



WESTSIDE FINDS A WAY

Do It Yourself Park Program

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A group of west side citizens, unhappy because the city won't give them a park, are going to make a park for themselves.

A community recreation committee was organized at Seversville School last night to promote supervised play on the Seversville school grounds after school hours and in summer vacation months.

RAY KISIAH of the Park & Recreation Dept. met with the parents at last night's PTA meeting. On April 6, he will offer them definite suggestions on how to put a school-community recreation program into operation.

Seversville Principal Donald Young said city school officials have approved plans to pave a portion of the school yard and develop it into a basketball-volleyball-bowling-skating area.

This "school-park" plan was recommended for wide development in Charlotte by the Allen recreation survey. The Seversville neighbors, in taking matters into their own hands, are taking the first step toward implementing the survey recommendation.

THE ALLEN REPORT said school grounds would make ideal community recreation centers, supplementing a few number of large parks.

Lee Elmore, a Seversville parent, was elected chairman of the community's recreation committee. Mrs. Gladys Ligon was named secretary.

Westside citizens appeared before the last meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission to request more park facilities for their section.

The request was turned down. Commissioners cited a lack of funds as the reason.

Huge Booze Racket Related By Witnesses

Ike Signals For Advice On A-Army

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda — President Eisenhower called in his top military and diplomatic advisers today to shape plans for assuring Prime Minister Macmillan that the United States will help Britain develop a streamlined army with atomic striking power.

The President and Macmillan turned to the problem of bolstering Britain's atomic military power after reaching what was called here a "gratifying measure of agreement" on the whole range of Middle East problems.

U. S. officials stressed, however, that for the moment the United States is backing U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold fully in his Cairo talks with Egyptian President Nasser and that no final decision will be made until Hammarskjold has reported to the United Nations.

OPENING SESSIONS

The Middle East ground covered in yesterday's opening sessions of the Big Two Bermuda meeting included consideration of a suggested formula for resolving the immediate problem of the Gaza Strip by getting U. N. Emergency Force troops spotted at key points on both sides of the Israeli-Gaza border. The plan also would make the U. N. force responsible for security inside the strip, with Egypt retaining civilian administration of the area.

Israel has in the past refused to agree to proposals for putting U. N. troops on its soil and has said the way must not be left open for Egypt to use Gaza again as a base for raids into Israel.

The two leaders also agreed a joint committee of experts would study a British proposal for promoting construction of an Iraq-Turkey pipeline, with the prime purpose of lessening the dependence of oil producing and consuming countries on the Suez Canal. The plan envisages a U. S.-British treaty with those three Middle East countries to guarantee permanent freedom of movement of oil from the area.

CANAL TOLLS

Also discussed were steps which may have to be taken in regard to the payment of Suez Canal tolls, a prime issue in the Hammarskjold-Nasser talks. Western nations using the canal had proposed that half the canal tolls be paid to an international agency for treatment and maintenance of the waterway. Nasser replied Egypt demanded all the money but might be willing to put some of it into a development fund.

Assembly Asked For Free Shots

RALEIGH — The General Assembly was asked today to provide funds to make free Salk polio vaccine available to indigent persons over 20 years old.

A bill was introduced in the Senate to appropriate \$125,000 to the State Dept. of Health to purchase the vaccine.

Sens. D. J. Rose of Wayne, Kelly E. Bennett of Swain and Paul E. Jones of Pitt sponsored the measure.

Dr. Rose said the bill was introduced at the request of the State Board of Health and the state's Polio Advisory Commission.

He said federal funds are available to continue a program of free vaccine for those under 20 until the end of June and added, "We are hopeful Congress will provide additional funds for this program."

Our Weather

Cloudy and cool today and tonight, some drizzle in the morning Saturday. Rather cloudy and somewhat warmer.

Low tomorrow morning... 45
High today... 53
High tomorrow... 55
Sunrise today, 6:24 a.m.; sunset today, 6:36 p.m.



Detectives Keep Tight Grip On Captured Man

Bullets Fly As N. Y. Police Apprehend Bank Robber

NEW YORK — A gunman armed with three weapons robbed a Hollis, Queens, savings and loan association yesterday and fled with \$11,899. He was captured minutes later after a running gun battle.

