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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

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 had 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 those 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 the 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. Casterline 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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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.

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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.





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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 Wenzlaff, 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-  
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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-  
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# 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.

Urbana's Crystal Lake Pool  
will be open from 1 to 6 and



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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.

"There is a difference be-

didn't need any staff. But gov-  
ernment restrictions have forced  
everyone to a sophisticated  
operation.

"We are correcting the mis-  
takes 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 pre-  
sented before July 1. Those  
include a new proposed Cap-  
ital 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-

to employ pension funds.

Last year, the city share of  
those funds increased by \$51,-  
000 to \$417,000. Franks esti-  
mated city contributions to em-  
ployee pensions would approach  
\$500,000 in the coming fiscal  
year.

City revenue increased  
sharply in the current fiscal  
year. A year ago, Paley had  
predicted a \$400,000 deficit for  
the 1975-76 budget. The city  
council subsequently raised the  
utility tax from 3 per cent  
to 5 per cent.

Tax hike  
By last August, Franks was  
predicting a surplus. He said  
Tuesday those predictions were  
"very, very close to the mark  
and in some categories reve-  
nue was higher than our esti-  
mates."

The utility tax raise added  
\$250,000 to city income. The city  
also had the largest increase  
in sales tax revenue since 1970.  
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Davis urged the park board  
to take up the city's "gener-  
ous" offer if such resolution  
passes. He said he believed  
the park district "has the mon-  
ey if it stretched a little bit."

Johnson said he has tried ev-  
ery way he could to resolve  
this problem and he could see  
no other way. He added, "John  
Lee Johnson has broken all  
the eggs in his basket. This  
is the last egg. If this doesn't  
work, I don't know where else  
to turn. After this, I carried  
out my responsibility."

Johnson added he opposes  
giving the park district the  
whole \$197,000 needed to build  
the comprehensive center.

Council member Lynn D.  
Sweet said he would be reluc-  
tant to vote money to the park  
district. "If the park district  
is flat broke, yes. But it's not  
broke, they do have the mon-  
ey," he said.

The park board is scheduled  
to meet at 7 tonight at the  
Meeting Center, 706 Holiday  
Park Drive. The Douglass Cen-  
ter project is not on the agen-  
da. The board is scheduled to  
consider final plans for the  
Centennial Park recreation  
center.

Memorial Day  
services set

Memorial Day services will  
be conducted Friday at two  
Urbana cemeteries in the state  
observance of that holiday.

VFW Post 630 will be  
in charge of the ceremony at  
Woodlawn Cemetery at 10 a.m.  
Other veterans organizations  
have been invited to take part  
and to help decorate graves.

The ceremony at Eastlawn  
Cemetery will begin at 11 a.m.,  
conducted by American Legion

### Johnson urges using urban renewal funds

# Douglass Center still stalemated

By Les Somogyi  
Of The Courier

The Frederick Douglass  
Community Center project re-  
mained unsettled Tuesday  
night after Champaign city and  
park district officials were un-  
able to come up with a solu-  
tion.

The meeting was called by  
John Lee Johnson, a member  
of the city council and cochair-  
man of a Douglass Center Cit-  
izens' Steering Committee,  
which has protested the propos-  
ed demolition of the present  
structure at 6th and Grove  
streets.

Park board president William  
Helms Jr. told the council only  
commissioner Richard Davis  
Jr. does not feel all allocated  
funds in the 1972 bond issue  
should be used for what they

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

Helms told the council the  
park board is about \$197,000  
short on the cost of building  
a library and senior citizens  
facility in addition to the gym.

Johnson said he was ready  
to introduce a resolution ask-  
ing that \$100,000 of the city's  
urban renewal funds be given  
to the park district if the park  
board can match it with \$97,-  
000.

Johnson's proposal would  
give the park district \$250,000  
in urban renewal funds. Al-  
ready allocated is \$150,000 from  
the city's allotment of the Com-  
munity Development Act.

All park commissioners but  
Davis cautiously accepted  
Johnson's proposal.

Patricia Leonhard said after  
the meeting the park district  
may "scrape up a few thou-  
sand dollars" but "we don't  
have the money."

Davis said that if the council  
doesn't buy Johnson's proposal  
"I'm willing to look for money  
elsewhere."

At a recent study session of  
the park board, Helms said  
he would introduce a resolution  
to commit the park board to  
building the entire structure if  
money, other than that in the  
bond fund, can be found. Some  
members of the black commu-  
nity rejected the proposal, say-  
ing it would prohibit the park  
district's contribution to match-  
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by John Guillou, Decatur's  
Lake Springer consultant and  
former state waterways engi-  
neer. He said preliminary work  
indicates a Friends Creek res-  
ervoir would cost between \$5  
million and \$10 million. It  
would take no dwellings but  
would take land from 83 prop-  
erties.

The lake would cover 1,350  
acres and would provide 15,000  
acre feet of water storage and  
produce 20.1 million gallons of  
water a day, Guillou added.

Bruce Hannon, a director of  
the Committee on Allerton and  
eight-year Lake Springer oppo-  
nent, said he would have to

Outside Percy's office were  
about 50 members of the  
Friends Creek Valley Associa-  
tion who picketed in protest  
to a Friends Creek reservoir.  
The association, made up most-  
ly of Friends Creek area farm-  
ers, claims a reservoir there  
would take farmland out of  
production and ruin drainage  
on other farmland.

Percy told the protestors they  
would suffer no adverse effects.  
Elmer Clarkson of Argenta  
summed up the protestors' feel-  
ings when he said they don't  
believe anything Guillou says,  
they see Decatur as a "land  
grabber" and they doubt Deca-  
tur even needs the water.

Final judgment on the merits  
of a Friends Creek reservoir  
will have to await engineering  
studies, Stevenson said.

While Percy, Stevenson and  
Gov. Daniel Walker promised  
state and federal cooperation  
toward a Friends Creek lake,  
all made it clear the city of  
Decatur must take the initia-

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.

## 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 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.

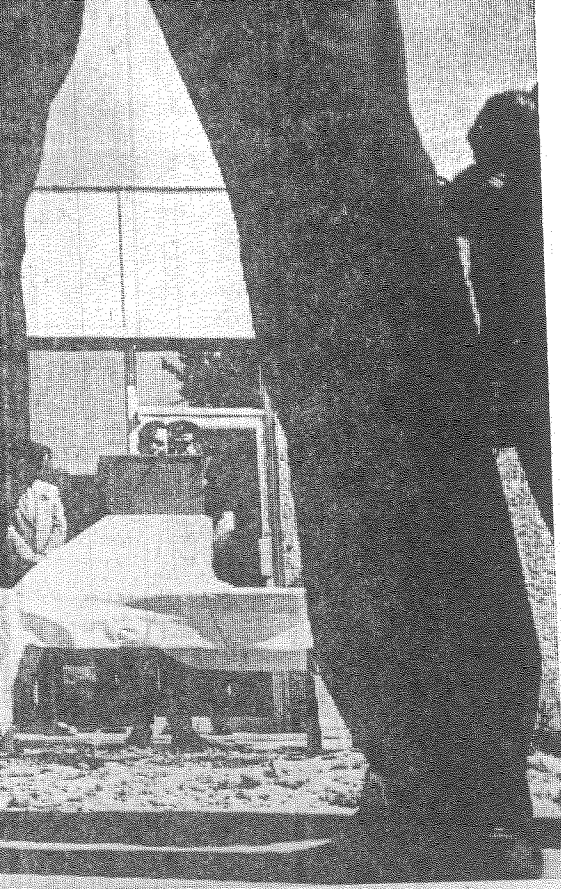
"Under the evidence," the jury "could determine that defendant (Marathon Oil) violated" the fill nozzle regulation in storing gasoline in the tank and in doing so was negligent."

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

# Military power key to survival, new officers told





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)

## ... officer quits, ... with Paley

... associate my efforts with the ...  
 "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.

## Strauser of Tuscola man 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

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, Prof. Kaufmann, professor of law at the University of Illinois, replied, "I honestly intended to."

However, he added his opinion, that a prurient interest is not a justification for a portrayal of "jacking up."

Testified John Champaign, a laborer, who viewed the movie. "I am highly disinterested in it. I don't think that any justification for it was made."

At the jury show-up at the Art Theater, open to the public, about 110 persons showed up, exclusive of the jurors and officials.

Judge Roger L. ... whom the case is ... warned the jury on the way to the courtroom he regarded the part of court proceedings that they should be ...

