



New Voice On Park Board



MRS. HOWERTON: Council's Choice For Park Board

Lady Member To Battle For Kids On The West

By CHARLES KURALT
Charlotte News Staff Writer
The new lady member of the Park Board took a forthright stand on the city's recreation controversies today.

Mrs. Robert D. Howerton, elected by the City Council yesterday after a month of Council infighting, said: "I. She wants to see more playgrounds on the west side of town."

She thinks Park Board emphasis on spectator sports has gone "plenty far enough" and that it's time to work for family recreation.

She favors the long-range recommendations of the Allen report, including the "school-park" concept, which would turn many school playgrounds into community recreation centers.

Mrs. Howerton thus made it clear which way she'll be voting when questions involving these issues come before the board.

She is a pleasant, soft spoken lady with no previous formal experience in the governmental arena.

She chooses to support the Allen report's provisions strongly at Park Board meetings, she is certain to find opposition from male members who think the report's recommendations are visionary and unrealistic.

Mrs. Howerton had the support of Councilmen Elio Wilkinson, Herman Brown and James S. Smith on the first ballot yesterday. Councilwoman Martha Evans switched her vote to make a majority and then other councilmen fell in to make it unanimous.

Mrs. Howerton said she still had not received official notification of her election this morning.

Before she does, she expects a siege of requests for parks to start pouring in from recreation-savvy citizens.

And quite by coincidence, she has arranged to be out of town next week. She will attend a national parents' meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio, before buckling down to her new duties.

Did Union Funds Buy Auto Gift?

WASHINGTON (P) — Senate racketeering investigators said Monday Teamsters Union funds went to buy a new automobile for an organizer's girl friend.

Pierre Salinger, a staff investigator, testified to the Senate Rackets Probe Committee, that a check signed by Frank Brewster, chairman of the Western Conference of Teamsters, on the conference's funds was used to buy a car registered in the name of Mary James, Route 1, Bethel, Wash.

PAID \$3,115
Salinger said he found out in a telephone interview with Miss James that the car was purchased for her in June 1954 for \$3,115 by Terry McNulty, paid as a union organizer.

There has been previous testimony that McNulty, while carried on the conference payroll as an organizer, devoted considerable time to Brewster's horse racing stable.

Salinger said McNulty, also interviewed by committee investigators, claimed the price of the car was refunded in cash to the Western Conference. But Salinger said no such amount is shown as an incoming item on the conference's records.

Salinger said McNulty claimed he turned over the money to Gordon Lindsey, former secretary-treasurer of the conference but now deceased.

Just before the hearings resumed, Brewster told newsmen he is willing to hand over his personal financial records to the committee.

The hearing, now in its fourth day, started out with testimony linking Teamsters officials with vice operations in Portland. Witnesses said the officials tried to force union funds for enforcement in the city.

While the rackets phase of the inquiry slipped into the background, the committee dug deep into Brewster's operations — his racing stables, his investments in the city and his other business plans to repay the union what he owes it.



Macmillan (Left) And Eisenhower Ride Through Hamilton Streets

Ike, Macmillan Assign Top Priority To Mideast Crisis

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda (P) — President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan assigned priority to the Middle East crisis, including Suez and Egyptian-Israeli problems, at the opening of their formal negotiations today.

The session opened in the drawing room of the Mid-Ocean Club, where chiefs of the two governments met with advisers at a circular conference table.

Real start of the top-level quest for full-scale restoration of the British-American partnership in world affairs began at a three-hour dinner last night, however, when the President and Prime Minister and secretaries of state reviewed world issues.

NUMBER ONE
As a result of that talk, the Middle East crisis was put first as a topic.

While no announcement was made, it seemed probable that second position for discussion would be Britain's plans for cutting back its worldwide military commitments.

American officials foresaw a possibility the United States may have to make new commitments of its own to keep the free world's military guard up.

A meeting of U.S. and British defense plans was assured a high place on the agenda, as was the tangle of urgent Middle East issues involving vital interests of both countries.

Diplomats said the President and Prime Minister, together with Secretary of State Dulles, Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and other officials, probably would hold two meetings daily through Saturday.

The two government chiefs in statements made on their arrival yesterday both expressed confidence their Bermuda meeting would result in a strengthening of British-American cooperation in world affairs.

Their advisers agreed privately that this hope can be realized only if the two men can arrive at agreements or better understandings on some very tough and very practical problems.

The issue of Britain's military cutbacks is in this class. Macmillan came here determined to tell Eisenhower that because of sagging finances and economic pressure at home, Britain must retrench. The British feel there can be no change in that basic decision.

