris, administrative assistant to the city manager, said no official decision has been made about how the city will proceed in the wake of a jury decision Friday that reduced assessments for John Street homeowners by nearly \$9,000.

The city had divided costs of the project between the "public benefit," which it would pay, and the "property owner benefit," estimated at \$105,000 of the \$420,000 project, which the homeowners would pay.

Thirty-four property owners protested their assessments in court. The jury compromised by lowering each assessment about \$265 a lot.

Harris said the council probably will hold an executive session on litigation involving John Street, but would not say whether an appeal is being considered. He said a timetable for completion of the nine-block paving project from Russell Street to Mattis Avenue depends on the outcome of the executive session.

The council also will consider a pair of law enforcement grants that involve three local police agencies.

Each of the grants involves federal law enforcement funds channeled through the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission (ILEC). Champaign currently has a \$150,000-a-year, three-year ILEC grant to fight what the commission terms stranger-to-stranger crimes.

One of the new proposals would finance a plan to consolidate the dispatch operation of the Champaign, Urbana and University of Illinois police departments. A computer would be used to provide rapid record checks for officers making arrests or traffic stops.

The second grant is called a "police diversion" project. It would provide three experienced social workers and two interns to the three police agencies. They could be called in to handle domestic and juvenile problems that otherwise would lead to arrests, according to the ILEC.

The cities would pay about 5 per cent of the initial project costs, then finance an increasing share of the costs as the projects were further implemented.

In other action Tuesday, the council will consider:

—A agreement with the developers of the Market Place shopping center that would add more land to the tract initially consigned in a 1973 preannexation agreement.

—Union recognition of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 149 as the collective bargaining agent for some 14 city engineers and inspectors.

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take action.
\$240," he said, "but I know
I can't get the motion second-
ed. On a 52-week year, \$120
is only \$2.11 a week for car
storage."
Several roll call votes altered
the ordinance to final form.
Marion Holshouser, D-7th
Ward, asked that the permit
be issued to a person rather
than a vehicle, so owners could
use them for more than one
car.

"I understand the motive,"
said George Eighmey, R-6th
Ward, "but that's too imprac-
tical to put into effect."
Only one other council mem-
ber voted with Mrs. Holshous-
er in support of her motion.

The council also approved a
change to Civil Service rules
to permit the hiring of one
of the top three persons on
the eligibility list. Previously,
the appointing officer — ei-
ther the mayor or city clerk—
had to name the top-ranked
person.

Kenneth Appel, D-7th Ward,
cast the only dissenting vote.
Appel said he wanted testing
procedures refined rather than
changing the policy of hiring
the top person on a list.

The council unanimously ap-
proved the Urbana Free Libra-
ry budget of \$234,700. Head li-
brarian Fred Schlipf said wage
hikes averaged 4.5 per cent
for the 33 employees.

TWO 10-SPEEDS REPORTED STOLEN

Two University of Illinois stu-
dents have reported to U of I
police the theft of their 10-speed
bicycles.

Mark Wetzel of 802 W. Flori-
da Ave., Urbana, reported the
theft of his bike valued at \$220.
Steve Lardner of 305 Carr Hall,
Urbana, reported the theft of
his bike valued at \$200.

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Of The Courier
William Bland, a union elec-
trician and veteran of four
years on the city council, took
office Thursday night as Cham-
paign's 32nd mayor.

Bland and three new council
members — Ralph Council,
Sam Erwin and Robert Dodd
— took their oaths of office
at a short ceremony in the
city building. All four were
elected April 1.

Erwin, Dodd and Council
hold the three seats elected
at-large in the city. Bland will
sit at the head of the nine-
member council.

The 36-year-old Bland suc-
ceeds former council rival Vir-
gil Wikoff, who did not attend
the ceremony. The new council
members step in for William
Kuhne and M.G. "Bob" Snyder
and fill the seat vacated by
Bland.

While Wikoff and Kuhne
skipped the April 1 election,
Bland and Snyder emerged
from a three-way primary race

Bland who said he did not
consider a mayoral race until
last October, defeated Snyder
in the April 1 runoff, winning
30 of 43 precincts and outpol-
ling his opponent by 1,024 votes.

"I'm looking forward to the
next four years, and I'm hope-
ful the next four years will
see meaningful government in
this city," Bland said during
brief formal remarks.

"My election was extremely
unique, not only in Illinois, but
all over the United States ex-
cept in areas of high industrial-
ization for a member of or-
ganized labor to be elected
mayor. I think it was extreme-
ly unique.

"But then it's also unique
for a man of my background
and limited formal education
to get so far. I was more
than just a member of organiz-
ed labor," he said. "I was
a working man and an average
man who got elected."

Bland said he thought about
higher office "from the m o-

first involved myself in political
life." Even though some
politicians thought he always
had an eye on mayor, Bland
said he did not decide to run
until mid-October.

Bland said he was proud of
the way the council has "open-
ed up" city government over
the past two years. "I think
the openness that this council
has achieved is an end of itself.
It says something about real
democracy at the local level."

With only Mary Pollock ab-
sent, Bland asked each of the
seven council members to say
something from their seats on
the council's future.

Erwin, a Champaign attorney
and the top votegetter April
1 in the six-candidate council
runoff, said: "I'll do my best
the next four years to serve
everyone in the community and
meet the needs of everyone
in the community.

Council, a dentist and runner-
up to Erwin, said he was look-
ing forward to serving on the

many things myself in political
the city of Champaign," he
said.

"The real work has just be-
gun," said Dodd, who is also
a local attorney. "We need
your (citizens') continued inter-
est, your support and your
ideas in the future."

With the Thursday night
changeover accomplished, the
Champaign council reflected a
complete turnover during the
last four years.

The April 1 balloting also
was the first time three re-
maining at-large council seats
were contested under the dis-
trict-at large council format
adopted by city voters in Nov-
ember 1972.

The other five council mem-
bers, those elected for the first
time from districts in April
1973, have two years to serve
on four-year terms. They are
John Lee Johnson, 1st district;
Mary Pollock, 2nd; Kenneth
Dugan, 3rd; Joan Severns, 4th,
and Lynn Sweet, 5th.

Correction

Two opening paragraphs do
not appear in a story on page
20 of the Daily Green section.
The following information is
from the article headlined "Three
guest conductors will appear
in concert:"

Three guest conductors will
lead the University of Illinois
Wind Ensemble at 8 p.m. Tues-
day in the Playhouse Theater
at the Krannert Center for the
Performing Arts.

Alexander Ringer will direct
the group in a performance
of Mozart's Serenade No. 10
in B-flat Major, K. 361. Ringer
is an internationally known mu-
sicologist and member of the
U of I school of music faculty.

Injunction sought to halt demolition

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

A petition for an injunction
to halt the Douglass Center
project was filed Thursday af-
ternoon in Champaign County
Circuit Court.

The petition was filed by
Henry Matthews, on behalf of
an organization called Resident
Owners United Together
against the Champaign Park
District.

The petition seeks a tempo-
rary or permanent injunction
to prevent the "destruction of
the present Douglass Center"

and to "prevent the commencing
of a new project at the
site without community con-
sent and participation."

Matthews stated in the docu-
ments that "immediate and ir-
reparable injury will result to
the public if this injunction is
not granted because once the
project is started it cannot be
stopped, and, once the project
is begun there will be expended
vast sums of money of the
public, all to the detriment of
your affiant and the taxpaying
public."

If this injunction is not grant-
ed, Matthews said, "It will be
extremely difficult to assure
that the community will have
harmony, tranquility and the
kind of facilities for the aged
and the young people of the
community as has been prom-
ised."

Matthews distributed copies
of the petition at the park
board's Thursday night special
meeting. Commissioners would
only comment that park dis-
trict attorney French Fraker
would have to advise them.

The Rev. Lundy Savage, co-
chairman of a newly formed
committee to protest the Dou-
glass Center demolition, told the
park board that the "commu-
nity will not allow Douglass Center
to be demolished until such
time as that the Champaign
Park Board agrees to build
from the base bid plus an al-
ternate one, which includes
space for senior citizens and
adults."

The Rev. Mr. Savage's state-
ment to the park board did
not mention a space for a li-
brary. But John Lee Johnson,
also a cochairman of the com-
mittee, said the library still
is included in the committee's
request.

Ribbon cutting opens mall

A ribbon-cutting ceremony
today opened the celebration
of the grand opening of the
Downtown Champaign Mall.

The eight-day festival will in-
clude band concerts, craft
shows, art exhibits—even a hat
show and magic act.

The events got under way
this morning after a reception
in the city building. A country-
western music show was set
for 7 p.m., starring Peggy Sue
and Sonny Wright, Charley
Louvin and The Big Men and
Charlie Walker.

Concerts by the Centennial
High School concert band, Cen-
tral High School jazz band and
the Medicare 7, 8 or 9 dixie-
land band are scheduled for
Saturday, at 10:45 a.m., 1:30
and 2:45 p.m., respectively.

The festival will continue
through May 10.

Painters on strike today

Painters Local 363 of Cham-
paign joined ironworkers this
morning in a strike that has
shut down major construction
projects throughout East Cen-
tral Illinois.

Dick Garms, business repre-
sentative for the local, said
only those union members who
work for firms belonging to
the Champaign County Con-
tractors Association were off
the job this morning. Garms
called the situation "very
touchy."

He said he expected to re-
ceive an offer from the con-
tractors this afternoon.

The painters' local has about
250 members. How many of
them are on strike is
not known, Garms said.

Meanwhile, ironworkers con-
tinued to picket major con-
struction sites, including the
Market Place shopping center
on North Neil Street, Cham-
paign.

Chris Kuhne, president of the
contractors' association, said
he expects no break in the
strike within the next few days.

As he emerged from a meet-
ing this morning with associa-
tion members, he said the two
sides are far apart on wages.

Kuhne said the ironworkers
are asking a one-dollar-an-
hour wage increase and addi-
tional fringe benefits. The con-
tractors have offered a 50-cent-
an-hour pay increase.

Kuhne said he hoped to meet
with the striking workers early
next week, possibly Tuesday.

FIRE CALLS

Wednesday
False alarm, 1009 W. Springfield Ave.,
one Urbana pumper out at 10:55 a.m.,
back at 11:10 a.m.

Burning dead pine tree, Elm and
Mathews streets, one Urbana pumper
out at 10:36 p.m., back at 10:51 p.m.,
slight damage.

READY FOR SWIMMERS

Jill Opolka cleans the bottom of Crystal Lake Pool in Urbana Tuesday afternoon in preparation for the pool's season opening Monday. J. J. Shelem (formerly Centennial) and Spalding pools in Champaign open Saturday. Champaign pools will be open from 11 to 9 p.m. daily. (Photo by Phil Greer)

Board members stress that it's tentative

Urbana school budget of \$8.69 million approved

By Earl Merkel
Of The Courier

The Urbana School Board Tuesday adopted a tentative budget of \$8,694,528 for the 1975-76 school year, including an educational fund projected expenditure of \$7,011,727.

The two major categories, the educational fund and the operating and maintenance fund, show a combined "leftover" balance of almost \$400,000—money that will be used to offset inflation and to "adjust negotiated agreements," the board said.

"Adjustment" of negotiated agreements may be the key to board budgetary considerations, since the major "negotiated agreement" to be considered this year is the teaching contract with the Urbana Education association.

The exact total of "leftover" funds available to the district is \$375,360 under the tentative budget, which district business administrator Jack Watts emphasized was "very, very tentative."

Board members have said any contract with the UEA must recognize the serious financial situation facing Urbana schools while negotiating salary increases.

The relatively small amount in projected available funds, which must cover inflation as well as the salary increases, would limit negotiation flexibility of the district in dealing with UEA proposals.

The tentative budget, currently about \$2.5 million lower than last year's budget, reflects the \$1.2 million in cuts and reductions ordered by the

board before Friday's defeat of a tax increase proposal.

Not included in the final figures are the amounts to be spent on projects financed with money from state or federal grants, Watts said.

Watts said the district is still uncertain of the grant amounts to be allocated to Urbana schools.

Most grant applications for the projects are pending.

The board also set Aug. 26 as the first day of school but rejected the rest of a proposed calendar because of disagreement regarding the date of the final day of classes.

The calendar considered Tuesday proposed that classes in Urbana end June 9. Several board members objected to that closing date, noting that

by that date the University of Illinois will have already begun summer school.

Another objection was raised by board member Evelyn Burnett, who said the calendar should include a school holiday on the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. in January.

"I feel very strongly that Dr. King's birthday should be a school holiday, so that the children can attend services and ceremonies in honor of him," Mrs. Burnett said.

Currently, King's birthday is listed by the Illinois School Code as a "commemorative day" on which school is in session.

The board directed the district staff to revise the calendar and seek an earlier closing day but made no recommenda-

tion regarding King's birthday.

The board also received a petition from Urbana substitute teachers requesting an increase in daily pay from the current \$24 to \$33 and for creation of a handbook listing procedures and practices at the individual Urbana schools.

Lack of such information handicaps substitute teachers, spokesman Mark Wilson said, and creates difficulties in performing their jobs.

The district's project house, constructed by students in vocational crafts courses at the high school, was discussed by teacher Robert Drew.

Drew told the board that the house in southeast Urbana, was about 75 per cent complete and could be finished in late summer or early fall.

Drew, John Garth and Richard Heath, all teachers in the project, presented a slide presentation showing construction phases during the project's progress.

The board authorized the district to submit a federal Title I application for the 1975-76 school year totaling \$191,961. Title I concentrates on basic reading, mathematics, written and oral communication.

The board also voted to allow full credit for music courses at Urbana High School, with one-half credit for any additional music courses taken at the same time.

The Urbana School Board will next meet in study session at 7:30 p.m. June 3 in the Urbana Junior High School Fisher campus cafeteria.

Community leaders angry, threaten violence

New Douglass demolition contract is approved

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

Amid threats of violence by black community leaders, the Champaign park board Tuesday night approved a low bid for the demolition of the Frederick Douglass Community Center.

The board awarded the contract to McCabe Brothers Construction Co. of Champaign, a firm which had refused to sign a contract two weeks ago.

While the firm had submitted a \$2,700 bid two weeks ago, Tuesday's bid was \$6,882.

The board said McCabe would have the contract provided that his firm becomes qualified to operate in Illinois. According to Don Dobbins, acting attorney for the park district, McCabe had been disqualified to operate in Illinois because the firm failed to pay its franchise fee in the Secretary of State's office.

Demolition would begin within 10 days after McCabe signs the contract.

Community leaders were angry Tuesday about the park board's decision to go ahead with the demolition. They had been trying to save the old structure if the park board is not willing to build a comprehensive recreational facility.

About 10 community leaders marched into the park board's meeting room, four carrying picket signs.

Kenneth Stratton, a member of the steering committee which is protesting the demolition, said he would not rule out violence if the bulldozers show up at the Douglass Center.

Stratton reminded park commissioners of the Kent State University violence saying "We've been patient, and you are trying our patience. The day you send the bulldozers to Douglass Center, it will be the day we will be beyond our patience. You're creating another Kent State."

Stratton accused the board of "going ahead with the pro-

ject as if we (the black community) did not exist. Well, we do exist. And, the responsibility of blood that may be shed by your uncompromising decision and racist attitude will be on your shoulders."

Another resident who protested the demolition told the park board that there are "going to be shots fired." He said to the park board and the contractor that "McCabe's got offices in the black community."

Park board President William J. Helms Jr. offered a resolution that if additional funds become available, the park board would go ahead with the extended facility including a library room.

Helms's resolution said that additional funds are those "other than any moneys now in the 1972 bond fund or interest earned from it."

Since Helms's resolution was not included on the agenda, commissioners could not vote on it. The resolution, however, got a cool reception from Com-

missioner Richard Davis Jr., who said he would not vote for it because it prohibits the park district to use any of its own funds even if other extra outside funds can be found.

John Lee Johnson, a chairman of the steering committee, said Helms's resolution was "unacceptable," because if the city had given part of the needed money, the park district would be prohibited from using any of its own.

Johnson told the board he was going to ask the city council for extra funds and did so Tuesday night. In response to Johnson's request to help the park district, the council passed a motion instructing Mayor William Bland to seek a joint meeting with the park board in order to "break a stalemate" on the issue.

If the board decides to go ahead with building additional facilities at Douglass Center, new bids will have to be sought, according to Dobbins. He said

the park board could leave itself open to possible litigation if it were to "renegotiate" alternate bids submitted earlier.

In other business, the board voted to seek \$300,000 of the city's revenue sharing funds for use at the Downtown Senior Citizens Center. General Manager Robert F. Toalson said if less money is received from the city, programs and activities may have to be curtailed.

The board also approved a \$4,000 engineering fee for drainage, survey and design of Robeson Park. The work is being done by Bazzell - Phillips & Associates of Champaign.

Miller: City's only role would be to offer funds

The city council seemingly can resolve a park district dispute over construction of a new Douglass Center only by offering urban renewal funds for the project, Champaign City Manager V. Eugene Miller said

today. "If it contributes to the general renewal of the area, then it would be a proper expenditure of our urban renewal funds," said Miller.

Miller, however, said today he was not ready to recommend the expenditure. He said the final decision on a Douglass Center design was "strictly a park district matter."

The city council voted Tuesday night to seek a joint meeting with the park district. It was sought by John Lee Johnson, who represents northeast Champaign where the new recreation center would be built.

Johnson, who also is co-chairman of a citizens committee which has vowed to block current construction plans, said the contribution of city money for a more complete center was a possibility.

"On the other hand," he said, "I think this city council has been more than generous to the park district."

A joint meeting of the council and park board might serve another purpose, as well, Johnson said.

"The best thing that could come out of it would be an honest statement of the Champaign Park District's opposition to Douglass Center. Obviously there is something with that building that some members of the park district board have not expressed publicly," he said.

Johnson said the citizens committee wants space for a senior citizens center and meeting rooms in addition to the gymnasium — only facility now planned by the park board.

Johnson said he hoped the relocation of the Douglass Center library would be resolved at an upcoming meeting of the city's library board.

A shortage of money to meet inflationary construction costs resulted in the park board decision to trim its 1972 plans for a new recreation center at 6th and Grove streets.

Lawhead argues and argues about farm definition

proposal back to committee failed on an 11-10 vote. Then the board voted 11 to 10 not to accept the amendment (a two-thirds majority is required).

Lawhead, who said his committee had held "five or six" meetings on the subject, said the wording of the proposal "probably isn't what everyone wants, but we couldn't come up with anything better."

Board member Donald Nelson, a member of the committee, said, "All that was changed were a few words."

Concerning county zoning, Richard Burwash of the Champaign County Farm Bureau, said, "If misery loves company, Champaign County has plenty of company." He suggested the matter be left the way it is until state legisla-

tive action is taken.

Board chairman Wesley Schwengel, himself a farmer, said, "I think we can live with it." He estimated it would take about 14 months for the legislature to act, adding, "But how do you define a farm?"

Nelson commented, "I admit it (the definition) leaves much to be desired — it is a stopgap — but it is the best we could come up with right now."

Lawhead said, "If someone can come up with something better I'd like to hear about it."

Even County Clerk Dennis Bing, who also acts as secretary of the board, was confused by the voting. "All I can really tell you," he said with a laugh after the nearly 7½-hour meeting drew to an end,

"is that it didn't pass and won't go back to committee."

In other zoning matters, the board voted to approve a motion by Lawhead's committee that industrial use of land instituted prior to the passage of the zoning ordinance Oct. 10, 1973, be allowed to stand.

The board also approved a charge of \$15 for the filing of appeals before the zoning appeals board. Appeals formerly were free.

Nelson said, "That way we can get something back, and at the same time prevent crank cases. I admit it isn't much (the fee), but maybe it will slow people down who don't have a legitimate beef."

Board member Floyd Bauman said his income sharing committee will hold public

hearings "in the near future" to determine views on how the county should spend the anticipated increase of \$122,000 from the federal government. The county last year received about \$418,000. This year it will receive about \$540,000. This increase was due to the fact the county took over a number of additional taxing bodies, such as mental health and the Outlook Sanatorium tax, Bauman said.

Member David Heath told board members that spraying of suspected marijuana fields will begin next month. He suggested the county hire a weed control commissioner.

Schwengel late, attending concert
Tuesday's marathon meeting of the Champaign County

Board was not without humor.

The board voted about mid-morning to recess for lunch at noon and to return at 1 p.m., instead of 2 p.m., as was suggested. Board chairman Wesley Schwengel was among those voting in favor of 1 p.m. However, he didn't show. Board member Art Bartell took over the chairmanship. At 1:30 p.m., Schwengel still hadn't appeared. Bartell muttered, "I wonder where Wes is?"

Said member David Heath, who if he has any love for Schwengel hides it, "Who cares?"

When the chairman appeared at 1:45 he said he had been at the Urbana Rotary Club meeting and stayed late to listen to a singing group. "I just couldn't tear myself away," he said.



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(Photo by Phil Greer)

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Area man sentenced

A 47-year-old Mahomet man
today was sentenced to 25 to
40 years in the penitentiary
for conviction of various offens-
es including incest, rape and
deviate sexual assault.

Daughter of ex-dean dies

Joanne Turner Wenlaff, 49,
the daughter of University of
Illinois Dean of Students
(emeritus) and Mrs. Fred
Turner, died at 7 a.m. today
in Deaconess Hospital, St. Lou-
is, Mo.

She had undergone major
surgery April 29, following a
brief illness.

A private memorial service
will be held.

Mrs. Wenzlaff was born Dec.
12, 1925, in Champaign. She
attended Urbana schools and
was graduated from the U of

of 66 acres would be planned
on the assumption that willing
sellers can be found. He pro-
posed the purchase of 57 acres
near the southwest part of the
park from Claude Palmer six
acres from Freeman Riggs and
three acres from Mrs. Warren
Clark, both in the north por-
tion of the park.

Pennock said no condemna-
tion proceedings could be initi-
ated against the property own-
ers since the FPD doesn't own
the land. The approximately

Swimming also would be
allowed in the lake, probably
at the present boat launching
area.

A second entrance to the
park would be built near the
west end of the property. A
visitor's center would be built
at the east end.

Pennock said the plan now
will go to the conservation de-
partment for comments. The
board later will re-examine the
plan, perhaps next month.

Pickets protest demolition plan

More than a dozen members
of the North End community
peacefully demonstrated short-
ly after noon today in front
of McCabe Brothers Construc-
tion Co., 411 N. Wright St.,
Champaign.

They were protesting the
planned demolition of the Fred-
erick Douglass Community Cen-
ter. The Champaign park board
has awarded McCabe Brothers
a \$6,800 contract to demolish
the 30-year-old structure.

The demonstrators marched
on the west side of the street,
carrying signs that said "Mc-
Cabe: If You're Going to De-
molish Anything, Demolish Bill
Helms." (Helms is president
of the park board.)

Other signs said "McCabe,

We Won't Be Asleep"

Some of the demonstrators
included Champaign council
member John Lee Johnson, for-
mer city council member Ken
Stratton, park commissioner
Richard Davis Jr. and Elsie
Easley, director of the Frances
Nelson Health Center.

Johnson said shortly after
noon that the demonstrators
were not picketing McCabe.

"We're trying to express our
concern over Douglass Center
to McCabe," he said.

Police watched the demon-
stration.

Another demonstration is
planned for Tuesday at the of-
ficial dedication ceremonies of
the C Center for Senior Citiz-
ens.

Assessor gets additional funds

The Cunningham Township
Board of Auditors allocated
Wednesday \$84,093 in federal
revenue sharing money.

The board voted to grant
\$17,478 to the office of Asses-
sor Nancy L. King for salaries
for additional deputy assessors
for the quadrennial assess-
ment. The board also granted
\$3,150 for travel and expenses
for that office.

Mrs. King had sought \$26,000
more for her office. In the
town fund budget adopted last
week, the board authorized
\$7,500 for salaries for addition-
al deputy assessors.

Gemini House had sought
\$12,000 to balance its budget
and received \$7,768. The board
granted \$7,000 to the Urbana
Park District for a senior citi-
zens program.

The park district had re-
quested \$21,000 for new recrea-
tional facilities at Crystal Lake
Park but that request was de-

amount for the Champaign
County Nursing Home. The
board pays fees for township
residents in the nursing home
who are unable to pay.

Pools to open this weekend

Champaign public swimming
pools will open Saturday and
Urbana's pool Monday for the
summer season.

Champaign's pools, Spalding
Pool at 910 N. Harris St. and
J. J. Sholem Pool in Centennial
Park, will be open from 1 to
9 p.m. each day until Aug.
27. From Aug. 27 to Sept. 1,
the pools will be open from
4 to 9 p.m. weekdays and 1
to 9 p.m. that weekend.

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ty could have been left hanging for a long time over the future of Lake Springer and a Decatur water source.

could add \$5,000 to \$7,000 to the budget per 1 per cent of increase.

In a letter, Mayor Hiram Paley proposed a user fee for the sanitary landfill of \$1 a cubic yard to sanitary haulers. Haulers are expected to pass that cost on to consumers.

Paley estimated the fee would cost about \$1 a month for a household. Paley said the fee would replace the real estate tax levied by the city for garbage disposal. In 1974, that tax was 2.19 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The fee would add \$140,000 in revenue. The University of Illinois would pay \$70,000 for the operation of the landfill. The remaining \$97,081 budgeted for the landfill would come from the general operating fund.

'No dump'

The landfill budget of \$307,081 is more than double that of the 1974-75 fiscal year.

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were intended. Helms said he believed there was not enough money to build a comprehensive recreation center, only a unit that includes a gym and supporting facilities.

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"We are correcting the mistakes of 20 years of neglect at the landfill."

Franks said a user fee would be more equitable than the real estate tax, particularly if the city landfill is used jointly with the city of Champaign or Champaign County.

Daily disposal of garbage at the landfill costs \$209,000 a year and the cost of closing the landfill and applying the final cover as required by the state and federal Environmental Protection Agencies would be \$97,000.

Franks said the budgets for special funds would be presented before July 1. Those include a new proposed Capital Improvement Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Public Benefit Funds, bond funds and pension funds.

Franks said the general fund budget required no tax in-

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About \$500,000 to be sought

Bond suggested to build Douglass Center

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

Champaign park board member Patricia Leonhard suggested Wednesday night a bond issue referendum be conducted this year to raise extra money for the Frederick Douglass Community Center.

Mrs. Leonhard surprised the board with her suggestion to ask the voters to approve about \$500,000 to build a comprehensive recreation center and other facilities including more ten-

nis courts in the park district.

Park board president William Helms said this morning he sees "nothing wrong with the public making that decision."

Richard Davis Jr., a supporter of the Douglas Center project, said one thing to keep in mind is that a recreation tax hike failed at the time of the 1972 bond issue. He said the park district sometime must ask the voters for money to staff the buildings.

The board did not act on

the proposal.

The board Wednesday night approved final plans for the Centennial Park recreation center. Bid specifications will be available June 10 and bids will be opened at 3 p.m. July 1.

The 12,000-square-foot structure southwest of Jefferson Junior High School will cost about \$600,000, about double the amount allocated in the 1972 bond issue.

The building will have an

activity room and smaller multi-purpose room.

McCabe cleared for demolition

The firm awarded the demolition contract for the Frederick Douglass Community Center has obtained a state permit to operate in Illinois.

The McCabe Brothers Construction Co. of Champaign has been licensed by the Secretary of State's office to operate in Illinois, a condition stipulated

by the Champaign park board last week in awarding the contract.

Park district General Manager Robert Toalson said this morning McCabe is now eligible to carry out the work on Douglass Center. Toalson added McCabe has not signed a contract but has until midnight Saturday to sign.

Local blacks have objected to demolition of the center. McCabe Brothers Rental at 411 N. Wright St. has been picketed.



FIRST WOMAN

Ensign Adrienne Rubinkowski Wednesday became the first woman to be commissioned in the Navy through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at the University of Illinois. Shown receiving her commission from Capt. Chris-

topher Withers, professor of naval science, Ensign Rubinkowski soon will begin her first duty assignment, as a communications officer in the Bahama Islands. She is from Rolling Meadows, Ill., and majoring in biology.

Military power key to survival, new officers told

Mental Health agencies accept fund allocations

No one attended a special meeting of the Champaign County 708 Mental Health Board Wednesday night to appeal the allocation of about \$369,000 for community services for the coming fiscal year.

Since no appeals were made by any of the 11 agencies being funded, the allocations, which were originally approved by the 708 Board May 16, are set.

Wednesday's meeting was the final part of the 708 Board's joint review process. Had an appeal been made, based on new information not available to the board during its review of grant requests, another meeting would have been held to again review the allocations.

The 708 Board's allocations for community services for fiscal year 1976 are about \$62,500 more than that spent during the current fiscal year.

The allocations include: Gemini House, \$10,000; Kenneth Kuumba Shackelford Institute, \$17,000; Rantoul Referral Service, \$3,000; Rape Hotline, \$5,800; A Woman's Place, \$14,000; Francis Nelson Health Center, \$25,000; TeleCare, \$22,000; Champaign County Council on Alcoholism, \$25,350; Developmental Services, \$67,000; Mental Health Center, \$156,700; and HEED School, \$15,000.

Another \$10,000 is being reserved for out patient services for substance abusers, including drug abusers and alcoholics. This expenditure would depend on an evaluation after six months of programs operated by Gemini House, the Shackelford Institute, the Council on Alcoholism and the Champaign County Drug Rehabilitation Center.

Also included in the allocations is \$2,000 unspent by the

Mental Health Center that has been reallocated to the center, putting the total community services spending above \$369,000.

At their May 16 meeting the 708 Board also recommended that county revenue sharing funds totaling \$50,000 be granted to three agencies. The board recommended \$24,000 go to the Francis Nelson Health Care Center and \$13,000 each to the county Drug Rehabilitation Center and to TeleCare.

Those recommendations were reviewed at a meeting of the County Board Budget and Finance Committee Wednesday night and found acceptable, according to committee member Floyd Bauman.

Bauman said the recommendations would go before the County Board as a whole probably at the July meeting.

Appellate court upholds Douglas jury judgment

Tuscola

A \$200,000 judgment against Marathon Oil Co. for Burleigh Davis of Tuscola has been upheld by the 4th District Appellate Court.

The decision was written by Judge Frederick Green of Urbana.

Marathon had appealed the verdict of a Douglas County Circuit Court trial jury in 1972. The appellate court decision was one of the first written by Judge Green in a civil appeal case since he became an appellate judge in December.

Davis sued for damages because of severe burns. He was hospitalized for several months.

The suit was filed after an explosion and fire at the Victor Crawford Marathon Station in Villa Grove March 5, 1970.

lowed. Davis jumped from the pool of burning gas, extinguished the fire in his clothing and moved the truck away. The fire destroyed the building.

Whether a small space heater near the door of the station was operating was disputed in the trial. Davis lawyer James Lemna presented evidence indicating at least the pilot light was burning and the pipe into which the gas was running was near the building.

Lemna also quoted a state safety regulation requiring such pipes to be as far from doorways as possible and not closer than five feet.

Charles L. Robley, a fire science instructor, testified he believed gasoline fumes pulled in when Davis opened the station door caused the explosion.

The Marathon attorney offer-

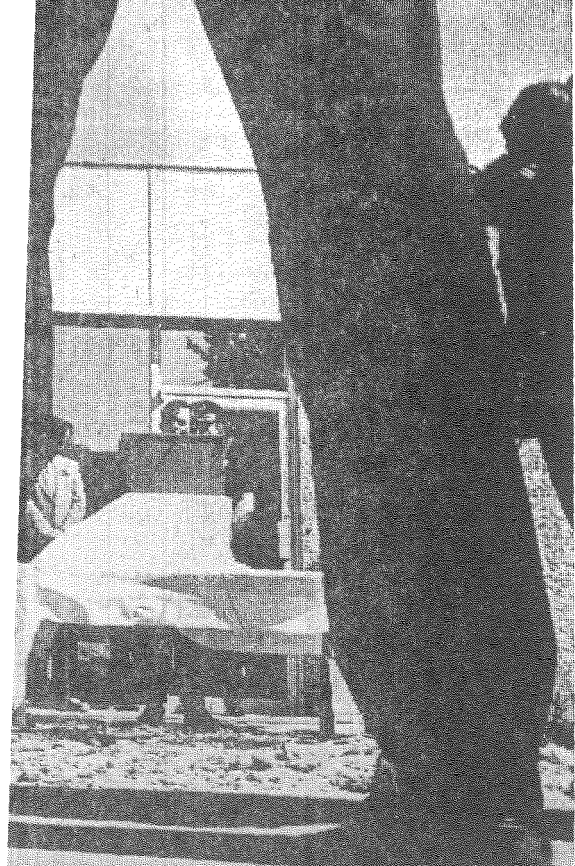
ed since the weather was cold and the building warm, the pilot light of the heater probably was lighted.