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Dr. Traugott ... the course of ... has treated bet ... 6,000 patients ... agers and thos ... 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.



Officer James Teague and Sunoco ...

## Seven injured in auto collision

Seven persons were injured Wednesday in an auto collision ... W. Daniel St. The Gibso

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)

# Burnham budget up \$2 million to \$11 million

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 per cent 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 per cent 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.

A breakdown of the budget shows \$4.2 million for nursing services, \$3.3 million for ancillary services (laboratory, X-ray, physical therapy etc.), \$1.5 million for support services such as dietary and house keeping services, and \$522,322 for miscellaneous expenses. Capital expenditures total \$449,320.

Salaries total 61 per cent of the budget, Zettler said.

Expenses and revenue figured in the budget are based on an estimated 57,239 adult and pediatric patient days. Patient revenue accounts for about 97 per cent of the hospital's income. About \$96,500 is received from taxes paid by Champaign property owners. A small amount of revenue comes from Champaign property owners. A small amount of revenue comes from miscellaneous sources, such as the hospital cafeteria and gift shop.

Hospital records show that 12,820 adults and children were admitted during the past year, compared to 10,163 the year before and 9,023 in fiscal 1972-73.

The average length of stay in the hospital was 5.2 days in 1974. In 1967 that average was 9.1 days, Zettler said.

# 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 baize 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.

Fraker asked the park board Thursday night whether it wished to release the report, but the board chose to keep it secret until the case goes to court.

Reports have been circulating that more than \$40,000 may be missing. The sale of equipment belonging to the park district also is reportedly involved in the case.

Park board President William J. Helms Jr. said Thursday he would like to release all or part of the audit, but he has promised the Champaign Police Department he would not. He said the state's attorney's office advised him to keep the content of the audit impounded.

The park board has not officially accepted the report from the auditing firm of Filbey, Summers, Abolt, Good and Kiddoo. Helms said the commissioners "skimmed" the report but had not voted on accepting it.

"The report exists, nobody denies that," said Commissioner Donald F. Bresnan. However, since the board has not voted on the acceptance of the report, there is no public record that the commissioners have ever seen it.

## '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**  
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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.

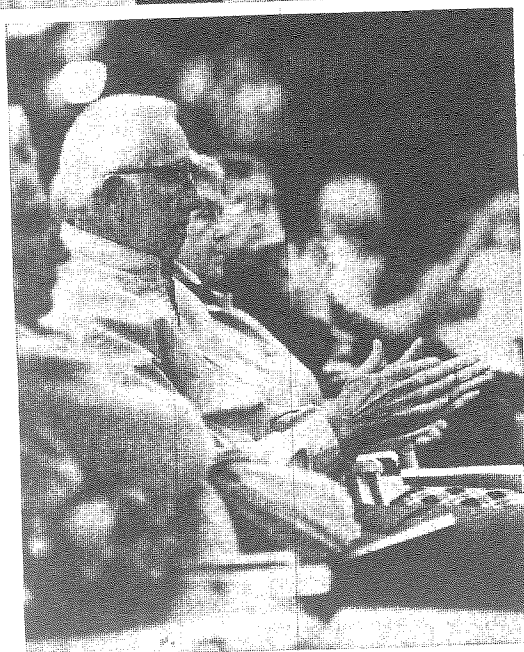
His current term expires Jan. 1.

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 Ferrino,

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

just the cool their hands and toes to the s-

## 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-

Urbana 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. Welch also said that there was a "possibility" the trip

The 17 per trip flew in the two piloted by men and on the staff of Aviation. At Capital field, the fir-



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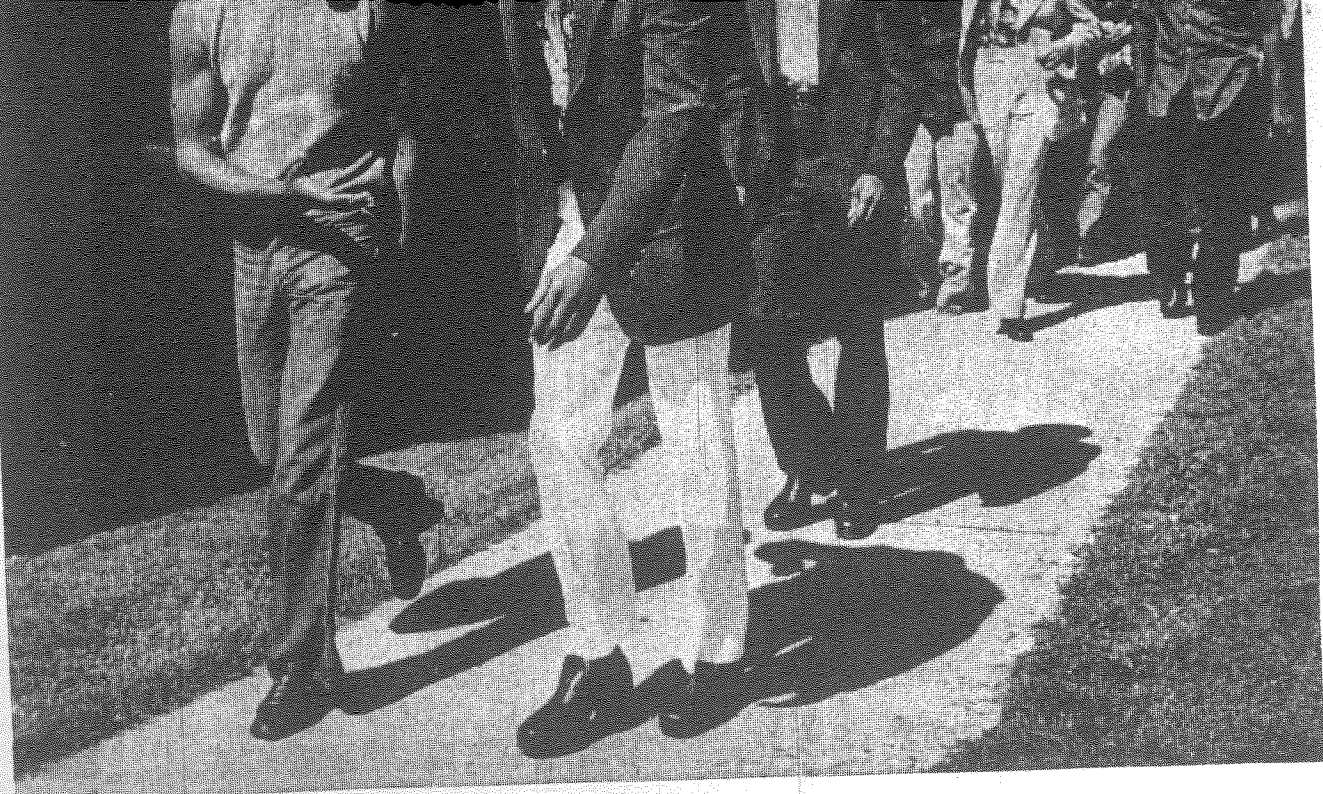
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e arguments, which began a.m. Thursday, did not lude until 4 p.m. Thursday. uctions to the jury were ed by the attorneys Wed- day and presented by Cir- Judge B.E. Morgan to the at the conclusion of closing uments.

ne only charge to the jury murder; no instructions included giving the jury ons of voluntary or invol- untary manslaughter in any of four individual cases.



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

# Douglass Center site shifted

By Lex Somogyi  
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 that

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-

nasium 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-summit 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  
Hinds-Schaub News Service  
Springfield

Over objections from U.S.