American officials said the U.S. government recognizes the gravity of Britain's plight but is worried about the effect of the planned cutbacks on the free world's defenses. They think Macmillan is prepared to negotiate the timing and extent of the reductions.

The United States, these officials said, so far has not been fully and officially informed of Britain's plan, whether known by Britain in the next year will help some 13,000 of the 80,000 men it has in West Germany, an announced plan.

Evening Prayer
Our Father, who dost bring forth in hearts upon thee the fruit of gentleness; grant that the strength of our conviction shall never be weakened by the harshness of our attitudes. Through Him who when reviled, reviled not again. Amen.

WRECK DROPS WIRES INTO WATER
Deadly Ditch Kills Three Youngsters

MAHONOMET, Minn. (P) — A fatally charged pool of water, fed by a broken high tension electric line, killed three youngsters who raced to a wrecked car containing the bodies of two crash victims early today.

Six more teenagers in the wrecked car escaped alive by climbing to the top of the car and leaping over the deadly water to dry ground.

Mecklenburg's Second Senator Rests On Vote

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
RALEIGH (P) — A showdown on the burning issue of legislative reapportionment has been set for Tuesday.

Senators' Judiciary Committee decided today to vote at that time on two measures which would amend provisions of the State Constitution regarding reapportionment.

While the report of the Tuesday vote was somewhat encouraging to proponents of the immediate reapportionment, there was no indication which way the 1957 General Assembly has been easier to deal with on this matter than any other legislation in the past few years.

HOUSE DIFFICULTY
If the bill gets past the committee and, later, the Senate, it is expected to have rough riding in the House. The passage would automatically give Mecklenburg a second senator.

Sen. Claude Currie of Durham made the motion to set the vote for Tuesday. One reason for the action was that Sen. N. Elton Ayllett of Pasquotank, sponsor of the measures, was not present for today's session.

The legislative reapportionment issue was the subject of a stormy hearing Tuesday at which Sen. J. Spencer Bell of Mecklenburg declared that if the Legislature continues to duck the issue the Democratic party will be handing the Republicans an issue that "could lead to a Republican administration in the next 10 years."

Sen. Bell, speaking before the Senate committee, said that failure of the Legislature to act on reapportionment would be "handing to the Republicans the finest issue they could ever have."

KERR CRITICIZED
Bell also criticized Rep. John Kerr of Warren, chairman of the House Committee on Constitutional Amendments, who had been reported as saying that reapportionment measures would be "barred" when they reached his committee.

Bell said Kerr should bury his "suspicion" too, since the State Constitution says the Legislature See Reapportionment on page 2-A.

EUROPEAN VOTES
Secretary of State Thad Eure, the brunt of a lot of ribbing in the past few weeks, wanted to explain yesterday how it happened that 200,000 North Carolinians voted against him for a dead man.

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UNUSUAL CASE
The strange turn of events was overlooked until a Charlotte News story a month after the election pointed out the unusual case.

Eure said he wanted to tell the story after it popped up again in a Senate speech.

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Health Center Wins NC Funds

(See earlier story on Page 1B)
Allocation of \$165,750 for Charlotte's proposed health center has been made by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission.

This announcement was made last afternoon by Health Commissioner B. Bethel, city-county health officer.

Dr. Bethel said the information regarding the allocation had been received by him from Marshall Pickens of Charlotte, director of the Medical Care Commission.

Charlotte's application for the Hill-Burton funds, through the state agency, was filed last week and was considered by the commission at its meeting in Raleigh last Friday.

Dr. Bethel pointed out that the allocation is not contingent upon any particular site and the recent questions regarding the use of Independence Park lands for the health center will not affect this money.

SWAT THOSE BATS!
AUSTIN, Tex. (P) — The cause has unanimously passed a bill allowing persons with bats in the belly to kill them. It has been legal in Texas since 1917.

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Councilman Brown Seeks Reelection

First of the incumbents to announce in the 1957 biennial municipal campaign crashed into the open today with announcement from Councilman Herman A. Brown of his intention to seek reelection to the city council.

This year's race will be the third for Mr. Brown, who in his first bid for public office in 1953 was elected to the City Council in 1953.

After four years as councilman, Mr. Brown said, "I feel that I am in better position now. After three years of experience, to serve the people of Charlotte. This experience has also taught me the importance of having qualified men with conviction, to serve in our city government."

Mr. Brown's announcement today is expected to be followed in succeeding days by announcements from other members of the council who will seek reelection. All the others are expected to run again and Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem James S. Smith is an announced candidate for mayor.



HERMAN A. BROWN
Mr. Smith officially filed with the County Board of Elections to run for mayor.

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