He also expressed the opinion that Davis was justified in accepting the statement of Donald Taylor, the station attendant, that the tank was empty and had no reason to expect it to overflow.

"Under the evidence," the jury "could determine that defendant (Marathon Oil) violated" the fill nozzle regulation in storing gasoline in the tank and in doing so was negligent."

The Marathon attorney claimed the acts of Davis in spilling a gas and Crawford in installing the heater constituted an intervening efficient cause of the fire.

Judge Green wrote that the



Rev. W. Edward Harris of the 'Universalist Unitarian Church and a member of the city council read the benediction. He is standing behind the lectern. At his right is Mayor

Hiram Paley. Behind the Rev. Harris is Police Chief Charles Leary. A wreath was placed in front of the flagpole. (Photo by Phil Greer)

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associate my efforts with the mayor's."

"While I recognize that this is much too vague to assist the commission in any considerations about making the position of human relations officer more effective and more meaningful," Moore said, "I have discussed the specifics with the mayor who has ultimate responsibility for addressing any of the problems which I identified to him."

Henderson reportedly criticized Moore's performance, saying his predecessor had provided the commission with more frequent reports. Moore succeeded the Rev. Arthur Burks, who was fired by Paley for disobeying a mayoral order and for owning 12 rental properties in the city that did not comply with city housing codes.

Moore became the second human relations officer in city history Dec. 1, 1973. On May 2, 1974, he was named chief examiner for the city civil service system. He is married and has a son.

Moore told the commission he did not think his predecessor's reports were substantive or meaningful.

"I think Mr. Moore was disappointed about a number of things," Paley said today. "I think he felt we did not have a large number of blacks heading departments. But we only have six or seven department heads."

"As far as I know, no black or woman applied for the jobs of public works director, city engineer or arborist, the only major supervisory positions that have become vacant since I took office."

"I had a 45-minute chat with Tom when he announced his resignation," Paley said. "I don't really quite understand his points. The opportunity to hire blacks for top jobs just were not there."

"I felt Tom served the city well," Paley said. "Partly at his request, we assigned him to personnel areas. I do not believe our basic beliefs in the area of human relations are very far apart, if at all."

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an drowns while fishing

in shallow water. She was taken to Jarman Hospital, Tuscola, for X-ray examination to determine whether there was a fracture.

she saw Mr. Strauser's body in the water almost under the bridge.

She pulled him onto the bank and called for help. Fishermen

Trial has its amusing moments

By William C. Groninger
Of The Courier

Richard Lynch, manager of the Art and Illini theaters in Champaign, proved to be his own most effective witness late Wednesday afternoon in the obscenity trial involving the movie, "Deep Throat."

Although Lynch is not personally on trial, his employer, Art Theater Guild, Inc., is.

The state has alleged that the movie, shown at the two theaters at various times, is designed to appeal to prurient interests, is devoid of any redeeming social value and is contrary to community standards of decency.

Lynch made spectators and jurors, who had viewed the film Wednesday, laugh on several occasions, the only breaks in the otherwise somber trial.

When asked by State's Attorney James Burgess Jr. why "they (patrons) continue to come," Lynch replied, "They like them (movies such as

'Throat') I guess."

Lynch in his testimony estimated that over a half-million people attended the two theaters between 1970 and 1974, and paid attendance during that period was approximately \$1 million.

Under direct examination by the attorney for the defendant organization, Donald Reno Jr., Lynch said that the average age of those attending the theaters is about 30, both men and women attend them, in groups or couples or as singles and that, from his observations, they represented "pretty much a cross-section."

Burgess drew his own laugh when he asked, "How do you determine the sex of those attending?" Lynch only grinned.

Lynch testified that the theaters began showing "explicit" sexual movies in the late '60s, beginning with "A Man and a Woman" and "I Am Curious, Yellow," and that the success

of their showing indicated a market for even more candid and explicit films involving sex.

At one point, he referred to such movies as "skin flicks" but immediately grinned and put his hand over his mouth. "I shouldn't have used that phrase," he said, as the jurors laughed.

On cross-examination, Burgess asked if it were possible that a single person could attend the movies 500,000 times.

Replied Lynch with a smile. "Sure, I suppose. But not at the price we charge."

Lynch testified that "Throat" drew 1,835 patrons at its first showing from June 28 to July 4, 1972, and about 6,500 at its second showing from Oct. 20 to Nov. 16, 1972.

The state rested its case at 4 p.m. Wednesday after a number of witnesses testified who had seen the movie.

Asked by Burgess if he thought the movie had any lit-

erary value, I Kaufmann, professor at the University of Illinois, replied, "I hope intended to."

However, he said in his opinion, the movie is of prurient interest. "He termed it a portrayal of obscenity activity."

Testified John Champaign, a musician, who testified, "I am highly opinionated. I don't think any justification for the movie was made."

At the jury's request, the movie was shown open to the public for a period of 110 persons, exclusive of the officials.

Judge Roger G. Cook, who presided over the case, warned the jury that the movie was not to be regarded as part of the court proceedings. "They should not be influenced by anything."

Closing arguments were expected sometime this afternoon.

Late this morning, the jury was advised that the movie was to be shown in the "category of no obscenity."

He said he did not think the picture was of prurient interest. "In fact, I will go further, it is normal."

He said the movie was socially redeeming, not more than so.

Under questioning, Steve Becke, in the defense, said a "situation" existed.

Dr. Traugott said the course of the case has treated between 6,000 patients, and those aged 60 and 70's.

Library option to be discussed

The Champaign Library Board failed to reach a quorum Wednesday and will meet at 4 p.m. May 23 to discuss an alternative to library facilities at Douglass Center.

The old center is scheduled to be torn down soon, with a new center without a library planned for the site. The present library has temporary quarters in the Douglass Center annex nearby, but is offering only a selection of paperback books.

Librarian Peter Niemi, said the offer of a building for a library by the Champaign Asphalt Co. at 310 E. Bradley Ave., will be the main item on the agenda.

The building needs considerable repair, Niemi said, and

the board will have to decide whether to use it as a temporary or permanent library, if at all.

"It is in the neighborhood," said Niemi, "but it is about four blocks away from Douglass Center." If the board decides to use it as a temporary library, he said, repairs will cost several thousand dollars, "which will dilute the amount of money we have for a permanent structure."

Niemi said the board hopes to call bids on the new library building to be constructed at State and Green streets by the end of July and start construction in the fall.

Working plans already have been redrawn because of increasing construction costs.

3 UI fires may have been set

University of Illinois officials are investigating three minor fires on campus early Thursday, all of which may have involved arson.

One source said this morning it is "possible" the three were set by the same person or persons but that no evidence has been found to substantiate that theory.

The first of the three fires was reported at midnight in Snyder Residence Hall, part of the Peabody Drive Residence Hall complex on the west side of the campus. There the contents of a waste basket on the first floor of the building

had been set on fire, then dumped out and extinguished.

Fire department reports were that the fire was "of suspicious origin, possibly set." The fire was out when firemen arrived.

At 2:35 a.m., firemen received a report of a fire in Oglesby Residence Hall, part of the Florida Avenue Residence Halls complex.

In this case, a "huge pile of paper" had been placed in an elevator and set on fire, resulting in an estimated \$50 damage.

Though the fire was out when firemen arrived, several matches were found in the debris in the elevator. The blaze was described as a suspected arson.

About one hour later, at 3:34 a.m., firemen were called to Gregory Hall, a classroom building at Armory and Wright streets, where papers on the floor in a third floor room had been set on fire.

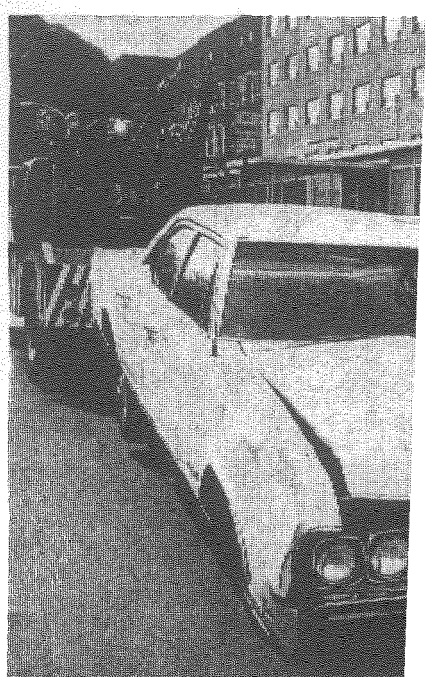
Again arson was suspected and the fire was out when firemen arrived.

Local schools announce plans for end of term

Urbana schools will hold a half-day session May 26 to allow students to pick up final report cards. School will then be over for the summer.

In Champaign May 29 is the final day of the school year. Report cards and final release for the summer will be at the end of the school day.

Both schools are closing earlier than previously scheduled because five unused emergency "snow days" were removed from the calendar.



Officer James Teague and Sunoco van

Seven injured autos collide

Seven persons were injured W. Daniel St.

CATCHING UP ON SUN, READING

Rich Eberhart, a junior in education at the University of Illinois, spends some time reading on a bench in the Centrum of the Downtown Cham-

paign Mall this morning. Eberhart is from Evergreen Park. Thursday was the last day of class at the university and, appropriately enough for

Eberhart, today was a reading day. Final examinations start Saturday.

(Photo by Lou McClellan)

Confrontation threatened over Douglass demolition

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

Angry blacks and an angry park commissioner Thursday night threatened the Champaign park board with a confrontation if the present Douglass Center is demolished.

About 50 blacks and park commissioner Richard Davis Jr. walked out of the park board meeting Thursday night to protest plans to tear down the present structure and replace it with a gymnasium.

Area blacks have been asking for a comprehensive recreational facility, but the park board has said it can provide only a basic building containing a gymnasium because of lack of funds.

Davis told the park board before leaving that he would be the "first one to go to jail" if the contractor appeared at Douglass Center to tear it down.

John Lee Johnson, a member of the Champaign City Council, said, "Our concern is to get an adequate Douglass Center. We're better off with no facility than with one that will result in social hardship."

Park board President William J. Helms Jr. earlier had presented a 30-minute statement on the district's finances. Helms spent the past week studying the 1972 bond fund. He said he found \$272,000 that is unspent but allocated for other projects.

He told the group, "It is my recommendation that they remain allocated where they are at this time."

Helms' recommendation, which was not voted on, shattered hopes that some of the unspent money would be transferred to the Douglass project by scrapping minor items in the bond fund.

The Rev. Lundy Savage, co chairman of the committee that is protesting the demolition of the present structure, said, "We are determined not to allow you to tear down Douglass Center. If it rots away, it rots away. We can go and recreate somewhere else."

"But we are going on record that the building will not be torn down unless we get adequate facilities," said the Rev. Mr. Savage.

Architect E. Hedric Clay has reported that the present structure is "unsound" and "marginal."

The Rev. Mr. Savage added "You have a moral responsibility to provide adequate facilities. We will stand there and won't let one stone be turned until you decide that you have a responsibility to

the northeast side of Champaign."

After the audience and Davis left, the board voted to advertise again for bids for the demolition of the center. Don McCabe of McCabe Construction Co. of Champaign, the previous low bidder, refused to sign the contract, according to French Fraker, McCabe's attorney.

McCabe had until 5 p.m. Thursday to sign it or lose his \$200 bid bond. He chose to lose his bond.

Park district audit impounded

An audit of Champaign Park District funds, which reportedly substantiates suspicions that more than \$40,000 is missing from park district accounts, remains impounded.

The park board Thursday night decided not to release the report.

State's Atty. James Burgess advised park board attorney French Fraker not to release the report on the grounds it may prejudice the state's case in the alleged embezzlement.

Former park superintendent Jack D. White was fired in connection with the missing funds.

'Golden Rule—He who has the gold, rules'

School officials told to avoid full state

By Earl Merkel
Of The Courier

Any move toward full state financing of local school districts would cause problems in both loss of local control and in decreased educational quality, the head of the Illinois Association of School Boards said Thursday.

Harold Seamon, executive director of the association, made the statement during an address to delegates to the annual Allerton Conference on School Administration at opening ceremonies Thursday afternoon.

Full funding of schools throughout the state, Seamon said, would quickly come under what he termed the "Golden Rule."

"And that is, 'He who has the gold, rules,'" Seamon declared.

Since local tax rates and "local accountability" for income and expenses would move away from local school boards and into the hands of the Illinois General Assembly, Seamon said, the power of program control also would move to Springfield.

He said local initiative would be degenerated into "equal" education statewide. Seamon added, the likelihood would be a general lowering of educational programs in some communities now having innovative, active local boards.

Regarding the widespread tendency toward voter rejection of school tax referendums, Seamon said he did not believe "opponents of such referenda are voting against education."

"Rather, I think they are expressing their frustration at having no say in federal and state tax increases," Seamon said. "Regrettably, they take out that frustration at the local level by blocking school taxes."

One answer may be legislation allowing "back-door" tax increases by school districts, which would bypass the requirement for referenda, he said.

"But such a power, if it is ever given, must be used judiciously and fairly," Seamon said.

Seamon said he was not sure "the public really understands that school boards have to cope

with inflation and other financial problems, while faced with a legal duty and responsibility to provide for money for quality education."

Because of inflation, he said, "new money is buying less and less—and the end is not in sight."

Declining enrollments, which result in less state aid and further reduced programs in schools, complicate the fiscal picture, he said.

Seamon said the entire state aid formula should be revised, mainly because it has become outdated.

"It's really based on increasing enrollment, the need for new buildings and additional staff," he said. "All that has changed, and we have to retool our thinking and planning."

The educational community should carefully examine the possibility of state control and maintain local control and independence, he said.

"Because if we don't, we may find out that we've lost much more than we've gained," Seamon said.

Much the same message was delivered to the group by Ron-

ald Simcox, superintendent of the Hinsdale school district, who said proposals to "equalize" funding for all Illinois schools would result in a "mediocre" quality of instruction in every school.

"I think it's a shame to have to talk about equalizing down, but some areas which spend large sums per student and have an outstanding quality of education have to look at it that way," he said.

While state aid should continue, Simcox said—and even should increase to include provisions for inflation reimbursement—full state control should be avoided at all costs.

"Otherwise, this 'equalization' will result in devastation of school programs that have been outstanding even in comparison nationwide," Simcox said.

"I don't think you should cut somebody's program to ribbons in order to equalize education," he said.

Cutbacks pose problems in schools

At this morning's seminar, three presentations about the

An \$11-million operating budget for Burnham Hospital has been sent to the Champaign City Council. The 1975-76 budget reflects an increase of \$2 million over last year.

The hospital's board of directors also set a \$5 increase in room rates for private and semi-private rooms. Daily charges for semi-private rooms now range from \$57 to \$60 and private room rates are from \$67 to \$71 a day.

The budget includes a 10 percent increase in charges for use of the operating room, and a \$1 increase in each of six charge categories for the use of the hospital's emergency room. The minimum charge is now \$6.

Increased cost of supplies and labor prompted the rate adjustments, Comptroller Robert Zettler said. The increases are the third since early 1972.

The hospital "has gone over backward trying to hold things down," he said.

Increased operating costs because of the addition of new services and a 33 percent hike in heating fuel costs are shown in the budget. New services include a minimum care unit for short-term patients, and the acute trauma unit, which will see its first full

year of use this year.

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McCabe asks delay of demolition

McCabe Brothers, Inc., of Champaign has asked the Champaign Park Board to delay the scheduled demolition of the Frederick Douglass Community Center until the dispute between the park board and the north Champaign community is resolved.

In a letter to the park board, McCabe said he would like to defer the start of the demolition "until safe conditions exist."

McCabe's business at 411 N. Wright St., Champaign, has been picketed by Douglass area residents. The pickets are protesting the demolition of the building until the park board makes a commitment to build a "comprehensive recreational facility."

McCabe was supposed to start work on the demolition of the building today. In the letter to the park board, he expressed concern for the safety of his work crew and equipment.

The park board is to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Meeting Center. The agenda includes no mention of the Douglass Center project under new business. But the project and the controversy surrounding it are expected to be discussed.

Commissioner Richard Davis Jr. said last week that he is planning to ask the board to "make a commitment" to build the entire project, including the senior citizen and activity wing. That part of the project has been scrapped from original plans because the park board has said not enough money is available.

Gelvin is unlikely to step down

H.I. Gelvin, president of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District board, may be serving his last full term on the board.

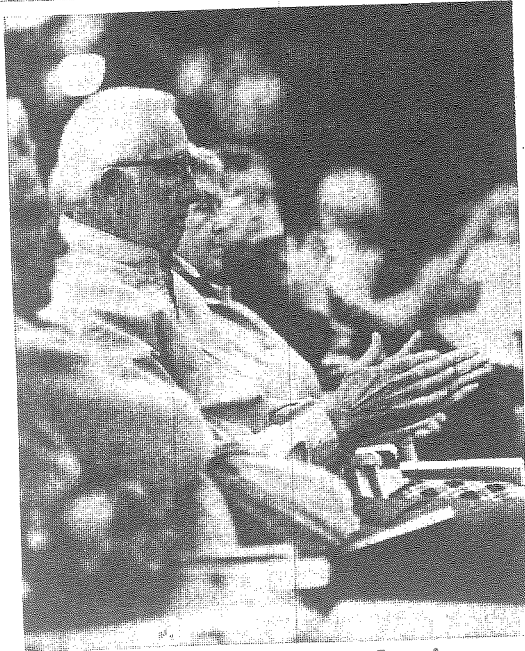
His current term expires Jan. 1.

Although the Champaign County Board has a policy not to appoint officials for more than two terms, Chairman Wesley Schwengel said he probably would recommend that an exception be made in the case of Gelvin.

But Gelvin said he may want to serve about a year of his next term on the board, after which he will retire.

Gelvin said there are a few projects he would like to see completed. Among those projects are the completion of his Botanical Swiss Garden which he financed. The garden opened last summer at Lake of the Woods.

Schwengel said he probably will recommend that Gelvin be reappointed "out of courtesy." But he said two other mem-



Summer band concerts begin

Music in Champaign and Urbana parks this summer was launched Monday night in Hessel Park with a concert

of Dixieland music by the Medicare 7, 8 or 9. In the top picture, the man playing tenor saxophone is Dan Perrino,

one of the organizers of the popular band. John O'Connor is on trumpet, and the drum-

stick is in the hand of Charles Braugham. About 400 people on blankets or lawn chairs or

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Claim Willard terminal is inadequate

Chambers of Commerce lead tour of a

By Paula Peters
Of The Courier

To emphasize their belief that a new terminal is needed at the University of Illinois-Willard Airport, officials of the Champaign and Urbana Cham-

bera will stagnate." James Welch, president of the Champaign Chamber, told reporters the trip to Capital Airport at Springfield and to the Bloomington-Normal Airport "launches a program we

baggage facilities and eating facilities. He also said the gift shop is "in a poor location. It obstructs traffic, and it's here because the Institute of Aviation needs to raise revenue."

The press conference was late afternoon and evening. In response to questions from reporters, Webber and Welch said they do not anticipate endorsing a way of financing a new terminal for the airport.

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NOT GUILTY

A happy Romie Hunter slaps hands with a friend after being acquitted of any part of

the murder of Greg Williams, former University of Illinois football player. Following him

is Steven Dorsey, another defendant. In the white suit is Jeff Davis, another defendant.

The three and David Kelly were found innocent by a jury this morning. Kelly remained

in custody on other charges. (Photo by Lou McClellan)

Douglass Center site shifted

By Les Samogyl
Of The Courier

The new Douglass Center will be built, whether the old one goes down or not, the Champaign Park Board voted Thursday night.

Since McCabe Brothers, Inc., demolition contractors, defaulted on its contract to raze the old center, the board decided to start from scratch and build a new one a few hundred feet away.

Previous plans were to demolish the old center and build the new one on the site of the old one. But threats by members of the black community apparently caused McCabe to change his mind.

McCabe Brothers signed the contract for the demolition work May 31 and had ten days in which to start work. McCabe officially requested an extension of the deadline at Thursday's meeting, but the park board turned down the request.

With the deadline for allowing the general contractor, English Brothers, to begin construction about a week away—and a hefty lawsuit possible if they can't start work—the park board made its go-ahead decision Thursday night.

The decision was made again in a split vote, complete with shouts, new threats and a walk-out by leaders of the opposition faction.

A big bass drum, carried into the meeting as a symbol of opposition, was not beaten once during the meeting. But opposition leaders said th at

doesn't mean they are backing down.

English Brothers President Ed Hynds said today his company would start work as soon as he received the new specifications. In contrast to McCabe, he said his firm has not been threatened or picketed.

The board directed architect E. Hedric Clay to make arrangements to build the structure west of the existing building, between the existing center and the Douglass Annex.

The 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Richard Davis Jr. dissenting, came after the board refused McCabe's request for an extension.

McCabe sought to delay work until the problem between the park board and the black community has been resolved. In a letter to the board, McCabe said he could not begin the demolition work without assurance that he will not be disturbed.

McCabe told the board that he had been threatened and that his business at 411 N. Wright St., Champaign, had been picketed daily by members of the black community. He said he did not want to risk the safety of his work crew and equipment on the job.

Blacks have been protesting the demolition of the old center, saying the park board should make a commitment to build a full recreational facility. The full center would include a senior citizens room and an activity room. Current plans call for only a large gym-

nashum with supporting facilities.

Although McCabe is technically in default of his contract, he apparently will not lose his \$600 bid bond. The board agreed but took no action to return his bid bond.

Commissioner Donald F. Bresnan said, "This man has been intimidated. He operated in good faith. He attempted to do the job, but he was not allowed to. I can't hold this man liable for not completing his job. He acted like a businessman."

The board's decision to build the center elsewhere in the park angered blacks who were at the meeting.

Roy Williams, chairman of the Citizens Steering Committee, and members Kenneth Stratton, Elsie Easley and the Rev. Lundy Savage walked out

of the meeting room Thursday night, saying they were going to "organize" the black community. "This community will see hell in the morning," Mrs. Easley threatened.

Williams, who was carrying the large bass drum, refused to talk to reporters. He did not beat the drum, at the request of the park board.

Earlier in the meeting, Davis took the floor and attacked the park board.

He said putting the center between the old center and the Douglass Annex is "very bad park planning."

Davis said the board acted with "no respect for the black community." He said the board simply wants to put up a building somewhere without solving the real problem.

"Problems still exist," Davis

said. "English Brothers won't be able to get in there. We kept McCabe out, you think English will get there?"

Bresnan agreed that "it was a terrible thing to do" (move the location of the building), but he said he did all he could during the last few weeks to resolve the issue. He said there is no alternative without the park district defaulting the contract with English Brothers and losing a large amount of money.

At that point, Davis introduced a resolution asking that a commitment be made to build the full center from "pad monies" (allocated bond money) and "as additional funds become available expansion may be completed, in phases ultimately."

His motion died for lack of second.

Kissinger shuttle may be resumed if gap narrows

Washington (AP)

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger is likely to resume his Middle East shuttle diplomacy next month if differences between Israel and Egypt on a Sinai settlement can be narrowed further.

Sources said the visit of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has improved chances of reviving negotiations, but a

final decision by President Ford awaits post-summer negotiations in Jerusalem and Cairo.

Kissinger is said to be reluctant to board the shuttle again unless he is 90 per cent certain it would produce an agreement. His last effort collapsed three months ago.

Ford expects to know within the next two weeks whether

terms for an Israeli withdrawal in Sinai can be arranged.

A key factor in plotting administration strategy is Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam's visit here next Friday. Egypt and Syria are pressing for a prompt withdrawal of Israeli forces on the Golan Heights, but Israel doubts that a deal can be struck with Damascus.

Shipley would get all of Macon County

Congressmen object, but remap given approval

by Richard H. Icen
Schaub News Service
Springfield

Anderson, a Republican from Rockford, to protest reapportioning Congress before the 1980 census.

Macon County in the district of U.S. Rep. George Shipley D-Oleyn.

Most of Macon County now is in the district of U.S. Rep. portion him out of Congress by giving him an overwhelmingly Republican district.

Mikva's Washington office reported that the congressman

congressman who is said to be anxious to return via a new district created for him in the map.

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wanted to be sure of getting the state's vote in case the presidential bid of George Wallace forced the election into the House for a first

against White

A new grand jury indictment against former Champaign District superintendent Jack Dean White charges him with payroll padding and forgery.

Hearings on charges in earlier indictments have been set for July 17. He is free on \$10,000 bond.

The new indictment alleges that while a public official, White did "knowingly facilitate the issuance of checks on the Champaign Park District payroll account and payable to a fictitious person for personal advantage to himself or another."

The new indictment alleges misconduct in office, for which White already has been charged.

The only apparent significance is that the new indictment specifically lists the district's payroll account as the source for the some \$32,000 which White is charged with stealing.

The indictment, as does the other charging White with official misconduct, states that the alleged fraud occurred between April 30, 1970, and February 1975, when auditors discovered funds missing.

A short time later White was fired by park district general manager Robert F. Toalson, whose name appears on a number of the checks White cashed.

In addition to official misconduct in office, White is charged with forging Toalson's name and others and with fraud.

Also indicted were Lamar Davis, rage; L. B. Bailey, attempted murder and aggravated battery; Frederick Hollingsworth, aggravated battery and cruelty to children; Carl Edgar Shook, attempt, intimidation and aggravated battery; and James Edward Scoby, unlawful use of credit card and theft.

Shook was taken to Burnham Hospital this morning after he apparently slashed his wrists with a sharp object. He was reported in good condition.

Douglass plans to be analyzed

An architect's analysis of the new site for the Frederick Douglass Community Center will be made at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Champaign Park District Meeting Center.

Architect E. Hedric Clay, who designed Douglass Center, said today he will make a preliminary analysis of the new site which is about 200 feet west of the existing structure.

Clay was notified Monday that he is to submit a new plot plan for the contractor, English Brothers Inc. of Champaign. The new plot plan would call for the construction of the 18,000 square foot building between the existing center and the Douglass Annex.

Clay said he is in the process of analyzing the feasibility of the new site.

The board last week voted to move the site of the new center after sharp community protest of the demolition of the old building.

Meanwhile, Commissioner Richard Davis Jr. said today he has been replaced as chairman of the facilities committee of the board.

Davis said in a letter dated Monday that he learned park board President William J. Helms Jr. appointed commissioners Donald F. Bresnan and Morgan Powell to the facilities committee. Davis and Helms had been on that committee last year. Bresnan was appointed chairman.

The facilities committee is the key committee of the board in planning new buildings.

Search goes on for lost canoeist

The search was continuing today for Nathaniel Herman Eisen, 56, of 612 W. Nevada St., Urbana, whose canoe overturned Sunday afternoon on the Middlefork River in Kickapoo State Park.

About 35 searchers were combing the park and surrounding areas this morning for some trace of Eisen. Eight to 10 boats were expected to be searching the Middlefork today, according to park rangers.

Among the searchers are personnel from Kickapoo State Park, the Vermilion County Sheriff's Office, the state Department of Conservation, Illinois State Police, Civil Defense and the Kickapoo Fire Protection District.

Monday morning, park and Civil Defense personnel and volunteers searched the banks of the Middlefork. Seven boats again searched the Middlefork waters from noon until dark.

Eisen and his son David, 23, were canoeing downstream Sunday afternoon when the canoe came into heavy currents, struck a tree that overhangs

and then ran along the shoreline following his father for about one quarter mile, he reported to searchers, but then lost sight of his father.

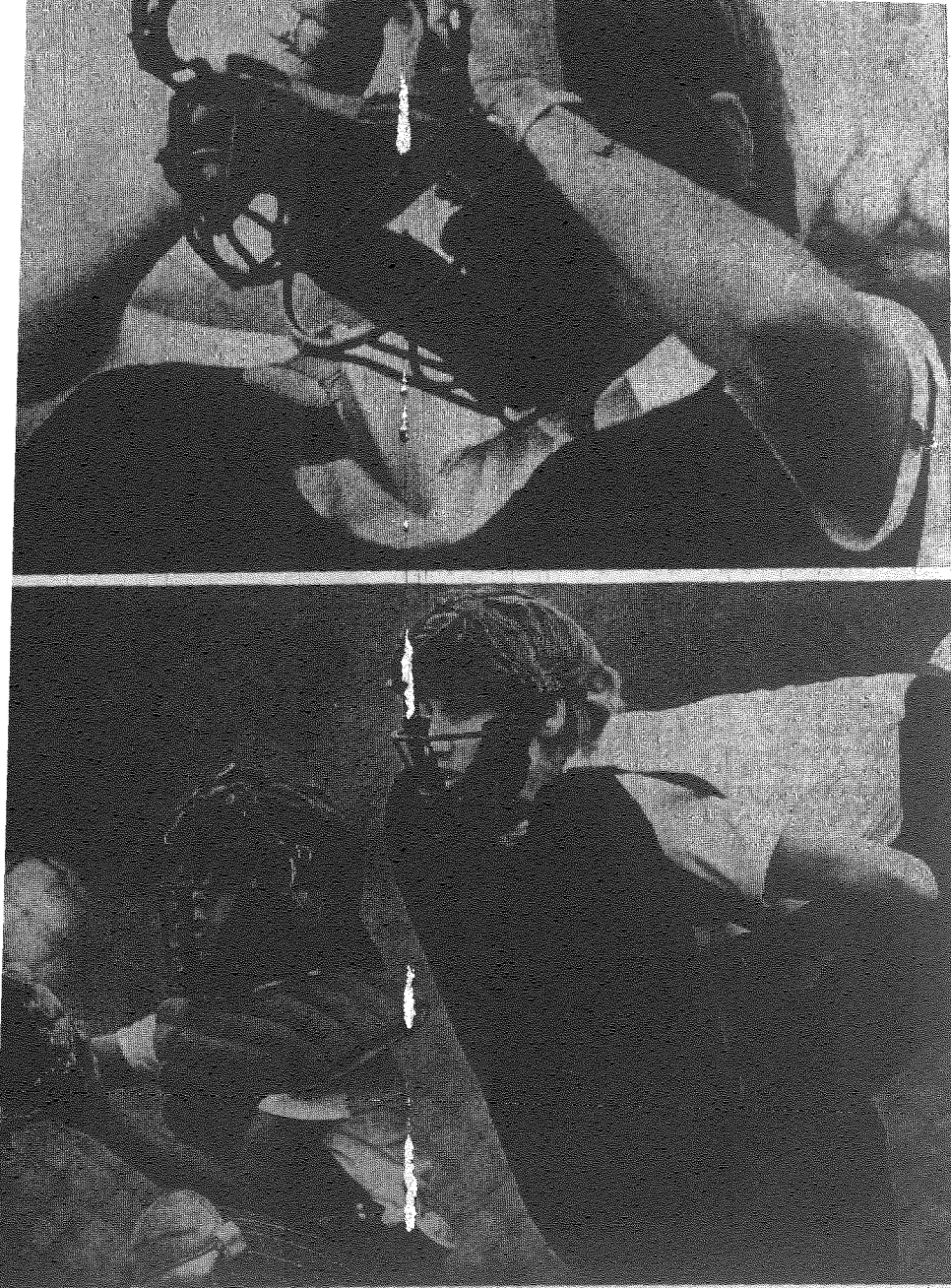
Scuba divers and other volunteers began a search late Sunday afternoon. The search yesterday was concentrated on the Middlefork shoreline because some searchers thought Eisen might have made it to shore and then possibly collapsed.

Rangers today said the search would continue until Eisen is found. Rangers also hoped that the water level of the Middlefork, about three feet above normal, would begin to recede and aid the search.

Eisen is a psychologist who practices privately in Champaign.

Kickapoo Park authorities said this morning they determined that the life vest floating down the river with the overturned canoe belonged to the son, David, and not Eisen as previously thought.

At first, it was believed that Eisen lost his life vest and drowned immediately.



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it a try." Now she umpires in the Kenwest Farm League in which her son, Michael, 9, is a player. She's umpired games in which Michael has played, but there have been

no problems. "When you umpire," she says, "you notice that a batter is up there, but you don't pay any attention to who it is."

(Photos by Phil Greer)

method to pay for street work

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period at about six per cent interest.

Franks said the cost to residents would be tax deductible. "Residents would be able to deduct these costs," he said. "But you cannot deduct special assessments, which are considered capital investments by the Internal Revenue Service."

"This should be cheaper for the residents and quicker for the city," Franks said. He said "perchance" the city may use the same device for a sanitary sewer project in the Carle Park

area.