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

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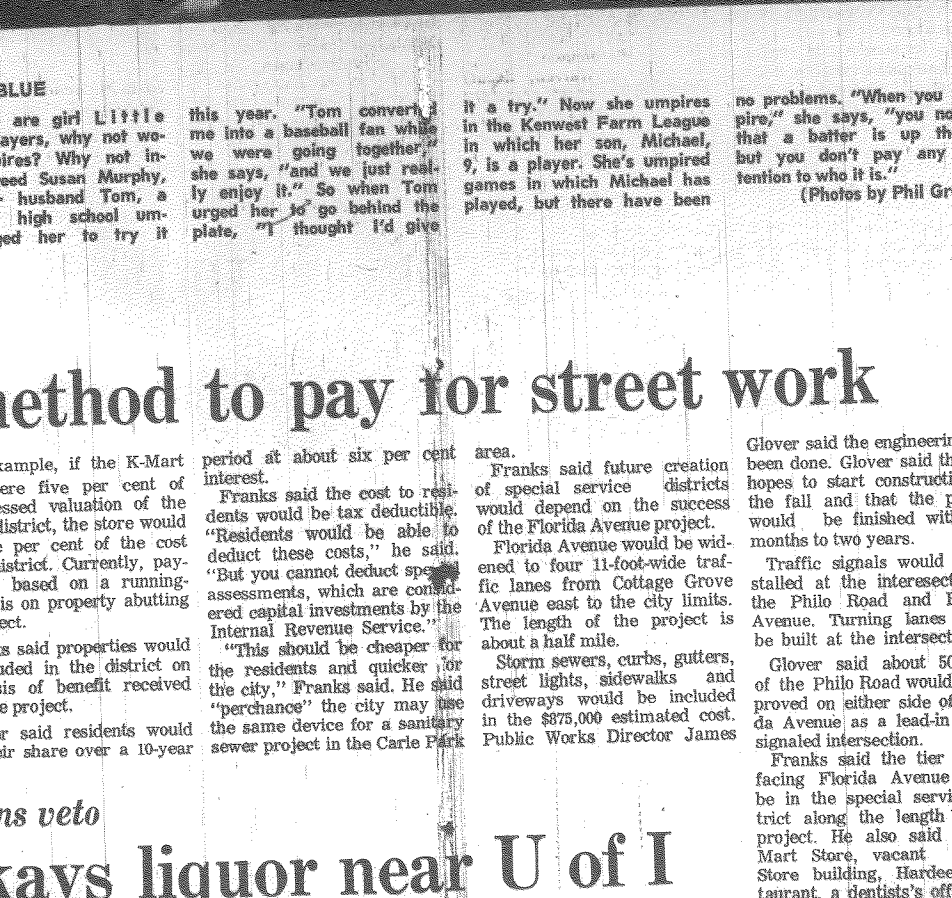
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wanted to be sure of getting the state's vote in case the presidential bid of George Wallace forced the election into the House for a final





# 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, rape; 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 13,000 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 the water and overturned, 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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plate, "I thought I'd give

it a try." Now she umpires  
in the Kanwest 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 um-  
pire," she says, "you notice  
that a batter is up there,  
but you don't pay any at-  
tention to who it is."  
(Photos by Phil Greer)

# method to pay for street work

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r said residents would  
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period at about six per cent  
interest.

Franks said the cost to resi-  
dents would be tax deductible.  
"Residents would be able to  
deduct these costs," he said.  
"But you cannot deduct spe-  
cial assessments, which are consid-  
ered 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 wid-  
ened to four 11-foot-wide traf-  
fic 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 in-  
stalled 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 im-  
proved on either side of Flori-  
da Avenue as a lead-in to the  
signalized intersection.

Franks said the tier of lots  
facing Florida Avenue would  
be in the special service dis-  
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project. He also said the K-  
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Store building, Hardee's res-  
taurant, a dentist's office and  
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of families. About 90 families  
would have to relocate.

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residents of having large num-  
bers 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

... Nash said he recognized that  
a majority of the construction  
workers would come from out-  
side DeWitt County but that  
they would spend some 10 per  
cent of their income in the  
county.

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of the study.

# low state funding

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funded almost en-  
the state legislature,  
y colleges rely on the  
only about 30 to 40  
their budgets.

... Staerkel also said that the  
possible six per cent cut is  
making it difficult to draw up  
a tentative budget to be intro-  
duced 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 com-  
munication division.

... Herbert R. Trenz will become  
Parkland College's first direc-

... tor 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, re-  
placing Louise Allen who is  
going to Sangamon State  
University. Batty has been di-  
rector 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 ac-  
cepted 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 represen-  
tative to the board of trustees.  
Mullen was recently re-elected  
student body president.

# takes over

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ther have a small staff  
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of people who weren't  
nt."

... ters told Friedlander  
ne RPC reports did not

... have "teeth" or went un-  
heeded 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.

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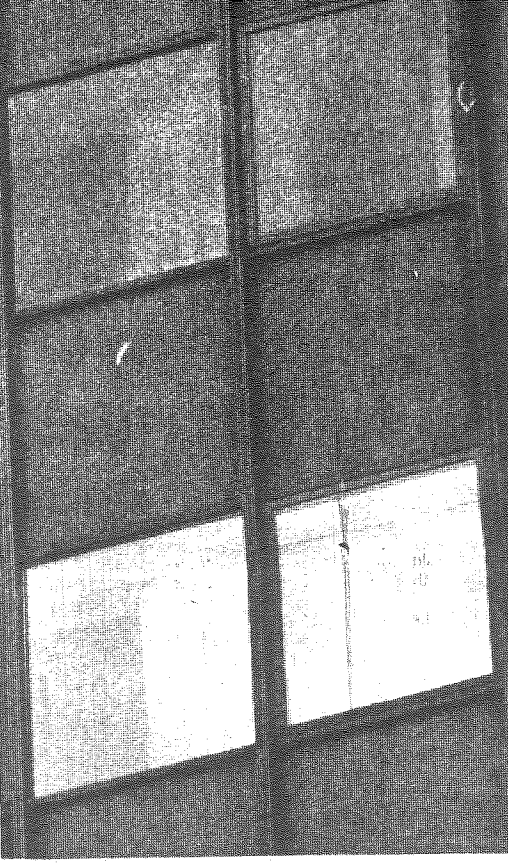
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SPRUCING UP

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)

# 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 com-  
mittee Wednesday night.

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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 in-  
volved.

When asked which plan they  
would recommend to the board,  
commissioners Donald Bresnan  
and Morgan Powell said they  
did not want to make a recom-  
mendation.

# a Avenue residents money

... remaining 70 per cent of  
cost would be shared  
property owners in the spe-  
cial district.

... cost to property owners  
be based on percentage  
assessed valuation of the  
... For example, the Flo-  
venue Apartments have  
assessed valuation of \$703,  
... 30.5 per cent of the  
... owners of those apart-  
ments would pay 30.5 per cent  
cost to the district, or  
\$96,000, during the pe-  
10 years or more.

... scheme would result in  
stantial savings to property  
s compared with special  
ments for the project,  
would have been about  
one-half foot.

... owner with a 60-foot-  
ment would pay \$2,400 under  
assessment plan.

... the new plan, his cost  
range from \$75 to \$1,  
n 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 fed-  
eral 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 tax-  
es paid in the district.

... Also tentatively included in  
the district were the K-Mart  
Store, the Welles Store build-  
ing, the Marathon Station and  
dentist's office at the corner  
of Philo and Florida Avenue,  
Hardee's restaurant and four  
vacant tracts near the intersec-  
tion 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 agree-  
ment with the city to annex.  
Paley said the city will at-  
tempt to annex the property  
during the summer.

... The State of Illinois will let  
bids on the project in Septem-  
ber. 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 pro-  
gram. 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, side-  
walks, 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 Ave-  
nue.

... Estimates were for construc-  
tion costs of \$600,000, \$114,000  
for acquisition of rights of way,  
\$35,000 for design engineering,  
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... They called a special meet-  
ing 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 solu-  
tion should be found to the  
problem. He urged the com-  
mittee, as he urged the board  
previously, that the construc-  
tion 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 meet-  
ing of the Full Gospel Business  
Men's Fellowship at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday at Westview School,  
703 S. Russell St., Champaign.



the process of filling out customary questionnaires. 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

Homer Charles Wilson has resigned as highway commissioner of South Homer Township.

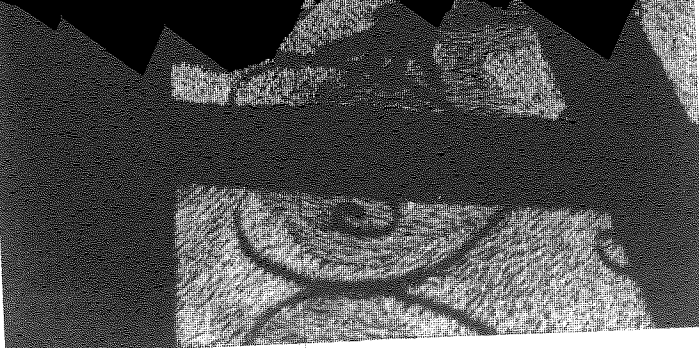
According to township supervisor Maurice Wieneke, Wilson resigned last Wednesday, citing ill health.