Police identified the captured gunman as Marion Stevenson, 34, a Chicago ex-convict who arrived here Wednesday by bus. Records in Chicago showed Stevenson was sentenced to seven years in prison in 1948 from Sandstone, Minn., for being awol from military duty.

He later escaped, authorities said, and was seized in 1948 on a robbery charge. Stevenson was quoted as saying he just got out of Leavenworth Kan. prison.

Police said the gunman walked into the Reliance Savings and Loan Assn. and held up the bank manager, Robert Riesbeck, two tellers and a customer. Stuffing bills in a canvas bag, he bandaged on foot followed by Riesbeck, who grabbed a gun for which he has a permit. The gunman and Riesbeck exchanged shots as some 40 police joined in the chase.

The windshields of two patrol cars were shattered by bullet chases. There were no injuries.

SHATTERED GUN

Stevenson was cornered in the back yard of a residence. One police bullet struck and shattered a gun he held in his

hand. When Stevenson was captured, police said, he held a .25 caliber automatic. They said they found a third gun, a .45 caliber automatic, nearby.

All of the loot but a \$30 bill was found on Stevenson. The single bill was found a block away from the cash register.

Last Feb. 12, three masked gunmen escaped with \$30,000 from the same savings and loan office. Police said Stevenson apparently was still in prison at the time.

Police quoted Stevenson as saying, "I left the subway at the end of the line and just started walking. I came to this bank. It looked like a good one to knock off."

Brewster Pleads Innocent To Charges Of Contempt

WASHINGTON — Frank W. Brewster, West Coast Teamsters boss, pleaded innocent to contempt charges when he was arraigned today in U. S. District Court.

Arraigned with Brewster, and also pleading innocent to arraignment, were James B. Hoffa, executive vice president of the Teamsters.

Two lesser union officials also were scheduled for arraignment. One showed up and the other didn't. Nugent La Poma, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 174 in Seattle, Wash., pleaded innocent. Harry Reis, welfare fund administrator of Local 227 in New York, failed to answer when his name was called.

BENCH WARRANT

Judge Charles F. McLaughlin ordered a bench warrant issued to bring Reis into court.

McLaughlin set the trial dates at May 20 for Brewster, June 3 for Hoffa, and May 27 for La Poma.

Bond for the three was set at \$10,000 each. Lawyers for all three were granted their requests for a 30-day extension in which to file motions.

Brewster, who also is a vice president of the 1,500,000-member Teamsters Union, was put on the top of the arraignment list in order to permit him to be on time for continued quizzing by the Senate-backed investigating committee. Brewster and the others refused to testify, contending the subcommittee had no authority to explore labor union activities.

IMPROPER OPERATIONS

Subsequently the special committee was created to inquire into improper operations of labor and industry. Sen. McClellan (D-Ark) is chairman of both the investigating bodies.

It was the fifth day that the hawks' investigating committee had called Brewster to its witness chair.

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The special committee headed by Sen. McClellan (D-Ark) hoped to wind up by tonight its hearings on allegations that 'A' Brewster improperly used large sums of union funds as his own, and 'B' that Brewster and Sen. La Follette, Wash., hoodlums "muzzled in" on profitable rackets in Portland, Ore.

Brewster said yesterday the late John J. Sweeney, former secretary of the Western Conference of Teamsters, actually issued many of the union checks which bore both men's signatures. He said he signed groups of checks in advance and was not responsible for what the committee said was unusual handling of union funds from which Brewster and his friends benefited.

But he said he will see that the union is repaid for "every dime" of its funds used to help finance George Meany.

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Covered Wide Area In Dixie

STATESVILLE — A multi-million-dollar whiskey ring with supply lines reaching into Washington and New Orleans spread its tentacles over a center near Taylorsville, N.C., on Aug. 20, 1954. The alleged ring today in the trial of 10 men charged with conspiracy to violate liquor laws.

An Alcohol and Tobacco Unit tax agent traced the movements of two trucks allegedly used by the ring in 1954 which carried approximately 600,000 pounds of sugar from the Beaufort, Feed & Grain Co. of Atlanta Sugar is a basic ingredient of moonshine whiskey.