Franks said future creation of special service districts would depend on the success of the Florida Avenue project.

Florida Avenue would be widened to four 11-foot-wide traffic lanes from Cottage Grove Avenue east to the city limits. The length of the project is about a half mile.

Storm sewers, curbs, gutters, street lights, sidewalks and driveways would be included in the \$875,000 estimated cost. Public Works Director James

Glover said the engineering has been done. Glover said the city hopes to start construction by the fall and that the project would be finished within 18 months to two years.

Traffic signals would be installed at the intersection of the Philo Road and Florida Avenue. Turning lanes would be built at the intersection.

Glover said about 500 feet of the Philo Road would be improved on either side of Florida Avenue as a lead-in to the signaled intersection.

Franks said the tier of lots facing Florida Avenue would be in the special service district along the length of the project. He also said the K-Mart Store, vacant Welles Store building, Hardee's restaurant, a dentist's office and some other properties would be in the district.

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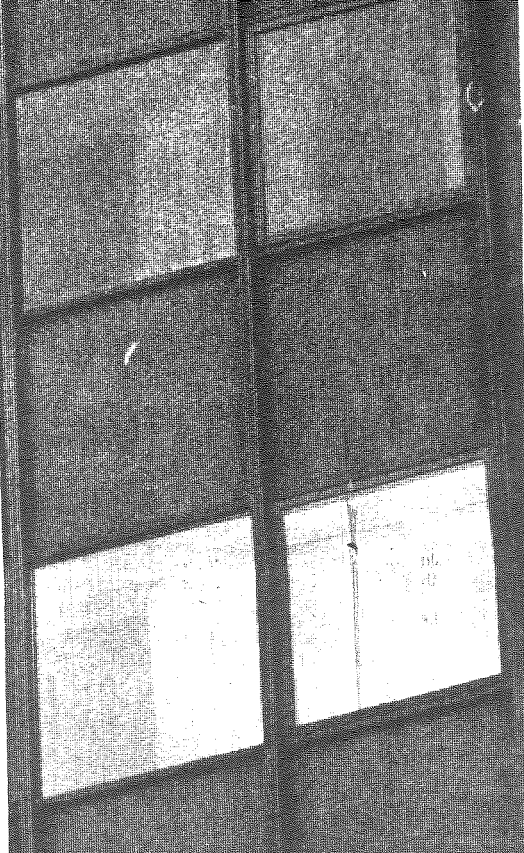
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... Short-term impairment to cohesion resulting from dislocation of families. About 90 families would have to relocate. — The nuisance to nearby residents of having large numbers of recreational visitors. — The loss of a substantial portion of timber in the county even though this is not heavily used at present. — The cost to businessmen

... information from federal figures. Nash added that Illinois Power also was a primary source of the information. Nash said he recognized that a majority of the construction workers would come from outside DeWitt County but that they would spend some 10 per cent of their income in the county. Dodd told ASLB Board officials that the study lacked independent verification and criticized the NRC study because negative impact portion of the study.



SPRUCING UP
Windows are being washed, brass polished and carpets vacuumed in preparation for the special grand opening to night of Century twentyone. Here, a window washer leans

out to polish a pane on the 17th floor. The grand opening, a special event, will be for company officials and guests.
(Photo by Phi Greer)

low state funding

... different story next Staerkel also said, "We need to cut back on expenditures and the way that might be to cut programs."

... Staerkel also said that the possible six per cent cut is making it difficult to draw up a tentative budget to be introduced to the board of trustees at their next meeting. In other business Wednesday night, the board of trustees accepted contracts for a new director of personnel and a chairperson of the college communication division. Herbert R. Trenz will become Parkland College's first director

of personnel, beginning July 1. Trenz has held a similar position at St. Peters College in Jersey City, N.J. Paul W. Batty will become communications division chairperson in mid-July, replacing Louise Allen who is going to Sangamon State University. Batty has been director of basic courses at Indiana University.

The board also accepted the resignations of Ron Nelson, who taught physics, and Sara Rich, a nursing instructor. Low insurance bids were accepted by the board. Insurance contracts for Parkland College are rebid every three years. Contracts approved Wednesday night will run through 1978. Parkland College student body president Tom Mullen was renamed student representative to the board of trustees. Mullen was recently re-elected student body president.

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... have "teeth" or went unheeded by local governments. He was asked if he was a "fighter." "I do fight," he said. "But I don't fight in the press or by slinging mud. I think we should make our points clear, and we should make them in private rather than at a public meeting."

"I respect the role of elected officials. They have to take the heat. If the governments we serve continually did not accept our advice, I probably would pack up and leave."

"I am an employe of the people, a civil servant. A man cannot serve the public if he can't stomach his situation."

"The RPC is not a super-government," he said. "I hope we can translate the jargon.

a Avenue residents money

... remaining 70 per cent of cost would be shared by property owners in the special district. The cost to property owners would be based on percentage assessed valuation of the property. For example, the Florence Apartments have assessed valuation of \$703,000. 30.5 per cent of the cost would be shared by property owners in the special district, or \$96,000, during the period of 10 years or more. The scheme would result in substantial savings to property owners compared with special assessments for the project, which would have been about \$1.5 million. The new plan, his cost would range from \$75 to \$1,000 in each case, especially

for corner properties, the cost would be about half that if the project were financed by special assessments. Twenty-six houses are in the district. City officials also said the tax could be deducted from federal income taxes, while special assessments could not be deducted and were considered an investment for income tax purposes. General obligation bonds would be sold by the city and retired with the real estate taxes paid in the district. Also tentatively included in the district were the K-Mart Store, the Welles Store building, the Marathon Station and dentist's office at the corner of Philo and Florida Avenue, Hardee's restaurant and four vacant tracts near the intersection which have an assessed valuation of \$74,310. Paley said the valuation of the district could be lowered if apartments east of the K-

Mart Store are not annexed to the city. The apartments are valued at \$168,010. The owners have an agreement with the city to annex. Paley said the city will attempt to annex the property during the summer. The State of Illinois will let bids on the project in September. Paley said the city must be ready for bid letting by Aug. 28 or risk losing the \$90,000 in state funds. He said, however, that \$65,000 could be provided from city funds and that the net loss to the city would be \$25,000 if the deadline is not met. City officials emphasized that the district scheme can only be used for improvements on streets designated for federal assistance. The scheme could be stopped if 51 per cent of the people in the proposed district signed a petition against the idea. City officials said the scheme

would be quicker and cheaper in terms of legal costs than the special assessment program. They also said that other city tax revenue, such as sales or utility taxes, could be used to retire the bonds. But Paley said only taxes from the district would be used to retire bonds sold for the project. The project would include a 44-foot-wide pavement for four traffic lanes, street lights, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, driveways and signals for the intersection of Florida and Philo. The improvement includes 570 feet on Philo Road north of Florida Avenue and 77 feet south of Florida Avenue. Estimates were for construction costs of \$600,000, \$114,000 for acquisition of rights of way, \$35,000 for design engineering, \$90,000 for construction engineering and \$38,000 for legal fees.

Nevertheless, he said, it can be done. Clay said problems would include a small space, about 12 feet, between the existing center and the new center. The small space would create an alley and lend itself to supervision problems. He said the entrance to the building would be on the west side opening to the backyard of Douglass Annex. If built that way, Clay said no further expansion of the building can be done unless Douglass Annex is torn down later. Clay also said the ground slopes to the west which could create further water seepage problems. Some problems already exist in the Annex, he said. Excavation would be harder, he said, and the subsequent demolition of either the Annex or the existing center would be more costly. Clay also recommended as alternatives moving the building site either north or south. But he said costs would be prohibitive because a main sewer line would have to be moved. And, he also recommended "flipping over" the present plans. But he said new plans would have to be drawn and engineering fees would be high. Whichever plan the park board will pick, Clay said, would involve a two-month delay. He recommended that

the contractor, English Brothers Inc., be given an extension on the starting date of the work. He also recommended that a "letter of intent to build" be given to all contractors involved. When asked which plan they would recommend to the board, commissioners Donald Bresnan and Morgan Powell said they did not want to make a recommendation. They called a special meeting of the board at 7 tonight to select an alternative. Commissioner Richard Davis Jr., who is not a member of the facilities committee, said Wednesday that a political solution should be found to the problem. He urged the committee, as he urged the board previously, that the construction of a structure west of the existing center would not solve the problem. He urged the board to meet with the citizens committee on Douglass Center "before this park is messed up by another building." He received no response from committee members.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK
Missionary Douglas Carroll will speak at the evening meeting of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Westview School, 703 S. Russell St., Champaign.

THEFT REPORTED AT WARDALL
Brian J. Bass, 340 Townsend Hall, Urbana, has reported to University of Illinois police the theft of a box containing items valued at \$151. The box, kept in a storage room in Wardall Hall, contained records, eye glasses, plants, school supplies and tools. It was taken between May 16 and June 8.

Byars was issued a terminal contract after he was denied tenure at the U of I last year. University rules state that non-tenured professors must leave the university if not promoted to tenure rank after a seven-year probation period. He failed to win his appeal of the terminal contract after taking his case through various university channels. The board of trustees declined to intervene in his case earlier this year. The case has become one of the most celebrated of UI dismissal issues in recent years, with various professional and student groups backing Byars. He has completed six years of teaching at the U of I. The lawsuit against the U of I is the second one filed by Byars. Still pending is the suit asking \$6.9 million from the U of I and the board of trustees, filed in November 1974. Edward Kolodziej, head of the political science department, had recommended against giving Byars tenure essentially because "the quality and quantity of his publications were inadequate."

Creates alley, architect says Douglass Center move is costly

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier
Moving the site of the new Douglass Center is no simple matter, an architect told a Champaign Park Board committee Wednesday night. In fact, he said, it would

compound the present problem. Architect E. Hedric Clay told the facilities committee of the Champaign park board Wednesday that moving the center to the west, as proposed could cause many problems and could be expensive.

Nevertheless, he said, it can be done. Clay said problems would include a small space, about 12 feet, between the existing center and the new center. The small space would create an alley and lend itself to supervision problems. He said the entrance to the building would be on the west side opening to the backyard of Douglass Annex. If built that way, Clay said no further expansion of the building can be done unless Douglass Annex is torn down later.

Clay also said the ground slopes to the west which could create further water seepage problems. Some problems already exist in the Annex, he said. Excavation would be harder, he said, and the subsequent demolition of either the Annex or the existing center would be more costly. Clay also recommended as alternatives moving the building site either north or south. But he said costs would be prohibitive because a main sewer line would have to be moved. And, he also recommended "flipping over" the present plans. But he said new plans would have to be drawn and engineering fees would be high. Whichever plan the park board will pick, Clay said, would involve a two-month delay. He recommended that

the contractor, English Brothers Inc., be given an extension on the starting date of the work. He also recommended that a "letter of intent to build" be given to all contractors involved. When asked which plan they would recommend to the board, commissioners Donald Bresnan and Morgan Powell said they did not want to make a recommendation. They called a special meeting of the board at 7 tonight to select an alternative. Commissioner Richard Davis Jr., who is not a member of the facilities committee, said Wednesday that a political solution should be found to the problem. He urged the committee, as he urged the board previously, that the construction of a structure west of the existing center would not solve the problem. He urged the board to meet with the citizens committee on Douglass Center "before this park is messed up by another building." He received no response from committee members.

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK
Missionary Douglas Carroll will speak at the evening meeting of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Westview School, 703 S. Russell St., Champaign.

...the selection of a jury was to have begun at 1:30 p.m. before Circuit Judge B. E. Morgan.

"It'll go off on time if they (the four defense attorneys) don't come up with something then," commented Chief Assistant State's Attorney Thomas Knight, who will prosecute the case.

Urbana man arrested

Rosevelt Jenkins, 24, of Urbana was arrested early Sunday by Champaign police after he allegedly tried to pry open a door at 719 S. State St., Champaign.

Charges of attempted burglary and resisting arrest were lodged against Jenkins of 701 N. Busey Ave., Urbana.

Police said he was identified as the man seen at the door of the State Street address about 5:25 a.m. Sunday. A resident there, Lloyd Claypool, told police he heard a man at his front door, called police and saw the man flee while he was on the telephone.

Victim still in hospital

Seventy-four-year-old Sylvester Sayles of Champaign remained hospitalized in satisfactory condition today, suffering from injuries he received Sunday when his auto collided with a Champaign police car on its way to a call.

Sayles, of 612 W. Eureka St., was in the intensive care unit of Burnham Hospital. He was admitted to the hospital Sunday, following the 3:15 p.m. collision at the intersection of Chestnut Street and Bradley Avenue.

The second auto involved, a city police car, was driven by Patrolman C.W. Kinney, who was heading west on Bradley, reportedly answering a call of a burglary in progress.

Kinney was released after treatment for minor injuries at Burnham. He was back on duty Sunday night.

He said he was on his way to the call, without use of his siren or red lights when the collision occurred.

Highway chief quits

Homier

Charles Wilson has resigned as highway commissioner of South Homier Township.

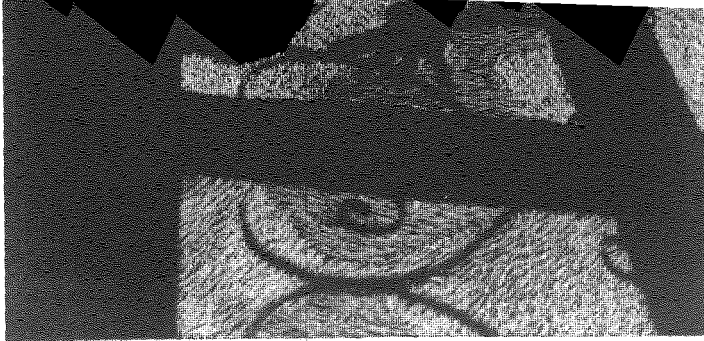
According to township supervisor Maurice Wieneke, Wilson resigned last Wednesday, citing ill health.

Wieneke said the town board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the town hall to name a successor. Wilson's term expires in April 1977.

Wilson was named to the \$6,000-a-year post in 1973, when his father Harold died. The late Mr. Wilson was elected commissioner in 1971.

Wieneke said three township residents have applied for the job. He said the board probably would appoint a new commissioner Thursday.

Wieneke was asked if recent complaints about town road maintenance were related to the resignation. "We had a petition with about a dozen or so names on it," he said, "but I didn't read it. You can go to any township in the county and find the same thing. I believe the people were unhappy



FIRST WEEK'S WINNER

Christine Saari, 55 Green-croft, Champaign, saw her 4-year-old son, Mapias, playing with these shadows when she reached for her camera. This snapshot is the winner in the first week of local competition in The Courier-sponsored Kodak International Newspaper Snapshot Awards contest. Mrs. Saari has been in Champaign since January when her husband, John, accepted a teaching position in the University of Illinois. They plan to return

to their home in northern Michigan later this month. During her Champaign visit, Mrs. Saari took a photo course. She describes her interest in photography, which began four years ago, as "coincidental." "Someone had an enlarger so I decided to borrow it and became very excited about it," she said. Now she has a "makeshift" darkroom in her basement. Mrs. Saari took this picture with a 35mm camera and a normal

lens. Five weeks remain in the local snapshot contest. Each Thursday in the deadline for that week's contest. Winners in the local contest will receive a \$10 cash prize and may be entered in the international contest where prizes range from a 30-day, around-the-world trip for two plus \$1,000 in cash or \$5,000 to 200 merit awards of \$100 each. Only black-and-white pictures from black-and-white negatives may be submitted.

Residents still fighting to block demolition of center

By Robert Lewis
Of The Courier

Members of the Douglass Center steering committee today reaffirmed their position that the old Douglass Center must not be torn down unless a new full-facility center is built in its place.

The Champaign Park Board intends to proceed with demolition. Contractor Don McCabe signed a contract to demolish the structure Saturday.

According to park commissioners, McCabe had said he would not sign the contract unless he was assured by steering committee members they would not attempt to obstruct the demolition, but he signed without that assurance.

"I can only speak for one person, but if anybody attempts to tear down Douglass Center, I, of one, within the limits of my capability to get here, will stand in front of the demolition," Kenneth Stratton, a steering committee member and former member of the Champaign City Council said today in a press conference at Douglass Center.

Today's press conference, designed to "clarify and reaffirm some issues," according to Stratton, also gave steering committee members a chance to answer a proposal offered them Friday by park district president William Helms.

Helms's proposal would have allocated \$50,000 from 1972 park district bond issue funds to be used for senior citizen facilities in Northeast Champaign if the steering committee would publicly assure McCabe they would not oppose demolition of Douglass Center.

"We consider Bill Helms's proposal unacceptable and a starting point for negotiations," Richard Davis, a member of the steering committee and a park board commissioner, said today.

None of the members of the steering committee present at

the press conference said they had been contacted by the park board concerning negotiations.

The committee emphasized that they still want a full-facility center built and insisted that there was \$272,000 in a park district "pad fund" that could be used for that purpose.

Elsie Easley, a member of the steering committee, spoke strongly against the park board's recent actions and proposal.

"It allows the community as a whole to conclude that we have a group of irresponsible, racist individuals in the park district who will not listen to this community," she said.

The members of the committee did say that although they oppose demolition of the Douglass Center, only nonviolent protest would be used to prevent demolition.

They also pointed out they are waiting to see what happens at the Champaign City Council meeting Tuesday. John Lee Johnson, a city council member and a member of the steering committee, has proposed a resolution that would have the city offer \$100,000 to the park district to help build full facilities in a new center.

However, that offer would require matching funds from the park district.

Helms said today he will sign the demolition contract. The contract specifies that work must start within 10 days, he said.

Helms said that if demolition work is interfered with, he assumes the police would be called in. "Once you start,

that's the way it goes," he said.

But Helms said he didn't know if attempts would actually be made to prevent demolition. "I don't know what personal feelings in the area are. I only know what the Douglass Center steering committee has said."

Helms also denied a steering committee charge that a \$272,000 in part district extra funds could be used to build the entire facility.

He said \$233,000 of that figure is money the park district does not even have at this time, and added that the 5 per cent contingency on the new Douglass facility is conservative.

He also said the park district would not have money to equip a full facility center and that he believes the price of the full facility is "just too high."

Helms also denied suggestions that the park board and the steering committee could begin negotiations based on the park board's \$50,000 senior citizens money proposal.

"The \$50,000 is all gone," he said. "That was last Friday. This is Monday. They didn't respond as we asked."

Helms did say that if the city council approved \$100,000 in matching money for the park district Tuesday, the commissioners "would consider it." But he would not speculate if the park board would accept the offer.

"Nobody denies the need for the whole Douglas project. I favor the entire project," Helms said. "But the money just isn't there."

Committee says badly needs ne

The Willard Airport Advisory Committee has recommended to the University of Illinois that a new airport terminal be constructed, funded by state money.

The committee, at a recent meeting, suggested that the U of I ask for a special appro-

riation from the Illinois General Assembly for funding a new terminal, according to Chairman Wayne W. V. The committee is composed of area citizens.

"We have felt for some time that this is an important thing for the growth

Teachers won't get back extra pay this year

Champaign teachers paid on the nine-month plan will have to wait until next year to get back excess pay withheld from May 16 paychecks.

Any excess tax withheld merely would be reflected in correspondingly larger refunds when teachers file income tax returns in 1976.

Too much tax was withheld because the school district had not received the reduced withholding tax tables needed to calculate the decreased deductions in time for processing the May 16 checks, according to George Hankinson, district business manager.

Lower federal withholding tax rates went into effect May 1.

"Our feeling is that they (the teachers) would be understanding of the circumstances,"

Hankinson said. "May has been a misunderstanding here. Some of them may think they won't get the money."

"It just means they have more back from the district, or they won't write as big a check (for federal taxes)," Hankinson said.

District employees on the month pay period will be receiving the lower withholding deduction June 13, retroactive to June 1. June 13 is scheduled payday for employees.

Hankinson said he received requests from teachers to continue their withholding deduction paychecks, to build up to avoid "additional tax payments after tax return filed."

Council to take up pledge debate again

The Urbana City Council meets at 7:30 tonight and again will debate whether to continue to start meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The matter was deferred

from the May 19 meeting.

The council also will consider an ordinance to sell revenue bonds for a park at the northeast corner of Elm streets.

The council has voted to purchase the park from the Development Corp. as a step towards downtown development. Mayor Hiram Johnson said he expects a court order over the bond ordinance would result in the preme court upholding powers to become involved in downtown development.

The council also will consider joining the University in applying for a federalized computer program. Previously, the council took no action after members expressed fears of computer spying at data banks.

Oakwood man 'found' at home

Oakwood

An Oakwood man was "found" safe at home after Texas authorities had launched an air search for his "missing" airplane.

Kenneth C. Flanagan said the search was started Saturday after authorities thought his plane had departed Thursday from El Paso, Tex.

Flanagan said he had cancelled his flight plans with authorities but the cancellation apparently had not been posted.



Kathy Hale



Marsha Riggs



Charity Dixon



Kathy Jean



Connie Livesay



LuAnn Sentel

MISS ARTHUR CONTESTANTS.

These seven girls will vie for the title of "Miss Arthur" in a beauty pageant at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Arthur High School gymnasium. The winners will represent the city at the tri-Douglas County Fair queen contest in July at Arthur. Dottie's Fashion Shop will present a style show at the event, and the high school

didates and their sponsors are Kathy Hale, State Bank of Arthur; Marsha Riggs, Arthur Sportsmen's Club; Charity Dixon, Arthur Rotary Club;

LuAnn Sentel, Arthur High School; Connie Livesay, Arthur High School; Kathy Jean, Arthur High School.

Woman's Club; C. Sugar Bowl; Tel. Progress and Teresa Warf, Art Club.

past rate" a government-owned power plant. A government-owned power plant is being built due largely to a growing industrial load in Illinois.

He said the IPC rate would exceed 7.5 per cent since industrial sales already are more than half of total sales and are growing.

Connor said the plant will be needed when constructed, based on his calculations. If it is not, then the company will be forced to buy electricity from other companies at a much higher price.

He said power reductions or "brownouts" also could occur.

Connor had earlier submitted written testimony answering contentions that IPC and Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) demand predictions are "unsound" and do not take energy conservation into account.

A second contention, submitted by the Salt Creek Association, a group of DeWitt County landowners opposed to IPC plans for a nuclear power station near Clinton, states that IPC has not given adequate consideration to coal as an alternative fuel.

Connor, however, said his study indicates the nuclear plant remains the less expensive alternative in terms of total generating costs.

Connor submitted written testimony to the board Friday, but the meeting was adjourned before he could be quizzed by Salt Creek Association attorney Robert Dudd.

He probably will be available for questioning the week of July 6, NRC attorneys said. The hearing will continue at 9 a.m. Tuesday with other testimony.

In his written statement, Connor agreed that there has been more conservation efforts since the final environmental statement was prepared by IPC and the NRC.

He noted the Arab oil embargo and subsequent price increases, which forced oil-burning utility companies to raise rates. He also noted the recent "advocacy of energy conservation" and an economic recession as indicators of lowered demand.

But, he added, a Project Independence study forecast an annual growth rate of 6.4 per cent from 1973 to 1985 for kilowatt consumption.

Part of that growth, he said, will come from replacing natural gas and oil with coal and uranium in the generation of electrical energy.

Connor said more electricity will be used to fuel water heaters, heat homes and cook food because of increased costs and falling production of natural gas in the U.S.

"Data does not indicate that future long-term growth in the use of electrical energy will be different than in the past,"

Waaler said the state licensing code requires that anyone installing any water supply for any purpose for any building must be a licensed plumber. But he said the state plumbing code exempts sprinkler systems from plumbing code regulations.

Waaler said he was asked to advise the city whether the Department of Public Health

more to conserve energy and be less expensive to use nuclear fuel.

According to his calculations, it would cost \$795 million to build a coal-fired plant, compared to \$1.24 billion for a nuclear plant. The figures are based on the value of dollars in 1962.

However, coal would cost \$12.4 million while nuclear fuel would cost \$4.4 million.

Thursday afternoon, John T. Scott, a University of Illinois professor of farm management,

By Earl Merkel
Of The Courier
For the second year in a row, supporters of the Middle Fork Reservoir project near Danville will be marshaling forces for a state Senate fight

Paxton girls to make trip to Europe

Five Paxton Senior Girl Scouts and their leader will realize a goal they set more than three years ago when they begin on July 14 a 20-day trip to Europe.

Nine scouts and two leaders were in the group when it was decided to "do something to give Girl Scouting less of a little-girl-in-green image."

The girls have raised money for their trip by detasseling corn, cleaning homes and offices and selling baked foods and many other items.

A donation by each girl has supplemented the common fund to pay for the trip.

The group will visit Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and England. The Scouts will travel by Eorail on the continent.

Highlights of the tour will include visits to the Girl Scout chalet in the Swiss Alps; Dachau, the Nazi concentration camp; a Rhine River cruise, and a discotheque in London.

Goddard is church head

George Goddard of 1206 Cambridge Drive, Champaign, was elected lay leader of the Central Illinois United Methodist Conference, at a meeting of the conference held recently in Jacksonville.

Retired chief of the rural home division of the federal Farmers Home Administration, Goddard is chairman of the board of trustees of the First United Methodist Church in Champaign and a trustee of the Baby Fold in Normal.

Goddard is leader of 203,200 United Methodist laypersons in one of the largest conferences of the denomination.

The conference also elected Rev. Jack North of Champaign as a delegate to the denomination's North Central Jurisdictional Conference to be held in July, 1976, in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The conference at the annual meeting also accepted its largest yearly budget in history.

Weldon. Other road bucklings reported on Interstate 74 near Charles Philo Road, on U.S. 12 near Weldon, and on Illinois of Milford.

His calculations and statistics were questioned by opposing attorneys throughout the day.

The hearing is expected to continue to mid-July. A decision on whether to grant construction permits to IPC may be reached by the board six to eight weeks after the hearing, a source said.

Jim Yoho, secretary of the Vermilion County Conservation League, testified before the committee in opposition to the dam project.

Yoho told the committee that "substantial" sums have been invested in studies of the reservoir project since 1967, with little visible result.

He urged the committee to cut the reservoir funds, arguing that the amount allocated — \$150,000 — was just under 6 per cent of the \$2.6 million overall package under consideration by the committee.

Cutting the dam money would meet the 6 per cent across-the-board reduction requested a week ago by Gov. Dan Walker.

Yoho also told the committee that there would be no flood control or water supply benefits to Danville under plans for the reservoir.

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board directed Clay to notify all contractors involved that an extension would be granted for as long as it takes for Clay to draw up new plans.

The board will send a letter of intent to build to all contractors.

The board decided to move the building when protests by the black community prevented demolition of the old building. The black community did not want to see the building demolished until a full recreation center was committed by the park board.

In other business, the board approved 4-1 the appointment of Donald F. Bresnan and Morgan C. Powell to the board's buildings and grounds committee. Davis dissented.

Shelton and other members of the CB radio club talked a local dealer into donating a citizens band mobile radio, another business into donating a television set and other businessmen into donating gift certificates and prizes.

"There will be door prizes announced all during the day, and food and drinks," Shelton said.

arrived at the scene same road buckled at 3:30 Thursday east of Illinois near Weldon.

These accidents result in these bucklings and traffic not rerouted. The park was quickly repaired by highway crews, police said.

to raise more than \$3 million in local funds as its part of the project, estimated at a total completed cost of between \$15 and \$18 million.

Friday evening, Sen. Weaver of Urbana said he would oppose reinstatement of the reservoir funds.

Weaver, who voted last week for the reservoir funding bill, said, "As of now, it's the bill. If I need to, I will vote not to put it back."

Thirteen women are competing for the title of First Phil Area Centennial Queen.

The contestants signed up for a meeting attended by more than 100 women, held the First Lady contest at Shelton, professional photographer for the July 13-14 celebration, explained the requirements.

Candidates include: Brewer, Paula Burr, Franks, Mary France, Nancy Green, Dorothy Janice Hoke, Joan Jonna Melohn, Eileen Cindy Bonnell Reed, Joan and Carol Warner.

Philo Senior Woman's Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary, assisted by a kick-off.

The contest is open to all women at least 18 years of age, live, work or attend the Philo area.

The first lady and her court will be tested who receive the numbers of votes to discount coupons for the centennial pageant.

The coupon is sold during the contest on July 11, but other ticket outdoor pageant, "Philo Pageant," will cost \$2.50.

Coupons can be obtained beginning July 7 at the tennial Store for a one of the evening dances on July 16.

One coupon also can be exchanged for one seat ticket costing \$3. One coupon also can be obtained two ticket dren 12 years old and over.

Each coupon will be voted for by the contest. Persons who buy seat tickets will cast 7,500 votes.

Mrs. Lohm

To restore \$150,000 for Middlefork Dam supporters to fight for funds

for development funds.

The Senate's appropriations committee voted without dissent Wednesday evening to trim \$150,000 that had been allocated for Middlefork study from an appropriations package.

Last year, at about the same time in the legislative calendar, an appropriations committee vote cut the reservoir from the bill. The Senate later restored the money.

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Douglass Center site is changed

The Champaign park board has authorized the relocation of the new Douglass Center.

The board voted 4-1 to build the center about 200 feet west of the existing structure in Douglass Park, instead of on the site of the present building.

Commissioner Richard Davis Jr. voted against relocation of the project.

Architect E. Hedric Clay said he did not recommend moving the center. He said, however, since the board wanted to move it, the least expensive alternative was to move it to the west.

Clay estimated that start of the work may be delayed about two months. He said he will begin drawing up new floor plans.

Getting by
With a little help from CB club

By Earl Merkel
Of The Courier
When you've got problems, it's good to have friends.

Ask Ronald and Susan Eades of Monticello, who have more than their share of both. Mrs. Eades was stricken with a kidney ailment early this year and underwent a kidney transplant in April. The transplant failed when her body rejected the organ.

the event received a print of a drawing of an Illinois prairie scene done by artist Harry Breen.

(Photo by Phil Greer)

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Robert G. Bone

expected to halt sprinkler firm

that the national union would sue the city if the work were stopped.

Spain said the union is associated with the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of Plumbers and Pipefitters.

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financing. I don't think our
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ring ownership of the fac il-

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speaking from a platform that
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nearly three years ago but that
HEW had not yet acted on
it.

Monday, he said, "We received
a show cause order saying
our plan is not acceptable."

Peltason said he is "optimistic
that what they think is
wrong with our plan will be
easily corrected. Essentially, it
is minor supporting data and
analysis of data, not the pro-
cedures, that they don't like."

It was a \$1.2 million grant
from the U.S. Army that must
be renewed by July 1, the start
of the new fiscal year, which
prompted the initial letter from
HEW.

The grant cannot be renewed
unless HEW certifies the uni-
versity's affirmative action
plan. If it is not renewed by
the end of this month, the uni-
versity will lose it.

"Immediately," Peltason
said, "it is the \$1.2 million
grant that is in jeopardy, but
in the long run, they all are."

"We're under the gun of
showing why our plan should
be accepted, between now and



Jack Peltason

June 30.

"What we thought was un-
fair was, 'You don't have a
plan, so sign this one or else.'"

Now, Peltason said, "The
story changes from hour to
hour."

"But I can say that the U
of I has one of the most
thoroughgoing affirmative ac-
tion programs, at least that
I know about. I think we've
met all the requirements of
the law and the regulations,
and I'm hopeful we will get
the contract funds released."

Sprinkler issue seems resolved

The controversy about the in-
stallation of sprinklers at 803
E. University Ave. appears to
be resolved.

The city of Urbana issued a
stop work order Monday to em-
ployees of the Automated Fire
Protection Co., of Decatur, but
that firm has agreed to provide
a bond for the work and will
resume work Wednesday.

Walter Spain, president of the
firm, said today he had agreed
to provide a \$10,000 bond for
the work and expected to pre-
sent the bond to the city some-
time today. Larry E. Reed,
director of the city Community
Development-Services Depart-
ment, said he was notified Mon-
day by Spain's insurance compa-
ny that a bond would be
issued.

Spain said he had balked at
posting a bond because he

thought the city would require
him to use licensed plumbers
rather than sprinkler fitters for
the work.

The controversy began due
to a conflict in state law. The
state plumbing code exempts
sprinklers from plumbing re-
strictions; the state licensing
code requires that only licensed
plumbers perform work con-
nected with any water supply
to a building.

Robert Waaler, acting city
attorney, notified State's At-
torney James R. Burgess Jr. of
the conflict Monday in a letter.
Burgess said today his office
had the letter "under study"
but expected to take no action.