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 assure 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 Chinese history at 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" dark-room in her basement. Mrs. Saari took this picture with a 33mm 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 new

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 funds a new terminal, according to Chairman Wayne W. Wett. The committee is composed of area citizens.

"We have felt for a time that this is an important thing for the growth of

## 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. "Maybe there has been a misunderstanding here. Some of them may think they won't get the money."

"It just means they've got more back from the government, or they won't have to write as big a check (to federal taxes)," Hankinson said.

District employees on the month pay period will be receiving the lower withholding deduction June 13, retroactive to June 13. June 13 is the scheduled payday for employees.

Hankinson said he has received requests from teachers to continue the withholding deduction on 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 school at the northeast corner of Elm and streets.

The council has voted to purchase the park from the Development Corp. as a step towards downtown renovation. Mayor Hiram Hiram said he expects a court order would result in the preme court upholding powers to become involved in downtown development.

The council also will consider joining the University and the University in applying for a federalized computer program. Previously the school took no action after the news expressed fear of computer spying and data banks.

## Oakwood man 'found' at home

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 auditorium. The winner will represent the tri-

County Fair" in the tri-Douglas County Fair" queen contest in July at Arthur. Dottie's Fashion Shop will present a style show at the pageant, and the high school

judges and their sponsors are Kathy Hale, State Bank of Arthur; Marsha Riggs, Arthur Sportsmen's Club; Charity Dixon, Arthur Rotary Club;

Woman's Club; Connie Livesay, Sugar Bowl; LuAnn Sentel, Progress Ind. Teresa Ward, Arthur Shop.

...past rate" a government witness said Friday after an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hearing in Champaign had adjourned.

Talking to reporters, Donald W. Connor, a senior physicist at the Argonne National Laboratory, said that according to his evaluation, the need for electricity will grow despite conservation efforts.

"My conclusion is that IPC kilowatt load will probably grow at nearly the past rate and that the Clinton units will be needed about the time IPC hopes to complete them (about 1980)," he said.

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 Dodd.

He probably will be available for questioning the week of July 8, 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 longterm growth in the use of electrical energy will be different than in the past,"

...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

...clear 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 1982.

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,

...of agricultural land to be taken out of production.

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.

## To restore \$150,000 for Middlefork

# Dam supporters to fight for funds

By Earl Merkel  
Of The Courier

For the second year in a row, supporters of the Middlefork Reservoir project near Danville will be marshalling forces for a state Senate fight

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.

Leading the fight for the reservoir supporters will be Sen. Thomas Merritt of Hoopston, who also worked for successful reinstatement of the \$100,000 cut last year.

Merritt called the committee action "an affront to the 98 per cent of the people in Vermillion County" who have invested "substantial sums" in the proposed reservoir.

However, Merritt said he did not appear at the committee hearing. The reason, he said, was that he "felt we had the

thing set up."

Jim Yoho, secretary of the Vermillion 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.

The conservation league said the reservoir would endanger

...same road buckled at 3:10 p.m. Thursday east of Illinois near Weldon.

Other road bucklings were reported on Interstate 74, on Interstate 57 near Charleston Philo Road, on U.S. 36 Decatur and on Illinois 1 of Milford.

No accidents resulted from these bucklings and traffic was not rerouted. The pavement was quickly repaired by highway crews, police said.

Kickapoo State Park during periods of peak flow on Middlefork River.

Danville would be required to raise more than \$3 million in local funds as its share of the project, estimated to cost a total completed cost between \$15 and \$18 million.

Friday evening, Sen. S. Weaver of Urbana said he would oppose reinstatement of the reservoir funds.

Weaver, who voted against the reservoir funding last year, said, "As of now, it's the bill. If need be, I will vote not to put it back."

## 13 women vie for title at Philo

Philo  
Thirteen women are vying for the title of First Lady of the Philo Area Centennial Celebration.

The contestants signed up for a meeting attended by more than 100 women, held the First Lady contest. Shelfow, professional pianist for the July 13 celebration, explained the rules.

Candidates include: Brewer, Paula Burr, Franks, Mary France, Nancy Green, Dorothy Janice Hoke, Joan Jones, Ma Melohn, Eileen Cindy Bonnell Reed, Jean and Carol Warner.

Philo Senior Woman's Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary, assisted by a kick-off.

The contest is open to women at least 18 years of age, live, work or attend school in the Philo area.

The first lady and her court will be selected by a vote of the members of the club. The number of votes to be cast will be 750. The coupon is being sold during the contest on July 11, but other tickets for the outdoor pageant, "Philo Pageant," will cost \$2.50.

Coupons can be purchased beginning July 7 at the Centennial Store for a one dollar evening dance on July 16. A coupon with one dollar can be exchanged for a seat ticket costing \$3.

One coupon also can be used to obtain two tickets for the dance. Each coupon will be valid for the contest. Persons who purchase seat tickets for the dance will cast 7,500 votes.

Mrs. Lohn

## 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 goods 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 Eurail 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,

## 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.

Since then, she has undergone five operations to stem subsequent infections and must re-

The 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.

event, said, "There's a good chance she'll be on the kidney machine the rest of her life."

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.

Mrs. Eades, still not strong

the event received a print of a drawing of an Illinois prairie scene done by artist Harry Breen.

(Photo by Phil Greer)

## al fete at 400



Robert G. Bone

## expected to halt of sprinkler firm

that the national union would stop the city if the work were stalled.

Spain said the union is associated with the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of Plumbers and Pipefitters.

"I won't use licensed plumbers," Spain said, "and I've never had to post a bond for any work on private property. It's a public right of

sprinkler installation.

Waalier 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.

Waalier said he was asked to advise the city whether the Department of Public Health



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Ralph Peck

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police said that a bolt cutter a hammer were used to ak open the lockers. Dam- was estimated at \$4,000.

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 procedures, 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 university's affirmative action plan. If it is not renewed by the end of this month, the university 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

# Sprinkler issue seems resolved

The controversy about the installation of sprinklers at 603 E. University Ave. appears to be resolved.

The city of Urbana issued a stop work order Monday to employes 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 present the bond to the city sometime today. Larry E. Reed, director of the City Community Development-Services Department, said he was notified Monday by Spain's insurance company that a bond would be issued.

Spain said he had balked at posting a bond because he



Jack Peltason

June 30.

"What we thought was unfair 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 action 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."

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 restrictions; the state licensing code requires that only licensed plumbers perform work connected with any water supply to a building.

Robert Waaler, acting city attorney, notified State's Attorney 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 Wednesday 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 District, 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 demonstrations, 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 using a field guide and recognizing 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 amphibians, Mike Morris of the Illinois State Natural History Survey, instructor.

July 24: Taxidermy, Tom Kumlir, 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 commissioner Richard Davis Jr. said today he had been denied access to park district files.

Davis, an elected member of the Champaign park board, said he tried to look up information 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 William 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 apparently 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 considering legal action against the park district. He has been conferring with attorneys during the past few days.

Davis said, and Helms confirmed, that Helms told park district General Manager Robert Toalson not to release the information in that report "until 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 confuse 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 information.

The report apparently contains information Helms had pulled together during a week-long study of the park district finances last month.

# Black leaders picketing outside construction firm

Members of Champaign's black community continued Monday to picket the contractor 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 Champaign'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 protesting the construction of what they call an "inadequate" center. 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 McCabe Brothers Inc., in Champaign, the demolition contractor 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 received an extension on their starting date of the contract until architect E. Hedrick Clay could work out plans for placing 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 contractor "as long as necessary."

# Paley won't veto liquor DCC opposes closing center

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 adopted 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 Waaler 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 Thunderbird, Treno's and Timpon's. He said none of those owners had asked to sell hard liquor, and he expected only beer and wine would be sold.

Representatives of the Downtown Champaign Council (DCC) will go before the Champaign City Council tonight to ask the council and the Champaign Park District to find some way to keep the Downtown Senior Citizens Center open.

The DCC, comprised of downtown merchants and businessmen, at a meeting this morning unanimously approved a resolution urging both bodies to reconsider closing the center at 9 Main St.

At a June 17 regular meeting, the city council informally voted to cut off funds to the Senior Citizens Center, suggesting the operation should be supported by the park district.

For fiscal 1975 the city council was asked to provide \$30,000 from revenue sharing funds for the center.

The city had provided \$25,000 in both fiscal 1973 and 1974 after deciding to set up a downtown 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.

