

County Agrees To Call For School Bond Vote

\$5 Million Issue Asked By Boards

By ANN SAWYER
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A vote on issuing five million dollars in bonds for city and county school construction will be held at the "earliest possible date."

Action on the proposed bond election was taken by County Commissioners today after the urgent needs of both school systems were described by school officials.

J. P. Hobson, city school commissioner, said the boards are faced with two great problems:

1. A backlog of unmet needs.
2. A rise in construction costs as indicated by bids recently received by the city and county school boards.

OLD BONDS KEY

At the same time the commissioners voted to hold the five million dollar election, they agreed that city, county, and school board attorneys should look into the legality of the county's assuming \$310,000 in old city school bonds.

Sam McIninch, who made both motions, also specified that the commissioners would consider assuming the debt limitation.

If the county does assume the city school debt, the legal limitation on school bond issuance would be increased from the present five per cent to eight per cent of the taxable property value.

On the basis of county property values totaling \$384,000,000 the county's taking over the city bonds would increase the school bond debt ceiling by \$17,520,000.

It was Mr. Ranson who asked the commissioners to assume the \$310,000 debt.

The five million dollar bond issue requested today will be with legal limitation, leaving no leeway for the issuance of other bonds later.

DARK PICTURE

School officials painted a dark picture of school needs that pile up faster than can be met with available funds.

Dr. E. H. Garinger, city school superintendent, told commissioners school construction would not be as costly if the boards had enough money to build larger units at one time. It is estimated that the requested fund will last about two years and Dr. Garinger said school officials would have to return for more bonds, at the end of that period.

Mr. Ranson gave a rundown on the population expectations of the county system. He said the county needs 66 elementary classrooms.

The President has made no public comment on the matter.

STILL NIXON

White House press secretary James H. Hagerty has said so far as he is concerned Nixon still will be the President's running mate, Leonard W. Hall, GOP national chairman, has expressed the same view.

At an airport news conference after an hour at the Eisenhower farm, Stassen was peppered with questions from newsmen wanting to know Eisenhower's views regarding Stassen's proposal for putting Herter on the ticket.

"I am not going to characterize the President's position," Stassen replied.

Asked what matters he and Eisenhower discussed, Stassen said: "I never discuss my conferences with the President."

Asked then whether he and Eisenhower talked about the Stassen plan for putting Herter on the ticket, Stassen replied with a smile:

"I never discuss the subjects I discuss with the President."

Our Weather

Fair and cooler this afternoon, rain and mild tonight and Tuesday.

Low this morning 63
Low tomorrow morning 61
High today 87
High tomorrow 85
High tomorrow 89
Sunrise today 5:30 a.m.; sunset today 7:28 p.m.

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FIRST DEFENSE WITNESS in the court martial of Sgt. McKean (left) is Elwyn Scarborough (right) of Lynchburg, S. C. (AP Wirephoto)

McKean Try For Dismissal Thrown Out

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (AP)—All efforts for a directed verdict acquittal in the court-martial of S. Sgt. Matthew C. McKean were denied today.

In a deliberate tone the trial judge, Navy Capt. Irving N. Klein of New York City, said: "The motion for a finding of not guilty is denied."

Klein's rulings may be overruled by a three-judge vote of the seven-man court-martial panel, but there was no indication that the members were so inclined.

Mckean is charged with involuntary manslaughter, oppression of recruits and drinking on duty. The ruling was expected.

Just previously, the government prosecutor, Maj. Charles B. Sevier of Jacksonville, Fla., had presented a counterargument to the defense's ringing oration demanding a directed verdict.

The oration by defense attorney Emile Zola Berman of New York City ranged from Nero to Capt. Bligh.

Sevier held that when McKean, a 31-year-old former drill instructor, led 74 members of a recruit platoon into the tide-swift waters of the Ribbon Creek marsh where six drowned, he was guilty of culpable negligence.

"He must have known he had no swimmers in the platoon because of his statement. Those who can't swim will drown and those who can't be eaten by sharks," Sevier said.

WANTON NEGLIGENCE

"To take non-swimmers on a dark night into a tidal creek," Sevier maintained, "is wanton negligence."

In arguing for dismissal of the oppression charge, Berman said there was no legal definition to fit this particular case.

"The conduct of Capt. Bligh in the famed Putney on the Bounty may be a point of reference to oppression of men under command," he said.

Another definition, Berman said, may have been the conduct of Nero, which was "to tyrannize, or to keep down by cruel and unjust use of power."