Spain said no work would
be performed today but his
men would be on the job Wed-
nesday morning. Spain has said
the work would take two or
three weeks.

New nature program to start this week

A new nature study program,
sponsored by the Champaign
County Forest Preserve Dis-
trict, will begin at Lake of
the Woods this week.

A series of five Thursday
evening programs will feature
such topics as birds, bees,
trees, reptiles and amphibians.

Live exhibits and demon-
strations, outdoor excursions and
audience participation will be
part of the program.

Thursday night's program on
birds will include learning to
use binoculars, practice in us-
ing a field guide and recogniz-
ing birds by their songs. Lois
Drury of the Champaign Coun-

ty Audubon Society will be the
instructor.

Other programs will include:
July 10: Honeybees, Ray
King, instructor.

July 17: Reptiles and amphi-
bians, Mike Morris of the Il-
linois State Natural History
Survey, instructor.

July 24: Taxidermy, Tom
Kumler, instructor.

July 31: Tree identification,
Gail Herendeen, naturalist for
the district, instructor.

The group will meet from
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Izaak
Walton cabin at Lake of the
Woods, Mahomet. There will
be no fee.

Davis is denied access to files

Champaign park commis-
sioner Richard Davis Jr. said to-
day he had been denied ac-
cess to park district files.

Davis, an elected member
of the Champaign park board,
said he tried to look up in-
formation in park district files
last week. He said he was told
by a staff member that the
data he was seeking had to be
"verified" by park district
officials.

Park board President Wil-
liam J. Helms Jr. confirmed
this morning that Davis was
denied access. He said he gave
the order not to release the
information because "the re-

port wasn't complete."

The report in question is ap-
parently a study of the 1972
bond issue fund. Davis said
he had been trying to see that
report for his own information.

Davis said today he is con-
sidering legal action against
the park district. He has been
conferring with attorneys dur-
ing the past few days.

Davis said, and Helms con-
firmed, that Helms told park
district General Manager Rob-
ert Toalson not to release the
information in that report "un-
til it was complete." Toalson
was out of town this morning
and could not be reached for

comment.

Helms said today, "I'm in
charge of this administration
and I have the authority to
do that." He commented that
he did not want the information
released in order to "not con-
fuse people with an incomplete
report."

Helms said the embargo on
the report was not directed
against Davis himself. He said
no one could obtain the infor-
mation.

The report apparently contains
information Helms had pulled
together during a week-long
study of the park district fi-
nances last month.

Black leaders picketing outside construction firm

Members of Champaign's
black community continued
Monday to picket the contrac-
tor who is supposed to build
a new Frederick Douglass
Community Center.

About a dozen persons began
picketing English Brothers
Construction Co., 807 N. Neil
St., Champaign, last week.

English Brothers was low
bidder in a project to construct
a \$742,000 facility in Cham-
paign's north side. The facility
will not include space for senior
citizens and activities and will

have only a large gymnasium
with supporting facilities.

The community has been pro-
testing the construction of what
they call an "inadequate" cen-
ter. They have vowed not to
let the old center be demolished
until the Champaign Park
Board "committed" itself to
build a full facility.

Blacks have picketed Mc-
Cabe Brothers Inc., in Cham-
paign, the demolition contrac-
tor who subsequently refused
to demolish the old building
because of threats and damage

to his building. He consequently
defaulted on his contract.

English Brothers have re-
ceived an extension on their
starting date of the contract
until architect E. Hedrick Clay
could work out plans for plac-
ing the new building to the
west of the existing one.

Clay said last week it may
take two months to redraw
plans and for the contractor
to begin.

Black leaders have said they
will continue to picket the con-
tractor "as long as necessary."

Paley won't veto liquor

Urbana Mayor Hiram Paley
said today he would not veto
an ordinance permitting the
sale of hard liquor in campus
taverns.

When the city council adopt-
ed the ordinance June 16, Paley
said he might veto it. He said
he did not favor the sale of
liquor in campus taverns.

Paley said he had not signed
the ordinance and would not
until City Attorney Jack Wa-
aler returns from vacation and
reviews it. If Paley does not
veto or sign the ordinance by
July 7, it becomes law without
signature.

Paley said three taverns
would be affected — the Thun-
derbird, Treno's and Tim-
pone's. He said none of those
owners had asked to sell hard
liquor, and he expected only
beer and wine would be sold.

DCC opposes closing center

Representatives of the Down-
town Champaign Council
(DCC) will go before the Cham-
paign City Council tonight to
ask the council and the Cham-
paign Park District to find
some way to keep the Down-
town Senior Citizens Center
open.

The DCC, comprised of down-
town merchants and business-
men, at a meeting this morn-
ing unanimously approved a
resolution urging both bodies
to reconsider closing the center
at 9 Main St.

At a June 17 regular meet-
ing, the city council informally
voted to cut off funds to the
Senior Citizens Center, suggest-
ing the operation should be sup-
ported by the park district.

For fiscal 1975 the city coun-
cil was asked to provide
\$30,000 from revenue shar-
ing funds for the center.

The city had provided \$25,000
in both fiscal 1973 and 1974
after deciding to set up a down-
town center for senior citizens

The park district, however,
has said it does not have money

to operate the center, and the
center probably will close
in July if it is not funded by
the city.

DCC chairman Hal Bigler,
of Bigler Jewelers, said he will
attend the council meeting and
read the resolution before the
council.

"Of course, we can only let
them know our feelings about
the center," Bigler said, point-
ing out that the DCC also has
no funds with which to finance
the center.

Robert Derrough, DCC ex-
ecutive director, delivered the
resolution to city manager V.
Eugene Miller this morning
and said copies are expected
to go to all council members.

"We are against any closing
in downtown Champaign," Der-
rough said. "The senior citizens
center adds vitality to the
area."

Bigler is expected to be ac-
companied by other members
of the DCC at tonight's city
council meeting. A delega-
tion of senior citizens from the
downtown center is also expect-
ed to attend.

Reported hammer, park

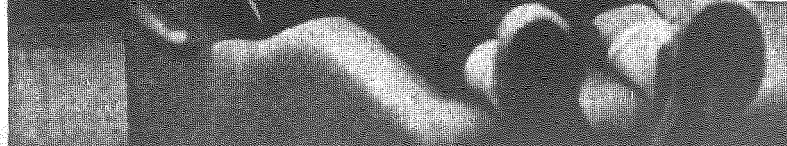
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hammer were used to
open the lockers. Dam-
s estimated at \$4,000.

FIRE CALLS
Monday
Orchard Downs Day Care Center,
12:40 p.m., light ballast overheated,
U of I pumper and five men sent.
No fire.
East Hill Union drive, near Green
Street, 2:25 p.m., automobile-motorcycle
collision. Firemen saw collision from
station, rescue truck and five men
sent to scene. First aid administered
and Afton Franklin sent to Carle Hos-
pital.



SUMMER FUN

A stack of books, a big chair and a cool room—now that's fun. Oblivious to workmen

completing the new section of the Urbana Free Library, Robert Smith, 10, spends part

of Thursday afternoon absorbed in books. "I like to read," he said.

(Photo by Kevin Horan)

Protest Douglass Center plans

Park board audience walks out

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

About 25 members of Champaign's black community staged a silent walkout Thursday night at the Champaign park board meeting.

Led by Elsie Easley, a leader of the group protesting the construction plans for a new Douglass Center, the members of the audience silently walked by board President William J. Helms' desk and dropped small pieces of paper on it.

The papers said: "Build Douglass Center Now."

Then they all walked out. It was the only activity related to the controversial project at the park board meeting.

The board approved a month-to-month lease agreement with Albert Rezits, owner of the downtown Senior Citizens Center building.

The current lease terminates Monday. Commissioners said that since the future of the center is "less than stable," a month-to-month lease was necessary. Either the park district or Rezits can give two-

week notices to terminate the new lease.

Park board General Manager Robert Toalson and Champaign City Manager Gene Miller are expected to ask Rezits to lower the \$900-per-month rent.

But Commissioner Morgan Powell, who said he had talked with Rezits, said Rezits is reluctant to lower the rent.

The high rent was one of the reasons the city council did not favor continuation of funding the center. The council awarded \$15,000 to the center for six months. During that time a new center will be sought.

About a dozen senior citizens came to Thursday's meeting in support of the downtown location.

A center volunteer, a senior citizen herself, presented a petition to the board with 130 signatures asking to "keep the center" at the downtown location.

Another woman argued that the downtown center is in a "better location" than C Center on West Church Street. She

said people are "much happier" at the downtown center. She asked why the park district would continue operation of the C Center but not the downtown center.

Commissioner Powell told her the downtown center is funded by the city while the C Center location is already owned by the park district.

Commissioner Donald F. Bresnan commended the senior citizens for having spoken out Tuesday night before the council, which changed its vote to fund the center. Last week the council voted to award no funds to the center. It would have meant closing the center by the end of July.

Commissioner Richard Davis Jr. took the opportunity to remind the park board that members of the black community also has been trying to speak out on the Douglass Center controversy "but have been running into stone walls."

The appointment of Stanley G. Motley as the park district's new superintendent of parks was approved Thursday night. Motley will begin work in Champaign July 28. He will receive a \$13,500 salary. He is coming from Lemont Township Park District, near Joliet, where he had been working for about three months. He is the first director of the Lamont unit. Before that he was director of parks and recreation of the Streamwood Park District.

Budget hearing draws no response

The legally required public hearing on the Champaign park board's combined budget and appropriation ordinance held Thursday night, but no one in the audience spoke on the document.

The budget calls for expenditure of \$1,173,983. A more than \$1.8 million item from the 1972 bond issue is also included in the budget, making the total \$3,016,349.

The budget is slightly higher than last year's. General manager Robert Toalson said the higher cost of salaries and supplies caused the increase.

The document will be considered by the board next month.

Commissioner Richard David Jr. said future budgets should be made in simple formats "so that the average citizen could understand it." He said the budget, a 64-page document, was apparently made for "administrators and auditors."

Journalists cite open meetings law

A journalism group asked the Champaign park board Thursday night to abide by the Illinois Open Meetings Law.

David Talbot, president of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, Central Illinois Professional Chapter, read a statement

to the board reminding them of their "responsibilities" to keep meetings open to the public.

"As with any law, it is not a favor to comply with the act, nor should it be a burden to meet its requirements," said Talbot.

"In the past, what could be charitably called 'oversights' have occurred. At this time, it should suffice to note that telephone canvases, private meetings, privileged correspondence and reports and other clandestine activity are illegal.

"Decision on the allocation of public money, offers to private citizens groups, favors to other commissioners and other items must be considered publicly," he said.

No specific incidents were mentioned in the statement.

But the group referred to recent possibly illegal activities in connection with the Douglass Center controversy.

Commissioners did not respond to the statement.

Commissioner Richard Davis Jr. commented, however, that all records should be open to the public "to gain trust" in the workings of the board.

Heartland Heritage Days will open officially in Champaign County at 10:15 a.m. Saturday on Main Street in downtown Urbana.

Jean Rochford, chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, will present the Bicentennial Flag to the county, which will be represented by Arthur Bartell, vice chairman of the Champaign County Board.

G. T. Hardwick, chairman of the Heartland Heritage Days committee, will be in charge of the opening ceremonies.

Following the ceremony, a daylong event will be staged in downtown Urbana. The program is as follows:

- JUNE 28**
- 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Balloon Race - Champaign County Fairgrounds.
 - 8 a.m. - Bike Crusade for Cancer - Champaign-Urbana.
 - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Antique Flea Market - County Fair
 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Farm Progress Show - County Fair
 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Farmers Market - Downtown Champaign Mall.
 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - "Girl Scouts in Action" - Downtown Urbana.
 - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Fine Antique Show and Sale - Lincoln Square.
 - 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Art Fair - Downtown Urbana.
 - 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Main Street, USA - Downtown Urbana, Ham and Bean Lunch - Main Street, USA.
 - Farmers Market - Main Street, USA.
 - "Sweet Adelines" - Main Street, USA (showmobile).
 - "Kitchen Band" - Main Street, USA (showmobile).
 - 11 a.m. - noon - Children's Day - Sunnycrest Center.
 - 5 a.m. - Little German Band Concert (Eiks Band) - Downtown Champaign Mall.
 - 8 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Balloon Race - Champaign County Fairgrounds.
 - 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Square Dance - Sunnycrest Center.

has done studies on coal mines and energy use.

After the questioning, Lazio moved that the board strike from the record the vast majority or Rieber's 101 - page written testimony.

Lazo said that Rieber was not an expert in many areas in which he testified and that Rieber would have to have the credentials of a biologist, engineer and physicist as well as an economist in order to have his testimony admissible.

Charles Barth, attorney for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), a federal agency which wrote an environmental impact statement favorable to the Clinton nuclear plant, also moved to strike

Dodd said he would submit Rieber's testimony to a courtroom, but it is up to the board the value of the testimony to be accepted.

The board Thursday ruled in a dispute over a model used by Rieber to predict the cost of fuel.

Dodd has tried to obtain from Rieber to witness the case so that the Salt Creek plant construction could use the testimony in attacking the project.

Dodd also has

Huge marijuana load discovered

Tuscola State troopers investigating a one-car accident on Interstate 57 near Tuscola Thursday night found 187 pounds of what authorities said was marijuana.

The driver of the car, Roland Salinas, 24, of Edinburg, Tex., was held this morning in the Douglas County Jail at Tuscola on three charges. He was not injured in the accident.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Department reported the northbound automobile ran off the highway when Salinas apparently fell asleep at the wheel.

The car broke off two guard posts, crossed the median and stopped on the shoulder of the southbound traffic lanes. The accident occurred at 11:15 p.m., three miles north of Tuscola.

State troopers Terry Hackett and William Rogers arrested Salinas when they found the

suspected narcotics in the auto, a state police report.

State police said the sheriff's staff was investigating the investigation.

Charges against Salinas include driving to way conditions, cannabis contraband, lawful possession and ammunition.

Headquarters District 10 reported the substance was marijuana.

Authorities are trying to determine the location of other people who have been involved in marijuana sales.

Salinas was taken to Judge James Smith's court in Douglas County.

Peltason says new HEW pact may be signed

University of Illinois Chancellor Jack Peltason said late this morning he hoped to be able to sign an agreement this afternoon which would clear the way toward approval of the university's affirmative action plan by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Expanded plan board role urged

Urbana Mayor Hiram Paley has suggested that the city plan commission undertake planning for the school and park districts.

Paley told a joint meeting of the city council and plan commission of his idea Thursday. Paley said Urbana Park Board President Bruce Larson was "enthusiastic" about the idea.

Paley said he, Larson and Urbana School Board President Benjamin Garrison would meet in mid-July to discuss the matter.

The mayor said the two districts and the city would appoint citizens to the panel and attempt to consolidate and coordinate planning in the city.

"An additional clarification of the 3-page agreement we received Thursday is on its way," Peltason said, "and the lady at Western Union says we'll get it at any moment.

"If the clarification is as I understand it will be, I believe I'll be able to sign the agreement on behalf of the university."

Peltason said he believes the clarification will make it clear that the university does not concede its own affirmative action plan is not in compliance with the law, that the university will not accept as its own the "Berkeley plan" for affirmative action, and that U of I officials "will sit down and try to perfect our own plan" with HEW representatives.

The U of I received a notice from HEW last week that the federal agency could not certify that its affirmative action was acceptable. If HEW does not certify the U of I's plan by Monday, the university will lose a \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Army.

The initial HEW notice indicated that the U of I had no affirmative action plan. Peltason said the university's own plan had been sent to HEW offices nearly three years ago but was never acted on by the department.



GROUND BROKEN

The scoop shovel in the foreground dwarfs those who turned out this morning for groundbreaking for the new

Speech and the University of Psychology

of the County Jail pro-conditions was made today.

petition specifically de- that improvements be in food, recreational fa- medical care, access mmissary, television and s.

the petition, "We are beings and want to be as human beings.

st dogs are more hu- y treated than we are. ne of us have not even a the law — we are mere- rged with offenses.

me of us have violated aw, but this jail and its tions aren't going to reha- be anyone."

letter was released by hackleford Community In- e of Champaign.

arrested after crash

dispute following a Mon- night traffic accident in mpaign led to the arrest 70 men on charges of dis- rdy conduct and resisting 3e.

rested about 11 p.m. Mon- were Edwin "Stevie" Jack- 31, of 1210 W. Eureka Urbana, and Lawrence ano" Williams, 32, address own.

olice alleged that Jackson, is on probation for a 1973 nslaughter conviction, and liams, who is free on appeal id in connection with armed robbery, obstructed icers investigating a traffic cident at 1st and Hill streets. Jackson was convicted in Oc- ber 1973 of shooting Cornelius rner on a street in north- st Champaign. After killing e reputed gang leader, Jack- a disappeared for two years til FBI agents arrested him Ypsilanti, Mich.

Williams is appealing a con- tion on the armed robbery a local restaurant. n a report of the incident, ice said that Williams was ced three times to leave the ne of the accident and final- was arrested when he re- sed. Jackson was arrested, ice said, when he inter- with officers making the rest of Williams. The two re not involved in the acci- nt.

Woman hurt in accident

A 55-year-old Mahomet wo- an was in the emergency om of Mercy Hospital late is morning being treated for m and leg injuries she re- ived in an accident.

Ruth R. Stanley was struck an auto at 7:51 a.m. at iversity Avenue and 2nd reet, Champaign.

Police said a car driven by atherine A. Cottle, 20, of 2420 Elm St., Urbana, was west- on on University. Mrs. Stan- y was crossing the street to t to her place of employ- at the Beasley Cab Co. en she was struck by the ttle vehicle.

No tickets were issued, police id.

Not for all

Council to stop taking the pledge

The Urbana City Council vot- Monday to eliminate the



DEFENDANTS IN MURDER TRIAL

Four men charged with the Nov. 9 murder of former University of Illinois football player Greg Williams are shown being led from the county jail

to the courthouse where they are being tried. Left to right are deputy sheriff Bob Havener, defendant Steve Dorsey, deputy sheriff Charles Cole,

defendants Romie Hunter and Jeff Davis, deputy sheriff Richard Bennett and defen- dant David Kelly. As of this

morning four jurors had been selected, and the jury selec- tion was continuing.

(Photo by Curt Beamer)

Community leaders vow struggle Douglass showdown 'inevitable'

A confrontation between po- lice and the black community is inevitable, according to black leaders, if demolition of the Douglass Center building begins.

A contract for the demolition has been signed by contractor Don McCabe of McCabe Brothers Inc. of Champaign.

McCabe apparently asked black leaders for assurance that he will not be disturbed in the demolition project at 5th and Grove streets.

Champaign Park Commis- sioner Richard Davis said this morning that the black com- munity had not given McCabe any assurances.

"We will take whatever steps are necessary to prevent the demolition of Douglass Cen- ter," said Davis. His com-

ments about the blocking of the demolition has been echoed by other black leaders, some of whom did not rule out con- frontation with police.

A key to the whole dilemma may be the action of the Cham- paign City Council tonight on the request for \$100,000 in matching funds to help build a complete center.

The fate of Douglass Center may hinge on any action by the Champaign City Council to- night with regard to a possi- ble \$100,000 urban renewal grant to the park district.

The grant, with a condition that it be matched by approx- imately another \$100,000 from the park district, would be in addition to an already approved \$150,000 from the city's Com- munity Development Act allo-

cation.

Feelings have been mixed in connection with the grant. There is no consensus among council members as to the awarding of the grant.

For that reason, Champaign park board President William J. Helms Jr. refused to specu- late this morning on whether the park board would match the grant, if approved. He said he did not want to influence the vote of council members by saying either that the park board would match or would not match.

Helms did say, however, that he will "poll" the commis- sioners on how they feel about the matching grant after learn- ing of the city council's ac- tion.

In a separate development

this morning, Douglass Center architect E. Hedric Clay said that the alternate plan, which originally called for the con- struction of a library wing could be revised.

He said he understood that the Citizens' Steering Commit- tee, which is now chaired by Black Coalition leader Roy Wil- liams, has decided the wing would be used for a senior citizens center, a meeting room and other recreational activi- ties.

In that case, Clay said, the wing could be designed to cost less than the original design. He said the library specifica- tions called for more expensive lighting for a library.

Clay said that while the basic building would cost \$40 per square foot, the library wing, as it stands now, cost \$48 per square foot. If changed, the cost could be reduced by sever- al dollars per square foot, Clay said.

Responding to possible re- drawing of plans for the extra wing, Helms said it would have to be an addition to the basic building as funds become avail- able. Helms said the board made clear earlier that addi- tional wing or wings would be added to the basic structure as funds become available. But, he said, the present plan is too expensive.

Humane Society to end roundups in Champaign

Stray dogs may have the run of the town beginning today in Champaign.

The Champaign County Hu- mane Society has ended its service of rounding up and boardig stray animals for the city, citing costs that far ex- ceed what is paid by the city for the service.

"We're a nonprofit organiza- tion, but we still have to break even," said Richard Shurtz, a member of the humane society board.

Shurtz said that the humane society for eight years has sup-

plied a man and a truck 48 hours a week to pick up strays, board them at the animal shel- ter near Bondville, collect fines from animals owners and re- turn the fines to the city.

The city has paid the society \$845 a month for the service Shurtz said.

Four months ago, Bill Cooper, who heads the Bondville shelter, notified the city that the society could no longer af- ford to provide the service at that price and would stop when the contract with the city ex- pired in April.

At the city's request, the so- ciety continued the service un- til today when Shurtz ended it.

Shurtz said that calls receiv- ed by the society to pick up strays in Champaign will be referred to the office of city manager V. Eugene Miller.

"If the police or fire depart- ment bring some strays to the shelter, we'll keep them,"

the break-even point.

Schurtz also said he will look into similar contracts with the city of Urbana and the county.

City to make other arrangements: Miller City Manager V. Eugene Miller said today he was taken by surprise this morning when the Champaign County Humane Society told him it would no longer pick up stray dogs in the city.

Miller said he was aware that the \$845 a month contract with the humane society ex- pired, "but we thought we had it arranged so that they would continue on a month-to-month basis until the beginning of our fiscal year (July 1)."

The humane society had noti- fied the city that it needed \$25,000 a year to continue the service, according to Miller.

Over a 12-month period the city was paying \$10,140 for dog pickup.

Of The Courier Michael H. Kenyon, the al- leged enema bandit, has be- come a center of attention with police in at least two Chicago suburbs, as well as in Cham- paign - Urbana.

It was an investigation by Glen Ellyn police which may have shattered the mystery of the enema bandit — the late- night intruder who had terror- ized Champaign - Urbana and two other Midwestern commu- nities.

Kenyon, a 30-year-old former University of Illinois student, was being held today in the DuPage County Jail, Wheaton. He is accused of armed rob- bery and burglary in connec- tion with two incidents in Glen Ellyn.

Champaign police were try- ing to serve a warrant on Ken- yon. They obtained the warrant Monday from Circuit Judge Harold Jensen, charging Ken- yon with two May 3 attacks here.

The case, which had puzzled local police for nearly a de- cade, finally opened up over the weekend when charges were filed against Kenyon in Palatine, a Cook County com- munity near Glen Ellyn.

"We'd originally gotten some information that Palatine pick- ed up a guy who matched up with a couple of home inva- sions here in January and Sep- tember of 1974," said Lt. Ken- neth Kant, chief of detectives in Glen Ellyn.

Glenn Ellyn detectives Larry Ryan and Dominic Bellini were sent to Palatine twice to interview Kenyon, according to Kant. It was during the second of those lengthy interviews when Kenyon allegedly began to discuss the Champaign-Ur- bana attacks, Kant said.

"During the interviews, that's where this thing started to break open. We found out a lot of people were interested in him, but I'm pretty well satisfied with where our case is right now," Kant said today in a telephone interview.

He said the Palatine arrest was made Thursday and that Glen Ellyn authorities picked Kenyon up after he was re- leased on \$50,000 bond in Cool County.

Kant said it had not been determined today which polic- agency would prosecute the suspect first.

Council bonds to

The Urbana City Council a- proved the sale of \$40,000 general obligation bonds to buy a minipark at the north- east corner of Race and El streets.

Busey First National Ba- nk and the Champaign Coun- ty Bank and Trust Co. will b-

Paley, Mrs. Sco over nomination

By John Smetana Of The Courier

Urbana Mayor Hiram Paley and Democratic National Com- mitteewoman Anna Wall Scott of Urbana argued Monday at an Urbana City Council meet- ing over the nomination of a man to the Human Relations Commission.

At issue was Charles Ger- son, 33, of 1202 W. 13th St.

Mrs. Scott said. "My sci- ence is heavy. I could go to sleep tonight. I do share my mayor's concern one needs to be perfect."

"In our system," she s- aid, "one has to be proven gu- in checking, I found that Gerson has not been convi- of any charges. It is a note, but I wanted all of to know."

Council defeats added funds for Douglass Center

By Michael Murphy
Of The Courier

The Douglass Center project—as the residents of northeast Champaign want it—received vocal but not financial support Tuesday night from the city council.

By a 5 to 3 vote, the council rejected a measure earmarking \$100,000 in urban renewal funds—to be matched by the Champaign park district. The money would have financed a wing addition on the \$742,000 gymnasium that the park district is ready to build at 6th and Grove streets.

The park board had not voted the matching funds, but that issue was not mentioned by the council Tuesday. Instead, the talk focused on the park board's supposed ability to pay for the wing with its own money.

'Enough there'

A citizens committee demanding the wing, as well as a larger gymnasium, insists the park district has enough money from a 1972 bond issue to build the complete project.

Pressured by the citizens committee, which has vowed to halt demolition of the existing building, park board President William Helms said the project is too expensive with the attached recreation wing.

"Short of saying the word corrupt, I think the park district has been negligent in its handling of this matter," charged council member John Lee Johnson, a former chairman of the citizens committee.

Nonetheless, Johnson said he sponsored the defeated measure to clear the air of "a great deal of confusion over this whole Douglass Center issue. 'I don't see that \$100,000 is that great a price to resolve this matter,'" he said.

Bad weather means local swimming off

If the weather's wrong, local swimming pools will be closed.

In Champaign the opening of the two pools will be delayed if there is inclement weather at 1 p.m. If the bad weather still exists at 4 the pool will stay closed the rest of the day.

The Champaign Park District defines inclement weather as rain and cold temperatures.

The Urbana Park District will not open Crystal Lake Pool if the temperature is below 70 degrees but will open if it is only raining.

Neither park districts will allow swimming when there is lightning.

Johnson, in whose district Douglass Center would be built, voted for the \$100,000 appropriation, along with Robert Dodd and Mary Pollock. Joan Severns abstained, while Mayor William Bland and council members Kenneth Dugan, Sam Erwin, Lynn Sweet and Ralph Council voted against the measure.

"I don't feel we won or lost anything," said Richard Davis, the only dissenting park commissioner and a member of the citizens committee.

Commenting after the council meeting, Kenneth Stratton, another committee member, added, "We have no argument with the city council. Our argument is with the park district."

The committee's position received considerable support from Sweet, Dodd and Erwin before the vote. All three said the wing should be built with park district funds.

"I don't think this is our project to fund," said Dodd, who maintained that his yes vote was made "reluctantly."

"I'm very much in favor of the complete building of a new Douglass Center," he said. "In my view, the park district is capable of funding it."

Dodd, too, accused the park board of having "neglected its duty. It's a question of neglect of a certain part of town."

'Miserable'

"We have a miserable situation in front of us," Sweet said. "... I feel that I cannot give another nickel to the park district until they get their house in order."

The city already had voted \$150,000 for the Douglass Center project.

Less critical was Erwin, although he also claimed the park district could finance the entire project.

"It became readily apparent (at a recent joint meeting) that the park district has the money to build the complete Douglass Center. It remains that the decision is a function of the park district," he said.

Mrs. Severns said she abstained because her husband's architectural firm had done some work on the Douglass Center plans.

Davis satisfied with council vote
"It's back at the park district's lap where it should have stayed," said Richard Davis Jr., a commissioner of the Champaign park board this morning about the Champaign city Council's rejection of a \$100,000 extra grant to build a comprehensive Frederick Douglass Community Center.

PHOTO CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

A photography course will be offered by the Champaign Park District from June 17 through July 23.

Youth classes will meet from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and adults will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays. Classes will be at the Meeting Center.

When asked whether a \$50,000 offer made earlier to the citizens steering committee on the project still stood, Helms said it was not. He said the offer lapsed when contractor Don McCabe was not assured that his demolition work would not be disturbed.

Davis, the lone dissenter on the park board in connection with the Douglass project, said the park district "now must make a commitment."

"I consider the council's vote favorable to us (the park district)," said Davis. "Our thing is not with the city council."

Park board president William J. Helms Jr. said this morning the park district plans have not changed.

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Lincoln School also to be sold

Urbana to sell bonds for improvement

By Earl Merkel
Of The Courier

More than \$3.5 million in bonds will be sold by the Urbana school district to pay for work to bring district buildings up to state health and life safety standards.

At a special meeting Tuesday night, the board voted to approve the bond sale, as well as authorize the sale of old Lincoln School to finance improvement work required immediately.

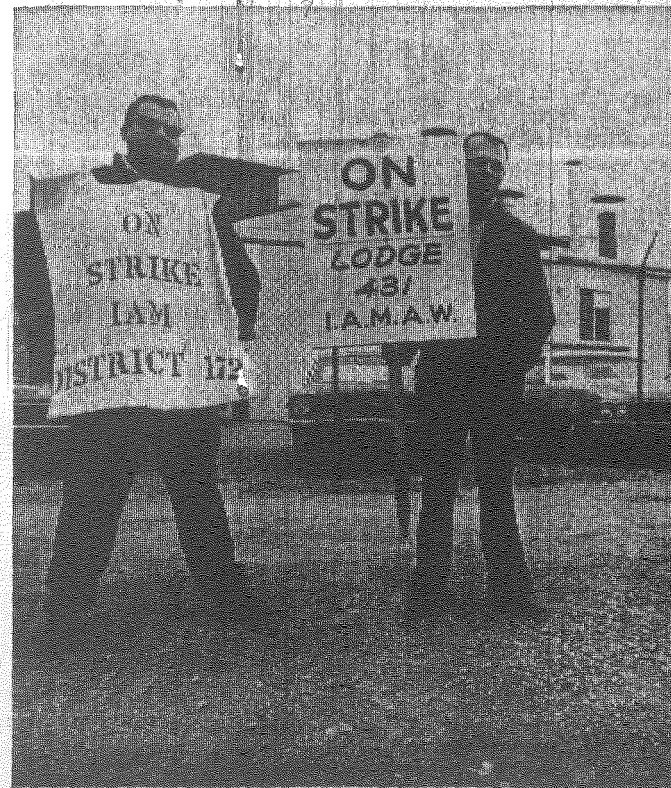
The action came after district superintendent Kermit Harden told the board of ramifications of a state directive requiring health and life safety standards.

Study buildings

The directive, he told the board, requires the district to make an engineering study of all buildings and bring them up to minimum standards set by the state. Previously, a study was required only of buildings constructed before 1965.

The survey of school district buildings has been under way for the past 18 months, Harden said, and a list of needed improvements was submitted to the state. Late Tuesday afternoon, he said, the state authorized the district to issue the \$3,561,850 worth of bonds to pay for the work.

Harden said no tax increase will be needed to pay off the bonds.



JOHNSON-KOEHRING PLANT SHUT DOWN

Pickets stand outside the C. S. Johnson Division plant of the Koehring Co. on Kewwood Road in Champaign this morning striking machinists this morning shut down the plant. The strike came in a

dispute over wages. The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Lodge 431, did not report for shifts today after a two-year contract expired at midnight. A union steward said

all 84 local men strike, which ended down the plant. The union is seeking a contract with a 10 percent wage increase year and another

Harden recommended the board approve the bonding and Lincoln school sale, and a 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation tax previously used to fund such improvement work.

Sale of Lincoln School, which has been used as a curriculum center for the past few years, will require action by the county board of school trustees. That board legally holds title to the property. Harden said that by law any public sale of the school cannot be held until 60 days after the trustee board acts.

Included in the list of needed improvements are \$1,100,000 worth of work at Urbana High School in areas including heating and electrical systems, \$250,000 for boiler replacement in various buildings and more than \$735,000 in work on the heating systems of district schools.

The board also approved re-hiring of 90 certified staff members, the first to be rehired from a list of 216 teachers and administrators released in March as a financial safeguard.

The mass firings came because of a state requirement

that teachers receive dismissal notice 60 days before the end of the school year. All first- and second-year teachers and a number of tenured teachers were dismissed.