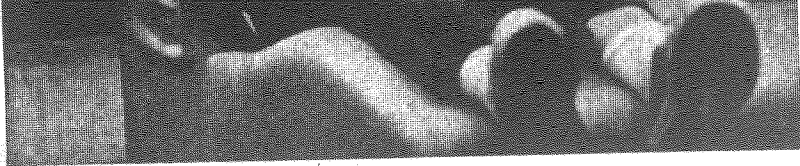
"Of course, we can only let them know our feelings about the center," Bigler said, pointing out that the DCC also has no funds with which to finance the center.

Robert Derrough, DCC executive 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," Derrough said. "The senior citizens center adds vitality to the area."

Bigler is expected to be accompanied by other members of the DCC at tonight's city council meeting. A delegation of senior citizens from the downtown center is also expected to attend.

**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 Allen Franklin sent to Carle Hospital.



### 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)

Illinois Power and Nuclear Regulatory Commission attorneys said Thursday that if sections of Rieber's testimony were admitted, they would object to it on a sentence-by-sentence basis.

The dispute over Rieber's testimony emphasized the disadvantage the Salt Creek Association faces with its limited resources opposing Illinois Power Co.

has done studies on coal mines and energy use.

After the questioning, Lazo 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 that he would submit Rieber's testimony to a courtroom, but in it is up to the board to value the testimony. The testimony would be accepted.

The board on Thursday ruled a model used by Illinois to predict the cost of fuel.

Dodd has tried to obtain from an expert witness the cost so that the Salt Creek court could use the testimony in attacking the company's figures on the project.

Dodd also has

## 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 Lemont 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 Davis 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 Taibot, 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 Taibot.

"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.

## Heritage Days begin

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.
  - 9 a.m. - 6 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 Antiques 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 Bear 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 p.m. - Little German Band Concert (Elks 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.

# 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, according to state police reports.

State police of the sheriff's staffing the investigation.

Charges against Salinas include driving too fast, driving on a cannabis control law, lawful possession and ammunition of the legal name.

Headquarters District 10 reported the substance was marijuana.

Authorities reported trying to determine where other people have been involved in the case.

Salinas was taken to Judge James Shumway in Douglas County Court.

# 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.

"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.

## 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.



### GROUND BROKEN

The scoop shovel in the foreground dwarfs those who turned out this morning for the groundbreaking for the new

Speech and the Urbans the left back of I Psychol



signed by 25 in-  
of the County Jail pro-  
conditions was made  
today.

petition specifically de-  
that improvements be  
in food, recreational fa-  
medical care, access  
missary, television and  
s.

the petition, "We are  
beings and want to be  
d as human beings.

st dogs are more hu-  
y treated than we are.  
me of us have not even  
n the law — we are mere-  
erged with offenses.

me of us have violated  
law, but this jail and its  
ions aren't going to reha-  
te anyone."

letter was released by  
ackleford Community In-  
e of Champaign.

## arrested after crash

dispute following a Mon-  
night traffic accident in  
ampaign led to the arrest  
two men on charges of dis-  
rly conduct and resisting  
ce.

Arrested about 11 p.m. Mon-  
were Edwin "Stevie" Jack-  
31, of 1210 W. Eureka  
Urbana, and Lawrence  
ano" Williams, 32, address  
nown.

Police alleged that Jackson,  
is on probation for a 1973  
manslaughter conviction, and  
Williams, who is free on appeal  
and in connection with  
armed robbery, obstructed  
icers investigating a traffic  
accident at 1st and Hill streets.

Jackson was convicted in Oc-  
ber 1973 of shooting Cornelius  
rtrner on a street in north-  
st Champaign. After killing  
a reputed gang leader, Jack-  
n disappeared for two years  
till FBI agents arrested him  
Ypsilanti, Mich.

Williams is appealing a con-  
ction on the armed robbery  
a local restaurant.

In a report of the incident,  
Shurtz said that Williams was  
acked three times to leave the  
cene of the accident and final-  
y was arrested when he re-  
used. Jackson was arrested,  
police said, when he inter-  
ed with officers making the  
rrest of Williams. The two  
were not involved in the acci-  
dent.

## Woman hurt in accident

A 55-year-old Mahomet wom-  
an was in the emergency  
room of Mercy Hospital late  
this morning being treated for  
arm and leg injuries she re-  
ceived in an accident.

Ruth R. Stanley was struck  
by an auto at 7:51 a.m. at  
University Avenue and 2nd  
Street, Champaign.

Police said a car driven by  
Katherine A. Cottle, 20, of 2420  
E. Elm St., Urbana, was west-  
bound on University. Mrs. Stan-  
ley was crossing the street to  
get to her place of employ-  
ment at the Beasley Cab Co.  
when she was struck by the  
Cottle vehicle.

No tickets were issued, police  
said.

## Not for all Council to stop taking the pledge

The Urbana City Council vot-  
ed Monday to eliminate the  
pledge to the



DEFENDANTS IN MURDER TRIAL

Four men charged with the  
Nov. 9 murder of former Uni-  
versity of Illinois football play-  
er 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 Hav-  
ener, 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 approv-  
ed \$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 commission-  
ers 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 Coop-  
er, 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.  
Shurtz 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.

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.

## Paley, Mrs. Scott over nomination

By John Smetana  
Of The Courier

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mitteewoman Anna Wall Scott  
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man to the Human Relations  
Commission.  
At issue was Charles Ger-  
ron, 23, of 1303 W. Hill St.

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 communi-  
ties.

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 Cook  
County.

Kant said it had not been  
determined today which police  
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 northeast  
corner of Race and El  
streets.

Bussey First National Ba-  
nk and the Champaign Cou n-  
Bank and Trust Co. will be

Mrs. Scott said. "My  
science 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-  
"one has to be proven gu-  
In checking, I found that  
Gerron has not been convi-  
of any charges. It is a  
note, but I wanted all of  
to know."

"Nothing was said to



# 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 nicker 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 dis-

### 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.

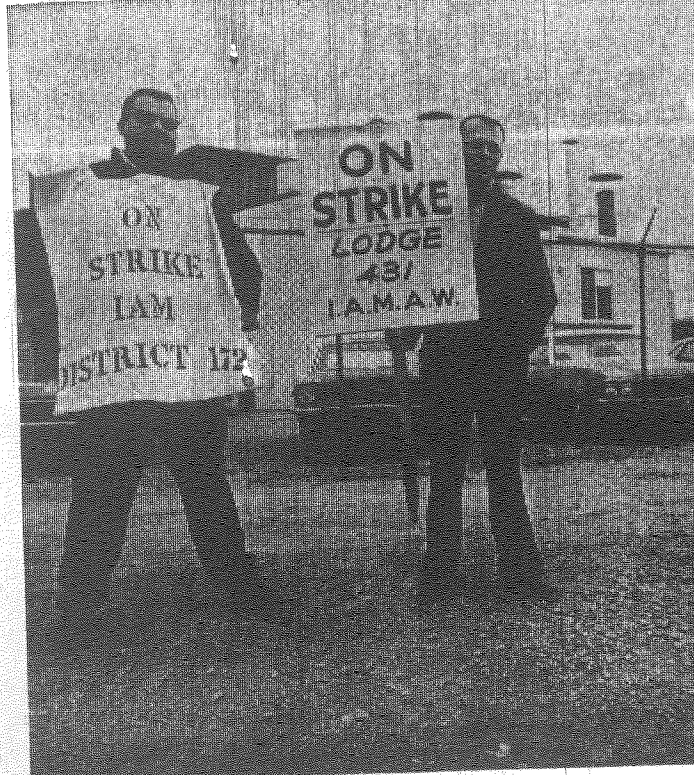
trict's lap where it should have stayed," said Richard Davis Jr., a commissioner of the Champaign park board this morning about the Champaign city Council's rejection of a \$100,000 extra grant to build a comprehensive Frederick Douglass Community Center.

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.

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.



JOHNSON-KOEHRING PLANT SHUT DOWN

Pickets stand outside the C. S. Johnson Division plant of the Koehring Co. on Kerwood 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 members on strike, which effort union is seeking contract with a cent wage increase year and another

## 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.

Harden recommended the board approve the bonding and Lincoln school sale, and do 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 need 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 rehiring 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 rehiring and evaluation would continue through the summer, with additional teachers to be rehired by the district.

Included on the rehiring 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 "calculus." He said he and assistant superintendent Ralph Davis—also listed as a "director"—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

actions would be taken to save money when raises and assistant

Frankly, I'm not my time to pay of others."