ACCOUNT BOOKS

Another ATU agent introduced in evidence loose leaf binder containing records seized on a raid on the home of Ralph Burgess, admittedly one of the ring leaders, at his home at Taylorsville, N.C., on Aug. 20, 1954. The agent, Ray Erwin, testified in Federal District Court that the records he seized bore names of several of the 31 defendants on separate pages and appeared to be an account of sales or receipts.

Burgess is one of 18 defendants who pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring to violate liquor laws. The ring allegedly operated between January of 1951 and January of 1955, during an estimated 2 1/2-million-dollar business from a center near Taylorsville. Indictments charged the ring distributed bonded whiskey obtained in Washington and New Orleans and some moonshine liquor.

STOPPED SEVERAL TIMES

ATU Agent Donald D. Eilfert traced the movements of the two sugar trucks, which he said were often registered in fictitious names which were stopped on several occasions by officers in Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Erwin testified the sugar sales records were kept by the Atlanta firm in cooperation with the ATU. In testimony yesterday, Kenneth J. Hazen of Louis, N.C. and Fort Mill, S.C., who pleaded guilty to being a driver for the ring, swore to a payoff of \$50,000 a month to Sheriff Ed McDonald and Dep. Sheriff Jim Howard of Bloxie, Miss., for protection.

In New Orleans, Comiskey was reported out of town but his son, See WIDESPREAD on page 2-A

Nurse Gave Drug Injection

LONDON — A nurse who saw the death of the old lady Dr. John Rodkin Adams is accused of murdering her yesterday she gave the ailing woman an injection on her own responsibility an hour before she died. "It was your right and your memory is right," demanded Geoffrey Lawrence, the physician's attorney, "there was a serious breach of duty that night."

"Yes," replied nurse Caroline Sylvia Randall. "It is quite inexplicable?" "Yes."

Under intense grilling by the defense, nurse Randall described the final hours of Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell to a jury of 10 men and 2 women. Adams, 68-year-old bachelor society doctor who is charged with dragging the rich 81-year-old widow to gain an inheritance under her will, coked an ear to listen attentively. The nurse testified she received 200 pounds (\$400) from Mrs. Morrell's will.

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AN ARAB, using camel power and a crude wooden plow, tills his farm near Gaza as life returns to normal in the disrupted Gaza Strip.

70 Search Planes Looking For Missing U. S. Transport

TOKYO — One of the greatest air-sea searches the Far East has ever seen swung into its second day today for 67 Americans on a U. S. military transport plane which disappeared just before reaching Japan.

More than 70 planes and about a dozen Japanese and American ships were poised to criss-cross thousands of square miles of the

southeast of Tokyo where the plane was believed to have gone down early Friday. Nevertheless, the search continued through the night.

Thirty-foot swells also hampered the rescue ships. The search area was to be expanded today to cover approximately 75,000 square miles of the

Some Japanese aviation experts speculated the plane might have crashed on one of a chain of volcanic islands southeast of Tokyo.

The four-engine C-97, military version of the Boeing Stratocruiser, left Wake Island yesterday afternoon for Tokyo on the last leg of a flight from Travis Air Force Base near San Francisco, Calif.



MAP OF SEARCH AREA

Pacific Ocean southeast of Japan. Cloudy skies and rain squalls which limited visibility yesterday gave promise of lifting.

Hope dimmed after the first day's search failed to find the plane or survivors in the 130-mile wide corridor stretching 300 miles

City Council's Only Woman Runs Again

Mrs. Martha Evans today announced she will be a candidate for reelection to the City Council.

Mrs. Evans, who succeeded in winning a seat on the Council two years ago, will be seeking a second term on the governing body.

She follows Herman A. Brown, who officially announced in The News yesterday and will be followed in the next few days by other members of the present City Council. Other candidates in the race also include Ernest Ford and C. M. (Abe) Bogan, both first-time hopefuls.

Mrs. Evans, wife of attorney Charles Evans of 241 Selwyn Ave., made the following statement in announcing her candidacy:

"On May 9, 1955 I took an oath



MRS. EVANS

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