Harden emphasized that re-hiring and evaluation would continue through the summer, with additional teachers to be rehired by the district.

Included on the rehire list was district assistant superintendent Taylor Thomas. However, Thomas was listed as "director of academic personnel and student services," rather than as an assistant superintendent.

In a statement to the board, Thomas criticized the change of title, calling it an "apparent demotion" and describing the action by the board as "callous." He said he and assistant superintendent Ralph Davis—also listed as a "director" on the rehiring list—should remain assistant superintendents.

"Either that, or deputy superintendent," Thomas told the board. "This change of title wipes out a person's whole life. It sounds like a demotion, and I consider it a callous action." Thomas said he had heard

rumors previous actions would "lower than the principals."

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\$15-million city budget

By Michael Murphy
Of The Courier

City Manager V. Eugene Miller today unveiled a \$15-million 1975-76 budget for Champaign, prompting a flurry of questions about the possibility of finan-

pen next year," he said this morning.

He noted, however, that Champaign's personnel costs, which climbed 13 per cent this year, "are actually in imbalance with the rest of the budget."

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Park board should move on Douglass

CONTINUING controversy over the Frederick Douglass Community Center project may be leading to something nobody wants: A confrontation beyond compromise.

Members of the Champaign neighborhood served by the Center and the Champaign Park District must agree to settle the issue, or possibly face a long, hot summer.

On this issue, quite frankly, it is the park commissioners who probably must move the most toward compromise.

The black community understandably wants a comprehensive recreational facility, including space for the senior citizens programs as well as a gymnasium. Such a facility, they are rightly saying, is long overdue in Douglass Park.

They are saying that the park district has been playing "catch up" in Douglass Park in relation to development of some other parks in the district.

The park commissioners have said repeatedly that the district got caught in a tangle of economic conditions. Funds are running short from a bond issue because of increased construction costs.

Nobody thought three years ago that the \$1.87 million approved in the 1972 bond issue would not take care of all the projects promised at that time. The park commissioners feel they have a commitment to all the remaining projects.

As The Courier said previously, as comprehensive a building as is possible at Douglass Center should be at the top of the priority list.

The park board says there is not enough money left in the bond funds to spare an extra \$200,000 which would take care of a comprehensive senior citizens wing at Douglass.

The black community says there is enough money if the park board had a commitment to the North Side of town.

It appears increasingly obvious that everything promised in the bond issue cannot be completed with available funds. Something will have to wait for new money. If building the more comprehensive building at Douglass means that the building planned in Centennial Park has to wait, then so be it. Since the bond issue, some neighborhood opposition has developed to a Centennial Building.

If the park commissioners insist on the lesser Douglass building and some kind of building in Centennial Park, they will have more people angry. It would be a mistake for the commissioners to leave the Douglass senior citizens facility on the shelf with a note "to be done as funds become available."

Either the Douglass Center should include space for the seniors or there should be a firm commitment now to make a comprehensive center in the

Annex building where the seniors meet.

The latter plan, which the black community should accept as a viable compromise, does mean that the park district must immediately find out whether the Annex can be adequately remodeled, and how much it would cost.

Park board president William J. Helms Jr. has said there is a \$272,000 "pad fund" which has not yet been used but has been allocated for bond issue projects. This pad fund is based on the Douglass Center without the senior citizens - library areas.

A careful review of that pad fund is needed, with the commissioners being willing to put other projects on a back burner and put the money into Douglass for the time being.

The commissioners and specifically President Helms' undeniably are in a corner. Nobody likes to be in a corner, and certainly it can be difficult to appear to "give in" to demands.

The fact in this situation is that the demands are reasonable. The controversy has continued too long for the good of the park district and the community. The park commissioners still have a little room left to move out of the corner and get the job done they surely want to do.

If they fail to move fairly quickly, they may be boxed in completely — and a long, hot summer will have begun.

Prosecution helps keep legislators in line

JUDGE Alfred K. Kirkland has indicated he will rule against the federal government's efforts to present evidence of what happened in legislative halls in a Chicago federal court case involving alleged shakedowns by Illinois legislators.

Later in June he will reveal whether he will then make a broad statement exempting legislators from criminal prosecution for anything they do in the course of their legislative duties.

Reps. Robert Craig, D-Danville, and Thomas J. Hanahan, D-McHenry, and former Rep. Louis A. Merket, D-Mt. Sterling, asked the government to dismiss the charge that they conspired to extort \$5,000 from the rental and leased car industry.

They cite a section of the state Constitution that reads: "Except in cases of treason, felony or breach of peace, a member shall be privileged from arrest going to, during and returning from sessions of the General Assembly. A member shall not be held to answer before any other tribunal for any speech or



Rep. Robert Craig

that soliciting bribes or committing other felonies was excusable because the person so involved was a legislator.

Under the reasoning being advanced by the defendants in this case, a legislator literally could commit murder and get away with it.

If by some incredible means the courts uphold these claims, the public should demand an amendment to the state Constitution making sure that

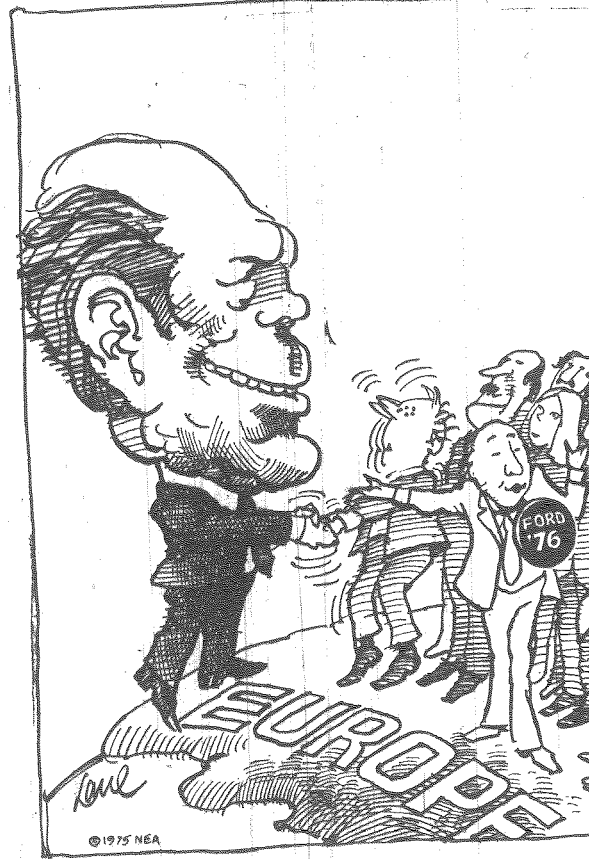
But surely legislators who use their offices to solicit bribes and extort money for those subject to the laws they make should not be given a free rein for their activities from the state Constitution.

Too much state and local government in Illinois already is infested with bribe giving and taking and shakedowns by public officials.

It should be stopped. Prosecution is the most effective way to do that. Only the other day, U.S. Rep. Edward Madigan, R-Lincoln, a former state legislator, told us in an interview that prosecutions of public officials suspected of such activities were far more effective than the disclosure laws in deterring public officials from abuses of the public trust.

He pointed out that care needed to be taken that government prosecutors not abuse their powers in seeking to root out official corruption, a concern we share.

But surely Rep. Madigan is correct — prosecutions of public officials in cases of bribery and shakedowns are the most effective way to en-



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What looks like a skeleton is really a

By John Sialka
(c) Washington Star

The bones of what might be a new era of transportation are being put together in an open field in arid farmland about 40 miles southeast of Phoenix, Ariz.

To the layman, it is a strange, cigar-shaped construction of welded, high-strength aluminum tubing as high as a four-story building. The precise, erector-set symmetry runs for 225 feet. Drivers on the nearby road often stop and gawk, for it looks very strange — like the skeleton of some huge mechanical whale that somehow chose that spot to die.

C. W. Conrad and his son, Darwin, have learned not to be disturbed by onlookers as they work on the giant structure which has, for them, an almost mystical quality.

They are determined to build and fly the first new dirigible the world has seen in more than 40 years. The Conrads have put over \$40,000 of their own money into airship hardware.

For the last few years, popular magazines, newspapers and even trade journals have been awash with articles about bringing back the technology of the airship — the dirigibles, balloons and blimps that were commonly used for a

electrical contracting firm, spending their time welding tubing, and the spark that has brought the nation's other "helium heads" to such a pitch of fervor, is the energy crisis.

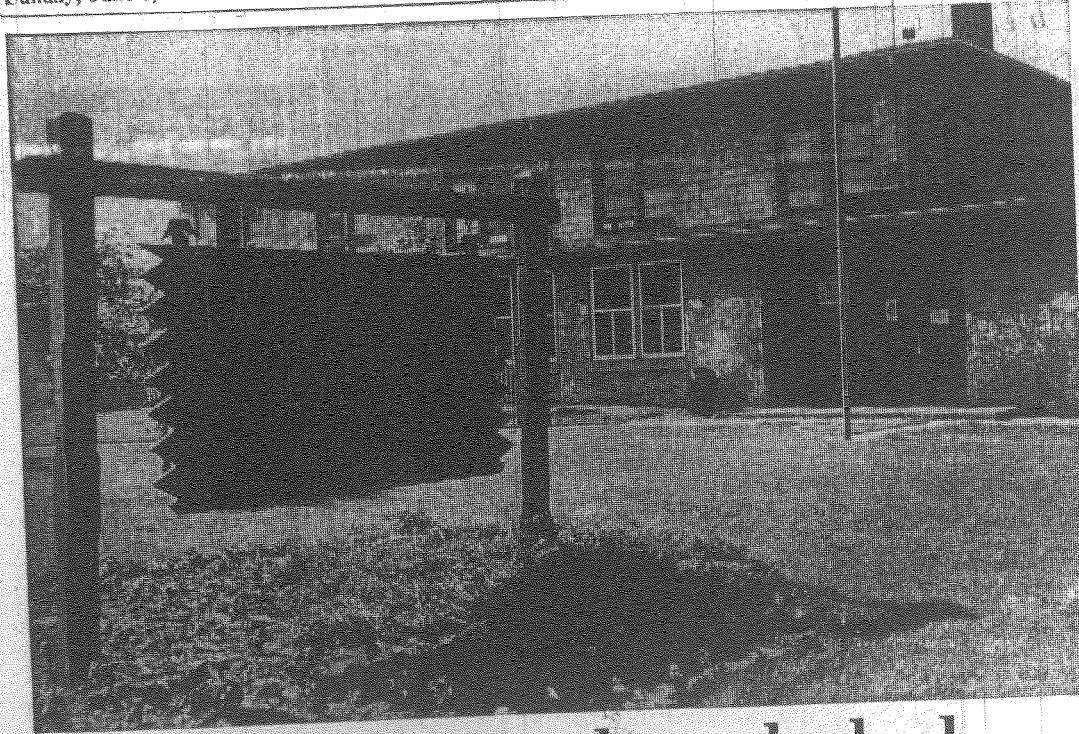
Whatever the problems were — and there were many — the old airships had one thing in common: They used very little energy when compared to more conventional modes of transportation.

The most famous Zeppelin, the Hindenburg, weighed 240 tons and was 806 feet long. It could carry 70 passengers, served by a crew of 50, and 13 tons of cargo across the Atlantic. Yet it was essentially weightless, literally a great ship riding on the buoyancy of the air. One man could push it. Passage across the Atlantic, reportedly, consumed only \$500 worth of diesel fuel.

Darwin Conrad says the ship he and his father are building has been extrapolated from the Zeppelin design, but it will make use of modern technology which, he says, will make it still more efficient and more airworthy.

40 Passengers

The Conrad airship is designed to carry up to 40 passengers at a top speed of 80 miles an hour, slightly less than the top speed of the old German Zeppelins. It will use laminated nylon to contain its helium gas — helium — and will



Fairgrounds agreement is elusive

A state offer of \$400,000 to help the Urbana Park District acquire the Champaign County Fairgrounds may be lost if local officials can't reach agreement by mid-July.

Urbana park officials Saturday would not comment on the status of the negotiations.

Fair board secretary Keith Kesler said Saturday the fair board still had not received an offer from the park board for the purchase of the 56-acre fairgrounds. He said the park board had said that only about \$400,000 would be available for the transaction.

Illinois Department of Conservation Director Anthony Dean told the two sides to report on the status of their negotiations by mid-July.

Fred Kallmayer, a park commissioner, said Saturday the two sides had met "four or five times" in recent months. He would not say what went on at the negotiations.

Dean had said earlier that the two sides are discussing a land transfer deal he had suggested. He said it would involve the gradual phasing out of the fair and relocating it to a different site.

Fair officials say the park board would have to come up with more than \$400,000 to relocate the fair. A \$1-million figure has been mentioned.

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Douglass Center doors locked

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

Terry Brown, 18, of Champaign was standing outside Douglass Center.

He leaned against his bike and looked at the old structure sadly.

"I learned to play ball here," he said, pointing to the building at 5th and Grove streets.

Brown was among the last of the North End kids to play ball in the gymnasium.

The building is scheduled to be leveled within the next week.

Now, the doors are locked. The sound of screeching sneakers and the bouncing basketball cannot be heard.

It's eerie inside. Somehow, Douglass Center seems abandoned. You can tell, in some mysterious way, that the next sound you hear will be the sound of bulldozers knocking down the cinder-block walls.

From the outside, the green structure looks like a sore thumb in Douglass Park. Plants in the park are now in the summer bloom and the 30-year-old building with cracked paint on the walls doesn't fit.

Kids ride their bikes past the center slowly.

"This center has been used by everyone who grew up here," said Brown. "I grew up here."

Brown, now graduated from Centennial High School, said kids in the neighborhood liked the center. "It was the only thing available to us."

For that reason, kids in north Champaign attach much sentiment to the recreation center.

"Oh, we've had some great parties here," Brown said laughingly.

Brown and the other kids are looking forward to a new center with mixed feelings.

They say they would like a new center because the old one has been inadequate. Brown says the center as it stands now has been "okay" but mostly inadequate.

But, he said, there is no sense in pouring a lot of money into a new center if merely would replace what they had there before.

"Sure, we want a new center if it will serve the purpose," Brown said. "Surely, it would create a new atmosphere here in the north side of town."

But, as many black community leaders have said recently, Brown said the black community needs a full recreational facility.

The Champaign park board has cut part of the structure from original plans because of an alleged lack of funds. Blacks have been fighting for a full facility, including a senior citizens' wing and an activity room, not just a gymnasium. The gymnasium would be a modern one with supporting facilities including showers and locker rooms.

The current structure was built in 1944-45 with an estimated \$50,000 in donations from the Champaign-Urbana community.

Blacks now are protesting the scheduled demolition, saying they would rather keep the old structure than have an "incomplete" one instead.

Architect E. Hedric Clay has told the park board that the existing building is "structurally marginal" and "unsound." He said there are 40' to 50 cracks in the building's walls that make the safety of the building questionable.

Clay said the building's heating system is inadequate and cannot heat the entire building. He also said there have been several water leaks in the building.

He said the building has "reached its 30-year approximate life span." He said the building apparently was not constructed according to specifications, which may account for the structural damage.

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Helms' proposal called for:

- tearing down the existing structure. The park board and McCabe Brothers Inc. of Champaign have signed a contract for the demolition of Douglass Center. McCabe is expected to begin work next week.

- Building a basic structure which would include a gymnasium with shower and locker-room facilities.

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Members discuss cooperation, consolidation

C-U councils agree to meet quarterly

By John Smetana
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The Champaign and Urbana
city councils chatted for nearly
two hours Saturday morning,
finally agreeing that they
should get together on a quar-
terly basis.

The discussion covered pro-
posals for identical subdivision,
human rights and lessee-lessor
ordinances, landfill operations,
the promotion of tourism locally
and a study panel to consider
the merits of merging the cities
and increased government co-
operation and consolidation.

The most enthusiasm was
generated by Urbana Mayor
Hiram Paley's statement that
he was preparing a proposal
to form a two-city study com-
mission to investigate the mer-
its of merging the cities. He
said the panel could make its
report in about two years.

Paley urged the panel not
include government officials,
but rather have "broad city
representation by citizens."

Champaign Mayor William
Bland disagreed, saying elect-
ed and other officials should
be on the panel.

Champaign council member
Mary Pollock wanted the panel
to finish its work within a year.
Champaign council member
John Lee Johnson said he was
not interested in a long-range

study panel and that the coun-
cils should deal with "the im-
mediate issue of government
cooperation."

Paley said a consolidation ef-
fort would require enabling leg-
islation from the state and
"several referenda" before the
cities could merge.

All members were enthusi-
astic about a panel, but the
majority seemed undecided

whether a merger is necessary
or desirable.

Pollock said such a panel
should create a step-by-step
plan for government coopera-
tion, consolidation and eventual
merger of the cities. Urbana
Republican Glenn Lynch, Ur-
bana independent John Peter-
son and Champaign council
member Lynn Sweet said, how-
ever that they had not heard
any substantial demand from

their constituents for merger
of the cities.

The 15 council members at
the meeting seemed enthusias-
tic about tourism as an "un-
tapped source of revenue."

Johnson and Lynch also ad-
vocated the creation of an
economic development com-
mission to encourage new in-
vestment locally. The commis-
sion would be separate from
local chambers of commerce

and the Illini Industries De-
velopment Corp.

Champaign members at the
meeting were Johnson, Pollock,
Dodd, Sweet, Sam Erwin and
Ralph Council.

Urbana aldermen at the
meeting were Lynch, Hilary
Moore, Frieda Wascher, Joan
Barr, Robert Hurt, Marion
Holshourser, Ruth Brookens,
and Peterson.

Council agrees to switch funds

Six Champaign City Coun-
cil members agreed Saturday
to permit the use of \$187,000
in urban renewal funds to help
erase a deficit in the proposed
1975-76 city budget.

The council met at 8:30 a.m.
before a joint session with the
Urbana City Council at 10.

The six members also agreed
to grant \$150,000 in federal re-
venue sharing money to social
service agencies. The council
will hear proposals and re-
quests from the agencies dur-
ing its regular meeting at 7:30
p.m. Tuesday.

City Manager Eugene Miller
has proposed a \$15 million
budget for the city. The budget
would have a \$560,000 deficit
in the operating fund.

Miller proposed using \$262,-
000 from the surplus fund and
\$187,000 from the urban renew-
al fund to erase the deficit.
Some \$70,000 of the payroll also
would help eliminate the deficit
due to attrition.

The budget also would have
\$237,000 in a surplus fund for
emergencies.

Council members Joan Sev-
erns, Sam Erwin and Kenneth
Dugan did not attend the bud-
get session. However, Erwin was
at the meeting with the Ur-
bana council.

The council members agreed
to a "once only" diversion of
the urban renewal revenue, ac-
cording to member John Lee
Johnson. Johnson said the
council "did not support the

concept and agreed we need
to find new areas of resource-
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The \$187,000 would come
from three-quarters of a per-
cent in utility tax. The city
levies a 2.75 per cent tax on
utilities. The 2 per cent tax
revenue goes into the general
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In the past, the three-quar-
ters of a per cent revenue went
into an urban renewal account.
Miller has said that if the coun-
cil wishes to continue to put
money into that account, it
should increase the utility tax
by another three-quarters of
a per cent.

In return for consenting to
the use of the urban renewal

money, Johnson said the coun-
cil elicited a promise from Mil-
ler that a capital development
program for urban renewal
would be formulated and pre-
sented to the council within a
year.

"I hope it would be done
within six months of the start
of our community development
program," Johnson said. John-
son continued to criticize the
administration for "poor plan-
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minimum, though, a total of at least \$65 million trimmed from all departments and agencies to the governor be true to his word on the belt-tightening.

on accounts for about 10 per cent of all general fund items. The Board of Education nearly \$1.7 million in the coming year, in 1974. The board's budget can be trimmed by \$100 million, as we mentioned in another editorial detail.

states universities and say they need possibly more from the general fund in fiscal 1976. We heard budgets be pared down to \$40 million. Our view on that is in another editorial.

here in state government opportunities for general fund cutbacks are limited at best. Still, it is expected state officers, the governor and the legislature all accept even a six per cent recommended by Gov. Walker that would be a savings in the ledger sheets of \$20 million.

such as these would the proposed budget fund budget spending next 12 months much into line with what is to postpone the need for an increase. The state legislature has an obligation to exercise its constitutional authority and duty to on the specifics of state government. It would be a major failure if the legislature carry out its apparent duty simply dump all these items into Gov. Walker's

Schools

increase in the state fund of "only" \$76 million will mean that the state is reducing aid to education an average amount, not extraordinarily generous as it had hoped for.

moderating their salary teachers could use as an example from the Office of Education. In the last year the superintendent's salary has gone from \$48,000, and the top assistants \$39,000 to \$35,000.

State Supt. Joseph M. Helms has proposed even further cuts in the assistants' salaries, even though two have received \$5,000 this year.

ing \$100 million will not mean austerity to the schools, will mean an end to a period of extraordinary pro-



Bicentennial Documents

Will we be 'blessed' again?

Korea pact provides pause for reflection

EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer is a contributing editor of the New York Review of Books and veteran Washington political observer.

By I. F. Stone
Washington

Will we be "blessed" again in Korea?

During the Korean war, Gen. James A. Van Fleet, commander of the U.S. Eighth Army, made a remark worth recalling now. "Korea has been a blessing," he told a Filipino delegation visiting his headquarters. "There had to be a Korea either here or some place in the world."

A war that cost almost 130,000 casualties and at a bare and conservative minimum more than \$50 billion (other estimates range from \$150 billion to \$200 billion) may seem a strange blessing. But military hard-liners saw it differently.

From their point of view the Korean war served three purposes: It brought to an abrupt end President Harry S. Truman's post-World War II reductions in the military budget. It solidified the Cold War and the arms race for a quarter century, ending the first wistful demands for detente that had begun in 1947-48. And it grew a protective U.S. umbrella over Taiwan, giving Chiang Kai-shek a formal alliance in the mutual defense pact of 1955. This must now be abrogated if President Ford, on his coming visit to Peking, moves toward full diplomatic relations.

New War, Same Goals
A new Korean war would serve the same purposes as the first. It would end reductions Congress has begun making in the military budget now that the Vietnamese war is finally over. It would disrupt the precarious detente with the Soviet Union and China, refueling the arms race and the Cold War. And it would again save Taiwan from being taken over by mainland China.

I am not saying that the military plotted the first Korean war or is plotting a second. I am only urging a realistic awareness of certain tendencies in military thinking. Freud taught us that accidents are rare, that men sometimes blunder into the mishaps they secretly and unconsciously desire.

What is true of individuals is also true of bureaucracies.

This brings me to a second point. Just about every statement I have seen from national leaders, including Sen. Mike Mansfield, states or implies that our mutual defense treaty with South Korea is automatic, that if war breaks out there we would be obligated immediately to participate.

The history and provisions of

the Korean mutual aid pact refute this. Congress was fearful of being drawn into another Korean war and restricted the obligations of the treaty in several respects.

Unlike our pact with Japan, the Korean treaty does not provide for American intervention in event of internal insurrection — the first Korean war broke out during a period of conflict between the dictatorial Syngman Rhee and the opposition much like that today between the ever more dictatorial regime of President Chung Hee Park and its opponents. Congress refused to give a blank check against domestic unrest to a future South Korean dictatorship.

Congress Defined Limits

The hearings on the treaty also disclose that Congress did not want the United States to be drawn into war if a South Korean regime set out by force to reunite the peninsula, as Mr. Rhee was at times ready to do. So the treaty comes into effect only in the case of "armed attack."

Obviously these restrictions would mean little if Congress did not have the right to determine whether or not the circumstances really called for United States intervention. So in this the Korean treaty differs from the Atlantic alliance.

The NATO treaty, as Secretary of State John Foster Dulles explained to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at its hearing on the Korean treaty, provides that an attack on one NATO nation is an attack on all and would thus give the President "the same inherent right to act" as if an attack on a European city "was an attack upon New York or San Francisco."

But the Korea treaty provides that if there were an attack on South Korea we would take action in accordance with our "constitutional processes" — that is, a vote by Congress on whether or not to declare war, Dulles said.

The actual provisions of the treaty thus provide a pause for reflection. This brings me to my final point. What the treaty provides, our military deployment in Korea nullifies. The

ERA

IN A recent editorial we indicated that Gov. Daniel Walker's signature would be required should both houses of the Illinois legislature ratify the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the federal Constitution.

We were wrong. The governor's approval is not required.

We apologize for the error.

agree to such a course, the key is the Israeli attitude. Giscard said he was in touch with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt on the telephone on these problems, and that Sadat was "absolutely convinced" that a new step of disengagement was going to be taken last March. Giscard added that Sadat felt

Israel can have "fair terms"

deployment would make United States involvement automatic and inescapable.

Pentagon Stops Disclosure

An attempt to focus public attention to this problem was made over a year ago by the defense subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, but its report was classified by the Pentagon.

A short, somewhat obscure, summary of that report was included on pages 33 to 35 of the full committee's report to the House last Aug. 1 on the military budget. The purpose of the suppressed report was "to reduce the risks of automatic combat involvement" and "minimize the possibility of nuclear war" in Korea.

Present deployment puts the bulk of our troops right at the 38th Parallel, where even a

small-scale border clash would involve U.S. troops immediately. As an "economy measure," Korean troops serve down to the squad level inside U.S. forces, making disentanglement difficult.

Our forces have a capability for immediate use of nuclear weapons. And except for those privy to military secrets, no one knows whether we would use nuclear weapons from the very outset, immediately escalating what might otherwise be a localized conflict into an international crisis.

Isn't it time to explore these matters fully before we find ourselves drawn into another Asian land war, our third in a quarter-century?

After the first Korean war, the country said, "never



John Foster Dulles

again" to war on the mainland of Asia.

We forgot in Vietnam. Will we forget again?

Douglass being shorted

To the Editor:
Sir: As soon as the 1972 bond referendum was passed the Champaign Park Board apparently invested the money in hopes of gaining interest to fulfill its many promises to the voters in its bond campaign literature.

Inflation increased more rapidly than the interest received. In fact, nothing could have been built when the money was approved by the voters. There had been no preplanning or real cost estimates made prior to submitting the issue to the people.

The problem now is the direct result of poor planning on the part of the board. In order to fulfill its promises to other parts of the community, Frederick Douglass Center is being shorted. The decision of the four commissioners to short Douglass Center is based strictly along racial attitudes and political considerations. There is no consideration of community priorities or need.

For at least six months during 1973 the park manager, the architect, staff, park commissioners and the Douglass Community met developing program needs in order to give the architect direction to develop a plan for building the center. A list of 36 program needs were accepted. The architect developed five plans to satisfy these needs.

The old center has proven inadequate except as a basic free play facility. Many of the problems that Douglass Center has suffered over the years is a direct result of this free-play philosophy. It offered the staff few opportunities for directed activities and discipline. The lack of adult facilities or participation as a stabilizing influence added to the chaos. The new center as planned

would correct the serious deficiencies. The new center would allow for participation of senior citizens whose very presence would assure a new decorum at Douglass. It would give staff opportunities to expand programs to lifetime recreational habits. When the only recreation learned is physical activity, the child when he grows past the physical, can only turn to barrooms later in life.

A good, well-rounded recreational program must include soundly established values that are redeeming past the point of immediate entertainment.

In late 1973 the five plans of the architect were considered by the park board. Compromises were made and the plan that would have satisfied all of the 36 program needs was dropped in favor of a plan that included only 15.

In September of 1974 the board approved the plan now in controversy, the base bid plus alternate one. For six months thereafter Commissioner Helms held up the project hassling over placement of a stage and other minor details. This hassle ended with no fundamental changes in the plan.

If it had been let for bid last year, the cost would have been at least one-third less. Poor planning again allowed the best bidding season of last winter pass. Bids were finally let this spring with building cost at a maximum.

At the time of the bid letting then president, Mr. Bresnan, stated that the board was \$55,000 short of being able to build the proposed building. Later Mrs. Leonard stated that it was more like \$100,000 and soon there after stated 150,000. Finally, Mr. Helms arrived at a 186,000 figure. Currently, the figure most

Mailbag

often quoted is \$200,000. Mr. Helms cites a "pad" available of over \$250,000. Without any assignment of priorities, he emphatically states that this "pad" is not available for Douglass Center.

In summary, the Douglass Center community should not shoulder the irresponsibility of the park commissioners in their racial attitudes or their fiscally unsound planning.

THE DOUGLASS CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

Gemini

To the Editor:
Sir: Gemini House will be having a fundraising drive this Friday and Saturday. Gemini House is a local collective that has been dealing with drug problems since 1970. Services include counselling and advocacy, information about drugs and their use, speakers to come to your group or organization, and a 24-hour crisis line. We need your help in order to continue providing these services. Our people will be collecting donations in and around this area Friday and Saturday. If you need our help, please feel free to call 359-1160.

GEMINI HOUSE

Today's law

Q. After my divorce could I continue to be insured through my husband's group health insurance plan?

A. Possibly. It depends upon the terms and contracts of the insurance policy.

—Illinois State Bar Assn.

Submit Question to:
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By Michael Meyers
Of The Courier

Champaign County's metropolitan narcotics squad may be expanded within the next few months, although serious questions have been raised about its effectiveness over the past two years.

A proposal to expand the joint police narcotics operation has been given preliminary, and in the case of some officials, reluctant approval by the Champaign City Council. A similar decision is pending in Urbana, by the University of Illinois and the Champaign County Sheriff's Office.

The four agencies, together with Rantoul police and local officers from the Illinois State Police, banded together more than three years ago to form the so-called metro squad, a unit of detectives assigned on a part-time basis to drug trafficking cases in the county.

Funds for the unit's expenses—primarily "buy" money—came from the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission (ILEC) in 1973. That \$48,000 grant expired last week, and Champaign Police Chief William Dye said any renewed effort in narcotics operations will have to involve Vermillion as well as Champaign County.

'Torpedoes' turned in

Urbana police Thursday reported that five more railroad "torpedoes"—warning devices used on railroad tracks—have been turned in by local residents.

Police issued a warning about the devices Wednesday after being informed that several youths had found some of the "torpedoes" in the Penn Central railroad yard in Urbana.

The "torpedoes can explode if struck by another object and can cause injury.

Gin bottle fails would-be thief

A robbery attempt Wednesday night in northwest Champaign was thwarted when a rural Champaign man discovered that an assailant's concealed weapon was actually a bottle of gin.

The victim, 18-year-old James Harold Dees, told police he was accosted about 11:25 p.m. on the south side of the Kentucky Beef restaurant, 1407 N. Prospect Ave., by a youth who first asked for spare change.

Police said the youth tried to search Dees for money while reaching inside his coat as if to hold a concealed gun. The hoax was uncovered, police said, when Dees shoved his assailant and exposed the liquor bottle in the youth's hand.

The robber fled the scene shortly before police arrived.

Other changes in the operation, primarily the assignment of full-time narcotics officers, probably would be required to obtain another ILEC grant, Dye said.

The Champaign police chief, along with City Manager V. Eugene Miller, were among the first officials to publicly question the effectiveness of the existing metro unit. At a recent meeting, several members of the Champaign council chimed in with their complaints.

"The experience of our MEG (Metropolitan Enforcement Group) unit locally has not been satisfactory," Miller said. "We've gotten to the small (drug) user but not to the big suppliers."

Miller said other administrators involved in the program "all have reservations about it."

Officers who have worked cooperatively on local narcotics cases took a different view of their success.

"Our MEG unit, which was one of the first ever in the state, never aimed to get the big dealers," said one detective with years of narcotic experience. "It was strictly to be a part-time operation. The big stuff was supposed to belong to the IBI (Illinois Bureau of Investigation) and the federal drug people."

Although official records were unavailable this week, sources said the metro unit has been responsible—directly or indirectly—for 283 narcotics arrests over the past 24 months. Included in that total were what two agents considered "a couple of major busts," one involving amphetamines, the other heroin.

Retired police chief Harvey Shirley, formerly a member of the board which directed the narcotics squad's efforts, said he considered the unit's record a successful one. With the limited funds and man hours available, "they did a pretty good job," according to Shirley.

"I don't think you can label anything a failure when you have 283 arrests," added Sheriff Everett Hedrick, who has headed the MEG board over the past six months. "I think we've been fairly successful. We've taken a lot of stuff off the street."

"To get to the big guys," Hedrick continued, "I think we may have to go regional with this new approach. You have to have the money to get them."

The sheriff added, however, that it might be impossible for his office and other, smaller police agencies, to afford to participate in the bicounty narcotics program.

"I'm not sure we can go along for example, because I don't know if my committee (the county board's jail and sheriff committee) will want to assign a man fulltime, said Hedrick. The committee may

consider the plan tonight, he said.