Board president Garrison told move was no demotion but of a central tion asked by

The board continue Thomas as titled assistant

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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 financing a war from now

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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# Editorials These are our opinions

The Courier, Champaign-Urbana

## 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

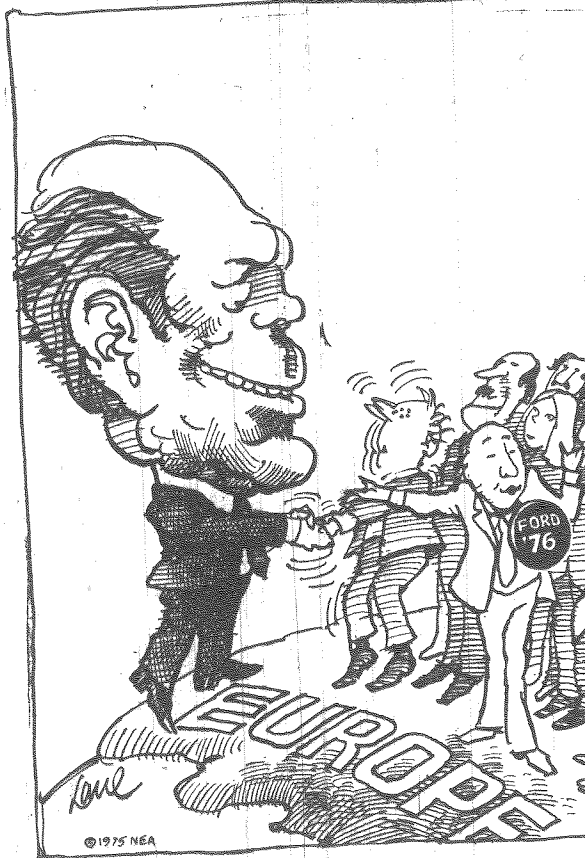
But surely legislators who use their offices to solicit bribes and extort money for those subject to the laws they make should not be given a free rein for their activities from the state Constitution.

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.

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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

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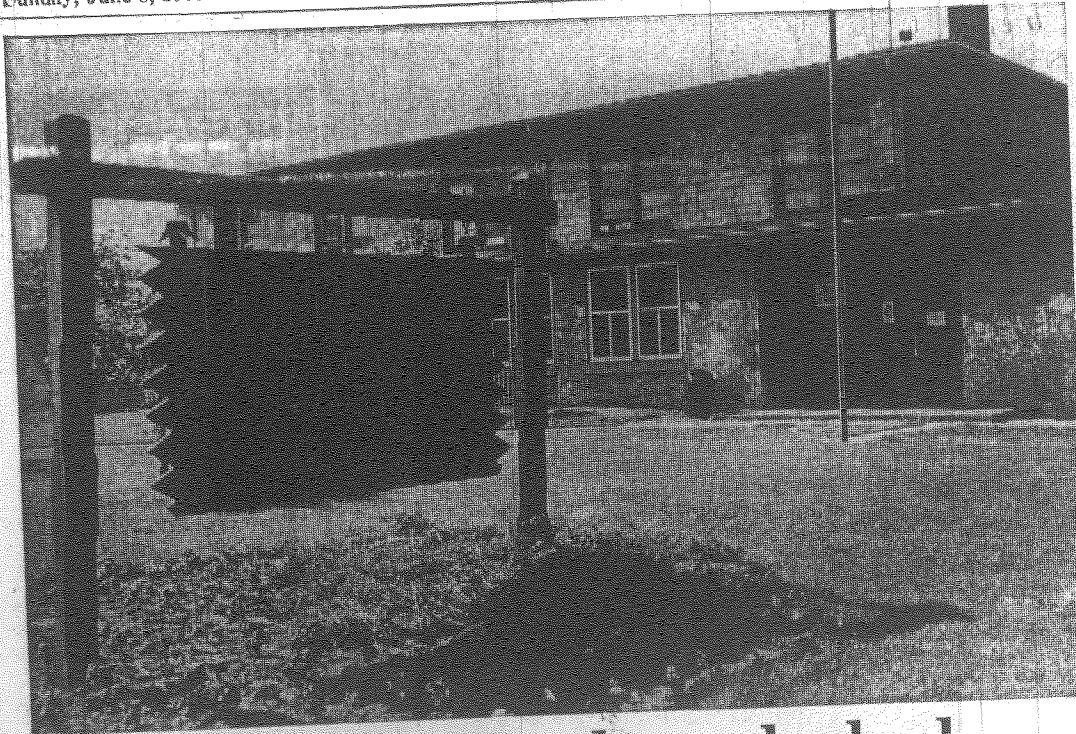
Whatever the problems were — and there were many — the old airships had one thing in common: They used very little energy when compared to more conventional modes of transportation.

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 lifting 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.

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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.

## Helm's proposal rejected; stalemate still unbroken

A six-part offer by Champaign park board President William Helms Jr. to resolve the Douglass Center controversy was rejected Saturday by black community leaders.

The Douglass Center Steering Committee met for 30 minutes with Helms at 4 p.m. Saturday in the library addition of the Frederick Douglass Community Center at 5th and Grove streets.

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- 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.

- Discussing the desires of the community. Helms reportedly recommended more meetings with black leaders to de-

ed, such as a senior citizens wing, a meeting or activity room and a library.

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## Members discuss cooperation, consolidation

# C-U councils agree to meet quarterly

By John Smetana  
Of The Courier

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 local-  
ly 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 elec-  
ted 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

Six Champaign City Coun-  
cil members agreed Saturday  
to permit the use of \$167,000  
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.

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

Miller proposed using \$262,-  
000 from the surplus fund and  
\$167,000 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

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  
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The \$167,000 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  
fund.

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-  
ning" in the budget process  
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# Council agrees to switch funds

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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 wishful 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 plotting 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

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

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



John Foster Dulles again? to war on the mainland of Asia. We forgot in Vietnam. Will we forget again?

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:  
Illinois State Bar Assn.  
Illinois Bar Center  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

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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.



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, which starts Dec. 1.

By Michael Murphy  
Of The Courier

Champaign County's metro- politan 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 Vermilion 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 co-operatively 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."

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-Vermilion county narcotics program is approved.

# 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 between 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

"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. Eureka 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 \$288,374 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 Matsdorff 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 for the new recreation center 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

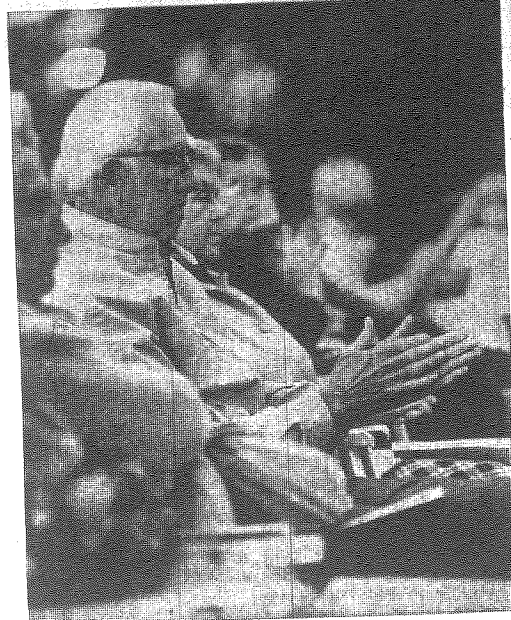
H.I. Gelvin, president of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District board, may be serving his last full term on the board.

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



## 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

## Claim Willard terminal is inadequate

# Chambers of Commerce lead tour of

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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# 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. Hedric 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 Matzdorff 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 Matzdorff said the case may be appealed to the state's plumbing board of appeals.

If the appeal fails, Matzdorff 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 Bussey 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 Emulsoat 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 Liester, 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 possession 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 Railroad near DeWitt at 3:45

## 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 took 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

Vientiane, 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 \$8.5 million, most of which will be turned over to the Lao government within 15 days.

Normally the PEOF totals about \$22 million, with the United States matching each country's grant.



**EAGLE SCOUT**

Earl Snook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Q. 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.

## 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 ceasefire broke down last Wednesday. In the previous year before the cease-fire, an estimated 5,900 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."

## 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 totaling \$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 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 Pabla 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.