ADVISORY GROUP STEPS OUT

Hodges Shaping New Team To Wage Amendment Drive

By JULIAN SCHEER
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Members of the Advisory Committee on Education, headed by Thomas Pearsall of Rocky Mount, have told Gov. Luther Hodges they are ready to take a back seat in any drive for passage of a constitutional amendment which comes up for a public vote Sept. 28.

The committee members met with the Governor in his office Friday afternoon. The News has learned, and expressed its feeling that the major phase of their work has been completed.

They told the Governor, however, they would continue to work as individuals.

HODGES AGREES

The Governor agreed with the sentiment of the committee members.

"The move will mean that a whole new 'team' will be selected to run the campaign. The special session of the General Assembly last week voted Select FOREMOST Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.

All Are Teen-Agers One Dead, 18 Hurt In Mountain Fall

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore. (AP)—A group of youthful mountain climbers, roped together for safety, plunged to the bottom of a rocky crevasse yesterday when two of their number lost their footing.

One girl died and the others were injured, some of them gravely, as the teen-agers were whipped one after the other over the brink on the slopes of Mt. Hood.

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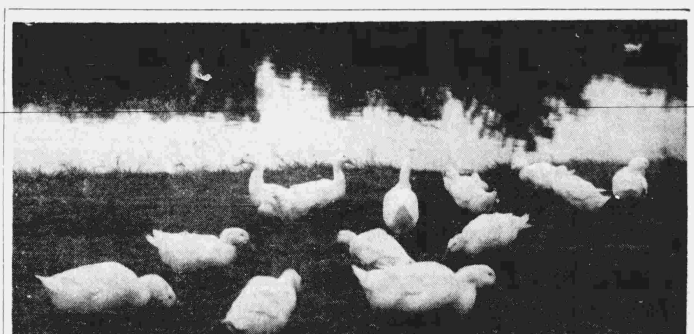
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These Freedom Park ducks, and most of their fellows, are going on the auction block. (News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin-Hunter)

D'You Wanna Buy A Duck? No Need To; They're Free

By EMERY WISTER
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Freedom Park Lake, which lost a few thousand permanent residents last week, is going to lose a few more.

"One hundred ducks have gotten to go," says Park & Recreation Superintendent Marion Diehl.

But they'll suffer a better fate than the poor fish which died of poisoning in the lake Thursday and Friday.

"We have about 150 to 175 ducks now," said Mr. Diehl. "By next Easter we'll be down to 12 at 45."

You want one? Then just call the Park & Recreation Commission. Want two? That's all right too.

All they want," says Mr. Diehl, "will even catch the ducks for them."

Every year the lake's duck population grows too large and must be thinned out. And duck thinning time is now here.

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The park people hope they won't have any more than that because there's always a big jump in the duck community at that time.

Many children receive ducks as Easter gifts. They feed them for a week or so, then the task becomes burdensome. Parents see that they just can't keep the ducks. So out to the park they bring them. The ducks, of course are delighted. What other home has the comforts of a lake?

"Within four weeks after Easter," says Mr. Diehl, "we have 150 ducks. It happens every year."

So now it's time to give a few ducks away. The geese in the park aren't involved.

"We'll keep them," says Mr. Diehl. "By the way, before you go out for your ducks be sure to call the Park & Recreation Commission."

"We'll notify the people at the park," says Mr. Diehl. "Otherwise, someone may get accused for stealing."

Several hours earlier and police are seeking the slain men's pal and confederate.

The bodies of James Rocco, 25, and Richard Langone, 33, defendants in the trial, were found Saturday night in an auto parked in front of 184 Forsyth St. on the tower east side.

Their heads were battered—apparently by axe blows—and their bodies were wrapped in canvas and bound with ropes.

They were found in the gutter in front of 282 Mulberry St. He had a bullet hole in the back of his head.

Chief of Detectives James B. Leggett said Tevli was known to have been a friend of Louis Musto, 26, missing confederate of Rocco, and Langone in the tur trial.

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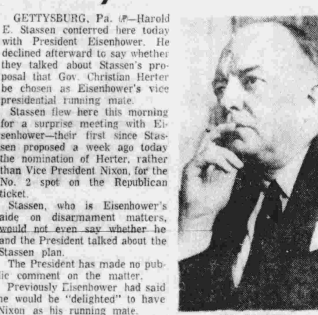
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Evening Prayer
Our Father, in our own strength we are useless and when we possess Thy Spirit we are able to do much. Give us this day abundant portion of Thy Spirit, and may our thoughts and actions reflect Thy Presence within us. Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

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MR. STASSEN

Gang Slayings End Hijack Trial Of Trio

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