Hedrick said he expected the metro squad to continue its informal cooperation on narcotics cases, even if the ILEC funds do not become available.

"Our present posture is we've been fully involved in the county unit," said Paul Doebel, the U of I's director of campus security. "We see advantages to limiting it to a single-county operation, but it appears unlikely that the ILEC will fund any single-county units.

"If multicounty approaches are the only alternative," he added, "our position is that we'll support it."

Consultants seeking funds for new Douglass Center

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

The Champaign Park District has hired a consulting firm to look for money to complete the Frederick Douglass Community Center.

Park district General Manager Robert Toalson revealed Wednesday night that Askin, Goff and Klink of Champaign had been hired to search for funds that can be used to build a complete recreational facility in Champaign's North End.

Toalson told three members of the park board and the Douglass Center Citizens Steering Committee that the firm had been hired last week.

The analysts will look for local state or federal funding possibilities for the center. Toalson said that although a report from the firm is due in about two weeks, already some encouraging comments have been made.

Meanwhile, the meeting before the park board (Board President William J. Helms Jr. and vice president Patricia Leonhard were absent) and the citizens committee produced no agreements in the Douglass Center controversy.

The committee, headed by black community leader Kenneth Stratton, was seeking a commitment from the board to build the full recreational facility including extra space for a senior citizens room and another activity room.

The commissioners, however, could not make the commitment until they were sure more funds could be found, they said.

The two groups met for nearly two hours but resolved little. Some heated verbal exchanges and a walkout by two members of the steering committee followed a lack of progress.

Committee member Elsie Easley walked out, saying she was not going to be "insulted" by members of the park board. She was referring to a comment made by Commissioner Donald F. Bresnan who said center's steering committee is

Urbana remains in basically the same position, according to Richard Franks, the city's administrative officer. "The question is whether we get something going here that we want before we bring some other people in it," he said.

Franks said local officials "have some rather mixed feelings about the success of the local unit. Even the people active in the administration of the thing don't think they did that great a job."

Another critic of the metro unit is Champaign council member Robert Dodd. "If this new organization is going to do some of the things that have been done locally, it can

do more harm than good," he said.

Dodd, a lawyer who has handled criminal narcotics cases, charged that local narcotic officers, as well as IBI agents, have abused "small time drug users by busting them, then soliciting their cooperation."

Dye assured the council that his role in administering the new program would be to protect people from similar abuse by narcotics officers.

He later said a period in which the IBI and metro squad operated independently is over. He said IBI cooperation is assured if the Champaign-Vermillion county narcotics program is approved.

"nothing else but a neighborhood group."

Bresnan said the original 1972 bond issue allocated equal amounts of money (about \$500,000) to three parts of the city. He said northeast Champaign already had gotten a larger share of the bond issue than other parts. He said he wasn't ready to take away from other parts of the community.

Stratton told Bresnan he thought such "equal allocation" is like "pitting black against white" which he said he has been trying to avoid throughout the controversy.

Another member of the committee, Vernon Barkstall, walked out after Bresnan said "in his opinion" the board will not change its priorities in connection with Douglass Center because of the allocation of bond funds so far.

While the two sides are attempting to settle their differences, architect E. Hedric Clay is proceeding with drawing up new plans for relocating the center in Douglass Park. Clay is working on plans which would switch the location of the center about 200 feet west of the existing structure. Original

plans called for the demolition of the present building and the construction of a new one in place of it.

Protests by the black community have prevented the demolition project. Honoring a contract with English Brothers Inc. of Champaign, the park board was forced to switch the site of the center to allow the contractor to build.

"It's tragic," admitted Bresnan to the group, "but we had no choice."

Stratton told the board he believed English Brothers would probably have the same problems McCabe Brothers had when the black community picketed McCabe's business.

Stratton demanded that 90 per cent of the workers on the construction job be black.

Commissioner Morgan Powell said the park board has no control over the contractor's labor force except having to comply with the park district's affirmative action policy. Dr. Powell said English Brothers Inc. is in compliance with such policy.

The two groups will meet again at 7 p.m. Monday, probably at Douglass Center.

Bid much less than expected

Mueller Brother Construction Co., 512 W. Bureka St., Champaign, was low bidder on the Champaign Park District Centennial Park Recreation Center project.

The bid will go before the park board at 7 p.m. today at the Meeting Center for approval.

Mueller's bid was \$286,374 for the construction of the recreation center southwest of Jefferson Junior High School.

The bid was considerably lower than the architect's estimate. The architectural firm of Isaksen and Matsdorf of

Urbana had estimated the building to cost between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

The total amount of the building cost is \$410,594 with more than \$100,000 worth of electrical, plumbing and heating and air conditioning bids already in.

General Manager Robert Toalson said today that the lower bid may leave some money to purchase equipment to the new recreation center or to use elsewhere.

An architect's analysis of the bids and other costs is expected at tonight's meeting.

McCabe asks delay of demolition

McCabe Brothers, Inc., of Champaign has asked the Champaign Park Board to delay the scheduled demolition of the Frederick Douglass Community Center until the dispute between the park board and the north Champaign community is resolved.

In a letter to the park board, McCabe said he would like to defer the start of the demolition "until safe conditions exist."

McCabe's business at 411 N. Wright St., Champaign, has been picketed by Douglass area residents. The pickets are protesting the demolition of the building until the park board makes a commitment to build a "comprehensive recreational facility."

McCabe was supposed to start work on the demolition of the building today. In the letter to the park board, he expressed concern for the safety of his work crew and equipment.

The park board is to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Meeting Center. The agenda includes no mention of the Douglass Center project under new business. But the project and the controversy surrounding it are expected to be discussed.

Commissioner Richard Davis Jr. said last week that he is planning to ask the board to "make a commitment" to build the entire project, including the senior citizen and activity wing. That part of the project has been scrapped from original plans because the park board has said not enough money is available.

Gelvin is unlikely to step down

H.I. Gelvin, president of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District board, may be serving his last full term on the board.

His current term expires Jan. 1.

Although the Champaign County Board has a policy not to appoint officials for more than two terms, Chairman Wesley Schwengel said he probably would recommend that an exception be made in the case of Gelvin.

But Gelvin said he may want to serve about a year of his next term on the board, after which he will retire.

Gelvin said there are a few projects he would like to see completed. Among those projects are the completion of his Botanical Swiss Garden which he financed. The garden opened last summer at Lake of the

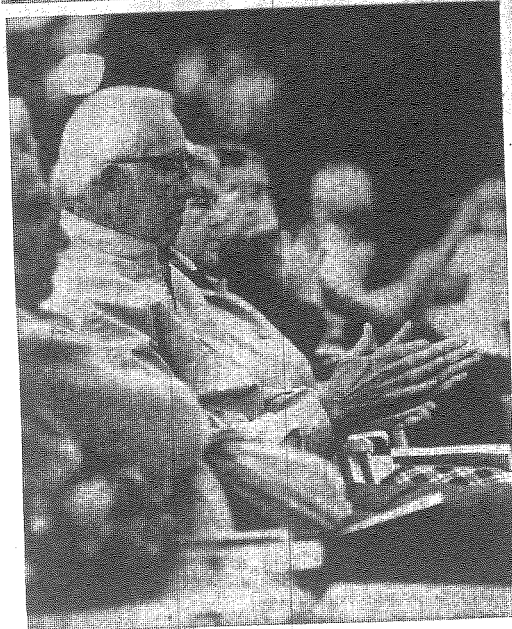
By Paula Peters
Of The Courier

bana will stagnate."
James Welch, president of

baggage facilities and eating facilities. He also said the gift shop is "in a poor location.

late afternoon and evening. In response to questions from reporters, Webber and Welch

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Summer band concerts begin

Music in Champaign and Urbana parks this summer was launched Monday night in Hessel Park with a concert

of Dixieland music by the Medicare 7, 8 or 9. In the top picture, the man playing tenor saxophone is Dan Perrino,

one of the organizers of the popular band. John O'Connor is on trumpet, and the drum-

stick is in the hand of Charles Braugham. About 400 people

just their toes

Chambers of Commerce lead tour of

before county board panel

up demands action on county jail

he has to work with."

Hedrick told the group that he would meet with them—but only after he received the original copy of the prisoners' petition.

"You got 25 names on that petition," he said, "but I've been told by a bunch of those men that they didn't sign it. Some of their lawyers may want to sue somebody for forgery."

The sheriff said that 17 of the 25 men listed on the petition have said they did not sign the petition.

Hedrick said of the demand that prisoner representatives be at the meeting, "That's not going to happen."

Regarding the quality of food and access to medical treatment, Hedrick repeatedly stated that there was no problem at the jail.

"I bet any of you people that those people (in jail) are eating better than you," Hedrick told the group.

He also said he requested a return inspection of the jail by the state Department of Corrections after being notified of

the complaints. He said that their report would show no problems with food quality or medical treatment.

Whether Hedrick will see the original petition bearing the signatures remains uncertain.

Helga Kahr, a local attorney, said the petition was in her custody and that she would not release it to the sheriff unless the action was approved by at least one of the prisoners listed on the document.

"They said they wanted the contents of the petition made known to the media," Kahr

said. "Unless the prisoners give me permission, I won't release the original to the sheriff."

She said, however, that she had been told by most of the prisoners listed on the petition that they indeed had signed it.

"For what it's worth, I also know something about handwriting analysis," she said. "The signatures are not forged."

Earlier in the meeting the county committee had voted to recommend creation of a committee formed of board

members and the public to determine avenues of funding for construction of a new jail building.

That recommendation will go to the county public property committee, which will review it before sending a recommendation to the full county board.

However, the protesters said they were "not talking about a new jail right now."

"We're talking about conditions that can be changed right now, changes to let human beings be treated like human beings," Paul Schroeder, a member of the group, said.

Would go for senior citizens facilities

\$100,000 more voted for Douglass Center

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

The Champaign Park Board Thursday night voted to allocate \$100,000 toward the construction of the Frederick Douglass Community Center.

It was the first unanimous vote in connection with the project.

The \$100,000 is to be used entirely for the construction of a senior citizens center at Douglass Center.

Patricia Leonhard, vice president of the board, said after the meeting that bids on the Centennial Park Recreation Center project came in this week about \$100,000 under the architect's estimates.

Commissioner Richard Davis Jr. said "it was a very fine gesture." Later Davis said the park board's action Thursday

night "could put the controversy off dead center." He said he could not make a statement on behalf of the Douglass Center Steering Committee, but he said he was sure the committee members would look at the move favorably.

Mrs. Leonhard said she believed senior citizens received "first priority" after the construction of the basic building.

The measure by the board Thursday night may start a series of moves which could place the location of the center back where it was planned originally.

Commissioner Morgan Powell, a member of the board's buildings and grounds committee, said he will recommend to fellow Commissioner Donald F. Bresnan, who was absent Thursday, that the

structure be moved back in place of the old building. The recommendation also would include calling for new bids to demolish the center.

Currently, architect E. Hedrick Clay is working on new drawings to move the center about 200 feet west in the park after protests by members of the black community prevented the demolition of the old building.

The board's allocation of the \$100,000 still leaves the board about \$100,000 short of what is needed for a complete center, according to bids which were opened earlier this year.

A team of funding analysts are working under contract with the park district to look for extra funds from local, state or federal sources. A report on the findings is

due in about two weeks.

In other action, the board awarded four contracts.

Mueller Brothers Construction Co. of Campaign received a contract for \$294,194 to construct the basic Centennial Park Recreation Center. Paul H. McWilliams and Sons Inc. and Able Mechanical Contractors of Champaign received smaller contracts for plumbing and heating and air conditioning.

Meister Brothers of Peoria received the contract for the center's electrical work providing the firm submits its affirmative action papers.

The total of the contracts awarded was \$415,000. It is about \$100,000 lower than the architect's estimate of between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

Architect Dick Matzdorf told

the board, however, that a slight delay may occur in the start of the construction. He said a 27-inch storm sewer was discovered under the projected location. State law prohibits construction of a building on top of a storm sewer.

But Matzdorf said the case may be appealed to the state's plumbing board of appeals.

If the appeal fails, Matzdorf said the storm sewer may have to be moved at a cost of about \$10,000 which was included in the bid specifications.

The board voted to buy 900,000 tulip bulbs for \$900.

The board also accepted a \$300 gift from Everett O'Neill, a member of the Knights of Columbus. The money will go toward the purchase of recreational equipment at the new Spalding Park special recreation center.

Remodeling, retail use planned

Welles site sold, but maybe not for bowling

New commercial zoning for the vacant Welles Store was endorsed Thursday by the Urbana Plan Commission, but today an announcement was made that the building had been sold to a firm that did not seek rezoning.

In a 5 to 0 vote, the commission endorsed general business zoning for the 72,000-square-foot building, which has been vacant since Feb., 1973, at 1717 S. Philo Road.

Today, the 410 N. Vine St. Building Corp. announced it had bought the property. The firm is affiliated with Carter's Moving and Storage, Carter's Travel Agency, and Carter's

Furniture in Urbana, Danville, Decatur and Charleston.

The Bank of the Commonwealth in Detroit, Mich., held title to the land. John Williams, of that bank, said three weeks ago that the local firm, a Southern Illinois firm, and William Spencer, of Spencer's Marina City Bowl Inc., sought separately to buy the property.

Allen E. Carter Jr., president of the firm that bought the property, could not be reached for comment. Neither could real estate agent Roger A. Hunt or attorney Clive Follmer, who were involved in the transaction.

The Busy First National

Bank provided financing. Donald Monteith, bank trust officer, said the deal had been closed but would provide no further information. He described the transaction as sensitive.

Spencer's firm had sought rezoning with the support of the Detroit bank. Spencer, Williams and bank attorney Marvin Rosen said Spencer would install 48 bowling lanes in the building, a snack bar, lounge, dressing rooms, nursery in about two-thirds of the building. They said the southern 15,660 square feet would be leased to another retail tenant.

The city council will consider the zoning matter July 21. The general business zone is a new classification that permits central business uses and neighborhood business development standards.

The council approved the new zone Monday. The Welles property is zoned for neighborhood business.

Inc., a firm headed by Robert Samuels, who is associated with the Hausmann firm.

No objections were raised to the location of a bowling alley in the property at the plan commission public hearing.

Paul F. Luedtke, president of Emulscot Co., 705 E. University Ave., formerly headed the 410 N. Vine St. Building Corp.

Luedtke left that 410 N. Vine St. Building Corp. in November 1974. At the time, he said the stock in the firm was owned by Carter and Carter's sisters, Sandra Lester, of Champaign, and Linda Troth, of Connecticut.

The women and Carter are the children of the founder of the company.

The building has 72,000 square feet on the first floor and a 10,000 - square - foot second level.

Follmer said deeds were recorded Tuesday and mortgages released Wednesday. He said the transfer of ownership is

"That is possible," Follmer said.

A land trust in which Follmer, Hunt, Carter and others hold beneficial interest recently bought the vacant 3.51 acre tract north of the Welles Store. That property is zoned for neighborhood business and multiple family residential use.

16-year-old driver dies in collision

Farmer City
Cynthia J. Murphey, 16 of near Farmer City was killed when the automobile she was driving was struck by an Illinois Central Gulf freight train on the Illinois Central Gulf

Murder suspect is brought back

\$100,000 offer fails

Impasse over Douglass Center remains

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

North End community leaders and the Champaign park board could not settle their differences Monday night concerning the future of the Frederick Douglass Community Center.

A negotiated settlement failed despite the park board's offer last week of \$100,000 to help build a new addition to the center. The extra money was allocated after bids on the Centennial Park Recreation Center came in lower than architect's estimates.

Commissioner Donald F.

Bresnan said he estimated the \$100,000 could buy about 2,000 square feet of additional space at Douglass Center. He said that space could be used for senior citizens' activities.

The community leaders, led by Kenneth Stratton, said Monday night about 5,000 square feet of space was needed for the activities.

Stratton argued that the park board should give the center at least \$50,000 more, which he said was offered before. Stratton was referring to a conditional offer made several weeks ago by park board President William J. Helms Jr. The

money was offered in exchange for the removal of picket lines from McCabe Brothers Construction Co. Helms said \$50,000 would be allocated from the bond fund if the demolition of the old center was not blocked.

Helms' offer was rejected. Helms made it clear Monday night that he will not offer that \$50,000 again. He said the park board's only offer is the \$100,000.

Helms and Bresnan repeated earlier statements that they won't come up with any more bond issue money because other parts of the park district

"also have needs."

Commissioner Morgan Powell told the leaders, "I don't think you're satisfied, you want more. I thought it was generous to take the \$100,000 out of the bond fund for Douglass Center. That money can build a respectable senior citizens center."

Meanwhile, members of the Douglass Center Steering Committee have made no statements concerning the \$100,000 allocation, except Stratton saying: "We look note of it."

While some board members said they would not allocate more bond money for the

Douglass Center project, other sources of funds are being explored.

Park district General Manager Robert Toalson said a group of consultants will make report in about 10 days. The report will not say how much money is available but where the park district can go for additional funds, such as local, state or federal governments.

The meeting broke up when Stratton announced the initiative to hold another meeting must be made by the park board.

No such meeting has been scheduled.

Grants bolster Lao currency

Vientians, Laos (AP)

The Lao government and emissaries of five countries signed a currency support agreement today which gave the Lao government \$11.6 million to bolster its shaky currency.

In another development the U.S. Information Service warehouse was back in American hands after a two-week occupation by Communist-oriented Pathet Lao, the U.S. charge d'affaires, Christian A. Chapman, said.

A signing ceremony at the Foreign Ministry formalized donations to the Lao Foreign Exchange Operations Fund

which backs the Lao kip and permits the government and importers to buy needed goods abroad.

The United States already has given \$5 million to the fund this year and the American signature was not to pledge more money but to acknowledge what has been given.

The four other countries — Australia, Britain, France and Japan — are to give a total of \$6.6 million, most of which will be turned over to the Lao government within 15 days.

Normally the FEOF totals about \$22 million, with the United States matching each country's grant.

Revenue-sharing grants on agenda

The Champaign City Council will be asked tonight to approve contracts with six local social service agencies, which will be receiving \$39,500 in revenue sharing.

An otherwise routine agenda has been released for the 7:30 meeting in the council chambers, 102 N. Neil St.

The agencies seeking final approval are among 19 social agencies that tentatively were awarded grants totalling \$123,000 in this year's city budget.

Those that have submitted budgets for council approval are: Kenneth Kuumba Shackelford Institute (\$7,500 for drug rehabilitation), Gemini House (\$7,500 for drug abuse programs), Champaign County Drug Rehabilitation Center (\$8,000 for heroin addiction treatment), Bradley Street Day Care Center (\$7,500 for transportation and operating expenses), Women Against Rape (\$2,000 for a counseling program) and Women's Employment Counseling Service (\$2,000 for office equipment).

The council is expected to lay more groundwork for the paving next summer of Devonshire Drive — from Prospect Avenue east to Route 45 — By approving a resolution to use state motor fuel tax receipts for the city's share of construction costs. A portion of the cost also will be levied against property owners along the 2-3-mile stretch.

The nomination of Champaign architect John V. Foster, 1206 Patula Drive, to a seat on the city plan commission also will be considered, along with the delayed reappointment of the Rev. Raphael A. Harrison to the city's fair housing board.

A proposed contract with Urban Data Systems, a Columbus, Ohio, firm, for computerized work on local housing rehabilitation is also on tonight's agenda.

Champaign sets talent review

Vocalists, dancers, tumblers, comedians and musicians will be featured in the Champaign Park District Talent Review at 7 p.m. Saturday at Centennial Park.

Troops may be sent to Angola

Lisbon, Portugal (AP) Portugal's military government is considering flying troop reinforcements to Angola because of the civil war there between the two chief nationalist factions, a spokesman for the regime reported today.

Military sources said some units in the Lisbon area had been alerted and might be sent to join the 24,000 Portuguese troops in the West African colony, which is scheduled to get its independence Nov. 11.

"There are prospects of Portuguese military reinforcements for Angola," Maj. Jose Costa Martins told newsmen following a meeting of the ruling military Revolutionary Council.

Officials estimate 300 Africans have been killed and 1,000 wounded in Luanda, the Angolan capital, since a cease-fire broke down last Wednesday. In the previous year before the cease-fire, an estimated 5,000 Africans were killed in the factional warfare.

Thousands have fled from Luanda's black suburbs and taken refuge in the center of the city. The fighting has closed two hospitals in the suburbs,

and the city's other civilian hospital and its military hospital are jammed with casualties.

The three factions are the Soviet-backed MPLA, Agostinho Neto's Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, Holden Roberto's FNLA, or National Front for the Liberation of Angola; and Jonas Savimbi's UNITA, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, a moderate Socialist group.

The fighting appears to be between the MPLA and the FNLA. UNITA, the smallest of the three organizations, is trying to stay out of it.

Airmen to bid on lingerie

Rantoul

A "Dream Dance Night" is planned for 8 p.m. Saturday in Rantoul USO Club.

Airmen will bid on lingerie and sleepwear owned by junior volunteers. A fashion show featuring the auctioned garments will follow, and the Lickin' Stick Combo will play for dancing.

Short films on travel and sports will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturday in the USO. Cookies provided by the Ladies Aid Society of the Mission Covenant Church, Paxton, will be served at 3 p.m.

Airmen will join junior volunteers in a picnic with horseback riding and a hayride Sunday afternoon. The group will leave the club at 1 p.m.

Sunday activities in the USO will include a coffee hour beginning at 9:30 a.m., short movies at 2 p.m., and a cake and punch hour sponsored by the American Lutheran Church Women of Royal at 3 p.m.

The feature movie to be shown at 8 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday and late Sunday afternoon is "Red Skies of Montana."



EAGLE SCOUT

Earl Snook, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snook of Savoy, received his eagle scout badge at a Troop 10 court of honor Monday night in First United Methodist Church, Urbana. A 1975 graduate of Centennial High School, he transferred from the Savoy Boy Scout Troop, which no longer exists, last year. Robert Finfrack, an officer of Arrowhead Council, made the presentation.

Explosion injures 2

Two 12-year-olds suffered minor injuries in a sewer gas explosion Monday afternoon in the Wilber Heights Addition.

Treated by his private physician and then released was Virgil Roderick of 311 Paul Ave., Champaign. He suffered burns on his arms, legs and hands. His companion, Cheryl Smith, 3rd Street and Paul, had her hair burned.

According to Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert Clark, the explosion occurred when the boy dropped a lighted match into a sewer.

There apparently was a build-up of sewer gas in the line according to Clark. Three manhole covers along the course of the sewer line were blown off.

Walton League picks Marlin for top award

John Marlin, a leader of opposition to the Oakley dam reservoir project, has received the highest national honor given by the Izaak Walton League. Marlin received the Conservation Award of the National Izaak Walton League for his "outstanding conservation leadership."

The award was presented to Marlin at the league's national convention last week in Des Moines, Iowa. He was one of 25 nominees for the award.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District have begun investigating to determine the source of the infiltration of sanitary sewers.

The explosion occurred shortly before 4 p.m. Monday after two children allegedly dropped lighted matches into the sanitary sewer lines through a manhole in Wilbur Heights. Fumes from the substance flowing in the sewer line ignited and blew three manholes

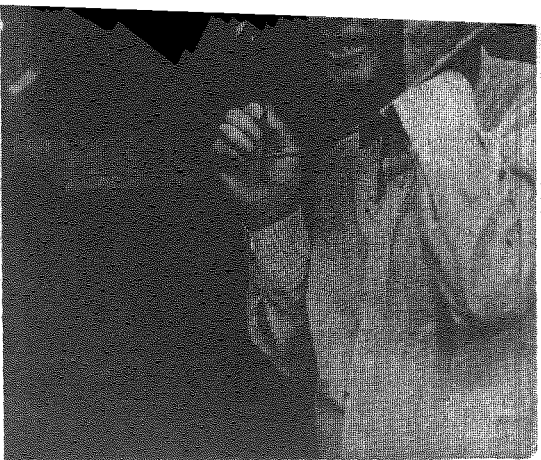
By late Tuesday night the only dangerous spot was a pump station of the sanitary district just north of Interstate 74 west of Illinois Central Railroad tracks. Lustig said fire department meters showed that fumes at the pump station were still dangerous then.

"We're running fairly clear this morning," he said of the pump station situation.

Ken Bauman of the Environmental Protection Agency's Champaign office, said samples

have been a number of industrial firms in north Champaign. Swift, Clifford Jacobs and Eisner warehouse are in the area, all connected to the sanitary sewer line.

Bauman said the substance did not pollute the Boneyard or the Saline Ditch. He said the concentration of the substance had been diluted and the aeration process at the sanitary district plant would have diluted the chemical and evaporated the fumes.



Oliver Parks with 1896 American Electric wall telephone

Douglass group drops picketing

The Douglass Center Citizens Steering Committee said Tuesday all picketing of firms involved in building the center will be halted.

Kenneth Stratton, a member of the committee, said there will be no picketing while the committee and the Champaign park board are negotiating.

Picketing is to be halted at English Brothers Construction Co., 807 N. Neil St., Champaign, contractors for the con-

struction of a new Douglass Center. Pickets have been outside the firm more than two weeks.

"We are still hopeful that the park commissioners will consider the need for a full recreational facility at Douglass Park," a statement issued by the committee said.

"This should include not only a gymnasium but space for quieter educational type recreation," Stratton said.

An impasse remained after a meeting Monday night between the two groups. Although the park board had offered \$100,000 to build the center, the citizens steering committee refused to take it. It wanted more, possibly the \$50,000 once offered by park board President William J. Heims Jr.

The group also wanted the park board to go before the Champaign City Council and formally request additional funds. Commissioners did not rule out such a request.

Legionnaires to Chicago for state meeting

About 175 legionnaires from Champaign Post 24 and Urbana Post 71 are expected to attend the state American Legion convention from Thursday to Sunday at the Palmer House in Chicago.

They will join 10,000 other legionnaires to elect state officers and pass resolutions, according to 19th District Commander Bob Bell. The 19th District includes eight counties in East Central Illinois.

Bement Postmaster Gene Corum is running for senior vice commander of Illinois.

Local legionnaires are also interested in passing a resolution that will restrict American Legion baseball teams to playing only other legion teams in order to qualify for tournaments.

PHILO HISTORY NOW ON SALE

Philo A commemorative book, "Philo Area Centennial, 1875-1975," is being sold for \$3 at the centennial store during the celebration this week.

Area Interest Stocks

Stock market quotations (1 p.m. today) of local interest stocks (local company names in parentheses):

American Seating	NT
(Universal Bleachers)	
Beatrice Foods	25 1/2
Cenco Instruments (Cap and Gown)	NT
Central Soya	15 1/2
National Distillers (USI)	17 1/4
Jewel (Eisner)	23
Magnavox	3 1/4
Kraftco (Kraft-Humko)	39 1/2
Sears	67 1/2
Super-Valu (IGA)	21
AT&T	50 1/4
Carson Pirie & Scott	15
Illinois Power	25 1/4
Coca-Cola	88 1/2
Kresge, S.S.	32 1/2
Ozark	3
Illinois Central	13 1/2
Walgreen	12 1/2
CBS	47 1/2
SO (IND)	26 1/2
Texaco	26 1/2
Panhandle Eastern Pipeline	32 1/2
Thomas Jefferson Life Insurance	34
Holding Corp. of America	52-45 1/2
Esmark (Swift & Co.)	27
Central Illinois Light Co.	16 1/2
Northern Illinois Gas	21 1/2

Courtesy A.G. Edwards

LOCAL MARKETS (Wednesday Close)

Produce

Medium	0.34
Large	0.43

Livestock

Hogs	56.50
Sows	48.25

Grain

Wheat	3.40-3.45
Corn	2.75-2.80
Oats	1.35-1.40
Soybeans	5.55-5.60

Grain Table

Chicago (AP) Tuesday

	High	Low	Close
WHEAT			
July	3.62	3.49	3.59
Sept	3.70	3.48	3.50
Dec	3.80	3.65	3.78
Mar	3.89	3.76	3.86
May	3.88 1/2	3.74	3.86
CORN			
July	2.95	2.84 1/2	2.95
Sept	2.77	2.67	2.73
Dec	2.77	2.67	2.73
Mar	2.65	2.57	2.63 1/2
May	2.72 1/2	2.65	2.71 1/4
July	2.77	2.70	2.75
Sept	2.79	2.71	2.78 1/4
OATS			
July	1.58	1.53 1/2	1.55 1/4
Sept	1.47 1/2	1.44 1/2	1.47
Dec	1.50 1/2	1.47 1/2	1.50 1/4
Mar	1.54 1/4	1.51 1/2	1.53 1/4
May	1.54	1.52 1/2	1.53 1/4
SOYBEANS			
July	5.70	5.57	5.65
Aug	5.60	5.45	5.56
Sept	5.59	5.43	5.54
Nov	5.61	5.44 1/2	5.53
Jan.	5.69	5.52 1/2	5.63
Mar	5.77 1/2	5.62	5.71
May	5.85	5.71	5.79
July	5.85	5.77	5.85
Aug	5.90	5.78	5.86

House rejects abolishing intelligence committee

The House today overwhelmingly rejected a move to abolish its disension-torn Intelligence Committee and was expected instead to replace it with a new panel headed by Rep. Otis G. Pike, D-N.Y.

The vote was 293 to 122.

The amendment to abolish the committee was proposed by Rep. James H. Quillen, R-Tenn., and backed by members who called the committee a threat to U.S. intelligence agencies because of members' attitudes and leaks to the press.

"You simply can't keep the intelligence agencies on the front pages day after day and detail one exploit after another without doing great damage to them," said Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, D-N.Y.

But Rep. Peter A. Peyser, R-N.Y., said he was concerned that a House decision not to investigate U.S. intelligence agencies "may be a coverup of the CIA."

One present member of the select committee, Rep. Robert N. Giaino, D-Conn., said "I want an effective intelligence

operation but I don't want to see a secret government deciding for itself what is proper. That is what we must investigate."

The House is debating a resolution approved by the House Rules Committee to abolish the existing 10-member select committee and replace it with a 13-member one with an identical mandate.

Pike, a New York Democrat who headed the House inquiry on the Pueblo affair, was understood to be the choice of Speaker Carl Albert.

Albert also was understood to have decided not to appoint Rep. Lucien N. Nedzi, D-Mich., and Rep. Michael J. Harrington, D-Mass., to the new committee, but put the other eight current members back on the new committee.

The select committee was set up by the House in February to investigate U.S. intelligence agencies. But the committee was embroiled in disension from the start and became deadlocked last month when five committee Democrats tried to force Nedzi to resign.

Meanwhile, Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, said, "We have to face the possibility the CIA might have acted as a rogue elephant raging out of control. That might be the way the evidence turns out."

In a separate interview in the Baltimore Sun, Church was quoted as saying: "There is very serious doubt about whether the president or the oversight committees — the chain of command controlling covert actions — were ever told" about CIA assassination planning.

UI POLICE ARREST DECATUR MAN

Steven D. Lanere, 22, of Decatur was arrested by University of Illinois police on charges of battery about 12:15 p.m. Tuesday for allegedly attacking a U of I coed.

The coed told police she had been grabbed by a man in a Lincoln Hall stairway about 9:20 a.m. When she saw the man later in the Illini Union, she called police.

Urbana native's phone collection goes to museum

The antique telephone collection of an Urbana native will be housed in a telephone museum to be constructed in Springfield.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co. announced plans to construct the museum, to be completed for the centennial of the invention of the telephone, March 1976, and during the bicentennial year.

The museum will be on the ground level of Illinois Bell's Springfield headquarters, across the street from the

planned Lincoln Home National Park Visitors Center. It will be called the Oliver P. Parks Telephone Museum.

Parks, who was born in Urbana in 1904, has donated an extensive collection of antique phones, old switchboards and related telephone memorabilia to Illinois Bell.

A retired Illinois Bell Employee, he began his telephone career as a lineman and cable splicer in 1919 in Peoria and retired in 1962 in Decatur, where he has lived a number of years.

The 117 antique phones donated by the Parks include 75 wooden wall phones, 20 candlesticks, four early coin phones, a field artillery set, a railroad communications system and a great variety of other phones.

In addition to housing the Parks collection, the Springfield museum will give a complete history of the telephone, from Alexander Graham Bell's 1875 experimental model to Mod 3 Picturephone.

There is even a Lincoln connection, although Abraham Lincoln himself never used a telephone. He was assassinated 11 years before it was invented.

Man dies, murder is charged

Clifton Eugene Hill, 33, of 508 N. Ash St., Champaign was arraigned on two counts of murder Tuesday, shortly after a man shot in a dice game died from his wound.