## 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.

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slightly injured. 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

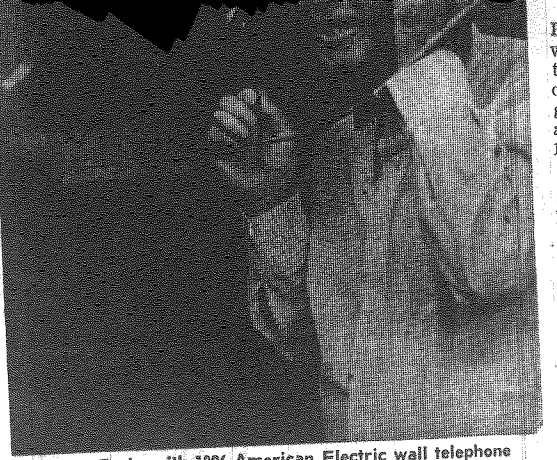
By late Tuesday night the only dangerous spot was a pump station of the sanitary district just north of Interstate 74 west of Illinois Central Railroad tracks. Lustig said fire department meters showed that fumes at the pump station were still dangerous then.

"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

A spokesman for the Board of High Schools, said of the campuses grant their employees averaging 10 per 1975-76 school year.

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# 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. Nell 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. Helms 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)	25%
Beatrice Foods	17 1/2
Congo Instruments (Cap and Gown)	NT
Central Soya	15 1/2
National Distillers (USI)	17 1/2
Jewel (Eisner)	8 1/2
Magnavox	39 1/2
Kraftco (Kraft-Humko)	67 1/2
Sears	25
Super-Valu (IGA)	50 1/4
AT&T	15
Carson Pirie & Scott	25 1/2
Illinois Power	88 1/2
Coca Cola	35 1/2
Kresge, S.S.	9
Ozark	15 1/2
Illinois Central	12 1/2
Wellgreen	42 1/2
CIPS	28 1/2
SO (IND)	33 1/2
Texaco	33 1/2
Panhandle Eastern Pipeline	34
Thomas Jefferson Life Insurance	34-3/4
Holding Corp. of America	37
Esmark (Swift & Co.)	14 1/2
Central Illinois Light Co.	21 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

WHEAT		High	Low	Close
July	3.62	3.49		3.59
Sept	3.70	3.48		3.60
Dec	3.80	3.65		3.78
Mar	3.89	3.76		3.86
May	3.88 1/2	3.74		3.84
CORN				
July	2.95	2.84 1/2		2.95
Sept	2.97	2.87		2.73
Dec	2.77	2.67		2.73 1/2
Mar	2.65	2.57		2.63 1/4
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	1.52 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		5.63
Aug	5.60	5.45		5.56
Sept	5.59	5.43		5.54
Oct	5.61	5.44 1/2		5.53
Nov	5.69	5.52 1/2		5.63
Jan.	5.69	5.62		5.71
Mar	5.77 1/2	5.62		5.79
May	5.85	5.71		5.85
July	5.89	5.77		5.85
Aug	5.90	5.78		5.86

# House rejects abolishing committee on intelligence

Washington (AP) The House today overwhelmingly rejected a move to abolish its dissenation-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. Giaimo, 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 into 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 dissenation 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.

# 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

## Council to sue; quick court action hoped

# Paley won't sign, setting up test

By John Smetana

city attorney in the suit against his refusal.

On June 2, the council voted to refuse signature.

"It is my opinion," Paley

a chance, but the UEA statement 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.

from somebody who give 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."

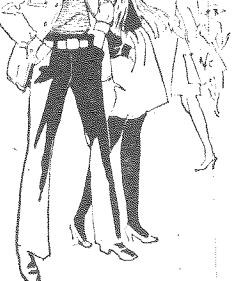
"It seemed so innocent I didn't call him to inform him about the school plan," Scott said. "We weren't trying to start a political action."

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.



### 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 gladiolas 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 Wartens 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.

small part of the 30 years 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.

ous, 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-

in good health. "I can eat Mrs. Stewart aren't we?" "We sure Mills. Helen Lich Shoup, 73, of Harding Drive waiting in the harness r Many of bet among t er win anyt the one tha Mrs. Lich "I like h cause I like

## 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

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.

### 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.

## Shows champion sheep in junior Suffolk c Lana Clark continues

Lana Clark, 17, of Blue Mound today continued a family tradition by winning the champion ran 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;

Kelly Miller champion Donna Setzer reserve Ches Tim Frer reserve Ha While ju animals in fair offic watching a which beg the midw The rain, end the g covey fro pours, wh the fair. Tuesday ed the fa to 6.25 la "If it rain Satu been a r

## 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-

ment 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.

The city's current tax levy is \$1.25 per \$100 assessed valu-

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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 \$800,000 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.

## Departments Merrill

By Gerald Lindsay-Schau  
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 Department of Children and

Ideally, that would have been the case. Mrs. Mary Lee Leahy, who replaced the controversial Jerome Miller as DCFS

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. Bresnani 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.

# Disabled ac

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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The proposal said, "It is proposed that the Campaign 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

## Urbana contribution awaited

# Donated office may house Douglass library

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 Campaign library board.

The building, which formerly housed the offices of the Cham-

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

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

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

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-

# 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

Commissioner Dorinda 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

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.

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.

"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.

Bresnan said, "I'm sympathetic about the 90 per cent request. But the board can't do anything about it."

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 Campaign voters approved a \$2.3 million bond issue.

## 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).

## Heart Association sets swim marathon

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

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the patriotic and make-believe  
divisions.

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ners were: the children of Mr.  
and Mrs. Eugene Miller, first  
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the children of Mr. and Mrs.

## 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.

ed it into a ditch, police said.  
When the collision occurred,  
a tape deck was playing in  
the car, the air conditioner was  
on and the windows were rolled  
up, police said. Only one pas-  
senger, Don Meriweather, 26,  
of 70 Burch Village, Cham-  
paign, reported seeing the train  
just before it hit the car.

Train conductor Howard  
Mack of 505 S. Cottage Grove  
Ave., Urbana, told police the  
train's light and whistle were  
operating and the train's air  
brakes were applied before the  
crash.  
Bell Meriweather and James

Friday night's activities fea-  
tured a beard - growing con-  
test, with singers from the Illi-  
nois Grand Ole Opry troupe  
selecting five winners.

The winners were: Charles  
McCann, bushiest; Glenn  
Kaets, best Van Dyke; Lawr-  
ence Walsh, best moustache;  
Kenneth Essmann, best beard;  
and Stephen Kuipers, tried-the-  
hardest.

"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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The other finalists were Wa  
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Strom was plumbing a  
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The five-day festival will c  
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the third round of the East  
Illinois League baseball tour  
ment 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 Lot  
8, Block 6 of the Illinois Central Rail Road Addition to Ur  
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Building is Two Story Brick, 22' x 66' in size with full base  
ment, practically new furnace, both floors are fully carpeted  
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  
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title may be examined at the attorney's office. Seller re  
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.



# D.G.S.

The Douglass Center controversy is about to close, still unresolved.

Two meetings last week of the citizens' "Steering Committee" and the Champaign Park District commissioners changed nothing as far as getting an agreement which will allow construction to begin.

It is frankly difficult to find much positive in this dispute which has dragged on through the summer.

At first, it appeared that the park commissioners were being stubborn in failing to designate some priorities which would have guaranteed construction of a badly needed community building, with adequate space for senior citizen activities.

We editorially urged the park district to recognize the serious need for the building and to do what was necessary to start construction. At the same time, we said that the steering committee had to recognize that remodeling of the Douglass Center Annex might be a viable, and less expensive alternative to adding space to the plans for the new building.

The new building is a major project remaining from the Champaign Park District's 1972 bond issue. It would replace the old, crumbling Douglass Center, and there has never been much argument that the Douglass Park neighborhood needed a new community center. There have been major disagreements, reaching almost tragic proportions, about the amount of money available, how it should be spent, and what the neighborhood residents wanted. Once, all that seemed settled. Then the park district was caught in the economic crunch.

That is where a community tragedy began. The steering committee, whose motives at first seemed like those of the good guys, insisted on some kind of decent facilities for the Douglass area senior citizens.

They succeeded (and we use

that word advisedly) in preventing demolition of the old building. The park district then ordered new plans drawn up, so the building could be built next door to the old one. Thus, there are needless, and expensive, extra architect's drawings.

It looked as though the impasse might be resolved when the park commissioners came up with an additional \$100,000 for the \$900,000 project. The steering committee has insisted on additional money, which does not appear to be available.

The park commissioners have maintained all along that they would keep open the possibility of later adding space to the new building. Right now, it is estimated the \$100,000 would provide another 2,000 square feet.

The annex building is structurally sound, and this has been privately confirmed by an architect, and it has 3,500 square feet of space. It is, plain and simple, a better buy.

Some members of the steering committee say staffing will be a problem if there are two buildings. Unfortunately, park district staffing is a problem no matter what is built, because a proposed recreational fund tax increase, to provide additional staffing, failed when the building referendum passed.

The remodeled annex would have to be for more than the senior citizens' use, by the way. At one recent meeting, members of the steering committee were asked if the senior citizens, who currently meet in the annex, necessarily wanted to be in the main building. A spokesman, Kenneth Stratton, said he had not talked to the senior citizens.

Sometimes the spokesman is Mr. Stratton, generally a reasonable man who we feel honestly wants the matter settled. At other times, there are other spokesmen, and always in the background or the foreground is Roy Williams. Mr. Williams'

## It's time to settle controversy

chief contribution apparently is absolute insistence that the park commissioners require that construction workers employed on the project be 90 per cent black.

That is perhaps philosophically sound, and most of the commissioners would agree. It is not practical, nor is it legal.

There seems to be disagreement among the steering committee as to whether they will accept the \$100,000 to remodel the annex. The park board clearly is leaning toward that, probably by a three - to - two margin, with Commissioners Richard Davis and Donald Bresnan being morally committed to putting the money all in one building.

Meanwhile, bids for electrical work are due Tuesday and until late last week no electrical contractor had expressed any interest. Three electrical contractors have taken specifications, and one of them is a black contractor, who might indeed employ 90 per cent blacks.

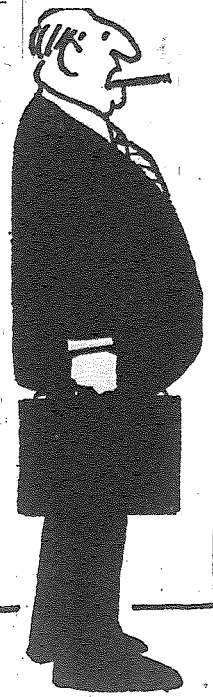
At this late date, the best action for the steering committee is to help the park district build what the park commissioners vote. The committee can save some face by giving the commissioners assurance that they will attempt to prevent picketing. That will require the various leaders of the citizens group dealing with any dissent in their own ranks.

There can be no further useful purpose in refusing to accept remodeling of the annex, refusing to allow the old building demolished or especially in the unreasonable demand for 90 per cent minority employment.

It is time to turn off the Douglass Center protest and come to terms. Otherwise, some folks who really didn't intend to may look like the villains.

D. G. SCHUMACHER  
EDITOR

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"You'll be interested to know much of South America's price has gone



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## Castro may to Western

(c) New York Times  
Havana

Fidel Castro recently has been showing President Echeverria of Mexico around Cuba, talking about the importance of fish, the breeding of milk cows, and the health and the education of the Cuban people.

A visiting reporter, tagging along, hadn't the vaguest idea of what they said in private about the changing relations of the Americas and the mysteries of the Communist world, but it is fairly clear here that the emphasis is on the maintenance, and what Castro calls, the "institutionalizing" of the Cuban revolution.

The first party congress of Cuban Communists will be held in Havana next December. A

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 the district 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

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



# 7 druggists not filling orders

that \$1.75 plus the wholesale cost of the drug.

The policy was effective Aug.

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 that the increase in sales. Baker - Ilhmi 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, Sept. 10, 10:14 a.m., unusual odor reported. Someone baking corn leaves and corn roots in chemical oven as an experiment. U of I punper 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.

# 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.

Reasoning 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 Bussey First National Bank.

# Senior citizens addition could be smaller

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.

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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 Central 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 contracts in Champaign Park annex should 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 suggests the annex should serve as a temporary senior citizens center until the new addition is completed.

# Douglass Center group pares building requests

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## 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 determination board and 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 percent before it cut off negotiations.

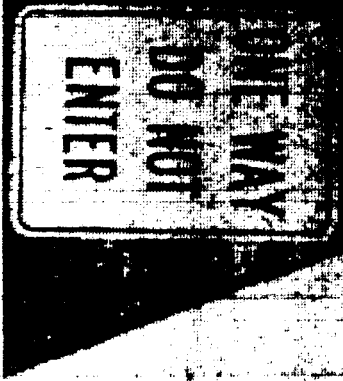
The teachers rejected that proposal, as they had earlier offers from the board, but they agreed to comply with it until Oct. 30.

### BUT THE SCHOOLS ARE OPEN

Area schools all are open, sidewalk at the entrance to Garden Hills School in Cham-

paid this morning might have confused a few people. If at

trates.



## 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 changes.

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 Palmore 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

plans for the Douglass project during the past five months, said he was "glad" about the outcome of the final vote.

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

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# U.S. farmer tells of his life in China

By Charles Handbold

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Asked whether there was  
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"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."

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# Construction of Douglass nears start

Construction of the new Fred-  
erick Douglass Community  
Center may begin in two to  
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Champaign park officials are  
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-  
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## FIREMEN COMPLETE EMERGENCY TRAINING

Six Urbana firemen have  
completed an emergency med-  
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# 'Tragic' the word for Douglass debate 5 bitter months, but it's the same center

By Les Somogyi  
Of The Courier

"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.

## Commentary

"Yeah, you ought to know it," snapped fellow commissioner and vice president of the park board Patricia Leonard.

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-

suspend eligibility lists in civil cases where discriminatory hiring has been proven.

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 inflexible 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. Leonard 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. Leonard 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 infractionary trends." He called Helms "a suburban man."

Davis said when Helms showed up at a negotiating session

signed by Gov. Daniel Walker, makes precinct committeemen deputy registrars effective Oct. 1.

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. Too 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 misinterpretations of the intent of the council."

Paley said the council adopted several resolutions dealing with Vine Street that left the course of action to be followed unclear.

James P. Neal, once an advocate of a temporary road, told the council he favored city acquisition of a right-of-way and construction of a permanent 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, criticized the council for not following its own priorities. In one resolution, the council gave improvement of Windsor Road and South Lincoln Avenue priority over the Vine Street opening.

"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 pressure for action."

"are you suggesting that we not deal with Vine Street until we do something with Windsor Road?" asked Jeffrey Markland, R-5th Ward.

"Yes," said Mrs. Wyld. "Whom should we push," asked the mayor, "the governor? 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 Springfield?" 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 conduct private negotiations," Appel said, "because there is no political effect from private negotiations. There is a gubernatorial 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 aldermen were backtracking," Paley said. "Some of them were backing away from a temporary road, wouldn't you say so?"

### 'KIDS' ELECT

Kids for Animals has elected officers. They are Debbie Hardy of Bondville, president; Andy Propst of 501 W. Michigan Ave., Urbana, vice president; Lisa Day of 406 E. Elm St., Urbana, secretary, and Brian Wort of 407 W. Washington St., Urbana, treasurer.

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Included in that category are the afternoon and evening classes in crafts and skills and the basic adult educational and high school equivalency programs.

Those programs are financed by a variety of sources, including the Urbana school district. The three special programs 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 establishment of the programs caused a program allocation extension to Sept. 30, Garth said.

Allocations for other projects was reduced, Gart said, but only those three programs administered by the Adult Education Center were completely eliminated.

# New Douglass allocation OK'd

An additional \$36,390 was approved Monday afternoon by the Champaign Park Board for Douglass Center reconstruction.

The bill was submitted by English Brothers, general contractor on the project. Total cost for the project is estimated at \$377,620.

Robert Toalson, general manager of the park district, said the major portion of the extra cost is due to the contractor providing temporary heat during the construction.

The increased cost is a result 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 include: \$20,250 in the electrical work, \$5,800 in the demolition work, \$6,000 in architect's fee, \$500 in legal fees and \$36,390 in the basic general construction cost.

# D.G.S.

## 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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### LITERARY QUEST

Fine reading material is hard to come by, but Troy Walker, 10, of Champaign (above) has discovered a source. He periodically checks the trash container at the Champaign - Urbana News Agency with his friends Matt Carter, 11, and Hymme Hogue, 8 (at right, in container). They found quite a treasure Wednesday evening: Planet of the Apes comic books, piles of them.

(Photos by Kevin Horan)