Hill was returned to county jail under bond and was to have a preliminary hearing this afternoon.

Albert Jones, 32, was shot once in the throat during a dice game at 303 W. Maple St., Champaign, at 5:35 p.m. Sunday. Hill is charged with shooting Mr. Jones once in the throat after an argument over a \$1 bet.

The coroner's office reported that the shot severed the artery in Mr. Jones' throat. His death was attributed to complications resulting from the wound.

Hill turned himself in shortly after the shooting.

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Council to sue; quick court action hoped

Paley won't sign, setting up test

By John Smetana

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said. However, according to the Wesley Foundation Church, Garrison is not aware of the proposal for a child-care center because he has not been in town since the idea was formulated.

"This has nothing to do with starting a school because of a teacher strike," Dale Scott, associate minister at the church, said Tuesday. "It's practically unrelated to the situation."

Scott said the idea was based on a "summer vacation church school." Because that idea came too late for institution this summer, it was shelved. Scott said one church member revived the idea at a church education meeting last week.

"One of the mothers said that since it seemed pretty certain they (the teachers) would strike, we'd have time to hold the vacation school," Scott said.

Douglass center hassle unsolved

The controversy surrounding the Frederick Douglass Community Center continued this morning with another public statement from the Citizens Steering Committee.

The statement said that the committee "At no time refused the \$100,000 from the Champaign Park Board of Commissioners for expansion" of the center.

"In fact, we fully expect the park board to maintain their commitment to use those funds for the building program of the center," said the statement.

The committee, however, maintained that the \$100,000 the park board had allocated from unused funds on the Centennial Park center would not be adequate to meet the recreational needs of the black community.

"A future meeting of the steering committee with the park board to seek a solution to the remaining problems is

CARLE PARK PLAN TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

A master plan for Urbana's Carle Park will be discussed at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. July 30 in the Urbana High School cafeteria.

Carle Park neighborhood residents have been invited to view the presentation of a preliminary plan designed by Steve Krog, a landscape architect.

Copies of the preliminary plan may be obtained at the park district office.

gave a name saying that Dr. Garrison should learn to run the school board and his church," Scott said. "I'd like to emphasize that he (Garrison) doesn't even know about this yet."

"It seemed so innocent I didn't call him to inform him about the school plan," Scott said. "We weren't trying to start a political action."

UEA spokesmen were not available for comment on Scott's statement Tuesday morning.

The teacher organization also criticized the board for hiring Fred Lifton, a Chicago attorney, to act as a negotiator.

"Mr. Lifton will be paid \$250 for five hours of service," the UEA statement said, "only two of which will actually be spent at the bargaining table."

However, according to Urbana superintendent Kermit Harden, Lifton spent almost that much time at a negotiation session Monday afternoon.

expected to be called at the discretion of the president of the park board," the brief statement concluded.

"What problems?" was the question park board President William J. Helms Jr. asked this morning in response to the committee's statement.

"What are the 'remaining problems'?" he said. "The only one I know of is that the \$100,000 was not enough for the committee. We have no more money."

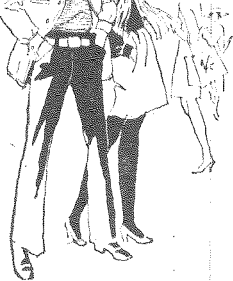
Helms called any future meetings "ridiculous" adding, "What are we going to meet about?"

Helms once again said that "that's all the money they are going to get." He said the park board has no more money and the city apparently has no more.

When asked whether money could be used from sources that a team of financial analysts will identify, Helms said that "by that time the building will be built in the wrong place."

Helms said the park board still needs a pledge of cooperation from the citizens steering committee.

Helms said a decision will be made at a 7 p.m. board meeting Thursday on the final site of the building. If no cooperation is received from the black community, the building will be built a few hundred feet west of the existing structure. He said that will limit any further expansion of the center.



Fair notes

Roy Douglas, head of the ground crew that has the massive job of cleaning up the fairgrounds each day, celebrated his 23rd birthday Tuesday. "I feel like hell," said an exhausted Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cedusky celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary today, but will postpone the celebration until after the fair. Both work as parking attendants.

A display of gladiolus was sent to the Champaign County Fair office Tuesday in honor of the late Ralph "Red" Harrington, a longtime harness race driver and judge. The display was sent by his widow, Alice, and his two daughters. Racers paid a special tribute to Red before the 7:30 p.m. races. He died June 29.

Chris Miller of New Holland was probably the youngest herdsman Monday in the open swine show. Chris, 3, herded swine for his dad, Tom, who brought the grand champion barrow to the fair this year. The barrow was shown by sister, Kelly.

The Lions Club sold \$221 worth of racing programs for the 1:30 p.m. race Tuesday. Fair officials said it indicated a better-than-average attendance for the races.

A bumper sticker that said "Save gas, buy a Volkswagen," was plastered on the back of a Cadillac.

Local Democrats at the fairgrounds Tuesday. Democrat Day, included State Rep. Helen Satterthwaite, and county board members Cathy McGuire and Bill Condon.

Tammy Warters of Allerton, the East Central Shorthorn Lassie Queen, was the official bearer of good news Monday in the open beef show. Tammy, 17, gave out the ribbons to the lucky winners.

Meanwhile, in the swine show, Debbie Riefsteck was performing the same honors as Pork Queen. Debbie is from Rossville.

she has lived in Champaign. She joined more than 500 senior citizens who came to the fair to watch the harness races, ride the merry-go-round, enjoy the sun and visit with people.

"You want to know what my hobby is?" she said. "I play bridge. I play two or three times a week. It takes mental effort and helps keep the mind sharp."

"I also belong to several church groups. I love to be with people," she said with a smile.

"They should be ashamed," said Beryl Stewart of 807 W.

205 W. Hill St., Champaign, sitting next to Mrs. Stewart.

Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Mills were old friends but hadn't seen each other for a while until they met at the fairgrounds Tuesday.

A person must be involved, and the best place to do it start in the church, according to Mrs. Stewart. She is a member of the United Methodist Church, a card club and the Champaign Women's Club and goes to the C-Center a lot.

Five to six years ago she took summer courses at the University of Illinois and learn-

Shows champion sheep in junior Suffolk Lana Clark continues

Lana Clark, 17, of Blue Mound today continued a family tradition by winning the champion ram and ewe trophies in the Suffolk class of the junior sheep show.

"We started showing in 1958 with her older brother," explained her father, Emory Clark. "Then the next oldest son showed, and now he has moved out on his own and it's Lana's turn."

Lana showed a yearling ram and a 2-year-old ewe for the trophies. The showing earned her the right to compete in the grand champion ram and ewe classes later in the day.

The family operates a grain farm about 14 miles southwest of Decatur and raises sheep for breeding and showing.

Other early sheep show winners were Danny Swallow of LeRoy, champion Corriedale ewe; David Swallow of LeRoy, reserve champion ewe and champion and reserve champion ram; and Rodney Morris of Champaign, yearling ewe.

In the junior swine show, the Bud Barker family of rural Champaign earned three firsts and six seconds in the Chester White class.

"We are not as strong in Chesters this year, but we should be stronger in Spotted Polands," said the perennial winner Barker. The Spotted Polands also will be judged today.

Early swine judging winners were Loren Roth of Mansfield, champion Chester White boar;

Council faces choice on when to hike tax

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

Champaign property owners may face a sharp tax increase during the next several years.

The exact amount of a tax hike will depend on how the city council decides to make up deficits in the city's budget.

In particular, the council will have to decide how to fund police and fire pension plans, which make up a lion's share of the city's budget.

The council Tuesday night discussed how to tackle the problem, which some council members admitted was politically unpopular.

According to City Manager V. Eugene Miller, it would take a 40 per cent increase in municipal taxes to balance the city's budget.

But, he would not recom-

mend that the council adopt a plan calling for a 40 per cent tax increase in any one year, he said.

Miller was asked to give a recommendation to the council on how to balance the budget before Aug. 12.

One possible plan would be to fund the city's pension plans about 30 per cent next year and the remaining 70 per cent during the next four to five years. That way, according to some council members, the amount of tax increase needed to make up the balance would not be as great during any one year.

"This may be a tough pill to swallow," said Miller about full funding in one year. He said he may recommend a three-year "progressive" tax increase.

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Editorials These are our opinions:

The Courier, Champaign-Urbana

Steering unit should cooperate with board

THE DOUGLASS CENTER controversy remains unresolved, despite the Champaign Park District board's recent allocation of an additional \$100,000 for a senior citizens center.

The park board had seemed reluctant to spend any extra money, or to set a priority for the badly needed center. Now, a steering committee from the neighborhood served by Douglass Park seems reluctant to compromise at all.

The board allocated \$100,000 toward the establishment of a senior citizen center at Douglass Park after bids on the Centennial Park recreation center came in lower than architect's estimates.

The Courier has supported construction of a complete center. Establishment of priorities in the 1972 bond fund have been urged since the money clearly won't stretch to do everything.

The park board's offer was welcome. It gave indication to the people concerned that board members were dealing in good faith.

Although it did not turn the \$100,000 down, the steering committee wanted more. The park board could not give more.

The \$100,000 could possibly



Kenneth Stratton Jr.
Steering committee
spokesman

buy about 2,000 square feet of extra space or could reasonably remodel the Douglass Annex. Demands have continued for about 5,000 square feet of space which may cost more than \$200,000. That is unreasonable, in view of the economic picture and the over-all plans for the Douglass building.

The Douglass Park neighborhood simply cannot have everything it wants or everything the community needs out of this bond fund.

The bond issue originally allocated \$400,000 for Douglass Park center. The board already is spending more than \$300,000 there.

The hassle already has cost Champaign residents money and more delay in the project than necessary.

The Douglass Center Steering Committee should make all efforts now to cooperate with the park board. That means accepting a reasonable, honorable compromise.

Senior citizens decided last week that they wanted the Annex remodeled. The board's offer of \$100,000 should take care of that. A library branch will be established in the former Champaign Asphalt Co. building on Bradley Avenue, near the park. The citizens steering committee should now be satisfied.

Before it's too late, the crumbling, existing structure should be demolished. The new center, a large gymnasium with supporting facilities, should be built where it belongs.

That way, the steering committee would assure itself and the community that further extension of the Frederick Douglass Community Center is possible.

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By Gerald
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Editorial

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Improve DCFS placements of children

SHORTLY after Gov. Daniel Walker took office, it was learned that several hundred children had been sent by the

Ideally, that would have been the case. Mrs. Mary Lee Leahy, who replaced the controversial Jerome Miller as

agencies thus have failed to develop facilities and programs for the children.

The most tragic aspect of the

union members, returned to work this morning. The strikers are seeking a 12 per cent raise from their \$3.76 an hour pay. According to Bill Lorimer, president of the United Steel

watched at the entrance gate. A union member said the guard had attempted to provoke strikers to enter company property so he could arrest them. But the union member said strikers continue to picket

that truck. Lorimer said this morning he could not say whether the vandalism was strike related. He said he did not order or encourage such action. There was no evidence of

16 employees who left the ranks of strikers and supervisory personnel. The strike began July 1. Supervisory personnel had been maintaining limited production at the plant since.

formed of the suit. Frank Davis, of the Auler firm, said Morgan had agreed to hold a hearing on the suit as soon as it is filed Friday morning. The suit has five counts. The

Beats Michael Heath on second ballot

County GOP picks Henderson as coroner

By William C. Groninger
Of The Courier

Thomas Henderson of the Weaver-Henderson Funeral Home, Urbana, Tuesday night was named coroner to fill out the unexpired term of Charles Heath, who resigned for reasons of ill health.

In the second ballot, Henderson received 4,936 votes to 3,189 for Michael Heath, Charles Heath's son.

In the first balloting, Henderson received 3,253, Heath 3,162, former sheriff Joseph Clancy 1,151, and Rantoul funeral director Riley Haggenjos 443.

The selection of Heath's successor by Illinois law, was up to the county Republican central committee. Heath is a Republican.

It was agreed that balloting would be secret, and that the two top candidates would run head-to-head should a single

candidate not receive 51 per cent of the votes of the precinct committeemen.

About 115 precinct committeemen were present, representing 7,915 votes of the 10,985 Republican votes cast in the 1974 primary.

Henderson will take office Sept. 1, and will continue in office until the next general election.

Before voting began, Henderson told precinct committeemen that if elected he will conduct "an active campaign" in the primary election next year to remain in office.

After his selection, he said that "at least temporarily" he will conduct his office from the Weaver-Henderson Funeral Home at 302 W. Green St., Urbana.

This is common practice in Champaign County. Both Heath and his predecessor, long-time coroner Don Wikoff, conducted

official business at their funeral homes.

The coroner receives an annual salary of \$15,000. The budget is set for \$45,000, according to auditor Donald Harry, with \$100 a month allocated for office rental, the remainder for office supplies, telephone, photography supplies and the like.

Henderson said he has no "definite" ideas as to staff. Both Michael and David Heath, his brother, have served as deputy coroners for their father.

Michael Heath, in his pre-voting speech, noted that he has served for 2½ years as deputy coroner. He was nominated by David Heath. Henderson was nominated by State Sen. Stanley Weaver, his partner.

Clancy made his bid on the grounds he was the only candidate that was not a funeral

home director, and pointed out his experience as a former sheriff. Haggenjos said merely he would "like to give it a try."

The system of balloting can only be described as strange.

Precinct committeeman voted the number of votes cast in their individual precincts, but were allowed to split them.

To insure secrecy, three persons were named to count the ballots. None of the three is a precinct committeeman. They are Arlan McPherson, president of the Champaign County Bank and Trust; Bonnie Jonas, of the Rantoul accounting firm of Graham and Feller; and Richard Meents, of the county's computer system.

Henderson is a graduate of the Worsham College of Mortuary Science of Chicago. He has been associated with Weaver since 1955.



Thomas Henderson

He and his wife, Shirley, have two children, Joseph, a senior at the University of Illinois, and Danny, a freshman at Northwestern.

Park board to hold special meeting

Douglass Center dispute may end today

Champaign's Douglass Center dispute may be resolved today when the Champaign park board meets at 5 p.m. at the park district meeting center to make a formal response to a proposal by the Douglass Center Steering Committee.

A majority of Champaign park board members have ex-

pressed agreement with a scaled-down Douglass Center proposal presented last week by the Douglass Center Steering Committee.

The special meeting on Douglass Center was called this morning by park board President William J. Helms Jr. He would not comment on the Douglass Center's committee

proposal calling for construction of the center in place of the old center. A regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday.

Choices before the board today will be the formal acceptance of the committee's proposal or moving the center 200 feet west.

Commissioner Morgan Pow-

ell became the third member of the board to support "in concept" the Douglass area group's proposal. Powell said he supports the steering committee's request that the center include a gymnasium, a stage and a \$100,000 senior citizens addition.

Commissioners Richard Davis Jr. and Donald F. Bresnari have already indicated they liked the committee's latest proposal.

Commissioner Patricia Leonard has been ill and could not comment on the situation.

Powell stipulated he would not oppose plans to build the new structure on a site several hundred feet to the west of the current center until he receives written or verbal assurance from the steering committee that it would not oppose center demolition. Committee members had protested previous plans for demolition when an earlier committee proposal calling for a larger center addition was not accepted by the park board.

"First things first," Powell said. "I can't tell the architect to stop." Architect E. Hedric Clay is redesigning the plans for the new structure to fit the site west of the current center.

Commissioner Richard Da-

vis, another board member who supports the committee proposals, said the latest offer indicates the demolition will be allowed.

Several commissioners have questioned a Douglass committee request that 90 per cent of the Douglass center project work force be black. Powell said today he thinks the 90 per cent goal is "virtually impossible" to reach.

In Urbana tonight

Board to discuss bonds

The sale of \$3.5 million in bonds to finance improvements needed by Urbana schools to meet state health and life safety requirements is scheduled for school board discussion tonight.

The bond sale would finance plumbing, roofing and similar repairs being studied by Urbana school personnel.

Initial consideration of the authorizing resolution for the bonds was scheduled in June but was tabled while additional information on repairs was compiled.

The Urbana School Board is also expected to announce a list of teachers to be rehired

for the 1975-76 school year.

More than 200 teachers were dismissed in March for budgetary reasons. All but about 50 of them have been rehired.

However, district officials have indicated that the rehiring list to be presented tonight includes some teachers not previously employed in Urbana.

District Superintendent Kermit Harden said recently that a number of "specialized" classes, including language courses, require qualifications not held by any of the remaining teachers on the March dismissal list. New teachers would be hired for such classes, he said.

The possible sale of the former Lincoln School site also will come before the board tonight. The school, no longer used for instruction, would be sold to provide additional funds for district projects.

Among those projects is the school repair job, district officials have stated.

A request by the City of Urbana for easement rights on the Thomas Paine School property for use in widening Florida Ave. is also scheduled for discussion.

The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Urbana Junior High School-Fisher campus cafeteria.

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The Developmental Services Center (DSC) will move its adult sheltered workshop into the former Lincoln Land Moving and Storage Warehouse at 1304 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign.

Renovation of the structure and construction of an additional one is expected to be complete by June, 1976, David J. Richter, executive director, said.

The center's 13-member board signed a 15-year lease for the Bradley Avenue building. The workshop now is located at 715-19 S. Neil St. The lease agreement includes the existing 13,000-square foot building and five acres of land, Richter said.

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SETTING UP THE FORM

Work crews position a piece of a form along the Cunning-

ham Avenue-Perkins Road intersection in Urbana Wednesday.

The forms are placed and the ground graded before con-

crete for the pavement is poured. Traffic is being re-

routed in the area while the work is continuing.

(Photo by Phil Greer)

Board requires protests must end

Douglass demolition OK'd if...

By Less Somogyi
Of The Courier

The Champaign park board Wednesday night agreed to go back to its plan to tear down Douglass Center and build a new center on its site — providing area residents allow the demolition. At a special meeting Wednesday night, park board president William J. Helms Jr. said that if such assurance is given by the Douglass Center Steering Committee, demolition of the current center will begin.

Kenneth Stratton, a member of the steering committee, said this morning the assurance was "implied" in a proposal the committee made last week. The proposal said, "It is proposed that the Champaign Park District build on the present site of Douglass Center a new recreational facility."

Park commissioners said they need a firm commitment from the Douglass area community to allow demolition of the old structure.

Several weeks ago, community residents picketed the office

of the demolition contractor for the project, McCabe Bros., Inc., of Champaign. Increasing protests delayed the demolition, and as a result of the delay McCabe defaulted on the contract.

The board has since awarded the demolition contract to English Bros. Construction Co.

The board decided to send a letter to the steering committee asking for written assurance no one will interfere with demolition of the current center and construction of the new one.

Stratton said this morning if the park board agrees to last week's proposal "in principle," he sees no problem in giving such assurance. He added he is speaking for himself, not for the committee.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. Saturday. Stratton said a special meeting may be called if the park board's letter is received before then.

Helms said the board may call a special meeting early next week to initiate the demolition project if the assurance

requested is given.

Helms said the demolition project probably will be handled through a "change order" on the present contract with English Brothers Construction Co. He said he believed no invitation to bidding will be necessary.

If the committee were still to oppose demolition, Helms said, the board would order the center be built on a site between the current structure and the Douglass Center Annex.

Park commissioners postponed a decision on the proposed elimination of plans to remove a section of 6th street near Douglass Center to create park land.

In proposing the plan be eliminated, the steering committee estimated \$36,000 would be saved. Park commissioners expressed uncertainty as to how much would be saved and are expected to consult with architect E. Hedric Clay for an estimate.

Commissioner Patricia Leonard urged the street section

be removed if saving would be minimal.

Commissioners disagreed on whether to build an addition to the basic building for senior citizens or remodel the annex. The board had allocated \$100,000 for senior citizens from savings realized on the Centennial Park recreation center project.

Helms said he favors establishment of a "separate building for senior citizens" by remodeling the Douglass Annex.

"We can have a full-time senior citizens program in the Douglass area. The building can be used full-time with good programming," he said.

Commissioner Donald Bresnan said he favors the addition to the basic center building.

"I personally wouldn't want to put a dime into that store (the annex is an old grocery store). I'm concerned about building special-interest centers," he said.

Commissioner Morgan C. Powell said he does not oppose the addition. "I'm waiting to

get some facts on the remodeling. I can consider the remodeling seriously if the building is structurally sound," he said.

An area senior citizens group and the Douglass Center Steering Committee are split on the issue. The committee wants an addition to the basic building, while the senior citizens group has requested the annex be remodeled for their use.

The steering committee's proposal for a black employment quota of 90 per cent on the center construction job was rejected by the board.

The board said it could not enforce such a requirement, but only its own affirmative action ordinance. Helms said that ordinance would be "strictly enforced on that job."

He said he has asked the park district staff to write letters to all project contractors concerning strict enforcement of the affirmative action ordinance.

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The use of a donated building at 310 E. Bradley Ave. for at least the temporary relocation of the Douglass Center library "is a pretty good bet," according to Robert Boston, president of the Champaign library board.

The building, which formerly housed the offices of the Cham-

paign Asphalt Co., has been offered to the board for relocation of library facilities now in Douglass Center. The center will be torn down and a new building erected.

The library board decided Wednesday that plans for relocation could be completed within about a week—after it was

determined what contribution Urbana library officials would make to the remodeling of the asphalt office.

The two library boards will meet next week.

Champaign librarian Peter Niemi said quick action on the move is needed. The board also should decide whether the as-

phalt building will be a temporary or permanent site of the northeast Champaign library branch, he said.

Remodeling of the building—including carpeting, painting and removal of some inside walls—will be costly, Niemi told the board, whether the facility is permanent or temporary.

In the past, the Urbana board has contributed about one-third—or \$9,000—of the annual cost of the Douglass Center branch. Champaign has \$33,000 earmarked for the Douglass facility.

At Wednesday's meeting, the Champaign board was told that at least four contractors are expected to bid on the construction contract for the new main library.

The bids will be opened at 2 p.m. Sept. 3.

The new 40,000-square-foot building on South Randolph Street will be nearly four times as big as the current 90-year-old library building at 306 W. Church St.

Construction was made possible last October when Champaign voters approved a \$2.3 million bond issue.

Cerebral hemorrhage fells Gibson City resident

Man accused after neighbor dies

Gibson City

Gerald Brandon, 37, of Gibson City was arrested Wednesday on an aggravated battery charge growing out of the death of his neighbor, William G. Rafferty, 42.

Mr. Rafferty was admitted to Community Hospital, Gibson City, about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday

after an argument with Brandon on North Wood Street, according to Gibson City police. He was pronounced dead at 10:05 p.m.

City police arrested Brandon late Wednesday morning.

The preliminary report from an autopsy performed for Ford County Coroner R. L. Hayslette

determined that death was caused by cerebral hemorrhage, according to Lane Reed, the investigating police officer. An inquest is to be scheduled.

Brandon was released on \$5,000 bond pending a hearing Aug. 21 in Ford County Circuit Court at Paxton.

The Rafferty home is at 318 N. Wood, and the Brandon family lives at 327 N. Wood.

Residents of the area reported that Mr. Rafferty and Brandon got into an argument after a dispute among children. An ambulance was called when Mr. Rafferty collapsed on the street. He reportedly had suf-

the Flo-Con Systems, Inc., at Fisher since last November.

Mr. Rafferty leaves his wife, daughters, Marsha and Tina, and sons, William G. and Thomas R., all at home; his father of Gibson City, sisters, Mrs. William Mayer of Clarksville, Tenn., and Mrs. Gene Rager of Gibson City; a brother, James of Elroy, Wis., and a grandfather at Campbellsville, Ky. His mother preceded him in death.

He served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Heart Association sets swim marathon

Forest board purchases land

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District board Wednesday voted to purchase 5.1 acres of land at the Salt Fork River Forest Preserve (Homer Lake).

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Roll Meriweather and James

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Kenneth Essmann, best beard;
and Stephen Kuipers, tried-the-
hardest.

Douglass committee responds to board

Members of the Douglass Cen-
ter Steering Committee met
Saturday and wrote a reply
to a written request by the
Champaign Park District for
assurance the group would not
oppose demolition of the pres-
ent Douglass Center.

Although steering committee
members said a reply had been
written, they refused to release
details of their answer until
it is received by park board
commissioners, probably on
Monday.

"I asked for the answer in
writing, so I expect to get it
in the mail and I don't expect
to get it until Monday," park
board chairman William Helms
said Saturday night.

At least one park commission-
er feels the reply will probably
help resolve the difficulties
that have surrounded Douglass
Center.

"I don't think there's any
problem," Patricia Leonhard
said Saturday. "The commit-
tee can either acquiesce or we
can build the new center on
the new spot. We have no
choice."

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class for 28 years.

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ety's current president.

The five-day festival will c
clude today with a beef bar-
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at the K of C Hall. At 1 p.m.
the third round of the East
Illinois League baseball tour-
nament will be held on an ad-
cent baseball field. The Mar-
Lee show will perform at
pavillion at 4 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION BRICK OFFICE BUILDING

70 East University Ave., Champaign, Ill.

THURS., AUGUST 28, 1975 - 10:00 AM

Legal Description: Lot 8 of J. T. Everett's Subdivision of Lc
8, Block 6 of the Illinois Central Rail Road Addition to U
bana, now a part of the City of Champaign, Illinois.

Building is Two Story Brick, 22' x 66' in size with full base
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Air Conditioned; first floor includes a large office or show
room and bath, second floor has 3 offices, bath and a storag
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Location of sale: Sale will be held at the site on Thursday, Au-
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TERMS: Ten percent (10%) down on day of sale, balance du
and payable within thirty (30) days of sale. Abstract c
title may be examined at the attorney's office. Seller r
serves the right to reject any and all bids.

For information contact:

Douglass committee reorganizes

The Douglass Center Steering Committee is being reorganized with Roy Williams Jr. as its new spokesman.

The citizens' committee met Saturday morning, then announced the reorganization. Williams would not comment about the reorganization. He said only, "I won't talk in front of those cameras," pointing at television equipment that was being set up. He then got into a car and left.

He was not available for comment after that.

Kenneth Stratton, who had been spokesman for the group, announced the reorganization. He said seven members currently on the committee will not remain on the new panel. He declined to say who the seven were but did admit, "I probably will not be on the committee."

He said the panel is being reorganized "in the best interests of the community. It is our hope the new members will be able to get the job done."

Stratton was referring to resolving a dispute with the Champaign Park District board over the Douglass Community Center on North 6th Street.

The board wants to tear down the current building and erect a new one that will contain mainly only a gym. The steering committee wants the board to build a complete new center with space for senior citizens' programs



The question: Who will give in first?

Teacher strikes looming in Champ

By Earl Merkel

kept secret, with the Urbana

Assembly.

Perhaps nostalgic for years gone past, Urbana school board president Benjamin Garrison appears to be walk-

ing with striking Urbana teachers picketing district offices. Garrison walked in such a line during the 1970 school

strike. This time, however, he was just passing through on his way into the building. Asked how it felt to be on the

"other side of the picket line," Garrison said, "Very, very uncomfortable."
(Photo by Bill Kahn)

Park board approves bid, changes

It's 'Go' on new Douglass Center

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

The Champaign Park Board Thursday night officially gave the green light to construction of the Frederick Douglass Community Center.

The board voted to award the low bid of \$86,000 to the Carter Electrical Co. of Urbana. It also voted to make a \$686 change order on the plumbing contract and, to pay \$8,423 in architect's fees.

Park board President William J. Helms Jr. said the project now is officially approved. Construction may begin within a couple of weeks.

The new building will be erected about 200 feet west of the old structure. The old building will not be demolished. Protests by members of the black community prevented demolition of the old structure.

When the building is completed between the old building and the Douglass Center Annex, expansion will be limited. Demolition of the old building after the new one is built, will be expensive, officials said, because of the precautions that have to be taken not to damage the new one.

There were no members of the new Douglass Center Steering Committee at Thursday night's meeting. Roy Williams, new chairman of the committee, was not available for comment.

Richard Davis Jr. a park board member and a former member of the Douglass committee, declined to comment on what may happen at the site of the construction.

There was no mention of picketing or disruption of construction after the meeting.

The board needed only to make a few formal votes and approve some changes to initiate the project.

Approval was given to pay architect E. Hedric Clay for his work during the past two years.

Clay will get \$4,623 for revising the construction plans for the new site and \$3,300 for administration of the contract. He will be paid in portions as the project progresses.

The board approved the change order for Sprinkle Plumbing and Heating Co. for \$686. Moving the building site will require longer plumbing connections.

English Brothers, the general contractor, submitted no change in the contract price, despite a four-month delay in the project. Neither did Dever Heating and Air Conditioning Co.

The board now is waiting to sign the contract with Lloyd Carter, the electrical contractor. Carter must post a performance bond before work begins.

In other business, the board approved a contract with Whightsil Construction Co. of Tuscola for the Prairie Farm house addition in the south end of Centennial Park. Whightsil submitted an \$18,250 bid last Tuesday but admitted an error. The new bid is \$22,500, still

lowest. The board approved the contract. Attorney French Fraker said the procedure was fair since the company still remained low bidder.

McCabe Brothers Co. of Champaign received a contract to demolish a barn at Dodds Park and an old sewage treatment plant at Robeson Park. The contract is for \$16,000.

Tear down Douglass building, Johnson asks

Champaign Council Member John Lee Johnson Thursday urged the park board to tear down Douglass Center. He also said this morning he had made what he termed an "apology" to all of the people who had been involved in the Douglass Center controversy.

Johnson made his "apology" before the Champaign Park Board Thursday night after the board held an executive session.

"All of us had been victims of a complex issue," Johnson said today. "I don't hold the park board responsible. We're all guilty in that hassle."

Johnson said he asked the

board to go ahead with the demolition of the old Douglass Center. He said he saw no reason why anyone in the black community would prevent the demolition project. He asked the board to reissue demolition orders.

Johnson said he had not talked with Roy Williams, the new chairman of the Douglass Center Steering Committee.

Johnson said he realized the park board had done more in the Douglass area than in any other area of the park district. He said he was satisfied with the amount of money allocated for Douglass but was not satisfied with what the community is getting for the nearly \$1 million investment.

"Affirmative action is a vital issue and will remain to be a vital issue," Johnson said. "But that should not prevent the demolition of the building."

The board made no response to Johnson.

Park board President William J. Helms Jr. said today "nothing has changed." He said the construction will go ahead as planned.

Suggestions on mosquito now apply to C-U area

Recommendations for preventive measures against the encephalitis-bearing northern house mosquito now apply statewide, Gale Fella of the Champaign - Urbana Public Health District said today.

Previously the state Department of Public Health recommendations applied only to communities south of Charleston.

Fella said he has contacted city offices in Champaign and Urbana as well as the Forest Preserve District and the city park districts.

Fella said his office has received numerous calls from persons seeking advice.

"We tell them not to take undue risks. Don't go fishing

at night, for instance. Why unduly go out and risk exposing yourself?" he said.

The mosquito, *Culex pipiens*, bites only in the evenings, according to the health department. It will lay its eggs in almost any collection of stagnant water including discarded containers, rain barrels, old tire casings, street catch basins, polluted ground pools, cesspools and especially in the effluent from untreated or inadequately treated municipal sewage, the department said in an advisory to communities.

The mosquito remains close to its breeding sites seeking out secluded locations during the day, where it might be found resting on storm sewer walls, drain tiles, culverts, catch basins, chicken houses and similar locations.

Extensive efforts should be made to collect and properly discard all useless artificial containers which may retain water, the department said.

Mosquito repellent should be used when going outside during the evening hours. Torn screens should be repaired or replaced.

Saline district

FIRE CALL

Thursday
Horticulture Field Laboratory, room 10, 9:55 a.m. Overheated fluorescent light ballast. Damage estimated at \$30. Use of 1 pumper and five men sent.

Douglass panel to air new plan

The Douglass Park Steering Committee has called a meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday with the Champaign park board.

Committee chairman Kenneth Stratton Sr. said the committee plans to make a proposal to the board concerning the Douglass Park recreation center in an effort to resolve the dispute. He declined to give details of the proposal, saying it was best the park board receive it formally first.

The proposal actually will be presented by board member Richard Davis.

The meeting tentatively is scheduled for the park district Meeting Center and is open to the public.

Alloy strike in 2nd month

A strike by about 160 workers at Alloy Engineering and Casting Co., 1700 W. Washington St., Champaign, has entered its second month.

Company and steel workers union representatives still have not met to negotiate, company



Douglass plan overdue

To the Editor:

Sir: I'd like to reply to Mrs. Leonhard's letter. I feel that Mr. Stratton, "who has so little community support," should have his day in the press, even if he was so "devious" as to postpone his vacation because of Douglass Center.

The Park Board members realized the hardships of the office before they sought positions. If Mr. Helms was inconvenienced he should not have taken office. In ghetto parlance, "If you can't pay the price, don't shake the dice."

I have known this ex-conservative Republican for 27 years and he does not "tantrum." However he will "refuse to accept the simple facts" concerning the park board. They have given the North End the short end of the stick as long as I can remember.

In 1955 I was seven. Douglass Park was a green spot in an otherwise unpleasant area. It reflected that unpleasantness, even though the green was as lush as a fairway. The park board cared more about the grass than the people.

There were tennis courts without nets and a center without balls or racquets. There was one basketball court, inside, that spawned the nucleus of a near state champion. It was always two deep in teams waiting to have their moment in North End deadend adolescence.

The people who administered the programs were committed, but hampered by a lack of funds, facilities and futures.

I really did not use Douglass Park very much. My parents were relatively affluent, and we lived further south. But having experienced the programs at Douglass and Scott parks (which was closer), even at

age eight I could tell the difference.

I can also tell the difference between the historical subjugation of black people and the hysterical subjugation of black people. The Douglass Center project as proposed by Stratton and Davis is needed and long overdue.

KENNETH O. STRATTON, II
P.S. My father stamps his foot because he is too polite to swear or throw the "pie in sky" at anybody, even the park board.

How to pick presidential finalists

To the Editor:

Sir: With everyone in Washington running for president in '76 we certainly should have an interesting year ahead and whether the results are good tidings or bad remains to be seen. How do we pick the finalists for the big contest? The "let the people decide" ideology via primaries just hasn't gotten off the ground. The caucus system or delegate selection for national conventions? Isn't there a better way?

President Ford seems to think a "cut em off at the pass" is the proper tactic to cut the malarkey for the Republicans. Ronald Reagan and a few other might foil it. The Democrats have such a mob that maybe they think a continuous milling will eventually result in "survival of the fittest" in the endurance contest.

Could resort to a football game but I don't think Joe Namath would make a good president. Basketball? Well by that I likely mean Abdul Jabar but suppose the jerk decided to play and we got stuck with Bill Walton? He'd likely name

Mailbag

Interest

To the Editor:

Sir: Who is Al Hamburg — and why is he worried about the interest rate on borrowed time?

S. T. HATCH

Champaign

Patty Hearst secretary of defense. Baseball? Hank Aaron would be a shoo-in. If tennis, we'd likely get Jimmy Connors since "the rude one's" head has been shrunk by Mr. Ashe at Wimbledon. Track? We'd likely get hooked with a high hurdler and he couldn't resist constantly "jumping the fence" on any or all issues.

Golf? nope. That motivation just might perk up old Sam Snead and he'd shame Big Jack, Arnie, etc. Besides we've already had too many presidents who were more interested in golf than presiding or is it presiding. Bowling? That requires sticking to the "straight and narrow" which eliminates all politicians, could have a poker marathon but that would overstimulate the marked card industry and add to inflation.

Yes its silly to be facetious about anything so very important but having seen several national conventions on the tube the fact remains that we gotta find a better way.

CHET SADDLER

Fairmount

Your help is ne

Grant Writer; Persuasive writer, logical thinker needed. Pursue the possibilities of obtaining funding for many interesting projects proposed to celebrate our 200th birthday. One example: Boneyard Creek improvement. Consultant who has done this work before will help you, and a large list of possible sources is available.

Animal Lover-Adult Advisor: Assist six-to-eighteen-year-olds (divided into three groups) with monthly meetings on the subject of concern for animals. There will be a general meet-

Illinois History Quiz Answers

1-b, 19, according to the 1970 census figures.

2-b, Elizabeth Keckley (1818-1907); the book was published in 1868.

3-a, attorney. He was president of the Illinois Bar Association (1899-1900), a Civil War captain, Representative in Congress (1895-97), and president of the Effingham State Bank.

4-c, Revolutionary War General Francis Marion (1732-95), known in history as "The Swamp Fox."

5-d, Knox College, Galesburg. He was president 1875-93.

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for a referendum to create a county public health district.

On July 21, the state attorney general issued an opinion that state law prevented the county from spending \$46,500 to provide three public health nurses for schools and elderly persons.

State's Attorney James R. Burgess Jr. gave the same opinion last fall. At that time, the county board voted to continue to pay for the nurses until the end of the current

Last fall, petitions were circulated for such a referendum, but the court ruled the petitions invalid. Mrs. Prussing, a county board member, said petitions would be circulated and that she would head the drive after she completes examinations for a doctoral degree.

Board chairman Wesley M. Schwengel said the \$46,500 being spent for the nurses would be returned to the general fund.

create an office by ordinance, but would have to finance the district from the general fund.

Mrs. Prussing and Schwengel agree that the general fund cannot support a health district.

"We'll just have to wait until the townships and schools can pick it up," Schwengel said.

"The obvious answer is for the townships to finance this," Mrs. Prussing said, "until we

ty could not grant federal revenue sharing money to the county drug abuse center or the Frances Nelson Health Center.

Burgess has said the county cannot spend revenue sharing money for health care or for any purpose not permitted by state law. Since the county is not a home rule county, it can spend funds only in areas specifically permitted by state law.

In uncommitted Champaign bond funds

Park Board has \$194,576 left

The Champaign Park District has \$194,576 not committed to any 1972 bond issue projects, according to a quarterly report made public last week.

The report, published by General Manager Robert Toalson, was held up for some time by William J. Helms Jr., president of the park board. Little change has been made on the report since Helms refused to release it pending verification of figures by staff, Toalson said.

According to Toalson's report, as of July 31 the park district had "over-committed" itself by \$135,763 in various projects.

But, the report said, projected incomes will total \$330,339,

leaving the \$194,576 figure, Toalson said those projected incomes will come from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on Dodds Park reimbursement, a Bicentennial Commission grant on Heritage Park, a Parkland College contribution on Dodds Park road project, an expected Community Development Grant from the City of Champaign for Douglass Center and interest.

In summary, the report shows that the park district has expended \$850,000 on the 1972 bond issue. It is committed to projects totaling \$1.5 million. Those commitments include large projects which are not yet paid for: Douglass Center,

Centennial Center, Dodds Park improvements, and various smaller projects.

Toalson said that although the projected incomes are not in hand, he has "every reason to expect" those funds will come in.

"But I must recommend that no other commitments be made at this time," said Toalson.

Commenting on the \$194,576 uncommitted funds, Toalson said that some of the money could be needed for Douglass and Centennial buildings, now under contract.

Douglass committee to offer new plan

The Douglass Center Citizens Steering Committee is expected to make a definite offer to

the Champaign park board at 7 p.m. Tuesday night regarding the future of the Douglass Center.

Richard Davis, a member of both the park board and the steering committee, said this morning he is optimistic about the park board's reaction to the offer, but would not say what that offer will be.

The board and the black community have been disputing the future of the center at Douglass Park. The community committee has asked recreation center plans not be reduced, but the board has cut the sum designated in the 1972 bond issue. The board's latest offer of \$100,000 for a senior citizens center has been the only sign of compromise.

Help for emotionally disturbed son

Search ends at HEED School

By Michelle S. Klaus
Of The Courier

A chance meeting in a car pool in Puerto Rico ended Donna and John Semerad's months of cross-country searching and led them to HEED School in Champaign.

In the car pool, Mrs. Semerad met a former resident of Chanute Air Force Base who told her the Adler Zone Center or HEED (Help Educate the Emotionally Disturbed) might be able to help her 8-year-old son John.

The Semerads live at 2203 Blackthorn Drive, Champaign. They have two other children, Robert, 7, and Kimberly, 4.

John was 18 months old when his parents noticed he was "different from other children."

It was the first positive response in their search for guidance, the Semerads said.

Semerad took "about a 50 per cent pay cut" and moved to Champaign in January to work in Eisner's produce warehouse.

"I'm amazed that Johnny has gone as far as he has" at HEED, Mrs. Semerad said. "And they say he'll go farther."

John's attention span has increased from three to 15 minutes and his parents expect that within two years he will be able to attend public schools.

John was a late walker and had a six-word vocabulary at age 3. His problem has not been diagnosed but the HEED program is concerned with treating students rather than labeling them, Mrs. Semerad said.

John has learning and speech disabilities and behavior problems. His behavior trouble "has really improved" since he has been at HEED, his parents said.

John, who once "lived in his own little shell," now relates to people and is more coopera-

tive around the house, the Semerads said.

During John's first week at HEED, a teacher from the school came to the Semerad home every night, helping his parents learn to modify John's behavior. The teacher still visits the home once a week.

Semerad said officials in the Champaign school district suggested John be enrolled in the program for the trainable mentally handicapped. But his parents said they feel he has the potential to attend public-school classes.

Burke to quit



Druggists not filling orders

flat \$1.75 plus the wholesale cost of the drug.

The policy was effective Aug. 1.

The department had reimbursed pharmacists for the wholesale cost of the drug plus a 30 per cent markup on that cost. It also paid a \$1.35 professional fee.

Walgreen stores and Osco Drug stores are filling prescriptions from public aid recipients. Some smaller pharmacies also are filling those prescriptions.

Jan Biederman, a pharmacist at Osco Drug, 107 W. Green St., Champaign, that the store is "not being flooded" with public aid prescriptions as the result of other stores refusing to fill them.

She said there had been "no substantial increase" in the number of requests by public aid recipients.

Bob Pence, owner of Rantoul Drugs, said there are no pharmacists in Rantoul who are accepting the prescriptions.

"As far as I know, there are only two back sliders in Champaign County. If they want to let the state ram it down their throats, if they can fill it at that price, they can have the business," Pence said.

Pence called the new policy "asinine" and said it figures out to an 18 per cent cut in the amount of state reimbursements to pharmacists. He said operating costs went up 15 per cent in the last year. Also, the reimbursements paid before Aug. 1 were based on 1970 wholesale prices, he said.

"If somebody comes up here gasping for breath, we're going to give it to them and write it off as public relations. Nobody is going to let anyone

die" because of the new state policy, he said.

John Liedman of the Walgreen store on Philo Road in Urbana said the main office sent a letter to Walgreen stores advising them to continue filling the prescriptions. Walgreen, in the meantime, is protesting the new policy.

Liedman also reported no noticeable increase in sales.

Baker - Illini Pharmacy in Champaign has "not turned anyone away," a spokesman said.

Vernon Fitch, superintendent of the county public aid office, said he had not had any calls from public aid recipients about the new policy or any resulting problems.

FIRE CALL

Wednesday
Davenport Hall, 10:14 a.m., unusual odor reported. Someone baking corn leaves and corn roots in chemical oven as an experiment. U of I pumper and three men sent.



Linda Coslet

Coslet ruling due today

A ruling on a second parole request by Linda Kay Coslet of Tuscola is expected to be released this afternoon by the parole and pardon board in Chicago, a parole board officer said today. Hearings on the parole request continued until late Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Coslet is serving a four-year term for manslaughter. A jury in 1973 found her guilty of that charge in the death of her husband. She was found not guilty on a murder charge. She will have served two years of her term in September.

Carle gets permit

A city of Urbana building permit was issued Tuesday for construction of the \$4,475,000, 10-story Rogers East medical building to the Carle Foundation.

Two permits for \$400,000 worth of work on the building were issued previously. The building will take about two years to complete. The building permit fee was \$8,950.

Legue stays in hospital

Urbana Civic Center director Richard C. Legue remained in stable condition today at Carle hospital where he was taken Monday following a heart attack in his home.

Legue, 57, of 1006 S. Lynn St., Urbana, is a former member of the Cunningham Township board of auditors.

The reclamation requirements provide for leveling rutted land and, in Champaign's case, moving about 30,000 cubic yards of additional cover dirt on older portions of the site, according to Schaefer.

Zoners to Philo Rd.

The Urbana Plan Commission will hold public hearings at 7:30 p.m. Thursday on two petitions for rezoning of property at Florida Avenue and Philo Road.

Rezoning from multiple-family residential, R-3, and neighborhood business, B-1, to general business is sought for three vacant acres southwest of the intersection. The property is immediately north of the vacant Welles store and owned by the same Busey First Na-

Senior citizens addition could be smaller

Douglass Center group pares building requests

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

A Douglass Center area group Tuesday night reduced its requests for a senior citizens addition and other center improvements, offering a new plan for resolution of the Douglass controversy.

The Douglass Center Steering Committee presented the plan to the Champaign Park Board. Park commissioners Richard Davis and Donald Bresnan said the proposal is the first sign of breaking an impasse between the group and the board on the Douglass project.

"I don't see it too far away from my position," Bresnan

said.

Shifting from a previous request for 5,000 square feet of space in a new senior citizens addition, the new Douglass committee plan requested only an addition that could be built at a cost of \$100,000.

The park board has pledged that sum to the Douglass addition from excess funds previously allocated for the Centennial Park recreation center.

Park officials have estimated a \$100,000 addition would provide about 2,000 square feet.

The proposal also included the Douglass group's previous request for a new Douglass Center that would include a gymnasium and a stage. The

group asked that the addition be built at the same time as or as soon as possible after the basic center is built.

The committee proposed \$36,000 more be trimmed from project costs by eliminating plans to remove a section of North 6th Street pavement for an open park area.

The plan also asked at least 90 per cent of the Douglass project work force be black to reflect the racial makeup of the community. Davis later said the 90 per cent figure actually means "as many as possible."

The park district requires all contractors in Champaign park projects to comply with the

district's affirmative action regulations.

Park board president William J. Helms Jr. declined to give his reaction to the proposal and said he would prefer to wait until commissioner Morgan Powell returns to Champaign before giving an answer to the Douglass committee.

Bresnan questioned why the Douglass committee wants the senior citizens facility attached to the base building.

Douglass area senior citizens said last week they wanted their present home, the Douglass Center Annex, remodeled instead of having a room in the new building. The steering committee suggested the annex should serve as a temp-

orary senior citizens center until the new addition is completed.

"I haven't talked to the senior citizens," said committee spokesman Kenneth Stratton. He added that the steering committee contends that a separate center would increase construction and operating expenditures.

"This is as positive a proposal as we could make," Stratton said. "I'm not going to say this is a take-it-or-leave-it proposal, but I would certainly expect a speedy answer."

Plans to move the center, have not been called off. Architect E. Hedric Clay is revising plans to move the center about 200 yards west of the existing

structure. Protests by the Douglass area residents have prevented the demolition of the existing structure.

But Davis expressed hope that, with the new Douglass group proposal, "we can stop in the letting of the bids on moving the center."

No. cut in '72 bond issue allotment
The Champaign park board has not cut the sum designated in the 1972 bond issue for Douglass Center, as incorrectly stated in Monday's Courier.

The board has allocated \$400,000 for that project and increased the sum since that time. The Courier regrets the error.

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Douglass Center plans may be changed again

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

Champaign's new Douglass Center may be built at the location for which it originally was intended.

Efforts were under way this morning to have change orders

Ex-Onarga resident is killed

Onarga

Two persons, one of them a former Onarga woman, were killed, and the husband of the woman was injured critically in a collision at the intersection of Old U.S. 45 and the Otto Road, south of Kankakee, at 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Diane R. Jackson, 43, of Route 4, Kankakee, and Richard L. Wendling 21, of Route 1, Bonfield, were pronounced dead on arrival at St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Allan M. Jackson, 49, husband of Mrs. Jackson, was reported in critical condition today in St. Mary's.

State police reported that an automobile driven by Mr. Wen-

processed and ready for approval by the park board this afternoon.

The park board was scheduled to hold a special session at 5 p.m. today.

Park board President William J. Helms, Jr. said today possible contract changes that would allow demolition of the old Douglass Center and construction of a new building on the old site will be discussed at the meeting.

Helms said park district General Manager Robert Toalson has been working on this proposal with the general contractor, English Brothers, Inc., of Champaign.

Toalson also confirmed that the possibility of building the center on the old site is being considered. He said he had "received word that there would be no problem" with interference of demolition crews.

Demolition of the old building was delayed and finally abandoned after threats and protests from blacks in the neigh-

borhood caused the contractor, McCabe Brothers Inc., of Champaign, to break his contract.

Toalson said today McCabe Brothers probably would not demolish the building if the board approved change orders. He said the demolition job would be subcontracted through the general contractor, English Brothers.

Construction of a building about 200 feet west of the old structure was scheduled to begin in about a week. The building was to be built west of the existing structure because the park board decided demolition was impossible.

Architect E. Hedric Clay has designed plans for the new structure at an additional cost of about \$4,500. He also had designed a structure to be built on the site of the existing building.

Clay said today, however, that he has not been told of the recent possible change of plans.

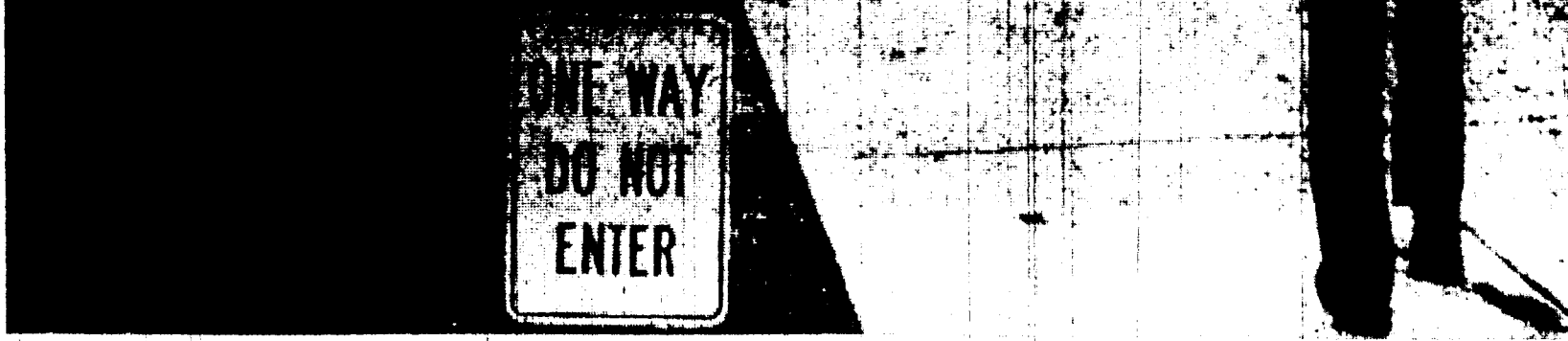
County is likely to levy new tax

the defendant board and is a direct violation of the provisions of the professional negotiations agreement . . ."

The request also alleges that the CEA and its members will suffer "irreparable injuries" if negotiations are not reopened.

The school board offered the CEA salary increases at 9 per cent before it cut off negotiations.

The teachers rejected that proposal, as they had earlier offers from the board, but they agreed to comply with it until Oct. 30.



BUT THE SCHOOLS ARE OPEN

Area schools all are open, sidewalk at the entrance to Champaign this morning might have confused a few people. It at least was worth a second look, as this unidentified man illus-

Toalson says blacks promise 'no interference'

Douglass Center to be built on old site

By Les Somogyi
Of The Courier

After five months of disagreement over where the new Frederick Douglass Community Center would be located, the Champaign Park Board voted Monday night to build the center on the site for which it originally was intended.

The board met Monday to act on a proposal from General Manager Robert Toalson to erect the building on the site of the existing center, which will be torn down.

The unanimous vote came after Toalson told the board he had received "word that there would be no problems" with interference on the construction site by blacks who

have protested construction of the center. Some blacks had protested the demolition and construction project because they said the planned building did not have enough space.

Toalson declined to comment where the assurances came from except to say "from various sources."

In shifting the site of the recreation center back to the one originally proposed, the board approved two change orders.

First, the board approved demolition of the existing structure. English Brothers, the general contractors, will handle the demolition, according to Toalson.

The firm will subcontract the

project to Pelmore Excavating Co., 406 E. Columbia Ave., Champaign, a black contractor. The demolition will cost the park district an additional \$8,635.

Second, the board unanimously voted to build the new building on the site of the old one.

Both motions came from Commissioner Morgan C. Powell. Powell also suggested that the old building be removed and the site be ready for construction of the new building within 15 working days.

Powell said demolition could begin Monday.

The old building is now ready for demolition, according to

Staley Motley, superintendent of parks. Motley said Monday that all utilities have been disconnected.

Architect E. Hedrick Clay told the park board that the contractor will now prepare the site for the demolition by putting up fences around the building. He also said pupils in nearby Washington Elementary School will be reminded about safety.

The actual demolition project probably will take about seven days, according to Clay, and the entire building project, about a year.

Commissioner Richard Davis Jr., the only black on the park board one of those who have disagreed with park board

plans for the Douglass project during the past five months, said he was "glad" about the outcome of the final vote.

"It's been rather amazing to me. I could never see how it was feasible to build the center next to the old one. It would have limited any future growth of the center," Davis said.

Davis added, "It's a shame we wasted all this time and the taxpayers' money."

The five months of delay has cost taxpayers about \$5,000 extra on the project. The extra costs come from architect's fees, increased costs for demolition, and an increase in the bid for electrical work.

Social, economic, political institutions

U.S. farmer tells of his life in China

By Charles Hardwick

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the ground floor of the church,
Lustig said.

The fire chief said the dam-
age to the church's sanctuary
was limited to smoke and heat
from the fire. In other parts
of the building extensive water
and smoke damage also result-
ed, according to Lustig.

Asked whether there was
anyway to determine how the
fire started, the fire chief said:

"There was no way we could
come up with anything. There
was nothing laying around that
would have started it, no elec-
trical possibilities, no nothing."

The Rev. Nygren said a day
care center operated by the
church will be suspended for
the time being, while the
church is repaired.

He said the Happy Day
School and the church's Head
Start program, along with most
other church functions, will be
temporarily held in a educa-
tion building across the alley
south of the church.

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Construction of Douglass nears start

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waiting for Lloyd Carter, an
Urbana electrician, to sign an
electrical contract. Carter also
must post a performance bond.

After the contract is signed,
work on Douglass Park may
begin within two to three weeks,
according to Ed Hydes, an of-
ficial of English Brothers Con-
tractors of Champaign.

English Brothers has been
ready to start work for some
time. Hydes said material has
been ordered, and some is on
hand.

The building will be next to
the existing center. The old
Douglass Center was not de-
molished because of citizens'
protests.

FIREMEN COMPLETE EMERGENCY TRAINING

Six Urbana firemen have
completed an emergency med-
ical technician program taught
by Parkland College and the
Regional Trauma Center.

Graduates from the course

Police Chief William Dye, working with Personnel Director Paul Walker and Commu-

suspend eligibility lists in civil cases where discriminatory hiring has been proven.

any man was traveling west on Green with only parking lights on. Police ticketed Mirsky on that charge.

Simon's column in the Sun-Times started this month. The group will hold a business meeting at 7.

signed by Gov. Daniel Walker, makes precinct committeemen deputy registrars effective Oct. 1.

'Tragic' the word for Douglass debate

5 bitter months, but it's the same center

By Les Somogyi
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Commentary

"It's a shame we had to waste so much time and the taxpayers' money," said Richard Davis Jr., the only black member of the Champaign park board.

"Yeah, you ought to know it," snapped fellow commissioner and vice president of the park board Patricia Leonhard.

With what appeared to be the last of a series of verbal exchanges, the two, along with the rest of the park board, voted to build the Frederick Douglass Community Center where it originally was intended.

The park district now will have the old center torn down and the new one built in its place. The senior citizens center will be in Douglass Annex.

Five months and about \$30,000 in extra expenses later, the plan is the same.

During the five months, the size of the planned building was increased, reduced and reduced again. The location of the building was shifted to the west, next to the old build-

ing, after protests by nearby residents prevented crews from tearing the old building down.

In the meantime, members of the black community futilely tried to right what they said was wrong. The park board, new in leadership and inexperienced in dealing with crisis situations, had its hands full.

"Tragic" is the word used most often in connection with the Douglass Center troubles.

Davis put the blame on a change in the administration.

The board's leadership changed when president Donald F. Bresnan, who steered the board for 12 years, resigned from his post in April.

William J. Helms Jr., a two-year board member, became president a week before the Douglass Center controversy erupted.

In retrospect, Davis said, "What we had was an inflexi-

ble president and a board who never really wanted to build Douglass Center. I had just one vote on that board." He charged Helms' leadership was unable to cope with a black situation.

Helms said simply, "It's a lie."

Morgan Powell, elected in April, said he feels the board handled the situation well.

He said the board "fully intended to build the center" and listed various sources that were tapped for additional funds. He said the trouble was a "matter of not having someone to converse with," putting the blame on the black community that "was not represented well by the citizens steering committee."

"They were not together. They had dissensions among them," Powell said.

Mrs. Leonhard said she was expecting trouble in connection with the center but she didn't think it would be so long and futile.

"I feel sorry for the black community. They've been deprived of the best use of the building. The rank and file of

the black community suffers because the leaders were not effective," she said.

"If everyone worked with the park district instead of against it, the building would have been built by now. This 'Burn, baby, burn' type of leadership has gone out of style with the 1960s," she said.

Mrs. Leonhard said she resented race being brought into the controversy. "Some of the things the blacks have said were extremely destructive," she added. "There is an element in the black community that doesn't want us to do anything. Because if we do, they won't have a platform."

She said she realized the "ultimate need of the black community" but that the park district's 1972 bond issue couldn't possibly take care of that. "We could be talking about a \$10-million facility," she said.

Davis placed the blame on an "undecisive park board that could not get its priorities together and was eaten up by inflationary trends." He called Helms "a stubborn man."

Davis said when Helms showed up at a negotiating session

with police escort it was a gesture of no faith and contributed to prolonging the impasse.

Helms said he feared for his safety.

Helms now considers the episode a learning experience. "As an elected official, I learned to keep my cool and not get mad. I think I'm a better person because of learning from the mistakes the board made."

Helms said he thinks the biggest mistake was starting the Douglass Center issue out on a "racial tone." He said, "Dick (Davis) was in charge of it and we hired a black architect, and that was a mistake."

Board member Bresnan kept cool throughout the five months. Although he lost his temper at the last attempt to negotiate the dispute, Bresnan is not ready to assign blame for what happened.

Bresnan concluded, "The main thing is that the building is going to go up and the kids will be able to use it. Top bad it will take an extra year to build."

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Monday the street has not been
opened because of a "series
of errors by the administration
and council members on what
they voted for an of misinter-
pretations of the intent of the
council."

Paley said the council adopt-
ed several resolutions dealing
with Vine Street that left the
course of action to be followed
unclear.

James P. Neal, once an ad-
vocate of a temporary road,
told the council he favored city
acquisition of a right-of-way
and construction of a perma-
nent road along a 33-foot-wide
corridor.

"You should wait, acquire
the right-of-way you need and
put it in right," Neal said.

County board member
Jeanne-Marie Wyld, an oppo-

nent of the street opening,
icized the council for not fol-
lowing its own priorities. In
one resolution, the council gave
improvement of Windsor Road
and South Lincoln Avenue pri-
ority over the Vine Street open-
ing.

"None of you are working
for Lincoln - Windsor," Mrs.
Wyld said. "None of you are
lobbying in Springfield. The
county ought to be active, too,
but it isn't because the council
is not active and creating pres-
sure for action."

"are you suggesting that we
not deal with Vine Street until
we do something with Windsor
Road?" asked Jeffrey Mark-
land, R-5th Ward.

"Yes," said Mrs. Wyld.

"Whom should we push,"
asked the mayor, "the gover-
nor? I was told I didn't support
some of his programs."

"Mrs. Wyld, how do you
know that the mayor has not
tried to get aid from Spring-
field?" Paley asked. Mrs. Wyld
did not respond.

"It's an interesting game you
play," the mayor said.

Former Democratic alder-

man Kenneth Appel told the
council, "What you have here
is a botch."

"The mayor should not con-
duct private negotiations," Ap-
pel said, "because there is no
political effect from private ne-
gotiations. There is a gubernat-
orial election coming up."

Paley was not at the July
meeting when the initial Vine
Street resolution was adopted
by a 9-to-4 vote. "I found the
whole thing fascinating," Paley
said of the Monday meeting.

"I think some of the alder-
men were backtracking," Pa-
ley said. "Some of them were
backing away from a tempo-
rary road, wouldn't you say
so?"

'KIDS' ELECT

Kids for Animals has elected
officers. They are Debbie Har-
dy of Bondville, president; An-
dy Propst of 501 W. Michigan
Ave., Urbana, vice president;
Lisa Day of 406 E. Elm St.,
Urbana, secretary, and Brian
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Those programs are financed
by a variety of sources, in-
cluding the Urbana school dis-
trict. The three special pro-
grams at issue now receive
no local monies.

Each of the three programs
was originally financed for a
six - month period beginning
in February. Delays in estab-
lishment of the programs caus-
ed a program allocation exten-
sion to Sept. 30, Garth said.

Allocations for other projects
was reduced, Gart said, but
only those three programs ad-
ministered by the Adult Edu-
cation Center were completely
eliminated.

New Douglass allocation OK'd

An additional \$36,390 was ap-
proved Monday afternoon by the
Champaign Park Board for
Douglass Center reconstruc-
tion.

The bill was submitted by
English Brothers, general con-
tractor on the project. Total
cost for the project is estimat-
ed at \$877,620.

Robert Toalson, general man-
ager of the park district, said
the major portion of the extra
cost is due to the contractor
providing temporary heat dur-
ing the construction.

The increased cost is a re-
sult of a five-month delay of
the project. Had the project
been started in early summer
as originally planned, about
\$70,000 in extra cost might not
have been necessary.

Other increases since the
original April bid opening in-
clude: \$20,250 in the electrical
work, \$5,800 in the demolition
work, \$5,600 in architect's fee,
\$500 in legal fees and \$36,390
in the basic general construc-
tion cost.

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Park board unity now is question

Now that the old, cracked Douglass Center has been bulldozed, and a new center will be built where it stood, there remains the problem of park board unity.

This past week the old center was demolished, literally clearing the way for a new Frederick Douglass Community Center where it was intended.

The senior citizens center will be in the Douglass Annex, which will be remodeled. Not long ago, it not only looked like the summer construction season had been wasted, but also that a new center might not be built. Or, because of a summer-long protest, that the old building would not be torn down and the new center put up next to it.

The five months cost more than delay in starting construction on a needed community facility. The various changes in plans and increasing cost meant an extra \$30,000.

So much for that. As former park board president Donald Bresnan said the other day, "The main thing is that the building is going to go up and the kids will be able to use it. Too bad it will take an extra year to build."

It is also too bad that some of the elected park commissioners allowed this experience to be so bitter. Even as the board voted to move the center back to its intended location, Commissioners Patricia Leonhard and Richard Davis were continuing to exchange pointed comments.

Commissioner Davis must take considerable responsibility for the delay. Clearly he did some organizing in the black community to protest the plans, to rightly demand a suitable senior citizens center. He started out doing what he thought was right, but after a point it appeared that the protest was out of hand, and not suitably representing the community in which the center will be built.

On the other hand, until some additional money seemed to be available because of lower bids on a building in Centennial Park, the other commissioners did not show any willingness to give the Douglass project a top priority—even at the expense of a building in Centennial Park.

Had the board done that, it is possible that construction could have started and then, when the bids came in later on the Centennial building, there would have been funds to build both after all.

Nearly all the commissioners made some mistakes, Morgan Powell excepted since he was elected only in April. Commissioner Bresnan is the only one of the other four who more or less kept his cool, at least up until the last attempt to negotiate.

President William Helms acknowledges mistakes by the board, and is viewing the five months as a learning experience.

The other commissioners may as well look at it that

way too. The Champaign Park Board commissioners need to have this bitter period behind them. The entire community will be better served if the commissioners recognize their own mistakes and the good intentions of the others.

The paid professional at the park district, Robert Toalson, deserves a word of praise—in fact several more words than are here. He is a modest man and doubtless viewed the eventual settlement as part of the job.

Nevertheless, he went beyond what he is paid to do—manage the park district and its recreational programs—and somehow saved the day.

The lesson here for the board, and other boards, is that a lot of the confrontation and delay might have been avoided by letting the professional work out more details in the first place.

More proof that the sexual revolution is over, offered by Bob Greene in Newsweek: A half-dozen teen-aged boys were at a magazine stand, in front of the usual front-of-rack display of sex magazines.

"They had unearthed a magazine from the hidden recesses of the rack . . . and they were poring through it as if it were thrilling contraband. It was the Sporting News, and the boys were looking up the batting averages of baseball players."

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